



# Around The Township

Serving the needs of the citizens and businesses of **Butler Township**

SUMMER 2014

Mark your calendar August 16

## Cruise-into Township for good cause

The first annual "Cruise-in to Butler Township" and outdoor concert are coming this summer.

The car show and concert are sponsored by Butler Township in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce, Walmart and Buckeye Harley. Both events will feature plenty of family fun and food from area restaurants. All proceeds will directly benefit Children's Medical Center of Dayton. Here are the details:

### Saturday, August 16, 2014

**Car show:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

*Commerce Center Drive just east of Walmart and Office Depot.*

**Concert:** 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

*Buckeye Harley-Davidson, 7220 N. Dixie Dr.*

To enter your vehicle in the car show, you'll need to register by entering from Towne Center Drive and stopping at the registration tent, which will open at 9 a.m. The first 200 vehicles registered will receive dash plaques.

Plan to join us for this first annual event and support a great cause, Children's Medical Center of Dayton.

For more information, contact Erika Vogel at 937-898-6735.



### July 3 community event and fireworks

## Join in the Star-Spangled Celebration

You won't want to miss your hometown Independence Day community event this year. Butler Township and the city of Vandalia will present the Star-Spangled Celebration on Wednesday, July 3, at the Vandalia Sports Complex on Stonequarry Road.

The fun begins at 7 p.m. with music entertainment by The Broken Lights, family activities, food vendors and fun for everyone. Fireworks will follow at 10 p.m. The fireworks will be sponsored by Fifth Third Bank and the Ohio National Guard.

Join your friends and neighbors for a celebration to remember.



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## New Sidewalks and crosswalks on Commerce Center Drive

New sidewalks were installed late last year on Commerce Center Drive from Benchwood Road to Sam's Club Drive to allow for more pedestrian traffic through the business district.

New crosswalks have been installed at the intersections of Benchwood, York Commons Boulevard and Sams Club with Commerce Center Drive. The crosswalks feature a decorative pattern and the Butler Township logo.

The total project cost was \$277,100, which was paid from funds set aside for public improvements through the Harson Tax Increment Financing District.

In 2014, new sidewalks will also be installed on Miller Lane from the Fairfield Inn to

Maxton Road, and the asphalt will be widened to accommodate a walking path from Maxton to Kristen Lane (near the Red Roof Inn).

New crosswalks with logos will also be installed on Maxton Road and York Commons Boulevard at Miller Lane and North Dixie Drive, and also on Towne Center Drive at Benchwood Road and York Commons Boulevard.



## Township Drainage 101

Have you ever wondered where all the water goes in Butler Township? In short, it drains to creeks and/or rivers.

If you live in the township's rural areas, a ditch line along the roadway allows the water to flow to the creeks. In a subdivision, a storm sewer system runs along the roadway behind the curb. Storm water is routed through the storm sewer to an opening that drains to a creek, which eventually runs into the Great Miami River or the Stillwater River.

### Who's responsible?

The township is responsible for maintaining both the ditch lines along township roadways and the storm sewers located within the right-of-way of the subdivision streets. That right-of-way is typically 50-feet wide.

Anything related to drainage that falls outside that right-of-way is the property owner's responsibility. This includes maintenance of the ditch or pipe, even though it may service more than just one owner's property. This is common in many subdivisions, where storm pipes may connect to other storm pipes in the right-of-way.

### Please be neighborly

Ohio's drainage laws are clear, according to Township Administrator Kim Lapensee.

"Property owners are responsible for handling water on their property," she said. "Owners may not negatively impact any neighbor or change the historical flow of water."

Please make sure that all water in your yard drains toward the street or a ditch line that drains to a creek. Downspouts may be no closer to your property line than 10 feet.

Above all, be aware of the impacts that your drainage may have on your neighbors.

## Fire Department updates fire apparatus fleet

The Butler Township Fire Department recently updated its fleet by replacing a 1997 commercial pumper with a 2013 custom pumper with added safety features and more compartment space.

"With every major purchase we make, we try to look at the future of our fire department and the fire service," said Fire Chief Dan Alig.

Due to the expense of new fire apparatus and the community's anticipated needs, the department spent nearly two years designing a pumper with the storage space and functionality to perform several functions. Once the apparatus was purchased, it took over a year for it to be built and delivered.

"As we continue to downsize our fleet to meet current needs,

we needed the ability to perform the same functions that were previously performed by several apparatus," said Captain Chris Batz. "This new purchase allows us to do that."

The pumper is a 2013 Rosenbauer rescue-style pumper with a Commander Chassis, 750-gallon water tank and 1500-gallon-per-minute pump. It also features an on-board generator with scene lighting around the entire pumper for added safety.



# What's available in trash removal?

Butler Township residents enjoy a number of features in residential refuse removal to suit various lifestyle needs:

**Curb Pick-Up** – All trash should be contained in bags and/or trash cans. Up to six 35-gallon bags of trash are permitted per pick up. Trash containers are **not** provided, so residents use their own trash cans or bags. Another option is the rental of a 95-gallon tote. Please call Rumpke at 1-800-223-3960 to make arrangements.

**Carry-Out** – Residents who are aged or have physical conditions that render them unable to place containers within 10 feet of the curb may use the carry-out service, which allows them to place trash closer to the home. This service is subject to medical documentation verifying that a physical condition necessitates this service.

**Low-Volume Curb Pick-Up** – All trash must fit in the 35-gallon trash can that has been provided by Rumpke Waste Haulers. Low Volume means just that. **No** extra bags. Yard waste collected with the low- volume service must be co-mingled with the trash and fit into the provided trash tote. Twigs and branches must be tied in individual bundles not to exceed 4 feet in length and 24 inches in diameter.

**Recycling** – All residential units are provided a 96-gallon or 35-gallon recycle container with no additional cost.

**Leaf Collection** – From October 15 through December 15 of each year, the hauler will collect all leaves that have been set out for collection, including **low volume**.

## Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off

Need to get rid of old paint, batteries, fluorescent lights and other hazardous waste? You may drop them off at the county's North Solid Waste Facility, **Tuesdays only, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

For a complete list of accepted materials, please visit the Solid Waste District page of the county's website.

**Bulk Waste and White Goods** – All residential units are entitled to weekly collection of bulk waste, available the same day as trash collection. You must call Rumpke 48 hours prior to your collection day. There is no extra charge for bulky items, such as furniture, although Rumpke does charge for appliances that contain Freon.

## National Night Out

# Join police and neighbors in fight against crime

The Butler Township Police Department invites you to take part in the National Night Out, a campaign to support crime prevention in the community. One of the easiest ways to show your support is to participate in the porch-light vigil from 9:00pm to 12:00am.

You're also invited to join your neighbors and friends at a National Night Out community picnic, hosted by the police department. Here are the details:

**WHEN:** August 5 at 6 p.m.

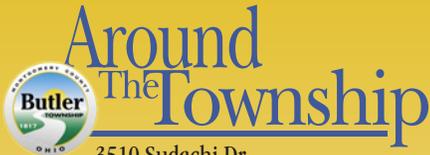
**WHERE:** Stonespring of Vandalia Adult Care  
4000 Singing Hills Blvd

The event is an opportunity to get to know your neighbors, one of the keys to successful crime prevention programs. The picnic will also feature fun, food, games and information about crime prevention for the entire family.

Now in its thirty-first year, National Night Out is a campaign designed to help communities across the country heighten crime-prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

"We've been pleased to see Neighborhood Watch recently gaining momentum in Butler Township," said Police Chief John Cresie. "Participating in National Night Out is one more way we can send criminals the message that this community is united in our fight against crime."





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## New signage identifies Butler Township

You may have noticed the new signage at Cloverleaf and North Dixie Drive. An 18-foot-tall sign was built near Interstate 70 by VanCon Construction to denote Butler Township to motorists who travel that stretch of roadway.

“Several months ago, the Butler Township Trustees adopted a new business plan for the township that recommended new signage,” said Township Administrator Kim Lapensee. “This is the first step in a rebranding effort that has been launched by the township.”

New signage will also be placed this year at the intersection of Interstate 75 and Benchwood Road. Look for additional sign locations near the township’s borders in years to come.



## Fall Brush Drop-Off Program changes

Butler Township will no longer offer free brush and limb drop-off services to township residents. The Montgomery County Solid Waste District now offers free yard waste drop off to all Montgomery County residents.

The hours of operation for this service are year-round from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays. Your brush may be dropped off at the county’s North Transfer Facility, 6589 Old Webster St. in Vandalia, or the South Transfer Facility, 1001 Encrete Lane in Dayton.