



# 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...

## **Comprehensive Plan website now available**

The comprehensive plan project website is now live and can be accessed from the [Butler Township website home page](#). This website gives information about the project, tracks its progress and has surveys for community feedback. There is currently a [live survey](#) we encourage residents to complete. We would also appreciate help sharing the information with family, friends, neighbors, business partners and other stakeholders.

## **Multi-family developments update**

On March 18, the Zoning Commission held a public hearing to review a preliminary plan for a proposed multi-family development along Singing Ridge Boulevard and Moss Glenn Court. The Reinke Group presented the proposal on behalf of Woodard Development. The preliminary plan proposes 166 market rate apartment units along Singing Ridge and Cloverleaf Road as well as 45 for-sale townhome units along Moss Glenn. The property is zoned for planned, mixed-use development. The Zoning Commission voted to table the case with a request for more information from the developer.

## **Traffic improvements for 2 busy intersections**

The Montgomery County Engineer's Office has notified Butler Township officials of changes for the intersections of Dog Leg Road and Meeker Road and Frederick Road and Meeker Road. These intersections will be converted from two-way stops to all-way stops on April 15. Stop signs and advanced warning signs will be installed at all locations. In addition, two speed humps will be installed to reduce speed and alert drivers of the stop signs. One speed hump will be on Dog Leg Road between Frederick Pike and Meeker Road. The other will be on Meeker Road between Frederick Pike and Dog Leg Road.

This change came about following ongoing safety concerns at this location and a safety study performed by the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Montgomery County Engineer's Office. The county has agreed to take on the ongoing maintenance of the speed humps, as part of this improvement.

## **From the Police Department**

The department handled 2,022 calls for service in February and took 128 case reports, which resulted in a total of 71 people being charged or arrested. Officers conducted 681 business checks, 352 neighborhood patrols and 88 vacation home checks. Officer Streck and K9 Mando were involved in 21 detection deployments and seven patrol deployments last month. Two new officers – Joshua Achs and Zhante Elliott – were hired in February; both have recently completed the Sinclair Police Academy and

are in field training.

### **Police Department hosts Annual Department Meeting and Awards for 2023**

On March 13, the department held its annual department meeting and awards for 2023. Five officers were recognized for their various achievements and public service.

Sergeant Amy Carr and Officer James Hawkins received the Exceptional Service Award with Valor for rescuing a citizen and her dogs from a house fire last November.

Officer Adam Cruea received the Letter of Recognition for his natural leadership, his professional demeanor, and repeatedly going above and beyond in his service to the township.

Officer Amanda Chiles was recognized with a Purple Heart after receiving a severe debilitating injury while affecting an arrest on a potentially violent suspect who was armed with guns and knives.

Finally, Detective Robert Linderman earned Officer of the Year 2023 for his outstanding service and performance in 2023. Linderman served as a patrol officer until July 2023 when he was selected as a detective. In April 2023, he responded and assisted a Huber Heights officer who was involved in the shooting of an armed domestic violence suspect, offering immediate first aid to the suspect until medics arrived. As a detective, he continues to be a top performer with the department, handling numerous serious misdemeanor and felony investigations.

### **Service Department updates**

The Service Department has been busy this past month...

- The Street Sweeper completed its second round through the township.
- The first of four scheduled cemetery cleanups have been completed for 2024.
- Berm work on North County Line Road has been completed.
- Ditch maintenance has been completed on Kershner Road and Brantford Road.
- Right-of-way trash pickup has been completed at Brantford, Trimdale, and Meeker roads.
- Cloverleaf mulch beds and right-of-way cleanup has been completed.
- Finally, the service department is now registered with the state to do in-house CDL training.

### **Open burning regulations**

This time of year, Butler Township Fire Department receives many calls about open burning. The Ohio DNR Forestry prohibits outdoor open burning and prescribed fires in the months of March, April, May, October, and November between 6 AM and 6 PM. This ban includes the burning of yard waste, trash, and debris, including in a proper burn barrel. Even outside the time and date restrictions, any person conducting a burn must obtain landowner permission, remain with the fire while it is burning, and take all reasonable precautions to prevent the fire from escaping. Here are some standard rules in place with respect to open burning:

- Fires must be more than 1000 feet from neighbor's inhabited building.
- No burning when air pollution alert, warning, or emergency is in effect.
- Fire nor smoke cannot obscure visibility on roadways, railways or airfields.
- No waste generated off the premises may be burned.
- No burning within village or city limits or restricted areas.

For more information regarding open burning, you can either contact the Ohio Division of Forestry at 1-(877)-247-8733, the Ohio EPA at (614) 644-2270, or visit the [Ohio EPA Open Burning webpage](#).

#### **Youth in Government success**

On March 19, Butler High School students were paired up with local government officials at Butler Township, Vandalia, and the Vandalia-Butler School District for Youth in Government Day. Junior class students spent the day learning about how local governments operate and the value and importance of public service. Thanks to the [Vandalia-Butler Optimist Club](#) for organizing this long-standing program for our youth.

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