



# BUTLER TOWNSHIP BRIEFLY

October 31, 2023

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

## **Trustees to Set Public Hearing Date for Proposed North Dixie Rezoning**

At the November 2 board meeting, Township Trustees will set the date for a public hearing on a proposed rezoning for 8921 North Dixie Drive. The request, which has been approved by the Township Zoning Commission, is to rezone and combine a 6-acre property to PD-2, Planned Commercial District, for a new banquet facility. The former use of the property was a church and accessory recreation building.

## **Trustees Considering Consultant for Comprehensive Plan Update**

Also, at the November 2 meeting, trustees will consider approving an agreement with MSP Design to serve as the consultant for the Comprehensive Plan Update. MSP was selected as the top consultant from three firms that were interviewed through an RFP (Request for Proposals) process. This plan, last updated in 2006, enhances and guides the Township's growth and development to meet the vision and goals of leaders and residents.

## **Party in the Park Draws Large Crowds**

The township's annual Party in the Park, held on October 7 at Art Van Atta Park, drew a large crowd all day long. The event featured lots of fall fun, not to mention great weather. The township would like to thank the Vandalia-Butler Octagon students who volunteered to assist kids with pumpkin painting all day long and the Vandalia-Butler Optimist Club for donating the funds to purchase 500 pumpkins for the activity.

## **Stakeholders Weigh in on Benchwood Station Improvement Project**

On October 10, stakeholders and residents received an update on, and shared thoughts about, the Benchwood Station improvement project. Exhibits were available for viewing in person, including the project highlights, landscape renderings, construction plans, projects costs, timeline, and other improvements coming to the area. Butler Township, the TID, engineering firm LJB, Inc., and the right-of-way acquisition team from O.R. Colan were available to answer questions and receive comments. More information, along with the public meeting exhibits can be found at [Benchwood Station Project](#).

## **Well Testing Update**

All testing for residents in the Citizen Advisory Area and the Recommended Testing Area (located North of I-70) is now complete. A final summary of the results will be presented at a public meeting, the date and time of which is in the process of being determined.

### **Fire Department Trains for Boat Rescue**

On duty certified rescue boat team members from the Butler Township Fire Department spent three days training with the City of Huber Heights boat team members at Eastwood Lake. Firefighters also spent hours training on the new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), that was purchased through a Federal Grant. The new SCBA went into service this month.

### **K9 Mando Has Successful September**

Officer Streck and K9 Mando were involved in 10 detection deployments and 5 patrol deployments in September. One person was found and arrested after a successful track. They seized nine total items of drugs and paraphernalia, including methamphetamine and cocaine. In September, the department handled 1,658 calls for service. The department took 132 case reports, 57 of which resulted in an arrest, with a total of 65 people being charged/arrested.

### **Service Department Looks to Winter**

The Butler Township Service Department has completed roadside mowing for the season and is in the process of getting equipment ready for winter. The laundry list of completed projects includes the second round of crack sealing on roadways; restriping and asphalt repairs at Fire House 88, Township Hall, the government center, and police department parking lots; road sign assessment; retaining wall repairs at Town Center Drive and Benchwood; the fall pour for cemetery foundations at Polk Grove Cemetery; and a cleanup project for the Benchwood Business District.

### **Happy Halloween!**

Trick-or-Treat is from 6-8 pm on Tuesday, October 31st in Butler Township and Vandalia. Stay safe and warm, and have a Happy Halloween!

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