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# Nimishillen Narrative

Summer 2007

A Quarterly Newsletter

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2nd & 4th Thursday  
of the month  
7:00 PM

## Trustees Speak

Lisa R. Shafer, Mike L. Lynch & Allen E. Gress



**A**s a service to our township friends and neighbors, we send this summer edition of the *Nimishillen Narrative*. This newsletter is a means to keep all residents informed with up-to-date items of interest and the lines of communication open with your local government. We hope you will appreciate the information.

A lot is happening to keep this board of first term trustees busy. Amongst the three trustees, we share the responsibility of participating in various local government committees, councils, boards and agencies. Our active involvement, whether it be on the Stark County Council of Governments, Regional Planning Commission, Ohio Public Works Commission, Stark County Township Association or the Community Development Block

Grant program, helps us to better fulfill our roles as your voice in local government and is an immeasurable source of valuable knowledge that assists us daily in performing our duties as township trustees. We actively continue to research grant prospects, participate in co-op agreements and entertain mutual assistance opportunities from other governmental agencies that could benefit our Fire, Road and Zoning departments as well as the administrative sector. Our involvement is not just limited to the second and fourth Thursdays of the month.

We understand the trust placed in us by the public is integral to the performance of our duties. We are committed to honest and ethical behavior, and we will hold ourselves accountable to these values. The three trustees are available and willing to discuss residents' concerns. Our phone numbers are listed for your convenience. The summer schedule of our public meetings is listed in the Events Calendar on the back cover for your reference. 📞

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## Township Talk

EMS/Fire News



Join us for a  
**☆☆☆ Fire/EMS Community Awareness Day ☆☆☆**  
**Saturday, Sept. 29 ~ Noon to 4:00 PM**



### 2nd Annual Heroes Memorial 5K Run

and a Fun Run will be hosted by the  
Nimishillen Township Firefighters @ 8:00 AM

All events of the day will be at  
Fire Station #3—8000 Columbus Rd NE

Call 330-453-5880 for details.



## Fire & Safety

Richard Peterson, Fire Chief



**Play it Safe!** For many of us, summer means fun in the sun. The kids are out of school, adults are on vacation and it's time for outdoor activities. Nimishillen Township Fire and Rescue offer some summer safety tips:

- Wear a helmet and other safety gear when biking, skating and skateboarding, and when riding scooters, all-terrain vehicles, and horses. Studies have shown helmets can reduce the risk of head injury by as much as 85 percent.
- Make sure your home playground is safe. Falls cause 60% of playground injuries, so having a safe surface is critical. Concrete, asphalt or packed dirt surfaces are too hard.

### Swimming Pools

Our township has zoning regulations governing residential swimming pools, both inground and above ground. Contact the township zoning office for details. It is up to parents to comply with these regulations. Apart from these laws, parents who own pools can take their own precautions to reduce the chances of their youngsters accessing the family pool or spa without adult supervision. Use layers of protection to prevent a swimming pool tragedy. Most drownings in younger children occurred in the child's home pool when those children were left unsupervised for less than 5 minutes.

- Never leave a child unsupervised near a pool. During social gatherings appoint a "designated watcher". When adults become preoccupied, children are at risk.
- Do not consider young children "drown proof" because they have had swimming lessons; young children should always be watched while swimming. The use of flotation devices is not a substitute for supervision.
- Never use a pool with its pool cover partially in place, since children may become entrapped under it. Remove the cover completely.
- Learn CPR. Babysitters and other caretakers, such as grandparents and older siblings, should also know CPR.
- Keep rescue equipment by the pool. Be sure a telephone is poolside with emergency numbers posted nearby.

### Summer Fire Safety

Keep fire hazards under control wherever you are and with whatever you are doing. Whether camping, cooking out, or using a power mower, pay attention to fire and explosion prevention. The last thing you need during the upcoming hot summer months is an even higher temperature caused by uncontrolled fire. By following a few general

safety tips you can have a safe and enjoyable grilling experience.

- When grilling, position the grill away from siding and out from under any combustible overhang. Gas and charcoal grills should only be used outdoors.



- Make sure that your gas cylinders hoses and valves are fully secured and are not split or leaking. Another popular type of grill is the propane gas grill. Before using for the first time each year always check for leaks that may be present due to loose connections or a bad hose and check the burner tubes throughout the year. Propane cylinders should not be stored inside garages or other structures.

- Always use proper starting fluid. Never use gasoline, paint thinner or other flammable liquids to get the fire going. Never add charcoal lighter fluid after the coals have already been ignited. The backflash when these liquids hit a live coal can instantly envelop in flames the arms and face of anyone nearby.

