



# Nimishillen Narrative

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Quarterly Newsletter

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 2nd & 4th Thursday  
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 7:00 PM

## Nimishillen Township Launches "New" Newsletter

With this issue, Nimishillen Township Trustees are launching its newly revised newsletter as part of an overall plan being undertaken by the Board of Trustees to improve communications within the township. Other sources in the continuing effort to keep our residents informed include the township website and regular public meetings held at the township hall.

The **Narrative** is a quarterly publication and is mailed to every household in Nimishillen Township. Regular features in each issue will be news from each township division. In addition to a calendar of events look for the following:

• **Trustees Speak**, a message from the Board of Trustees.

- **Township Talk**, community messages of interest.
- **Eye on the Township**, fiscal and administrative updates.
- **Fire/EMS & Safety News**
- **Road Department Reports**
- **"Z" is for Zoning**
- **Trash Talk**, recycling & yard waste information. ♻️



Township Hall / Station #2

## Township Talk

EMS/Fire Facts...Residents ask questions

**Q: Living in the township, I want to know what does the Nimishillen Township Fire Dept. do for me?**

- We're your first responders when you call 9-1-1.
- We provide life saving care in an emergency thru paramedic advanced life support and we do not charge township residents for medical transport services.
- We're first on the scene with paramedic care: auto accidents, heart attacks, strokes, choking, burns, drowning and other medical emergencies.
- We respond to approximately 1,200 emergencies per year...an average

of more than three per day.

- We're your Homeland Security First Response Team.
- Hazardous materials emergencies
- Manmade & natural disasters
- Fire suppression, search and rescue operations
- Extrication operations from traffic crashes
- Confined space rescue operations
- We educate, train and help you prevent fires and accidents.
- CPR and First Aid emergency medical training/school education
- We operate a state of the art Regional Communications Center.

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**Q: What is the importance of response time in an emergency?**

Response time is critical to survival. When care is provided as soon as possible, the chance for a favorable outcome increases. Through decades of research The American Heart Association has developed the "Chain of Survival" as a sequence of events evolve. The sequence is as follows:

- ✓ 1) recognition of early warning signs
- ✓ 2) activation of emergency medical system
- ✓ 3) basic CPR
- ✓ 4) defibrillation
- ✓ 5) intubation
- ✓ 6) intravenous administration of medications

Nimishillen Township Fire Department becomes a part of the "Chain of Survival" at *Step 2*.

**Q: What are the key factors to insure my safety in an emergency?**

- Trained paramedics first on the scene ASAP
- Rapid response to your emergency
- Proper equipment, personnel and training to do the job
- Know what to do in an emergency

**Services provided by the fire department are not limited only to fire suppression. *The Mission of the NTFD is to:***

- Prevent and minimize the loss of life and property to the citizens and visitors to our community
- Provide emergency medical services, fire suppression, fire prevention, and public safety education
- Mitigate the consequences of natural and man-made disasters
- Provide non-emergency support services
- Safeguard the environment and economic base of our township/community
- Utilize highly skilled and trained personnel dedicated to quality customer services

*Training/Fire Prevention/Public Education* is also an important part of our daily operations. Our shift personnel have a daily schedule and a weekly training sessions. Fire Safety and education for adults and children is constantly in progress. Whether it is tour of a fire engine at a school, or a Cub Scout pack coming to a station for a safety talk, the doors to our stations are always open to the community for a visit. 🗣️

## Trustees Speak

Todd D. Bosley, Mike L. Lynch & Lisa R. Shafer



In order that residents of our township continue to receive the levels of Fire/EMS service they have come to expect, the Nimishillen Township Board of Trustees has placed a fire levy on the May 2 ballot. The Board of Trustees is seeking a new 6.0 mil Fire/EMS Levy, which will **replace** the existing 4.0 mil levy. Under the proposed 6.0 mil Fire/EMS Levy, the owner of a property with a market value for tax purposes of \$100,000 will cost \$5.10 more per month or only 17¢ per day.

The heart of this levy increase would ensure that the current staff of experienced paramedic firefighters will continue to serve the residents. Issue #17 will provide full time staffed EMS for your family, fast response times to your emergency calls 24 hours a day, and provide for continuation of community programs such as:

- Fire and EMS Community Awareness Day
- Smoke Detector & Battery Exchange Programs
- Smoke Safety House Programs for Our Kids

If the new 6.0 mil Fire/EMS Levy is passed by voters, the Township will continue its current practice of not billing residents for EMS responses,

which at today's current billing could be in excess of \$600 per call!

Nimishillen Township is a dynamic community. It is our sincere hope that you find our improved newsletter and web site to be useful tools that will provide you with helpful information regarding Nimishillen Township community functions, projects and services. The newsletter details the efforts of the appointed officials and township personnel.

