

# Pike Township

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This is the second Pike Township Newsletter. We did receive some comments and suggestions about the first issue, some of which came from people outside of the township. We have corrected some errors on the mailing list. Please continue to provide us feedback and suggestions for topics you would like to know more about.

## Fire Department

The Pike Township Fire Department has applied for and been awarded a grant through the Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant Program (AFG), which is funded by FEMA. According to the [Firegrantsupport.com](http://Firegrantsupport.com) website, over 18,000 fire departments across the country applied for grant monies, with 982 applications from Ohio departments alone. The value of our grant is \$59,375. The grant money will be used to purchase 10 new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). For those of us who are not fire fighters this is the small air tank on the fireman's back, the air hose and mask that are required when going into a burning structure. This grant is very timely as the government has updated the requirements for SCBA's and our current units will be outdated in two years requiring Pike Township to purchase these outright. The township will still have some expense in this purchase estimated to be about \$3,200. A special thank you to Chief Donnelly and Greg Kojola for putting in the extra effort to fill out all the paperwork required in the application process.

## Crime

Crime in Pike Township is on the rise. We have all read about crime in rural areas in the newspaper but we want to dismiss it and think that it would not happen in our neighborhood. But be aware that it is happening in Pike Township. An area that has been especially hard hit is the northeast corner of the township around the village of Dialton. The thieves seem to be targeting detached garages, pole barns, farm shops and other storage buildings. Over the last 15 months residents have lost tools, chain saws, 4-wheelers and even a pickup truck. The stealing of gasoline has become a very common occurrence. Most recently in April there was a house break-in just outside of Dialton.

A group of neighbors have formed a neighborhood watch group. They are having monthly meetings with Deputy Scott Cultice from the Clark County Sheriff's department. They are learning what they legally can do to protect their property and discourage the thieves. A sample of what they have learned include: Better outdoor lighting by installing motion lights, the installation of security systems, writing down serial and model numbers for identification, taking photographs of your possessions room by room so you can quickly make a list of missing items. And they are also learning what the law says they cannot do to protect their property.

If you are interested in joining the neighborhood watch group or just attending the meetings please contact Gayla at 964-8981. Any resident of Clark County is welcome.

Pike Township was formed in 1818.

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## Zoning

In December the Pike Township Trustees accepted the revisions and additions to the zoning manual as suggested by the Zoning Commission and the Board of Appeals. One of the additions requires a property owner who wants to construct a pond to get approval of the design from the Clark County Soil and Water agency as well as getting a zoning certificate from Pike Township. The purpose of the design approval is to prevent creating a drainage problem on a neighboring property or investing in pond construction only to discover it will not hold water. Both of these have happened in Clark County in recent years.

The second addition pertains to windmills for the generation of electricity. By state law, township zoning is very limited when it comes to placing restrictions on the large commercial size windmills like the ones that will soon be constructed in Champaign County. Our new guidelines are focused on the smaller windmills that an individual homeowner might install to generate their own electricity. The guidelines include locating the tower in a side or back yard; a minimum setback from all property lines, structures and utility lines of 150% of the tower height; a minimum distance of 15 feet from the ground to the blade tip and for safety an anti-climbing device.

If you would like a copy of the revised zoning manual, printed copies will be available for \$15 or a CD with a PDF version will be \$5. Contact Pike Township Zoning Inspector Alex Turner at 964-8186 to order your copy.

## EMS Billing

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is one of the most important services provided for you. If there is an accident or illness that requires transportation to a hospital please do not hesitate to call. The income that is received is an important part of the annual EMS & Fire department budget. This income helps to purchase equipment, supplies and pay salaries. It should be no surprise that the combined EMS and Fire department is Pike Township's single largest annual expense.

EMS bills for Pike Township residents are sent directly to your insurance company, Medicare or Medicaid. We accept the insurance company coverage as payment in full. This billing program is designed to eliminate out of pocket costs such as co-pays or deductibles for Pike Township residents. You pay for this service by paying your taxes so you should never be billed directly for a ride in the medic truck. If you do receive a bill please do not pay the bill and contact Cliff Christy the EMS chief at 964-8958. He will contact our medical billing service and correct the error.

No one will ever be denied service if they do not have insurance. After verification, uninsured residents will not be responsible for transportation expenses. There is also no charge for emergency medical care if the patient is not transported.

In some cases, if the Pike Township EMS crew is transporting a patient when a second call comes in, and EMS transport is provided by one of our mutual aid partners, the policy of the responding entity will apply.

