



FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER



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Meet Your Newly Appointed Fiscal Officer

We would like to introduce your new Fiscal Officer, Nicholas (Nick) Dunn. At the Regular Meeting on May 6, 2021, the Board of Trustees passed a resolution to appoint Nick as the new fiscal officer for Franklin Township. Nick is an active member within the township and looks forward to serving his community.



Happy Retirement to Kipp Hitchcock

Franklin Township would like to thank Kipp Hitchcock for his **33 years** of dedicated service to Franklin Township as he is retiring in October! Best of wishes to Kipp as he begins a new chapter in his life.

FTFD AWARDED SAFER GRANT

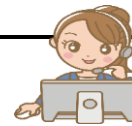
The Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants (SAFER) was created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to help them increase or maintain the number of trained, "front line" firefighters available in their communities. See next page.

1500
Willow Creek Dr NW

Address signs

Plain Sign: \$10.00
Each Number: \$1.00

Orders can be placed at
2193 Frank Road.



Welcome Nicole

Franklin Township would like to welcome Nicole Randazzio as the new Administrative Assistant in the front office at 2193 Frank Road. Nicole brings a vast variety of experience and talent to the Township. Please stop by or call the Township Hall to introduce yourself.

We Now Accept Credit Cards

Franklin Township now accepts credit cards for most transactions with the exception of vehicle impounds. All vehicle impounds are handled at Capital Towing and are cash only.



FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

From the Desk of the Police Chief



Dear Residents,

Franklin Township Police Department will be placing a renewal of our 5-year temporary police levy on the ballot this November. In order to provide the best services to our residents that we can we are asking for a slight increase in the levy amount. The new levy will also be a 5-year temporary levy. The addition to the levy will cost about \$8 dollars a month based on a home valued at 100,000 dollars. Your amount could be slightly more or less depending on your home value.

We realize that no one wants their taxes to increase however with the lack of government funding and rising cost this additional tax will be necessary for maintaining your police services. If the levy fails this November we will be forced to cut our coverage hours back to 16 hours per day as opposed to 24/7 coverage.

This means that we will NOT have officers out from 11pm through 7am seven days a week. The Franklin County Sheriff's office does NOT have the resources to pick up the slack. We will also not be able to address minor complaints such as misdemeanor property crimes, and traffic issues. All drug complaints will be forwarded to the Sheriff's office to address if they are able. I would encourage all residents to support their local police department and come out and vote.

Check out the most recent news within the Franklin Township Police Department by scanning the code below.

God Bless you all

Chief Byron Smith



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From the Desk of the Road Superintendent



SNOW REMOVAL Please help the Road Department to properly and safely clear the snow from the roadway by parking all vehicles **off of the roadway** prior to an upcoming snow event. We ask that everyone pay close attention to weather forecasts and changing weather conditions. If you live in a curbed area on the side of the street where there are signs posted "No Parking if 2 or more of Snow or Snow Event" we ask that you abide by these signs. Your cooperation will avoid a parking citation and vehicle impound. Vehicles are towed and impounded at the owner's expense and will be strictly enforced.

BRUSH AND HOLIDAY TREE COLLECTION Brush collection will continue to be picked up throughout the week. Limbs can't be cut any longer than 8' (Feet).

Also, after the holidays we will also be picking up used live holiday pine trees. Please note, there cannot be any ornaments, lights or tinsel of any kind on the tree.

Please call 614-279-9411 (ext1) and leave a message with the address where the brush and/or tree can be picked up.



FALL LEAF COLLECTION

The road department will begin leaf collection on October 25th and end collection on December 6th. We will be working from the south end of the township towards the north end and then work our way back. Please pile your leaves at the edge of the roadway or at the curb, please do not pile them up around a mailbox, fire hydrant or telephone pole. Also remember that there is not be any limbs, trash or construction material mixed into the piles, these items will damage the machine.

From the Desk of the Fire Chief



There have been some exciting changes in the fire department that will benefit our community!

We would like to thank Chief Welch for his more than **27 years** of dedicated service to Franklin Township as he is retiring in January 2022!