The Nimishillen Township Trustees and staff are doing our best to provide our community with high quality services. It is our intention to continue to improve these efforts as we move forward. For this reason, it is our hope that the newsletter will provide you with a greater understanding of how your local government is working for you. 🗣️



# Eye on the Township

Carlene Harmon, Fiscal Officer



## TOWNSHIP CLERKS BECOME 'EXTINCT'

Fiscal Officer? I am now the Fiscal Officer or as an attorney might say 'fka' the township clerk! By virtue of Senate Bill 107, all Township Clerk's in Ohio become Township Fiscal Officers. The bill does not affect the fiscal or other duties of township clerks.

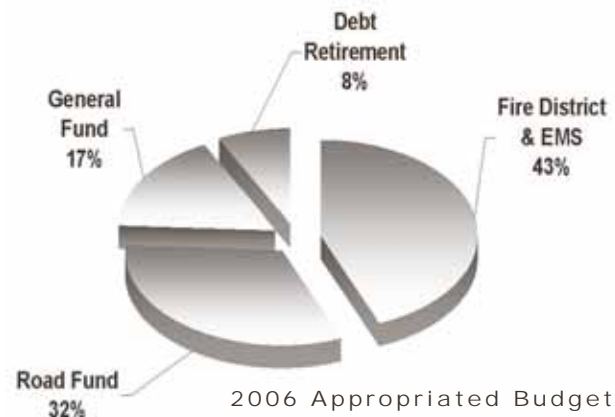
The impetus for this change was evidence that the Clerk's signature on official documents sounded too clerical and not sufficiently dignified, official or fiscal. The Fiscal Officer is an elected official and is independent of the Township Trustees. They are the legally designated fiscal officer and must keep an accurate record of all township accounts and transactions. It is our responsibility to comply with the legal requirements set for the fiscal officer's duties, to establish and practice rules for efficient management of the fiscal office and to follow good accounting practices in maintaining records and accounts.

I am pleased to announce the results of our most recent audit from the State of Ohio resulted in no findings for recovery or citations against our

township. The audit and the Annual Financial Report are available for public review at the Township Administration Building.

The Stark County Auditor has certified for 2006 a budget of \$3,590,002. The funds are appropriated into separate accounts as follows:

Fire District & EMS—\$1,577,700; Road Funds—\$1,140,600; General Fund—\$602,320; Debt Retirement—\$269,382. ☛



# Road Reports

Chris Peterson, Road Superintendent



Since becoming Road Superintendent, I have found myself faced with new and old challenges everyday. The road department staff has worked very hard to perform needed maintenance work on our equipment to make sure they are operating efficiently and effectively. We, at the same time, were keeping the roads drivable during the need for salting and plowing. The road crew has worked feverishly inside and around the garage grounds to make this facility more user friendly. The goal was organization and efficiency, resulting in them working and moving from job to job without wasting time looking for tools or supplies. The crews are currently sweeping, ditching and repairing streets in preparation for the mowing season which will start soon.

The township has joined the Stark County Engineers Office in two co-op programs for the purchase of highway salt and bidding road paving contracts. Participation in these programs will result in a savings of cost and time for the township highway department.



As you see the crews out this spring and summer, they will be doing extensive ditching, crossover/basin, piping repairs and mowing to keep the township looking good. Please give them your support. When you see 'Men Working' or 'Mowing' signs, PLEASE show you care and slow down. We want to make sure our employees get home safely to their families each night. They are working to keep the water flowing, the grass nicer, and the roadways better for all.

Please remember to use the yard waste collection and recycling center located at 4915 No. Nickelplate to dispose of yard waste, limbs, and leaves. The center is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and can be used by all Stark County residents. Please help us and do your part to keep the water flowing freely. Keep all trash and debris out of the natural and roadway ditches. If you have questions or concerns call the Road Department at **330-875-3511**. ☛

## "Z" is for Zoning

Keith Lasure, Zoning Inspector



Spring is here and it's the time of year we start to worry about certain seasonal health and safety issues as they relate to our zoning regulations. If you have any questions about requirements, please call the Zoning Office or check our website. We need for township property owners and residents to abide by the rules, so we want to remind you about certain regulations. Here are some reminders from the zoning office:

- Have the required proper fencing around swimming pools
- Keep your property clear of any junk, garbage, debris
- Grass/overgrowth is not permitted, keep grass mowed
- Remove old disabled vehicles as they can become a breeding ground for mosquitoes and the West Nile Virus



This property is not in compliance!

It takes a watchful eye from all residents to help me fulfill my obligation to you as Township Zoning Inspector.

Due to new State of Ohio EPA law regarding polluted runoff, we will be inspecting and testing areas for septic runoff into our storm sewers. Each of us can contribute to the problem without even realizing it. Each individual can play an important role by practicing conservation and by changing certain everyday habits.

