PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER©

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2008 Dates To Remember

Board of Trustees*		Zoning Commission*	
Wednesday	**Sept. 3**	**Monday**	**Sept. 8**
Wednesday	**Sept. 17**		
Wednesday	**Oct. 1**	**Monday**	**Oct. 13**
Wednesday	**Oct 15**		
## Tuesday	***Nov. 4***	***Election Day ##***	
Wednesday	**Nov. 5**	**Monday**	**Nov. 13**
Wednesday	**Nov. 19**		

**All meetings at Providence Township Fire Station #1, 8149 Main, Neapolis at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated*

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- The Providence Township Board of Trustees meets on the first and third Wednesdays of every month, at 7:00 p.m. at the Providence Township Fire Station #1, 8149 Main St., Neapolis, Ohio.
- The Township has recycling bins, located at the Township Hall. NO DUMPING OF GARBAGE OR TRASH ALLOWED. View the recycling guidelines online at: www.co.lucas.oh.us/lcswd/Residential_DropOff.asp
- Green address signs are available. They may be purchased at a cost of $10.00. Price includes sign and numbers. Please call 419-875-6531 in advance to make purchase arrangements.
- Cemetery plot decorations are removed each year by Township employees on March 15th.

Fire Levy Public Info Meetings Sept. 10 & Oct. 29

Residents are invited to two public info meetings for the Fire and Rescue Levy. The meetings are Wednesday September 10 and Wednesday October 29 at 7 p.m. at Fire Station # 1 in Neapolis.

At the July 2, 2008 regular meeting the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to place a 5-year, 2-1/2 mill **renewal levy** for Fire and Rescue Department operations before Township residents. If approved at on the **November 4, 2008** General Election this levy would replace an existing 5-year, 2-1/2 mill levy that expired on December 31, 2007. **This is a renewal not a new tax.**

2006-2008 Service Update - Initiatives Implemented by Providence Township

- Web site
- Newsletter (mailed and on-line)
- Township road condition assessment
- Township equipment replacement schedule
- Township road maintenance plan
- Updated and adopted comprehensive cemetery regulations
- Adopted an Employee Handbook
- Proactive management of US 24 issues
- Mutual Aid agreements with Liberty and Washington Townships
- Ongoing assessment of potential public water sources
- Participation in Swan Creek Watershed Pilot Project
- Participation in Lucas County Flood Plain digital mapping
- Maximize in-house vehicle and equipment maintenance
- Active pursuit of grants to save tax dollars
- Adopted a Public Records Policy
- Peer township employee comparison survey
- Audit Exit Interview with State Auditor's Office

NEWSLETTER/WEB POLICY

The Providence Township Newsletter is the only official newsletter document that the Township mails to residents.
The only official Providence Township web site is: www.providencetwp.org.

Any other documents mailed, or web sites that appear to be or look to be from the Township, may not be from the Township. If you have questions regarding the authenticity of a document please fell free to contact the Trustees or Fiscal Officer.

Newsletter and web site content is limited to official Township business conducted by the Trustees, its committees, commissions, and departments.

Zoning Inspector

The number of zoning permits applications year-to-date totals 15. This compares to 13 in 2007 and 27 in 2006. The ratio of zoning permits to non-zoning certificates is about the same over the past three years.

There have been some instances of building code violations where residents have performed construction/alteration activities without the proper permits. Please be reminded that permits for zoning, certificates for non-zoning, Health Department, driveway access, and building/remodeling are all, or in part, required for construction projects. When in doubt about permit requirements call the Zoning Inspector (419-877-0156) or the Lucas County Building Regulations Department (419-213-2990).

Recently we have been in contact with potential road building contractors for the US 24 Bypass regarding township regulation of Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) borrow pits. Borrow pits can be defined as the source of fill material required for the construction of intersections, overpasses, roadway elevation facilities, etc. These contractors will be conducting soil sampling surveys, and where soil quality and locations are desirable, will contact property owners for the sale of soil, sand, and gravel.

The Township Zoning Commission will request that the Lucas County Planning Commission draft a proposal for a text amendment to the Township Zoning Resolution that will address the regulation of borrow pit construction as to property line set backs, depth, side slope ratio, side preparation, size, and overflow draining. Much of text will follow the current township zoning resolution language on pond regulation and the Ohio Revised Code (ORC)

If have questions please contact the Zoning Inspector at 419-877-0156.

Chair and New Members Appointed to Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA)

Joe Box has been appointed as chair of the BZA. Also appointed by the Trustees at the July 16, 2008 meeting are new BZA members Mac McCann - regular member and Dave Underwood - alternate member. *BZA members must live in the zoned area.* If you have questions, or would like to be involved with the BZA contact any of the Township Trustees.

Zoning Commission Seeks Two Alternate Members

The Zoning Commission meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Providence Twp. Fire Station #1, 8149 Main Street, Neapolis. Contact Zoning Chair William Lowry (419-832-2211) or any of the Township Trustees for more information.

Clearing of Right of Ways

NOTICE: To promote safety and improve maintenance Township employees are removing all prohibited obstructions *(crops, trees, shrubs, brush, etc.)* from Township road rights-of-way and intersections. At intersections farmers are asked to cut back crops to ensure that views are not obstructed and safe driving conditions affected.

Melon Fest IV Street Closures September 6

The following Neapolis streets will be closed Saturday, September 6 from 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. for Melon Fest IV: Central at Main, Central at the alley near the Neapolis Church of Christ, 13833 Central, and Meredith at the alley next to Fire Station #1.

Providence Township Fire and Rescue

From The Chief:
A reminder that is important that your address be posted on your mailbox or near the road to enable safety personnel to easily find you in an emergency. Green address signs may be purchased at the Township Hall/Maintenance Facility 13257 Perry Road. Cost for a sign and numbers is $10.00.

There is no open burning in Providence Township without an Ohio EPA permit. The correct application form can be picked up at Fire Station #1, 8149 Main Street, in Neapolis. This form must then be submitted to the Ohio EPA for their review. For more information see the Ohio EPA web site: **www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/general/openburning.html**

Special thanks to Terry Trane for donating his time and labor to install new tile floors in Fire Station #1. This generous donation saved the township just under $4,000.

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Chief Terry Schreiber

May-June-July 2008 Emergency Calls

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)	64 calls
Fire	22 calls
Motor Vehicle Crashes (MVC)	6 calls
Public Service	8 calls
May-June-July 2008 Total Calls	**100 calls**
Providence Twp	57 calls
Swancreek Twp	17 calls
Swanton Twp	22 calls

Open Burning

Information regarding State of Ohio open burning regulations can be found at the Ohio EPA web site: **www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/general/openburning.html**

In Lucas County call Lynn Pedro at (419) 376-3767.

Part-Time: 19 Emergency Calls were handled by our part-time personnel.
Volunteer: 31 Emergency Calls were handled by our volunteer personnel.

Mutual Aid calls (4) Swanton, Delta, and Washington Township.
Mutual Aid received (1) Whitehouse.

Box/Manore Rd. Stop Sign Change

In preparation for the U.S. 24 bypass, stop control signs have been reversed at the intersection of Box Rd. and Manore Rd.

Traffic on Manore Road will now stop for traffic on Box Road.

Lucas County Department Numbers

Building Regulations	(419) 213-2990
Engineer's Office	(419) 213-4540
Planning Commission	(419) 245-1200
Health Department	(419) 213-4100
Mosquito Control	(419) 726-7891
Soil and Water	(419) 893-1966
Auditor	(419) 213-4340