

# PIKE TOWNSHIP NEWS

FALL 2013



## New Tanker

In mid August Pike Township put a new tanker into service. This is the first new fire truck the department has had since 2002. The truck is a 2012 International Dura Star. The truck was outfitted by Rosenbauer with an 1800 gallon capacity tank. The purchase price was \$154,900. We received a small discount because the Rosenbauer company had used this unit at some trade shows. So even though the truck had a few miles on it, it had never been titled or used in an active fire.

We purchased the truck from All American Fire Equipment Inc, in Washington Court House. Fireman Bill Perdue traveled with the salesman to Texas to drive the truck back to Pike Township.



## Tire Collection

This past spring, Pike Township applied for and received a grant from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the collection and removal of tires from residents of the township. Ninety percent of the cost associated with transporting and recycling the tires was covered by the EPA grant with the remaining ten percent coming from the township.

Collection day was Saturday September 7. We had 122 vehicles deliver tires to the firehouse. The final tally was 1013 car / light truck tires, 100 large truck tires and 40 farm tractor tires. There were also a few small lawn tractor and wheel barrow tires that we did not count. We filled one semi trailer and had the second one half full. The total weight collected was estimated at 21 tons.

The tire recycling company was Liberty Tire Recycling in Grove City. Some of the products that the recycled tires are used for include rubber playground mulch, welcome mats and equine pavers. If you would like to have more information on the products that recycled tires can be made into visit their web site: [Libertytire.com](http://Libertytire.com).

## Election Day is November 5th

All Pike Township registered voters will vote at:

Donnels Creek Church of the Brethren

6562 Detrick-Jordan Pike (the NW corner of Detrick-Jordan and Folk Ream Rd)

## Flu Shot Clinics

October 29 at Pike Twp Fire House

November 6 at Northwestern High School

Time: 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM (Both)

By: Clark County Combined Health District

More info at [ccchd.com](http://ccchd.com) or 937-390-5600

## Fire Department Numbers

2012		2011
489	EMS Runs	403
119	Fire Runs	146

2013 runs are down about 10% from 2012



The fire department had a training class in September on how to remove a person trapped inside a grain bin.

## Tax Levy Renewal

On the November ballot you will find a 3 mill renewal for the Fire and EMS departments. The wording on the ballot will be as follows:

“A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Pike Township (including the Village of North Hampton) for the purpose of operating and equipping the fire department and emergency medical program at a rate not exceeding 3 mills for each one hundred dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.30 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2014, first due in calendar year 2015.”

At the time of this writing a ballot number has not been assigned to issue.

## Some Pike Township Trivia

Pike Township borders seven other townships.

There are a total of eight Pike Townships in the state of Ohio.

There are three named streams in Pike Township: Donnels Creek, Jackson Creek & Honey Creek.

The Population of North Hampton in 1829 was 200.

## Crime

The local Neighborhood Watch group is still meeting once a month. Any Pike Township resident is invited to attend. The meeting day has changed to the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM at the fire house.

Be aware that a number of mail boxes have been destroyed in the northern part of the township in the last couple of months. Police reports have been filed.

## Township Finances

This is the 5th year that we have sent out a newsletter. Maybe it is time to have a discussion about money. The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) spells out very specific rules as to how a township can handle money. The money is divided into separate funds. For Pike Township those funds include a general fund, a fire department fund and a road fund. There are a few other funds but we will focus on these three for this discussion.

The ORC rules state that monies in the fire department fund can only be used for the fire department. These monies cannot be transferred to any other fund, nor can these monies be spent for anything other than fire department related expenses. Same goes for the road fund. Road fund monies cannot be transferred or used for anything besides a road related expense. This is why you may see some townships be able to build a new fire house but at the same time have roads that need major repair.

The buffer comes from the general fund. Monies in the general fund can be transferred to any other fund if and when needed. The ability to transfer from the general fund works great as long as you have enough money in the general fund. In the last two years the state has made some major changes to the amount of money sent to the local governments in order to try and balance the state budget. A high percentage of the income for the general fund comes from the state's Local General Fund (LGF). In 2012, townships in Ohio received 75% of what they received in 2011 from the LGF. In 2013, townships received 50% of what they received in 2011 from the LGF. The 2014 income that townships will receive is not finalized but is expected to be similar to the 2013 amount.

A second issue that has impacted the income into the general fund is the elimination of the estate tax, sometimes called the death tax, which went into effect January 1, 2013. The Ohio estate tax impacted those estates valued

at more than \$333,000. Eighty percent of the tax that was collected from these estates went to the local township. Pike Township received \$115,000 this year from estates that were settled in 2012. This will be the last estate money that we receive. This is very unfortunate because in the past it has been money received from the estate tax that permitted the township to make large purchases like a snow plow truck, the backhoe and a fire truck.

One more example of reduced income affects money used in our road department. One of the income sources for the road department is from gasoline taxes. Every time you fill up the tank on your car, a few pennies of the taxes go back to the township road fund. Because, on average, we are all driving less than a few years ago and because today's cars are more fuel efficient, we are using less fuel. The result is less taxes being collected and thus fewer dollars going into the road fund.

These three examples of reductions in income impact all townships in the state of Ohio. I hope you have found this brief primer on township finances to be informative.

## Roundabout Update

Our last update from ODOT was that the plans to construct a roundabout at the intersection of State Route 41 & State Route 235 are moving forward, with construction scheduled during the summer of 2014.

At the public meeting that ODOT held concerning the then proposed roundabout, a question was raised if it was possible to have No Engine Brake signs posted at that intersection.

The township trustees had to make a resolution declaring that one mile in all four directions from the intersection be a No Engine Brake area. The township purchased the signs. ODOT provided the sign posts and installed the signs.

## Trustees

Greg Kaffenbarger	765-0964
James Davidson	765-0916
Adam Steele	215-7714

## Fiscal Officer

Cheryl Sigler	845-1600
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## Fire Chief

Jerry Donnelly	964-8958
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## EMS Chief

Cliff Christy	964-8958
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## Road Superintendent

Alex Turner	964-8186
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## Zoning Inspector

Alex Turner	964-8186
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Fire / EMS Emergency .....911 or 964-1344

Non-Emergency Fire House .....964-8958

Fire House Fax.....964-3103

Pike Township Office .....964-8186

Pike Township Fax .....964-8328

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## Meeting Information

### For the Pike Township Trustees

**Date:** First Tuesday of each month

**Time:** 7:30 pm

**Location:** 83 Church Street, North Hampton  
(Cement block building next to the water tower)

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