

NORWICH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER



NORWICH TOWNSHIP
1813

Volume 13, Issue 3

October 2007

2007

Norwich Township Meeting Schedule

Oct. 29	6:30 PM
Nov. 12	12:00 PM
Nov. 26	6:30 PM
Dec. 10	12:00 PM
Dec. 24	No meeting
Dec. 27	10:00 AM

Meetings are held at:

Norwich Township
Fire Station 83
Community Room
4283 Davidson Road

If you have questions,
please call 876-7694.

**Did you know that
Norwich Township
is on the Web?
Check us out at
www.norwichtownship.org**

CONSTRUCTION OF NORWICH TOWNSHIP JOINT SAFETY SERVICES BUILDING UNDER WAY

The ground breaking ceremony for the new Norwich Township Joint Safety Services Building was held October 10 at 4164 Avery Rd. It was attended by the Norwich Township Board of Trustees, as well as members of the Norwich Township Fire Department, Hilliard Police Department, and Hilliard City Council. Norwich Township Fire Station 81 is currently being remodeled with a major addition being added.

This new joint safety services building, designed by the architectural firm Meacham & Apel, is the first of its kind in Ohio. The new building will be a 63,527 square foot facility with 24,142 square feet being occupied by the Norwich Township Fire



Department, 29,265 square feet being occupied by the Hilliard Police Department and 10,120 square feet being shared space between the two. The total cost for this new facility will be \$9,434,725, of which Norwich Township will be using existing funds to cover this expense. The City of Hilliard will make lease payments to Norwich Township for the next 30 years to cover their portion

of the building cost.

Altman Construction is the General Contractor for this project. Bids for the other services were awarded as follows:

Electric –
Converse Electric
HVAC –
TP Mechanical
Plumbing –
Radico, Inc.
Fire Protection –
Dalmatian Fire, Inc.

The estimated completion date for this project is December, 2008. In the meantime, fire personnel from Station 81 will be relocated to a temporary building at 3760 Municipal Way, near the Hilliard Police Department. Also, all of the Township and Fire Administrative Offices have been moved to Norwich Township Fire Station 83 at 4283 Davidson Road.





Where Do Your Tree Leaves Go?

Storm water comes from rain and melting snow that does not soak into the ground. It flows over rooftops, paved areas, and sloped lawns to storm drains in our streets and then flows to our streams, creeks, and rivers. Pollutants from the streets and gardens are carried in storm water. Though we may not think about it too often, or not at all, how we care for our lawns and yards directly affects our streams and rivers, which also affects our drinking water. Whether we live near or far from a river, eventually our storm water will end in a river. Simple solutions for lawn care can improve water quality and habitat quality in our waterways. We can *easily* contribute to enhancing our rivers.

Leaves and grass clippings left on sidewalks, driveways, alleys and streets are washed into storm drains where they decay. This decaying plant material releases bacteria, oxygen-consuming materials, nitrogen, and phosphorus into our waterways. These nutrients throw off the fragile balance of plant and animal life in rivers. Leaves and grass clippings may also accumulate and obstruct storm drains, causing them to function improperly or even flood. Small steps to protect our waterways from these pollutants include:

- Leave grass clippings on the lawn
- Use lawn bags to dispose of yard waste
- Compost grass clippings and leaves in the backyard; some communities have composting centers available
- Sweep up or recycle clippings that are on sidewalks, driveways, and alleys

These four simple solutions to protect storm water can lead to happier and healthier people, rivers, plants, and wildlife. Article courtesy of Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District.



Trick or Treating is October 31

6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Halloween is a fun day for kids, but caution and safety should be considered. Below are a few tips for a safe and fun Halloween for the whole family:

- Ensure a parent or guardian accompanies the kids when they go out trick or treating.
- Older kids, going out with friends, should stay within the neighborhood and walk along a well lit route.
- Do not enter homes or apartments without adult supervision.
- Only visit those homes in which you know the families.
- Remind them to look both ways when they cross the street.
- Walk, do not run, from house to house.
- Walk on sidewalks, not in the street.
- Don't accept any rides from strangers or talk to them either.
- Avoid pets you don't know.
- Make sure masks do not obstruct your child's vision.
- Give your kids a time when they should return home.
- Advise your kids not to eat any treat before they come home.
- After your kids bring home their treats, inspect everything in their treat bag.
- Check for any holes in candy or candy bars or partially open candies.
- Throw out baked goods that are homemade, unless you know the origin.
- When in doubt, throw it out!

FIREFIGHTERS HELP JERRY'S KIDS

Every year, firefighters from across the country band together to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. This year's total eclipsed last year's by almost three million dollars. The International Association of Fire Fighters continues to be the largest contributor to the MDA, raising over \$25 million of the total \$63 million raised.



charity auction which is a great success. This year's auction was called by one of Norwich Township Fire Department's own retired fire fighters, Jerry Carey. The Fill-a-boot campaign was especially successful this year with just over \$10,000 collected over three days at various intersections in town.

