



# FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER



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To start off, I would like to thank all the voters that participated in the November elections. This last election was one of the most passionate elections that I have ever been involved with as a government employee and as a citizen. It doesn't matter which party or issue you voted for or against, it's nice to see the people are getting more involved with the voting process.

As you know, the fire levy was a huge win for us as your fire department. We were on the verge of downsizing and wondering how we were going to provide service with less equipment and firefighters. I would like to thank each of you that voted, especially the people who voted in our favor.

Winter is here! Mother Nature did not give us much of an acclamation period for the adjustment this year. I would like to remind everyone about the importance of smoke alarms as the temperatures plummet.

Working smoke detectors save lives. Having a working smoke alarm increases your chance of survival by 50 percent if you have a fire. Out of homes with installed smoke detectors, it has been found that 46% are inoperable. Most fire deaths occur in homes with no or non-working smoke detectors. (three out of five homes) Check your smoke alarms at least once a month, change the batteries with the time change in the spring and fall, and replace the detectors every 8-10 years. It is recommended you have a smoke detector on every level of your home and one in every bedroom.

Today fires burn much hotter and faster than they did years ago. Back in the 1970's studies reported people had 17 minutes to escape a fire after their smoke alarm was activated. Today, with all the synthetic household products the time has decreased to only three minutes. Once again, the time to escape a fire is only three minutes once your detector is alarming.

Your fire department is here for you. My goals for the department are to stay in the public eye and stay visible and accessible. Once again, I would like to thank you for supporting your fire department. I can assure you we are moving in the right direction and using your tax dollars in the most effective manner.

*Thank you,*

*Chief James Welch*



THANK YOU



# FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT UPDATES

## Police Department News

We will be enforcing “No Parking” zones around the township. Please be aware of where you are parking and the signs posted.



You can avoid many dangerous weather problems by planning ahead. Plan long trips carefully, listening to the radio or television for the latest weather forecasts and road conditions. Listen for snow emergencies.

Check or have a mechanic check the following items on your car:



\*Antifreeze levels - ensure they are sufficient to avoid freezing.

\*Battery and ignition system - should be in top condition and battery terminals should be clean.

\*Brakes - check for wear and fluid levels.

\*Exhaust system - check for leaks and crimped pipes and repair or replace as necessary. Carbon monoxide is deadly and usually gives no warning.

\*Heater and defroster - ensure they work properly.

\*Oil - check for level and weight. Heavier oils congeal more at low temperatures and do not lubricate as well.

\*Keep extra blankets, hats and gloves in your car in case you should breakdown.



\*Stay in your car and wait for help if you break down, your car can keep you safe from the elements.

When you go outside to shovel your walkways this winter make sure you have your cell phone in your pocket. Keeping that cell phone close gives you a way to call for help if needed.



## Road Department News

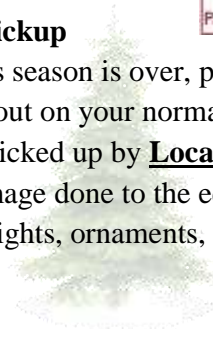


When there is a chance of an accumulation of Snow expected please help the Road Dept. by paying attention to the areas where there are “No Parking when 2” inches or more of Snow” are posted. These “No Parking” areas will be strictly enforced by the Franklin Township Police Dept. and citations will be issued for non-compliance. And by parking off the roadway will help us be more efficient in cleaning the roadway.



## Christmas Tree Pickup

After the Christmas season is over, please place your live cut Christmas tree out on your normal trash collection day and it will be picked up by **Local Waste**. To assure that there is no damage done to the equipment, please make sure that all lights, ornaments, and tinsel are removed.



**Brown Road & Mon-E Bak Sanitary Sewer Project  
Hotline Number 614-525-4751**

## Tire Drive

Franklin Township Road Department will be hosting a Tire Drive on Saturday April 29, 2017 from 9:00am to 12:00 noon. **Township Residents only** can drop off up to 4 tires at the Township Road Department garage at 2193 Frank Rd.





Past, present, and future.

In January 2016 the Board of Trustees approved a list of 28 projects; we are excited to report that most of these projects have been implemented.

2016 was a good year for Franklin Township. Thanks to the residents who helped pass the fire levy there will be no Fire department layoffs or closing of the Frank Road Firehouse. We have demolished 2 nuisance houses. There are 3 nuisance houses in the process to be torn down in February and 20 in various stages of removal.

We aimed to clean up the junk vehicles in the township and with the owners help we corrected the issues with about 20 junk vehicles.

