

Local Businesses Giving Back

Corporate citizenship is alive and well, and Butler Township’s public safety departments have benefitted.

Fire Department

The life-saving work of the fire department was recently recognized by two businesses that are helping the department to purchase equipment that supports fire and EMS services.



The Walmart Foundation and Walmart store located at 3465 York Commons Blvd. awarded a \$2,000 community safety grant for the purchase of fire and EMS equipment.

Harbor Freight’s Giving Back Program donated a \$300 gift card toward the purchase of tools and equipment for fire apparatus.

Police Department

The police department recently received a \$5,000 community grant through the Walmart Foundation. The grant helps to pay for community events hosted by the police department. These include National Night Out, which strengthens relationships among residents and police; and Christmas with a

Cop, which pairs cops with kids in need to shop for Christmas.

“We’re proud to have businesses like Walmart and Harbor Freight that support the work of our fire and police departments,” said Fire Chief Dan Alig. “Thank you, on behalf of a grateful community.”



Annexation Takes More Acreage from Township

In June, Montgomery County Commissioners approved a request to annex just over 86 acres of land from the northern area of the township to the city of Union.

Township officials objected to the request at a hearing held by the commissioners, voicing concerns about the impact on rural Montgomery County Line Road and the adjacent properties. Monroe Township also voiced concern about increased truck traffic and the maintenance of County Line Road. The request as originally submitted was approved by the county commissioners.

“Annexation is a constant struggle for Ohio’s 1,308 townships,” said Township Administrator Erika Vogel. “And Ohio law makes townships almost powerless to stop it.”

Butler Township is no exception: thousands of acres have been annexed from the township in recent decades. Still, township officials seek to mitigate its impact through joint projects with jurisdictions such as Dayton and Vandalia.

“Township leaders will continue to do whatever they can to either stop further annexation attempts or find ways to make the best of a challenging situation,” said Vogel.

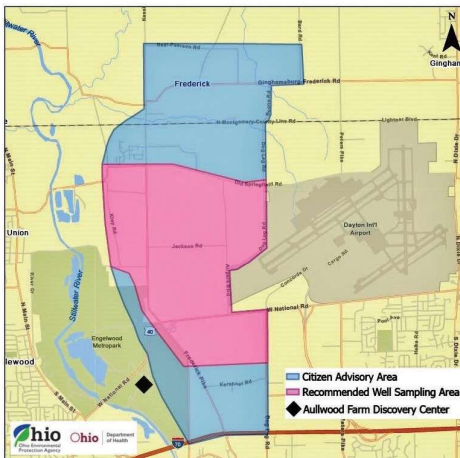
Second Round of Testing Underway

Butler Township trustees continue to respond to the issue of water contamination with PFAS. In the best interest of residents, they most recently extended well testing.

Properties located in the “Citizen Advisory Area” and those that hadn’t been tested in the “Recommended Testing Area,” were offered free testing. Residents in both areas were notified by mail if they were eligible for the testing and instructed how to sign up.

The goal of the testing is to identify PFAS contaminant levels and provide residents the tools to make educated decisions about their drinking water, including health-effects information and treatment-system options.

In April, trustees met with residents to report the results of the first round of testing, which was carried out in collaboration with Montgomery County. Of the 155 locations tested in the “Recommended Testing Area,” 85 had NO detection of PFAS compounds,



two locations exceeded the current Ohio EPA action level of 70 parts per trillion and 68 wells had detections below Ohio EPA action levels.

Additional information about the PFAS contamination issue and the township’s response is available on the township’s website. Township Administrator Erika Vogel is also available to answer questions at 937-898-6735 ext. 101, or evogel@butlertownship.com.