



NORWICH

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Serving You Better

If you reside in Norwich Township, Brown Township or the City of Hilliard, your fire and EMS services are provided by the Norwich Township Fire Department. The Northwest Regional Emergency Communications Center (NRECC) handles our police, fire, EMS, and 911 dispatching services. If you would like your residence “flagged” in their Computer Aided Dispatch System (CAD) with special information, we ask you contact them with following information.



This information will allow our agencies to help serve you better in the event you need our services in an emergency.

Examples of special information can include, but not limited to:

- Placement of a house key
- Key or lock box location
- Access codes for garage doors or gates (yard or driveway)
- Confined to a bed or wheelchair
- Hearing issues including usage of a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf

Please contact their CAD Manager/911 Liaison via phone or email: Michael Pineault at (614)410-4829 or by email at mpineault@dublin.oh.us or CADTEAM@dublin.oh.us. If he is not in his office, please leave a detailed message and he will return your call as soon as possible.

FIRE or MEDICAL EMERGENCY DIAL: 9-1-1 or (614)766-1112

A Farewell and A New Beginning



After 34 years with Norwich Township, Steve Montgomery has announced his retirement. He has spent the last 30 years as the Township’s Cemetery Sexton and Road Superintendent. During his tenure, Steve has taken great pride in the maintenance of the Wesley Chapel Cemetery and has assisted families with the burial process, ensuring that they were treated with the utmost respect.

Montgomery’s successor is Robbie Thomas, who has worked with the department and with Steve for the past seven years. “Robbie brings knowledge and great ideas to our Road and Cemetery Department,” says Norwich Township Administrator, Jamie Fisher. The Township wishes Steve and his family all the best in his retirement and Robbie all the best in his new role.

2016 TRUSTEE MEETINGS

- JANUARY 5, 12:00 PM
- JANUARY 19, 6:00 PM
- FEBRUARY 2, 12:00 PM
- FEBRUARY 16, 6:00 PM
- MARCH 1, 12:00 PM
- MARCH 1, 11:30 AM*
- MARCH 15, 6:00 PM
- APRIL 5, 12:00 PM
- APRIL 19, 6:00 PM
- MAY 3, 12:00 PM
- MAY 17, 6:00 PM
- JUNE 7, 12:00 PM
- JUNE 21, 6:00 PM
- JULY 5, 12:00 PM
- JULY 19, 6:00 PM
- AUGUST 2, 12:00 PM
- AUGUST 16, 6:00 PM
- SEPTEMBER 6, 12:00 PM
- SEPTEMBER 20, 6:00 PM
- OCTOBER 4, 12:00 PM
- OCTOBER 18, 6:00 PM
- NOVEMBER 1, 12:00 PM
- NOVEMBER 15, 6:00 PM
- DECEMBER 6, 12:00 PM
- DECEMBER 20, 6:00 PM

The public is always welcome to attend.

**Records Commission Annual Meeting*

MEETINGS ARE HELD AT:

Norwich Township
Safety Services Building
5181 Northwest Parkway



Services Provided to Norwich Township Residents

MEETING ROOM SPACE: We have several meeting rooms that are available to both Norwich Township and City of Hilliard residents. Community groups, sponsors of educational and cultural events, and Norwich Township/City of Hilliard residents are welcome to reserve these meeting rooms between the hours of 8:00 am and 9:00 pm, when the schedule permits. Meeting rooms are located at the Safety Services Building at 5181 Northwest Parkway and at Fire Station 83 at 4283 Davidson Road. If you would like more information visit our website at www.norwichtownship.org or contact the Norwich Township Administration office at (614)876-7694.

CHILD CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECKS: Did you know child car seat safety checks are scheduled at the Norwich Township Fire Department? They are offered at no cost through Central Ohio Safe Kids and take place on the first Friday and the third Saturday of each month. If you would like to schedule an appointment, contact us at (614)876-7694. Please plan on 30 minutes for each car seat check. If you would like to include a second vehicle, please schedule two appointment times.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC: Franklin County Public Health offers an Immunization Clinic at Fire Station 83 on the second Wednesday of each month by appointment. Required childhood immunizations are available for a \$15 fee per shot for children one month to 18 years of age. For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit www.myfcph.org or call (614)525-3719.

MONTHLY CPR CLASSES: The Norwich Township Fire Department offers monthly American Heart Association sponsored CPR training classes. We currently offer three different classes that rotate: Healthcare Provider CPR (\$45.00), designed to certify or recertify Healthcare providers; Heartsaver CPR (\$35), designed for those who may have a duty to respond (lifeguards, daycare providers) or want to be able to respond; and Family and Friends CPR for those who want to learn CPR but do not need certification (no fee). These classes are all held at our Safety Services Building, 5181 Northwest Parkway, in the Jim Rice Room - Room D. For more information, visit our website at www.norwichtownship.org or contact the Norwich Township Administration Offices at (614)876-7694.

REFUSE AND RECYCLING: Norwich Township contracts with Local Waste Services (www.localwasteservices.com) for waste disposal services for unincorporated residents. To arrange for services, contact the company directly at (614)409-9375. A representative will be able to help with collection days/dates and determine if a Senior Discount is available.