The Fire Department would like to express its sincere thanks to the citizens of Norwich Township who were gracious enough to open their hearts and wallets for such a great charity. For additional information, visit the MDA website at www.mdausa.org.

Since taking on MDA as its charity of choice in 1954, the IAFF has raised over \$300 million total. Money raised pays for research to help find cures for the over 40 neuromuscular disorders that the MDA encompasses. In addition to research, the money raised also goes a long way in helping the children

afflicted with these diseases live a more normal life. Things such as wheel chairs and other equipment are purchased with money raised. Also, this money goes towards summer camp which includes activities specifically geared towards the children with

Neuromuscular Disease.

This year, the Norwich Township Fire Department IAFF Local 1723 raised \$19,440. This total was raised between three events: a golf outing, car show and the Fill-a-Boot campaign that takes place each year. The golf outing is always followed by a

Is Norwich Township Receiving your BMV License Tax?

What do 99 percent of you reading this article have in common? You drive a vehicle. In order to drive in Ohio, you must pay an annual vehicle license fee. A portion of the license plate tax that residents of the unincorporated areas of Norwich Township pay is returned to the township for use in road repairs and maintenance.

To ensure that your tax dollars get paid to Norwich Township, please take a moment to verify with the BMV that Norwich Township is listed on your vehicle registration prior to renewal. If you renew your license plates by mail or via a third party, such as a leasing company, please verify that Norwich Township is designated as the recipient of the tax dollars. If you do not specifically designate Norwich Township as the area where you live, the tax money will go to your mailing address, which in most cases, is the City of Hilliard.

One other important reminder for those residents who reside in the unincorporated areas of Norwich Township, upon registering a new vehicle or renewing an existing vehicle registration, you must specifically designate that you reside in Norwich Township only, not the City of Hilliard. By doing so, you will pay the correct registration fee which is approximately \$5 less per vehicle than the registration fee for City of Hilliard-Norwich Township residents.

The Norwich Township Fire Department has temporarily suspended performing child car seat checks at any of our locations until further notice. Any car seat questions may be directed to the Central Ohio Safe Kids Coalition at 645-7748.

PRSR STD
 U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
 COLUMBUS, OH
 PERMIT NO. 8766



**Norwich Township
 Fire Department**

Emergency 911

**Administrative Office:
 Fire Station 83**
 4283 Davidson Road
 876-7694

**Fire Department
 Contacts:**

Fire Chief:
 David Long

Assistant Fire Chief:
 Bob Kaufman

Fire Prevention Bureau:
 Capt. Reggie Brown

Safety/Training Bureau:
 Capt. Bill Midgley

EMS Coordinator:
 Capt. Vince Papa

Fire Station 81
 3760 Municipal Way

Fire Station 82
 2491 Walker Road
 527-6390



NORWICH TOWNSHIP

**Norwich Township
 Board of Trustees:**

Larry Earman, Chairman 876-4767
 Chuck Buck 876-5377
 James Rice 876-5227
 Jamie Miles,
 Township Fiscal Officer 876-7694
 Jamie_Miles@norwichtownship.org
 Wesley Chapel Cemetery Sexton
 Steve Montgomery 876-2236
 Wesley Chapel Cemetery is located at 3225 Dublin Road.

Norwich Township Administrative Offices are located at Fire Station 83, 4283 Davidson Road
 Phone: 876-7694 Fax: 777-9347
 Norwich Township Police Protection is provided by the Hilliard Police Department
 Emergency: 911 Non-Emergency: 876-7321

ORC 9.03 Allows Public Funds to be used for newsletters
 Norwich Township News Assistant Editor: Kris Lanning
 Norwich Township News Editor: Vincent Papa
 Norwich Township News Assistant Editor: Brian Beach

OCTOBER IS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

During the month of October, Norwich Township Firefighters will be teaching fire prevention to area elementary school students. Most Fire Departments provide Fire Prevention education to school age students. The Norwich Township Fire Department has always made fire prevention a high priority in the community. Kindergarten-aged students from each school in the Hilliard school district have the opportunity to visit the Fire Station and have a tour of the station, as well as a talk by firefighters about fire safety. During this visit, one firefighter will put on his fire gear so the students can learn not to be afraid of him. Firefighters then visit first through fifth grade students at each elementary school and give fire safety talks.



The visit to the third graders is the highlight for many students because they get to ride to the top of the ladder with a firefighter. Many of the talks given to the older students revolve around making sure that smoke detectors are in working order and that students help their families with escape plans in case

of fire. After elementary school, education continues with informational booklets handed out to sixth through eighth graders.

Any questions or comments about fire prevention can be answered by the Prevention Bureau at Fire Station 83 at 4283 Davidson Rd.



The recycle bins located behind Station 81 at 4164 Avery Road have been removed due to the construction of the new Norwich Township Joint Safety Services Building. You may contact Solid Waste Authority of Central (SWACO) at 614-871-5100 for other locations.