Robert Arnold is being promoted to Chief and is taking over for Welch. Arnold has been a loyal member of our department for 18 years and is looking forward to leading the department into the future. Arnold has been working hard to finish his bachelor's degree in public administration, which he will earn early 2022. When not at work, Arnold spends time with and adores his wife and two daughters. Arnold lives locally and can't wait to further the department's relationship with the community!

As noted on the front page, we are excited to announce we were awarded the federal SAFER grant that will fund 10 firefighters for 3 years and return Engine 192 to service!! This is a prestigious and difficult grant to get and is worth 3.4 million dollars! The grant will bring staffing levels back to where they were 2 years ago and enable us to bring back the fire truck at station 192 to serve the northern portion of the Township.

We have also been awarded a federal grant to install diesel exhaust removal systems at both stations to reduce the cancer-causing engine exhaust from the trucks. This grant is worth \$120,000 and will greatly improve the working conditions and the health of our firefighters and office staff.

Thank you all for your continued support of our fire department and we wish you all a safe and happy fall and Holiday Season! Look for us out and about handing out candy on Beggar's Night, and remember to check/change the batteries in you smoke detectors and stop by either fire house if you need a new one.

From the Desk of Fiscal Officer Nick Dunn



COVID-19 continues to impact our community and we hope all of you continue to remain safe! With that being said, if you cannot attend the Township Meetings in person, we do have a virtual Zoom option for you to attend from the comfort of your home. Check our website (www.franklin-township.com) for meeting notices that include Zoom details. Those attending in person we do provide masks and hand sanitizer to make you feel more comfortable.

The Township has been awarded a portion of the American Rescue Plan dollars to assist with lost revenue during the pandemic. We will be looking at the federal regulations and we will be making plans on how to properly use these funds. These plans will be presented to the Board of Trustees in the near future.

Our department continues to work through the audit with members from the Auditor of State's Office on files from 2017 through 2020. The auditors have been diligently working to oversee current and past audit findings.

The Board recently passed a Policy and Procedure Manual in June 2021, which was a recommendation that had been on the table for an extended period of time. The Board also passed a Record Retention Policy, which will assist in going through records and destroying records that we are permitted to destroy. Also, the Fiscal Department has been working with all departments to improve purchasing procedures and find ways to operate more efficiently.

The Fiscal Department continues to work on the 2022 budget that is coming up soon!

The Township is now accepting debit and credit cards for report fees, business permits, or address signs! This was a huge step to allow the public other means of purchasing what they need besides using cash. There is a 3% fee charged for credit and debit transactions.

If you are interested in any reports from the Township, feel free to make a public records request with us by emailing Fiscal Officer Nick Dunn at ndunn@franklin-township.com or Asst. Fiscal Officer Robyn Watkins at rwatkins@franklin-township.com. You can also call our office at 614-279-9411 ext. 2303 or 2304 if you have any questions or concerns you would like to share with us.

We wish you & your family a Happy Holidays!

Franklin Township Directory

Township Departments

Fire Department

Fire Department Emergency.....911

Fire Chief James Welch

Fire Prevention: Captain Todd Broecker

Station 192614-278-4660

4100 Sullivant Ave., Columbus, 43228

Equipment: Engine 192, Medic 192

Station 193614-279-1441

2193 Frank Rd, Columbus, 43223

Equipment: Engine 193, Medic 193

Road Department – 614-279-9411

Superintendent, Jim Stevens

2193 Frank Road, Columbus, 43223

Police Department

Police Department Emergency911

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

Chief Byron Smith - 614-279-9411

2193 Frank Road, Columbus, 43223



Elected/Appointed Officials

Aryeh Alex, Trustee: 614-594-9789
Serving term 01/01/18 – 12/31/21

John Fleshman, Trustee 614-272-8595
Serving Term 01/01/18 – 12/31/21

Ralph Horn, Trustee: 614-279-6833
Serving term 01/01/20 – 12/31/23

Nick Dunn, Fiscal Officer: 614-279-9411
Serving term 05/1/21 – 03/31/22

Office Staff – 614-279-9411

Nicole Randazzo, Administrative Assistant

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer