



# BUTLER TOWNSHIP BRIEFLY

March 30, 2023

Below is a brief recap of the latest activities by the Butler Township Trustees in support of township residents and businesses...

## Zoning Updates

March was a busy month on the zoning front in Butler Township...

- The Butler Township Zoning Commission recommended denying the rezoning and preliminary plan submitted for the Murlin Heights/Sudachi Gateway property, by Pride One Construction and Horizon Line Development. Butler Township Trustees will vote on the proposal on April 25.
- The Zoning Commission recommended approval of the rezoning and preliminary plan submitted by McBride Dale Clarion for an Ultimate Shine Car Wash in Benchwood Station. The trustees will also vote on this proposal at the April 25 meeting.
- The township Board of Zoning Appeals approved a plan by Reinhard Boring Technologies to build a 14,000-square-foot facility at 8924 North Dixie Drive for its business operations. As a condition of the approval, the owners will bring the property up to Gateway Corridor standards in landscaping, architecture, paving, parking, storm water and buffering requirements.

## Well Testing Results to be Discussed on April 13

The township is in the final phase of its collaborative program with Montgomery County to help residents address potential PFAS water contamination. This program provided well testing and contingency plans for residents in the impacted area. In all, 154 private wells were tested in the Recommended Testing Area. A public meeting will be held on April 13 to share a summary of the sampling results, the latest PFAS regulatory changes and an analysis of existing, future and potential water lines. Affected residents are welcome to attend, even if they chose not to have their well tested. The meeting is from 6PM to 8PM at the Butler Township Meeting Hall.

## Benchwood Station Improvements

The design for infrastructure improvements in Benchwood Station continues to progress. Updates include, extending the design for sidewalks and lighting improvements north of the proposed roundabout, in conjunction with new development; an analysis of the current traffic signal at the intersection of Benchwood and Miller to accommodate the dual south bound, left turn lane from Miller to Benchwood to ease traffic stacking; and two mid-block crossings between York Commons and the round-a-bout which include small islands for pedestrian safety, which would not restrict any access. Plans are on track to be completed in 2023 for construction in early 2024.

## City of Union Seeks to Annex More Land in Butler Township

The City of Union has submitted three more petitions to the Montgomery County Commissioners to annex parts of Butler Township. They include 2.237 acres of right-of-way along Frederick Pike and Old Springfield Road; .897 acres on Old Springfield Road; and 86.248 acres on Peters Pike, including adjacent portions of right-of-way on Peters Pike, County Line Road and Lightner Road. Butler Township has lost thousands of acres to annexation – a constant

struggle for Ohio townships – over the past several decades.

### **Police Department Selects New K9 Unit**

Trustees approved the purchase of a new K9 unit, to be paid for through the township's K9 Fund and private donations. K9 Officer Colton Streck went to Shallow Creek Kennels yesterday to select his new partner and his name is Mando. Officer Streck and K9 Mando will be on patrol together starting in July. The trustees also authorized the renewal of the mobile Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program, a collaboration with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, the City of Vandalia, and South Community, Inc.

### **Marchal Promoted to Battalion Chief**

Captain Adam Marchal has been promoted to Battalion Chief in the Butler Township Fire Department. Also this month, trustees approved the purchase of new fire protective clothing, as well as 19 SCBA units and two rapid intervention packs, which were made possible through a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters grant.

### **Youth in Government Day Encourages Community Involvement**

Township elected officials and staff – in partnership with the Vandalia-Butler Optimist Club, and many local credit unions – hosted several Butler High School juniors for Youth in Government Day in March. The students participated in the trustee's workshop to discuss current issues and upcoming agenda items. The students also interviewed their counterparts for the day for a paper about their experience and the positions they were shadowing. Youth in Government Day is a great program to help young people understand and appreciate how local government works and encourage them to get involved in their community or service organizations.

### **Veteran Banner Program in Full Swing**

The Veteran Parkway Banner Program allows Vandalia and Butler Township residents to purchase a banner for a veteran who has ties to the community and who has served honorably in any of the U.S. armed forces. The banners are displayed for two years, then presented to the family to keep. As of today, half of the 130 available spots have been filled, with just a few weeks left before the April 24, 2023 deadline. If you wish to purchase a banner visit: [www.vandaliabutlerchamber.org](http://www.vandaliabutlerchamber.org).

### **Minster Bank Offers Community Shred Event on April 15**

On April 15, residents of Butler Township, and Vandalia, will be able to destroy up to five bags of confidential documents free of charge, thanks to the "Community Shred" sponsored by Minster Bank. The event takes place on April 15 from 8AM to 11AM (or until the truck is full) at 8530 N. Dixie Drive in the township.

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