You may also contact Local Waste Services to arrange for a recycle bin. We keep a supply at our Safety Services building for your convenience. Stop by Monday through Friday between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm to pick one up.

For more information visit www.norwichtownship.org.

NTFD Christmas Toy and Food Collection



Norwich Township Fire Department is pleased to work with the Hilliard Community Assistance Council and area churches, such as Cornerstone Christian Fellowship Church and Hilliard United Methodist Church to distribute Christmas toys and food to those in need and living in the Hilliard School District. Our local Union 1723 supports this collection and also distributes toys to Children's Hospital.

Toys and food are collected all year long, but are collected mainly from the Friday after Thanksgiving Day through Christmas Eve. Gifts or gift cards for teens are always needed. Fire Station 83 at 4283 Davidson Road is the primary drop-off location, however toys and food can be dropped off at any of our three fire stations.

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Keep Your Holidays From Going Up in Flames

Mildred Brooks, Fire Prevention Bureau

For most of us, the holiday season represents a time for family festivities and good cheer. What few of us consider is that the holiday season is a time when there is an increased risk of home fires. According to the Norwich Township Fire Department (NTFD), many households engage in holiday activities that serve as some of the leading causes of U.S. home fires. These activities include cooking, Christmas trees, candle usage, and holiday decorations.

Fortunately, with a little added awareness and some minor adjustments to holiday cooking and decorating, the season can remain festive and safe for everyone. “By taking some preventive steps and following simple rules of thumb, most home fires can be prevented,” says Eric Manske, NTFD Fire Marshal.

With unattended cooking as the leading cause of U.S. home fires and home fire injuries, Fire Marshal Manske recommends staying in the kitchen while frying, grilling, or broiling food. Since most cooking fires involve the stovetop, keep flammables at a distance and turn off the stove when you leave the kitchen. Whether using the stovetop or oven, check food regularly and use a timer as a reminder. NTFD also suggests creating a “kid-free zone” of at least three feet around the stove and areas where hot food and drinks are prepared or carried.

When it comes to decorating for the holidays, candles are widely used in homes, which is why December is the peak month for home candle fires. The nonprofit National Fire Protection Association’s (NFPA) statistics show that two of every five home decoration fires are started by candles. NTFD encourages all residents to consider using flameless candles. However, if you use traditional candles, keep them at least 12” away from anything flammable, and remember to blow them out when you leave the room or go to bed. Use candle holders that are sturdy, will not tip over, and are placed on uncluttered surfaces. Avoid using candles in the bedroom where one-third of U.S. candle fires begin or other areas where people may fall asleep. Lastly, never leave a child or pet alone in a room with a burning candle.

According to NFPA, U.S. fire departments respond to an average of 230 home fires caused by Christmas trees per year. One of every three of these fires are caused by electrical problems, and one in six result from a heat source that is too close to the tree. The NTFD offers the following advice for picking, placing, and lighting your tree:

- For artificial trees, be sure it is labeled, certified, or identified by the manufacturer as fire-retardant.
- For fresh trees, water your tree daily. Dry trees are more flammable. Your tree is dry if the needles fall off when touched.
- Make sure your tree is not blocking an exit. Keep your tree at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, space heaters, radiators, candles, heat vents, or lights.
- Use indoor decorative lights that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Replace worn or broken strings of lights that have loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer’s instructions for the maximum number of light strands that can be connected together.
- Never use lit candles to decorate your tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving your home or going to bed.
- Get rid of your tree after Christmas. Dried-out trees are a fire hazard and should not be left in your home or garage.
- Local Waste Services will pick up trees for recycling on your regular trash day. Do not place your tree in a plastic bag, and remove all decorations before placing it outside for pickup.

By following these fire prevention tips you can greatly reduce the risk of fire in your home and enjoy a safe holiday season. “The holidays can quickly turn from joyful to tragic when a fire occurs,” says Fire Marshal Manske. “By taking simple precautions, people can avoid potential fire hazards, and make this time of year a healthy and happy one.”

Visit www.nfpa.org/holiday for more information and safety tips.



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Seeing Red?

Have you driven by our Safety Services building recently and wondered why it was illuminated in red? The 34th annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service was October 4, 2015. In remembrance of the 87 fallen firefighters, the accent lighting was changed to red and the flags were flown at half-staff through the week.

You may see the building illuminated in additional colors in the future as we recognize others in the community for their services.



Sparky's New Look

Sparky, the National Fire Prevention Association Mascot and our Norwich Township Fire Department friend, has been freshly "groomed" to go with his friendly nature and "groove." He is in the public quite often, most recently at our Old Hilliard Days Festival and is being told he is quite the handsome dog! Please do not hesitate to stop and say "Hi!" when you see him.



Blood Drive

NORWICH TWP SAFETY SERVICES BUILDING MEETING ROOM
 5181 NORTHWEST PARKWAY, HILLIARD
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27 • 9:00AM-1:00PM

To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org, Sponsor Code: NorwichTwp.

"Pint for a Pint", get a coupon for a pint of Culvers frozen custard. Enter to win a Hocking Hills getaway to the Inn & Spa at Cedar Falls plus a zip line tour!

Come to give and receive a FREE Red Cross spoon and celebrity chef recipes, while supplies last!