

Pike Township

FALL 2009 • ISSUE 1

Welcome to the first Pike Township newsletter. Our goal is to inform and educate you about what is going on in your township. Give us some feedback if you like this newsletter or if you do not. We are open to suggestions for topics that you would like to know more about.

Pike Township Numbers

Size in Square Miles.....	36
Population	3946
Fire Runs in 2008	152
EMS Runs in 2008.....	406
Pike Township Dispatchers.....	5
School Districts.....	2
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Township Employee	1

Do You Live on a Township Road?

Pike Township is responsible for 27 miles of roads inside the township. That means we plow and salt the roads in the winter, mow the side ditches in the summer, resurface the roads, repair and replace culverts, trim trees, spray weeds, put up road signs and more on those roads. The list of Pike Township roads is found on page 3. If your road is not on the list then you live on a Clark County road, a State highway, a private development or in North Hampton.

EMS Staffing schedule

Seven days a week from 6 am to 6 pm two EMS staff members are on duty at the Pike Township firehouse. The 12 hour day is divided into two 6 hour shifts. The 6 pm to 6 am time period is covered by EMS volunteers that respond from their homes.

Fire Department

The Pike Township Fire Department currently has 35 volunteer fire fighters. Some are cross trained as EMT's or paramedics. They meet at the firehouse every Tuesday night for training, equipment testing and yes, waxing and polishing the fire trucks. Recently revised state laws require that volunteers attend training classes to accrue continuing education units. Each volunteer must receive 54 credits in a three year period or they lose their license and thus the ability to respond to calls. Your Pike Township volunteer firefighters commit a significant amount of time to their firefighting career. If you have considered becoming a volunteer firefighter stop by the fire house on Tuesday nights or call Jerry Donnelly, the fire chief at 964-8958 to get more information.

There is also a Cadet volunteer program. If you are between 13 and 18 years of age and would like to be involved with the fire department, stop by or call and check it out.

We are always looking for new volunteers.

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After the wind storm last September, it was determined that the backup generator at the firehouse was inadequate. The old generator was not large enough to operate the whole firehouse at one time. It had to be switched into the circuit manually, refilled with gasoline every two hours and at times pull started. A new propane powered generator has been installed that comes on automatically upon a power outage and has the capacity to operate the entire firehouse.

The township purchased the generator and the Fire Association paid for the installation from monies received as donations.

Road Salt Storage Structure

A new road salt storage structure has been erected in the field behind the fire house.

The new pole barn will be used to store the backhoe that is used to load the salt into the snowplow trucks. The old salt barn, located in North Hampton behind the township building, is beyond repair and is not in a convenient location for loading or unloading of salt.

Bob Kaffenbarger has decided to retire after serving 28 years as a Trustee for Pike Township. His last day will be December 31, 2009. Bob has seen many changes in Pike Township during his tenure. He is also a past president of the Clark County Township Trustee Association. In addition to the current Pike Township staff he has worked with Dale Maxson, Harold Skillings, Nancy Pence, Bob Sigler, Eldon Botkin and Kent MacGillivray.

A new International 7400 snow plow truck will be in service this winter. It is replacing a 19 year old truck that has served the township well. The new truck was built in Springfield with the bed and snowplow installed locally by Kaffenbarger Truck Equipment.

Dispatchers

Pike Township has its own dispatchers. The five dispatchers work rotating shifts from their homes. Each of their houses is set up with an emergency / fire phone and radio. When the 964-1344 Emergency phone number is used it rings directly into the dispatchers house. If the emergency caller dials 911 then the call is transferred from the 911 call center to our dispatcher or the 911 operator takes the information and then calls our dispatcher.

Pike Township Dispatchers:

- Theresa Donnelly
- Sharon Davis
- Tara Kojola
- Angie Owens
- Tracey Butler

For Sale

One 1990 International 4900 dump truck. It has a DT466 engine, 10 foot snow plow, 9 foot bed with salt spreader. 48,000 miles.

For more information call Road Superintendent Alex Turner at 964-8186.

Pike Township Roads

Ansbaugh (from Stott to Ballentine)
Bischoff
Bluejay Dr
Carriage Hill Dr
Country Squire Dr
Dayton-Brandt
(from Ayres to Miami County line, east side only)
Detrick Jordan (from Ayres to Stott)
Dredge
Ellen Dr
Fields
Funderburg
Johnson (from Folk Ream to N. Hampton Rd)
Lantern Ct
Lark Lane
Lehman
Myers
N. Hampton (north of North Hampton)
Plantation Dr
Quail Ridge Dr
Randee Ln
Ruby Dr
School
Shaler
Short
Sigler
Spence
Stafford Ct
Stafford
Stott (from Ansbaugh to 235)
Stott (from Dialton Rd to N. Hampton Rd)
Studebaker
Sugar Tree Trail
Sunrise Dr
Tipp-Elizabeth
(From Stafford to the curve, east side only)
Ulery
Wrenview Dr

Zoning

Pike Township has had its own local zoning since 1972. This summer the Pike Township Zoning Commission and the Board of Appeals have been meeting to review and revise the Zoning rules and regulations. Two proposed additions to the rules concern installation of personal windmills for generation of electricity and construction of ponds for recreation. Public meetings will be held on October 6, November 3 and December 1 at 7:00 pm to get input from residents before these additions are made permanent.

Zoning Commission

Gary Skillings
Larry Pullins
Dan Meckstroth
Dan Maxson
Wayne Foster

Board of Appeals

Rod Baker
Paul Steele
William Grimpe
Tom Rountree
Jason L. Bishop

Members of the Zoning commission and the Board of Appeals are appointed by the trustee's for a five year term. They meet only when zoning issues are presented. If you have a zoning related question contact the Zoning Inspector, Alex Turner at 964-8186.

Upcoming Dates

November 3	Election Day
November 5	Flu shots @ Firehouse

Pike Township is the only township in Clark County that is square - 6 miles by 6 miles.

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Trustees

Bob Kaffenbarger 964-1361
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

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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