- Never dispose of used charcoal briquettes on the ground, particularly in flowerbeds, where they can become a source of ignition for mulch.

**REMINDER: Help us reduce the number of false alarms by calling the Fire Department Dispatch Center at 330-875-3363 before you start your cookout or bonfire.**

Questions concerning Ohio's Open Burning Regulations can be directed to the local division of air pollution control at 330-489-3385. You can view Ohio's Open Burning Regulations at [www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/general/openburning.html](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/general/openburning.html).

### Fireworks Safety



It is extremely important to know the difference between a legal consumer firework and a dangerous explosive device. Items such as M-80s, M-100s and Blockbusters are not fireworks—they are federally banned explosives. They can cause serious injury or even death. **Fireworks are not toys.** Adult supervision of all fireworks activities is mandatory. Even sparklers can be unsafe if used improperly. There are safe alternatives to using fireworks. Public fireworks displays are one of those alternatives. Remember, all fireworks should be left to professionals. 🚫

### CAN EMERGENCY CREWS FIND YOU?

**5** The post office may know where to deliver your mail but what if there is an emergency at your home or business, can fire and rescue personnel find you and deliver the services you need? Being able to find your residence or business is critical to aiding safety professionals. Is your mailbox across the street from your home? Are your house numbers clearly visible and identifiable with your home? The NTFD can custom make a reflective address sign for you in just one day. The cost is just **\$10.00**, they are highly visible day or night. The reflective numbers are on both sides and are fade resistant, lasting for years. They can be oriented either vertical or horizontal. 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. Show someone you care, it may save a life. Proceeds from the sale of the signs benefit various Fire/EMS related programs. 🚒

# Road Reports



## AGGRESSIVE RESURFACING PROGRAM PLANNED

### Chip and Seal

The winter freeze and thaw cycles have taken their toll on township roads, but the township's four-man crew is attacking the pot holes with vigor.

One of the surfacing techniques that will be used this year is the 'chip and seal' process. Acting Road Superintendent Jamie May estimates that 18 miles of roads will be chipped and sealed.



Chipping and sealing is a cost-effective method of resurfacing. An asphalt emulsion is sprayed over the roadway creating a tacky layer onto which a layer of limestone or aggregate is immediately placed over the emulsion and rolled to ensure it seals.

Although chip and seal does not last as long as asphalt overlay, it is far more cost effective on low-traffic rural roadways.

A few benefits of a chip and seal process is that it seals small cracks and holes, protects the underlying pavement from aging, traffic wear and oxidation, makes the surface waterproof while breathing new life into aging, worn-out road surfaces. Currently Nimishillen Township has 32 miles of roadways that are coated with the chip and seal process.

### Paving

The Board of Trustees are preparing for bid the contract for road resurfacing using blacktop. The following 4.6 miles of roads will be paved:

- California Avenue – City limits to Columbus Road
- S. Nickelplate Avenue – City limits to Georgetown Street
- Reno Drive – City limits to California Avenue
- Shilling Avenue – Nickelplate Avenue to Easton Street
- N. Nickelplate Avenue – City limits to Shilling Avenue
- Shannon Street – Pilot Knob Avenue to gravel
- Miday Avenue – City limits to Georgetown Street

### Street Sweeping

Prior to any paving work, street sweeping will be done, mostly those roadways in high residential areas. The allotments will be swept using a high-tech vacuum technology. There is no water used except for a small amount used for dust control. The sweeping uses 250 mps blasts of air to force small particles of dirt and grit out of the surfaces of the roads. The sweeping process helps protect our water quality and wildlife by preventing oil, metals and debris from entering the watershed and is now required by EPA regulations.

### New Loader



In keeping with the trustees' plans to rotate the purchase of equipment, this year's replacement is the lease/purchase of a new front end loader. It replaces one that is 16 years old and was in need of about \$7,000 of maintenance and repair work.

In addition to use with road maintenance and renewal, the loader is used almost everyday with the clean-up at the compost/yard waste site.

The Case Model 521D was purchased through the state's cooperative purchasing program allowing the township to take advantage of the state group bidding process.

### Roadside Mowing

Roadside mowing and trimming is done to remove any visual obstructions in the road right-of-way. The road crew mows ditches and other difficult to access right-of-ways on an average of 2 to 3 times per year. Mowing vegetation along township-maintained roadsides, slopes and ditches, as well as around guardrails and bridge approaches, is important to control impediments to vision and drainage. Mowing operations are scheduled on a routine basis during the mowing season, usually from the end of May to September. Please exercise extreme caution when you see our road crew out there on mowers doing roadside maintenance work. 🗑️

## CHECK TAXING DISTRICT WHEN PAYING FOR LICENSE PLATES



Make sure when you purchase your license plates, either new or renewal, that your taxing district is correct. The taxing district determines the amount of permissive tax assessed and the amount of tax Nimishillen Township receives from each license fee. **These funds are used to plan, construct, maintain and repair township roads.**

A problem occurs when the taxing district is not the same as the homeowner's mailing address. Some township residents may have a North Canton or an East Canton mailing address. Others live in the Plain Local School District which can cause confusion.

