

PIKE TOWNSHIP NEWS

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Introducing the Pike Township / North Hampton Website

The last newsletter mentioned that we were working on a new web site. The site is up and running and ready for you to use it. The domain name is a little long so you may want to type it in one time and save it to your favorites. Go to www.piketownshipclarkcountyohio.net.

Some of what you will find includes: the list of elected officials for the township, the list of North Hampton village council members, the township zoning inspector, the township road superintendent, the township monthly meeting minutes, the village council monthly meeting notes, the township zoning manual, the members serving on the township Zoning Board and the members serving on the Board of Zoning appeals.

There is information on the Fire Department, the cemeteries in the township and a list of the roads that the township is responsible for. There is a calendar for meeting dates and times. There are links to the various county government offices and links to other townships in the county that have web sites. I could go on but you just need to go and explore. And of course we are interested in your feedback and there is a place for that too. □



A bench honoring Deputy Hopper was unveiled during the Memorial Day service at Sturgen Park. Shown here with family members, the bench was provided by Drake Monuments. On one of your many trips through North Hampton, take a minute to stop at the park and see this memorial.

Neighborhood Watch Update

The Neighborhood Watch meeting location has changed. The meetings are now held at the firehouse on Troy Road. The meetings are still held on the second Monday of each month at 6:30. Call 964-8868 for more information.

Crime Statistics

The Clark County Sheriff's Office has released their activity report from January 1 thru April 30 of this year. There have been 52 criminal reports, 30 arrests made and 10 citations issued in Pike Township during this four month period. This compares to 45 criminal reports, 4 arrests and 37 citations issued for the same four months in 2010.

Burning

There are frequent questions that relate to burning of brush and bonfires. The laws for open burning in Ohio are found in chapter 3745-19 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). The village of North Hampton is classified as being restricted. The township is classified as being un-restricted. The following guidelines apply to the township.

Recreational bonfires, campfires and fires for cooking are permitted. Use clean seasoned firewood and keep the size to less than 3 ft in diameter and 2 ft high.

Burning of residential or agricultural waste (brush) is permitted if the following conditions are met:

- The fire is set only when atmospheric conditions will readily dissipate the contaminants
- The fire does not create a visibility hazard on roadways, railroad tracks or air fields.
- The fire is located more than 1000 feet from any inhabited house not located on your property.
- The waste must come from your property. You cannot bring in waste from another location and burn it.
- The waste is stacked and dried to provide the best practical condition for efficient burning.

There are items that can never be burned. This list includes: rubber, grease, asphalt, tires, cars, car parts, plastic, garbage, dead animals, animal waste or standing buildings.

Our local fire department has added a few more suggestions. Keep the size of the pile less than 5 feet in diameter and 5 feet high. Have a water source available and do not leave the fire unattended. Observe wind direction so the smoke does not drift to your neighbor's house.

Occasionally No Burn orders will be issued due to extreme weather conditions like drought, wind or air quality. Typically these will be in the newspaper or on the local weather broadcasts.

If you ever considered a career as a firefighter or an EMT, this may be your opportunity. You do not have to be trained as a firefighter or an EMT to apply. Classes to train you can be paid for by the township and are usually taken locally at Clark State or Sinclair Community College. Those showing interest and aptitude for the position of paramedic may be sent on for that training as well. For more information contact Fire Chief Jerry Donnelly or EMS Chief Cliff Christy at 964-8958.

Fire Department Numbers

<u>2010</u>		<u>2009</u>
370	EMS Runs	390
124	Fire Runs	118

We have paid EMS staff covering three 6 hour shifts per day with volunteers covering the Midnight to 6 a.m. shift. The data below shows the percentage of runs that happened per shift in 2010.

Midnight to 6 a.m.....	9%
6 a.m. to Noon	24%
Noon to 6 p.m.....	38%
6 p.m. to Midnight	29%

Zoning

Prior to constructing a new building or adding an addition onto an existing building you should check with the Zoning Inspector to see what permits are required. All construction projects require permits with the exception of some buildings in areas zoned as Agriculture.

The Ag exception requires that the building be used for agriculture. If your property is zoned as AG and you want to build a detached garage for your car, you still need to follow the permit process.

Bottom line, check with Zoning Inspector Alex Turner at 964-8186 while you are in the planning process and before construction starts to see what permits are required.

ATV License Plate Requirement

Effective in June of 2010 the State of Ohio adopted new regulations governing ATV registration and ownership. Recreational vehicles with the body type "AT" now require the issuance of a metal license plate. The license plate, which has bright orange characters, must remain with the vehicle and be displayed in plain sight. Snowmobiles, off-highway motorcycles and all-purpose vehicles (APVs) must be properly registered with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles or local deputy registrar. The three year registration will cost \$34.75, some of which will be used to create and maintain public trails.

Any current all-purpose vehicle decals remain valid until their expiration, when they must be replaced with the all-purpose license plate. Registrations expire on December 31 in the third year after the date of issuance.

No registration is required for APVs that are used primarily for agriculture purposes, if the owner qualifies for the CAUV tax credit. However, if that vehicle is driven on any public land, trail or right-of-way, then the license plate is required. To further clarify, if an owner of an APV only uses it on private property but does not qualify for the CAUV exception, then an APV registration must be purchased.

The rules also include increased penalties for those who trespass while on an all-purpose vehicle and a "third strike and you're out" provision that allows for confiscation of their vehicle.

APV license plates do not entitle the rider to operate the APV on public roadways. Laws regarding operation of APV's have not changed.

Additional information on registering ATVs can be obtained at www.bmv.ohio.gov.

HISTORY

For those of you who use the internet to check the weather or other mapping programs, when you zoom into Pike Township you will find the town of Dodo. We do not know much but it was founded somewhere around 1814. It had one home, a Post Office and a Blacksmith shop. Close by on the east fork of Honey Creek was a mill for grinding grain that was built by James Black. There was also a saw mill a short distance away. The location of Dodo is where Marquart Road, Black Pike and New Carlisle-St. Paris roads come together.

A Safety Request

As listed on the back page, for fire or medical emergencies you can call 911 or call directly to the Pike Township dispatchers at 964-1344. Please use 964-1344 for emergencies only. Do not use that number to ask where you should go vote or what time the Memorial Day parade starts. A non-emergency call could prevent a real emergency call from being received. If you have a non-emergency question, call the fire house at 964-8958. The fire house is staffed from 6 a.m. to midnight every day by the EMS crew and they will answer the phone unless they are on a run.



ROAD SIGNS

The U.S. Department of Transportation along with the Federal Highway Administration have set new national standards for retroreflectivity of road signs. Retroreflectivity is the capability of a sign to reflect light back to the source of the light. Instead of buying a \$12,000 testing device, and then testing each road sign, the trustees decided to replace all road signs.

All warning signs that are ground mounted, like stop signs and yield signs, have to be in place by January 2015. Street signs and all other signs must be updated 2018. We will start replacing stop signs this summer. In order to save money we are reusing the metal sign and applying the new decal. The new decals cost \$20 each, not counting any labor.

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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**



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)