



# BUTLER TOWNSHIP BRIEFLY

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

## **Township prepares for total solar eclipse**

Due to our location at I-70 and I-75, and being in the path of full totality, the April 8 solar eclipse is expected to lead to an increase of visitors to the township's hotels and businesses, and a corresponding increase in the need for township services. To prepare, Butler Township Police Chief, John Porter and Fire Chief, Dan Alig are increasing their staffing levels around that date. You can find out more about the eclipse, safety information, and events happening across Ohio at: [ema.ohio.gov/media-publications/ohio-total-solar-eclipse](https://ema.ohio.gov/media-publications/ohio-total-solar-eclipse).

## **Land use plan update process now officially underway**

The Butler Township land use plan update steering committee held its first meeting on February 22. This committee – comprising residents, business owners, zoning board representatives, township staff, and other stakeholders – will help determine the community's needs and assist in developing the vision and goals accordingly. A website about the updating process is being created and will go live soon; it will be used for feedback surveys and to house information to keep the public informed throughout the project.

The draft plan will be developed through a series of public meetings, events, and online engagement over the next several months. The steering committee will continue to meet and weigh in on the plan's development. In early Fall 2024, the draft plan will be presented to the public for additional review and comments. It is anticipated that the final plan will be ready for formal adoption by the Board of Trustees toward the end of this year.

It is important that all township stakeholders engage with this process, as the updated plan will guide future land use and development in the township for the next 10 to 15 years. We encourage you to visit the website when it goes live (we'll be sure to let you know!), provide feedback through the online survey, and attend the public meetings and events (we'll let you know about those, too!).

## **Brumbaugh Construction awarded Benchwood Station Improvement contract**

Butler Township Trustees approved a resolution to enter Phase II of the project management agreement with the Montgomery County Transportation Improvement District (TID) to oversee the construction of the improvements to Miller Lane and Benchwood Road. The TID awarded the construction contract to Brumbaugh Construction. Brumbaugh anticipates beginning construction in April 2024 and to have the project substantially completed by December 2024.

In addition to being a great amenity for residents, the Benchwood Station business district provides more than \$2.5 million in revenue annually to Butler Township, which helps fund township services and improvements within the district.

## **New multi-family development proposed**

Woodard Development has submitted a preliminary plan to develop 45 townhomes on Moss Glenn Court and six

apartment buildings, housing 166 one, two, and three-bedroom market-rate apartments on Singing Ridge Boulevard. The total development encompasses 12 acres of vacant land zoned PD-3 (Planned Mixed-Use District). The Zoning Commission public hearing to consider this plan is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 18 at the Butler Township Meeting Hall (3780 Little York Road). If you have questions about this plan, please contact Nathan Farmer, Community Planner, at [nfarmer@butlertownship.com](mailto:nfarmer@butlertownship.com).

#### **Watch Trustee meetings from the comfort of your home!**

Trustee meetings are now streaming live via the township's YouTube channel (@ButlerTownshipOhio) to make it easier for residents to follow the business of the township. However, viewers will not be permitted to comment online during the live meeting, the public is encouraged to attend the meetings in person if they want to share thoughts or concerns with the board. Regular board meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

#### **From the Police Department**

The department handled 1,945 calls for service in January and took 61 case reports, which resulted in a total of 72 people being charged or arrested. Officers conducted 671 business checks, 378 neighborhood patrols and 78 vacation home checks. Officer Streck and K9 Mando were involved in 22 detection deployments and four patrol deployments last month. They were responsible for 15 drug seizures, 16 drug paraphernalia seizures and the recovery of two handguns.

#### **EMS personnel receive court training**

EMS personnel with the Butler Township Fire Department participated in a mock trial this month related to a mock EMS incident. This training helps prepare EMS personnel for potential court proceedings.

#### **Service Department ahead of schedule**

The mild winter temperatures have allowed the road crew to get ahead of schedule, completing visual inspections of all catch basins and manholes in the township, to document needed repairs.

#### **Township mourns passing of Gary Spoltman**

Butler Township would like to send its condolences to the family of Gary Spoltman, who passed away in January. Gary was well-known throughout the township, having been an active member of the Vandalia-Butler community and many service organizations, as well as serving for over 30 years on the Butler Township Zoning Commission, and Butler Township's Citizen of the Year for Outstanding Community Service in both 2001 and 2002.

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