

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Franklin Township Professional Fire Fighters Local 1441 and Healthy Kids Running Series have partnered to bring the Healthy Kids Running Series to the Westside of Columbus. Our goal is to provide kids with a positive, educational and fun experience in the world of running.

The Healthy Kids Running Series is a 6 weeks running program for children pre-K to 8th grade. Participants will compete in foot races of age appropriate distances ranging from 50 yards to 1 mile in length. The race series begins on April 10th, 2016. All races will take place at Westgate Park, 455 S Westgate Avenue. Races will all be run on consecutive Sunday evenings, with the exception of Mother's Day, starting promptly at 5:00 pm. The fastest boy and girl in each distance at the end of the series will receive a trophy. All participants receive a T shirt and swag bag courtesy of our local sponsors.



For more information and to register your runners go to <http://www.healthykidsrunningseries.org> and select Columbus OH in the locations or look us up on Facebook at Healthy Kids Running Series-Columbus, OH.



TOWNSHIP CLEAN-UP DAY SATURDAY APRIL 30, 2016 9:00AM – 1:00PM



Franklin Township is holding a "Township Clean-up Day" and will have areas set up to collect Used Tires, Collected Trash, Electronics, Clothes, Expired Prescriptions & Recyclables.

Used Tires – Franklin Township Road Dept. will be collecting "Used" tires at their location @ 2193 Frank Rd. Maximum of 4 tires per Township Resident.



Collected Trash – Dumpsters will be set up at both Fire House locations (2193 Frank Rd & 4100 Sullivant Ave) for "trash" that has been collected during the Clean-up. Residents "household" trash will not be accepted.

Electronics – There will be an area where you can drop off e-waste (computers, monitors etc.) at 2193 Frank Rd. *Please see page 3 for a list of approved items.*



Expired Prescriptions – Will be collected by Franklin Township Police at both locations. Medication needs to be in a sealed container and needles **must** be in a puncture proof container.



Clothes – There will be a container where you can drop off used clothing, shoes, jackets etc.. at 2193 Frank Rd.

Recyclables – There will be a container where you can drop off recyclables at 2193 Frank Rd.



Hazardous waste will NOT be accepted at this event.

Feel free to stop by either location to say hello and see what else we have going on.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Police Department News

False Alarm Notices

Residents and Businesses will now receive a false alarm notice when we are called out to a location for a false alarm. After three false alarm calls charges will follow. You will receive a notice on your door and in the mail.



Businesses are now required to file a yearly Alarm Permit with the township. More information and applications can be found on our website.

Junk Cars

Please call our office to report junk cars around the township. Please have the vehicle's location, make, model, color and license plate number when you call in.



Parking Tickets

Parking tickets are being issued to vehicles parked illegally in the township. Please obey all parking signs and laws.

Blockwatch

Blockwatches allow the police and residents to work together to solve issues involving crime and social concerns in your community. Blockwatches are one of the original foundations of community policing and are referred to as the eyes and ears of law enforcement. We are in need of blockwatch captains in your area of the township. Please contact Chief Smith or Melissa Schopp at 614-279-9411 for more information.



2016 Police Stats

Accident Reports: 67

Citations: 196

Reports: 145

Dispatched Runs: 1087

Pick Up Runs: 421

Miles Driven: 11,991

Court Cases: 74

Auto Impounds: 47

Released: 32

Junked: 10



Fire Department News



On behalf of your Franklin Township Firefighters, I hope this newsletter finds you well. We are looking forward to spring. Your firefighters are, once again, fully staffing your firehouses thanks to the award of the FEMA Safer grant, which afforded us the opportunity to hire back our laid off firefighters and fill the vacant positions due to retirements and other members going to other departments. Last year, your fire department responded to 8,961 calls for service. This number is down from our average of 12,000 calls each year due to the fact that, for the majority of 2015, the fire department was running an "either/or" status. We even had to close station 192 twice, due to insufficient staffing. We were only able to respond with one piece of equipment from each station at a time, instead of the full complement of emergency apparatus and staffing. We are excited to once again be able to respond with full staffing, which has dramatically decreased our response times to your emergencies and shown drastic improvements in patient outcomes of medical emergencies along with faster and safer extinguishment of the fires we respond to. Unfortunately, the FEMA SAFER grant funds will be lost in November of 2017. Your fire department administration and Board of Trustees will be working diligently to find revenue sources to keep your fire department in service for the future.

The Franklin Township fire department is also excited to announce that we will once again be offering free smoke detectors and home inspections later this spring. We have acquired some outside funding sources that will allow us to, once again, make Franklin Township residents safer in the event of an emergency. More information on this program will be coming soon.



Once again and thanks to our appropriate staffing, your firefighters are ready to respond to any calls of service. Please feel free to stop by either of the stations at any time if you have any questions, need help, or just want to stop by and say "hello". We hope you have a safe and happy spring and thank you for letting us serve the residents of Franklin Township.



Approved items for e-waste drop off

April 30, 2016 9am-1pm 2193 Frank Rd.

♻️ All computer desktops, laptops, peripherals (mice, speakers, keyboards, etc.) and parts (hard drives, floppy disk drives, CD/DVD drives, power sources, fans, memory sticks, mother boards, etc.), including flat screen monitors and CRT computer monitors.

♻️ All small household appliances (toasters, radios, DVD/CD players, blenders, mixers, microwave ovens, stereo equipment, speakers, vacuums, etc.).