We mowed 118 high grass properties and disposed of about 500 tires. The cost of house demolition, trash and mowing high grass is being assessed back to the property owners tax bill.

In May of 2017 we hope to pass a police levy and have three full shifts.

We hope to apply for a JEDD (Joint Economic Development District) for the Westland area to revitalize the Westland area.

We will continue to work to make Franklin Township a safe and clean place to live.



## Helpful Township Numbers

Local Waste - 614-409-9375

Tire Disposal - 614-871-8097 - Liberty Tire

Capital Towing & Recovery - 614-272-1800

AEP - 800-277-2177

Ohio Gas Company - 800-331-7396

Call before you dig - 800-362-2764

Liquor Control - 614-644-2431

Car Seat Installations - 614-722-6524

Toys for Tots - 614-645-3111

City Fire Reports - 614-221-2345

Nail a dumper - 614-871-5322

SWACO Dump - 614-871-5100



### **Franklin County Offices**

Public Health - 614-525-3160

-After hours 614-525-3965

Zoning - 614-525-3094

Engineers - 614-525-3072

Prosecutor's Office - 614-525-3520

Sheriff Dept. - 614-525-3364

Franklin County Detective - 614-525-3350

Auditor - 614-525-3200

Treasurer - 614-525-3438

Franklin County Recorder - 614 525-3930

Probate Court – 614-525-3894

## 2017 Franklin Township Business Meeting Schedule

The first meeting of 2017 will be held Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 2193 Frank Rd.

### SWAC Meeting Dates for 2017

SWAC is the abbreviation for the Columbus City Area Commission that covers portions of the southern end of our Township, SWAC stands for Southwest Area Commission. Its boundaries are the railroad tracks just west of 3C highway on the west, Mound Street on the north, Interstate 71 South on the east, and I-270 on the south. This area encompasses land that lays 50% in Columbus, 40% in Franklin Township, and 10% in Jackson Township.

The meetings are held at 1665 Harrisburg Pike the third Wednesday of the month starting at 7p.m., but are subject to change. For the latest information on dates and times for the meetings view their web site at:

<http://www.columbuswac.org/home.html>

## THE SWACO 2017 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Dates and Times:

- 2017 dates are yet to be determined please check our April newsletter for updates and SWACO.org for additional information.



## Franklin Township Directory

### Fire Department Emergency .....911

**Fire Chief James Welch..... 614-279-9411**

4100 Sullivant Ave., Columbus, 43228

Houses; Engine 192, Medic 192

Foam Truck 199, Total of 32 Full-time

Firefighting Personnel in both houses.

### Station 193 ..... 614-279-9411

2193 Frank Rd, Columbus, 43223

Houses: Engine 193, Medic 193

### Fire/EMS Inspector/Investigator

Contact Number..... **614-279-9411**

### Fire Prevention Bureau

Captain Todd Broecker ..... **614-279-9411**

### Road Department

**Supervisor, Jim Stevens**

Four Person crew..... **614-279-9411**

2193 Frank Road, Columbus 43223

### Police Department Emergency ..... 911

**Non-emergency Dispatch ..... 614-525-3333**

**Police Chief Smith..... 614-279-9411**

### Headquarters

2193 Frank Road, Columbus, 43223

Total of 6 full-time Police Officers

### Local Waste ..... 614-409-9375

### Franklin County Offices

Public Health ..... **614-525-3160**

Trash ..... **614-525-4539**

Tall grass/weeds ..... **614-279-9411**

Environmental Control Task Force (Nail a

Dumper)..... **614-871-5322**

### Zoning..... 614-525-5627

150 South Front Street, Suite 10

### Engineers ..... 614-525-3072

**970 E. Broad Street**

### Board of Trustees:

**Don Cook, Trustee: 614-272-2094**

Serving term 01/01/14 – 12/31/17

**John Fleshman, Trustee 614-272-8595**

Serving Term 01/01/14 – 12/31/17

**Ralph Horn, Trustee: 614-279-6833**

Serving term 01/01/16 – 12/31/19

**Lisa Morris, Fiscal Officer: 614-279-9411**

Serving term 04/1/16 – 03/31/19

**Melissa Schopp, 614-279-9411**

**Administrative Assistant**

**Board of Elections: 614-525-3100**

**Animal Control: 614-525-3400**

**Prosecutors Office: 614-525-3520**

**Juvenile Bureau: 614-525-3355**

### Reflective House Number Signs

Reflective house number signs (18" x 6") can be purchased at the Township Business Office. The signs are aluminum with a green reflective background and white reflective numbers. Signs can be mounted either horizontally or vertically and with numbers on both sides. The cost is \$10.00 per sign, \$0.25 per number.