### Ten things you can do to prevent stormwater runoff pollution:

- Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep debris from driveways, sidewalks and roads.
- Never dump anything down storm sewers.
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard.
- Compost your yard waste.
- Avoid pesticides; learn about Integrated Pest Management (IPM).
- Direct downspouts away from paved sources.
- Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway.
- Check car for leaks, and recycle motor oil.
- Pick up after your pet.
- Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly.

**For more information visit:**

[www.epa.gov/nps](http://www.epa.gov/nps) 

## Editor's Note

Tom & Tillie Kinsley



This newsletter is provided as a service by the Nimishillen Township Trustees as a means to keep all township residents, old and new, informed and up to date of township activities, services and happenings in this community.

Any inquiries, comments or other community activities and events you'd like added to our calendar of events are welcomed and should be directed to the township office at 330-875-9924.

## When you visit Township Administrative Offices

Trustees welcome visitors to the offices and look forward to helping you with your inquiries. Changes have been made to improve office space efficiency. Please note the 'Visitors Entrance' has been moved to the south side of the building and all who enter must check in at the secretary's window. Unfortunately, in today's workplace and most government buildings, security can be an issue and can no longer be taken for granted.

# Fire & Safety Richard Peterson, Fire Chief



### Free Blood Pressure Checks

Need your blood pressure checked? Weekly? Daily? Whatever the frequency, Nimishillen Firefighter/Paramedics are ready to serve you. Just stop by any of our fire stations and they will be glad to take your blood pressure for free. Your health and safety is our number one priority!

### Free Smoke Detectors & 9 Volt Batteries

Have you checked your smoke detector battery lately? Are you in need of a new smoke detector? Nimishillen Township Firefighters have worked hard to secure funding through grants and fundraisers to provide free smoke detectors and free 9 volt batteries to area residents. Stop by any of the fire stations and our staff will be glad to help you with your fire safety needs!

### Call Us for Your Next Cookout

Spring is here and summer cookouts and bonfires are soon to follow. Help us reduce the number of false alarms by calling the **Fire Department Dispatch Center at 330-875-3363** before you start your cookout. Remem-

ber to use only clean, dry wood and extinguish the fire when your cookout is over. Questions concerning Ohio's Open Burning Regulations can be directed to the local division of air pollution control at 330-489-3385.

### Help Us Find You

How easy would it be for firefighter/paramedics to find your home in the event of an emergency? Being able to find your residence or business is critical to aiding safety professionals. Are your house numbers clearly visible? If not, we can help. Firefighters can custom make a reflective address sign just for you. The cost is just \$10.00 and is usually available the next day. To place an order or if you have any questions, please call **Station #1 at 330-453-5880** and give the information directly to the staff. If they are out on a call just leave a message and someone will call you back. This makes a great gift for someone who has everything. Proceeds from the sale of the signs benefit the Smoke Detector Program, Burn Camp Kids and other Fire/EMS related programs. 📞

## Nimishillen Township Fire Department

Invites all area residents and families to a  
**Free Fire & EMS Awareness  
Pancake Breakfast/Open House**

**Sunday, April 30 ♦ 8:00 AM to Noon**

**4560 Broadway Avenue ♦ Station #1**

- ♦Free Blood Pressure Checks ♦Smoke Detectors
- ♦9v Batteries ♦Safety House for the Kids
- ♦Fire Safety & EMS Information



Come and meet  
**Dick Goddard,  
Hanford Dixon,  
Don Cockroft**



Chance to win a  
**Pool Table**  
proceeds  
benefiting NTFD

# Township/Community Events

## APRIL

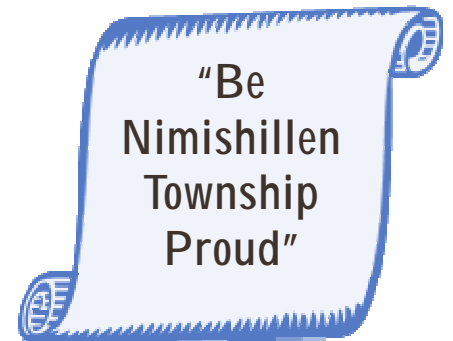
- 13 Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00 PM
- 27 Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00 PM
- 30 Pancake Breakfast/Open House 8 AM – Noon  
Station #1 4560 Broadway Ave.

## MAY

- 1 Zoning Board of Appeals 7:00 PM
- 2 VOTE Election Day
- 6 Farmers Market 9 to 1 Downtown Louisville
- 11 Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00 PM
- 25 Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00 PM
- 29 Memorial Day-Offices CLOSED

## JUNE

- 3 Farmers Market 9 to 1 Downtown Louisville
- 5 Zoning Board of Appeals 7:00 PM
- 8 Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00 PM
- 22 Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00 PM



Board of Trustees Meetings and Zoning Board Meetings are held at Twp Hall/Station #2 located at 4422 Maplegrove Ave. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Zoning Commission meets any Monday during the month, if warranted.

Occasionally the need for special meetings may arise. Check published and posted legal notices or call the office at 330-875-9924 to confirm all dates and times.

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