♻️ Anything with a cord, other than excluded items below.

♻️ LCD, LED, and plasma flat screen TVs in working order.

Items Not Accepted at e-waste drop off

No large appliances (such as refrigerators, oven/range, dishwashers, etc.).

No CRT TVs, tube TVs, or projection TVs.

No non-working LCD, LED, and plasma flat screen TVs.

Road Department

Road Safety: We are coming into the warm weather months when there will be projects going on along the roadway, please take it upon yourself to give the road workers enough clear distance and abide by the warning signs to make our "work zones" a safe place to work.

License Taxes: A portion of your license taxes goes to Franklin Township, which is used for roadwork. Please make sure that your license agency has your license plates entered into taxing district #2568. Otherwise, your license taxes go to another entity.

Illegal Dumping: Just a reminder that it is against the law to illegally dump unwanted tires, furniture, trash in the alleys and right-of-ways. If anyone sees this happening, please report it to the Township Business Office or Nail-a-dumper at 614-871-5322.

House Bill 50 – Grass cutting: As we move into grass cutting season it is important to remind residents that you are required to maintain your properties to 8" or less in height. Failure to maintain your property forces the Township to get involved. Not only does it drag down the property values and attracts mosquitoes, mice, and other animals, it ends up being costly to the owner with the costs associated with the clean-up that become liens on the property tax duplicate.

Township Brush Collection: The Township Road Dept. will continue to pick up Brush throughout the year. Please make sure that you put the brush in the Right-of-Way and not in the road way. If you have a large pile of Brush that needs picked up please call 614-279-9411, option # 1 and leave a message for the Road Dept. so we can schedule that pickup.



CONGRATULATIONS

Police Chief's Award | Police Officer of the Year



Victory Staley



Joshua Edwards

Business Appreciation



Browns Tires

Little Free Library

We are excited to be promoting literacy and the love of reading by participating in the Little Free Library free book exchange with the help of Literacy Coach from Franklin Woods/Finland Middle Gina M. Vehorn.

Stop by fire station 192 or 193 and participate in the book exchange. Anyone may contribute or take books. The more the merrier! If you take a book (or two) from a Library, you do not need to return that exact book. However, in order to keep the Little Library full of good choices for the whole neighborhood, the next time you swing by the Library bring a few books to share. Little Library book exchanges function on the honor system; everyone contributes to ensure there are always quality books inside. This way, we all win!

Juanita Kaufman Award Nominations are now being accepted.

Forms can be picked up at 2193 Frank Rd or printed from our website. Nominations are due by the close of business on July 12, 2015.

Award will be given at National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at Central Baptist Church 1955 Frank Rd.



2016 Franklin Township Business Meeting Schedule

All meetings are at 6:30 p.m. at 2193 Frank Rd.

April 7 April 21 May 5 May 19 June 2 June 16
June 30 July 14 July 28 August 11 August 25
September 8 September 22 October 6 October 20

SWAC Meeting Dates for 2016

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 first Tuesday of the month starting at 2:30P.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 2016 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Dates and Times:

City of Dublin
April 16, 2016
Ashland Chemical
5200 Blazer Parkway
Dublin, OH 43017
8am – 2pm

City of Westerville
September 10, 2016
Westerville Service Dept.
350 Park Meadow Rd.
Westerville, OH 43081
8am - 2pm

City of Columbus
June 25, 2016
Ohio History Center
800 East 17th Ave.
Columbus, OH 43211
8 am - 2 pm

City of Grove City
October 1, 2016
Grove City Service Dept.
3262 Ventura Blvd.
Grove City, OH 43123
8am – 2pm



Franklin Township Directory

Fire Department Emergency.....911

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

2193 Frank Rd, Columbus, 43223

Houses: Engine 193, Medic 193

Fire/EMS Inspector/Investigator

Contact Number..... 279-9411

Fire Prevention Bureau

Captain Todd Broecker279-9411

Road Department

Supervisor, Jim Stevens

Four Person crew279-9411

2193 Frank Road, Columbus 43223

Road garage houses 3 dump trucks, jet-vacuum,
brush chipper, leaf vacuum, asphalt roller

Police Department Emergency 911

Non-emergency Dispatch 525-3333

Police Chief Smith 279-9411

Headquarters

2193 Frank Road, Columbus, 43223

Total of 6 full-time Police Officers

Local Waste..... 409-9375

Franklin County Offices

Public Health 525-3160

Trash 525-4539

Tall grass/weeds 279-9411

Environmental Control Task Force (Nail a

Dumper)..... 871-5322

Zoning..... 525-5627

150 South Front Street, Suite 10

Engineers 525-3072

970 E. Broad Street

Board of Trustees:

Don Cook, Trustee: 272-2094

Serving term 01/01/14 – 12/31/17

John Fleshman, Trustee 272-8595

Serving Term 01/01/14 – 12/31/17

Ralph Horn, Trustee: 279-6833

Serving term 01/01/16 – 12/31/19

Lisa Morris, Fiscal Officer: 279-9411

Serving term 04/1/16 – 03/31/19

Melissa Schopp, 279-9411

Business Office Administrative Assistant

Board of Elections: 525-3100

Animal Control: 525-3400

Prosecutors Office: 525-3520

Juvenile Bureau: 525-3355

www.franklin-township.com

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.