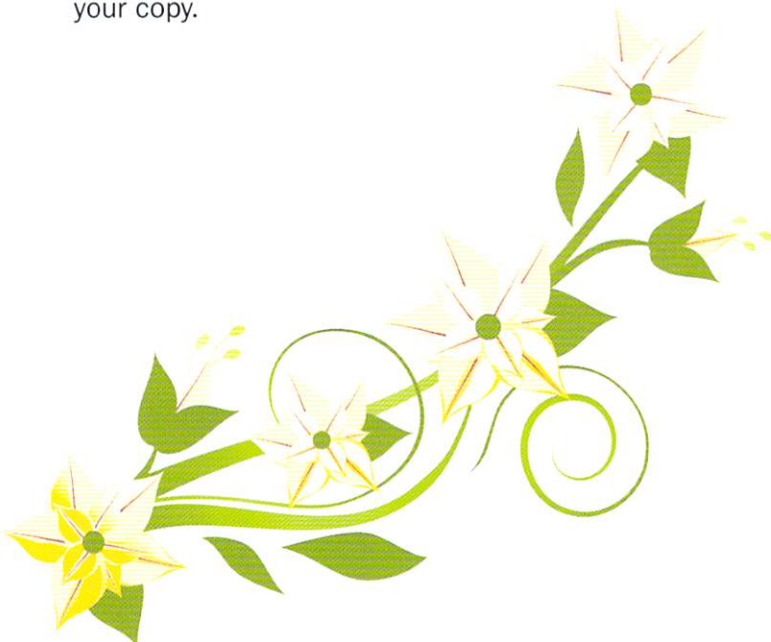
Visitors and non-Pike Township residents will be billed for any expenses their insurance companies did not cover.

### Upcoming Dates

May 29

Memorial Day Parade 3:00

Ice Cream Social 4:00



This Month we are featuring the individuals who make up the Pike Township Volunteer Fire Department. They put in many hours per year in training and responding. Compared to other volunteer departments around the state Pike Township is very fortunate to have so many willing to participate. Thanks to all.

If you have interest in being a volunteer, contact Chief Jerry Donnelly at 964-8958.

## Fire Department Numbers

	2008	2009
EMS Runs	406	390
Fire Runs	152	118



## Volunteer Firemen

Jerry Donnelly	Fire Chief
Clifford Christy	EMS Chief
David Richardson	Ass't Fire Chief
Mark Donnelly	Fire Captain
Jim Steggemann	Fire Lieutenant
Beth Brewer	EMS Captain
Gregory Kojola	EMS Captain
Jim Welch	Chaplain
Carl Filbrun	Jamie Hobson
Bruce Lehman	Daniel Carpenter
Eric Keplinger	Mathew Mentz
Gary Baker	Tyrel Fisher
Bryan Baker	Charles Lee
Frank Baker	Jeremy Owens
David Baker	Bill Perdue
Tracy Butler	Darrin Sweargin
Kevin Donnelly	Thomas Carpenter
Robert Branham	Paul Carpenter
Lisa Sweargin	Kirk Wolf
Jeff Ayres	Michael Steggemann
Erik Harshbarger	Travis Anderson
Scott Williams	Tanya Fowler
Roger Manemann	Robert Weisenberger
Ron Davis	Natasha McKee
Paul Printz	Michelle Sanders
Kevin Moore	James Rutmann

## Cemeteries

Did you know that Pike Township is responsible for maintaining five cemeteries?

They include:

Black Cemetery on state route 235, south of Marquart Rd., Helvie Family Cemetery on state route 235, north of Ballentine Pk., Asbury Cemetery on N. Hampton Rd, north of the North Hampton village limits, Beech Grove Cemetery on New Carlisle-St. Paris Rd, south of Stott Rd., and Liberty Cemetery at the corner of Liberty and Sigler Roads.

Some of you may know that Black Cemetery was vandalized in the fall of 2008. Many of the stones were broken and tipped over. In the fall of 2009 we installed a new fence and locked gate to hopefully prevent further vandalism. If you would like access to the Black Cemetery please contact Alex Turner at 964-8186 to make arrangements to have the gate unlocked. We are still working with a local monument company and our insurance company claims adjuster to get a settlement before we begin the repair project.

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## Trustees

Greg Kaffenbarger ..... 964-1414  
James Davidson ..... 845-8976  
Adam Steele ..... 964-8129

## Fiscal Officer

Cheryl Sigler ..... 845-1600

## Fire Chief

Jerry Donnelly ..... 964-8958

## EMS Chief

Cliff Christy ..... 964-8958

## Road Superintendent

Alex Turner ..... 964-8186

## Zoning Inspector

Alex Turner ..... 964-8186

## 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 Trustee's

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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