**If you are unsure of your taxing district, ask the registrar to confirm your address and other information.** 🗑️



## “Z” is for Zoning

Keith Lasure, Zoning Inspector



### THINGS TO KNOW!

The Board of Trustees has instituted a new driveway culvert regulation to keep the ditches and culverts uniform in the township and to conform with EPA requirements that help control the flow of water run off. A permit is required for any new construction or when improvements are made to your existing driveway culvert. The cost of the permit is \$10.00 and is available at the township offices. The fee is to pay for a post-installation inspection.

Other zoning items include:

- Any swimming pool that has over 24” of water must have a permit and follow the rules for swimming pools in the Nimishillen Township Zoning Resolution.
- TV satellite dishes must have a permit and must be located at the rear of the residence on a pole, a pad or on the roof.
- Please properly discard old tires, junk cars, old cans, buckets or any type of water-holding containers as they can be excellent breeding grounds for mosquitoes, some of which may carry the West Nile Virus.
- Unmowed grass and weeds exceeding 8 inches serve as a breeding place for mosquitoes and rodents and are a menace to health and are considered a public nuisance. Property owners who are in violation will be

notified in writing and are given an opportunity to correct the problem.

- Disabled and unlicensed vehicles may not be parked outside; they must be stored in an enclosed structure or removed from the property.
- Any fence in front of a property can only be two feet high. Fences between properties do not require a permit, but we recommend you leave room on the property line in order to mow and do lawn or fence maintenance.

Often we are asked if deed restrictions are binding and enforceable by the township. The township cannot enforce deed restrictions, but they can be upheld through civil action in courts of law. Consult an attorney with such concerns.

These are just a few items of interest that are part of the Nimishillen Township Zoning Resolution. The Zoning Resolution can be found on our website at [www.nimishillentownship.com](http://www.nimishillentownship.com) or copies are available at the Township office. If you have any questions, issues or concerns please feel free to contact the Zoning Office by phoning us, stopping in or emailing us at [zoning@nimishillentownship.com](mailto:zoning@nimishillentownship.com).



### MOSQUITO SPRAYING

According to Phil Revlock of the Stark County Health Department the mosquito spraying schedule will be determined AFTER June 20<sup>th</sup>. In addition, as part of their summer program, the health department will still be doing the dead bird analysis to check for the West Nile Virus. To access the continually updated schedule of spraying, after June 20<sup>th</sup>, you can log on to their website [www.starkhealth.org](http://www.starkhealth.org) or phone 330-493-9904 X270.

### ILLICIT DISCHARGE DETECTION AND ELIMINATION -- A REQUIREMENT OF THE FEDERAL CLEAN WATER ACT



An illicit discharge is the result of an illegal and/or improper waste discharge into storm drainage systems and receiving waters such as creeks, rivers, lakes or oceans. Illicit discharges may result from an illicit connection, illegal dumping of wastes into a

storm sewer, or any other discharges to the storm sewer that is not composed entirely of storm water, except for discharges allowed under an NPDES permit.

An example of an illicit connection would be the connection of a floor drain in a restaurant or automotive repair garage to a storm sewer. This would result in non-storm water being flushed into the storm sewer system anytime the floors are washed in either facility. An example of illegal dumping would be discarding used motor oil down a storm sewer catch basin rather than properly recycling the

waste oil.

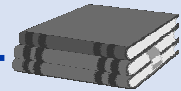
The Stark County Health Department has developed a program to inspect for illicit discharges. Under the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program, storm water specialists, working with township officials, investigate all reports of suspicious materials in the storm sewers, creeks, or streams. In addition, the Storm Water Outfall Inspection Program inspects storm sewer outfalls on a rotational basis.

As inspections are completed, reports are generated indicating whether or not discharges were detected. When discharges are detected, dye testing and smoke testing are conducted to identify the source of the discharge. On-site inspections are conducted and once the source is located, legal and administrative activities are initiated requiring the owner of the property where the illicit discharge is located to eliminate the connection or to cease the illicit activity.

Illicit discharges can be reported to the Stark County Health Department 24 hours a day 7 days a week by calling **330-493-9904**. After hours you will be directed to an answering service.

## Eye on the Township

Carlene Harmon, Fiscal Officer



### EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT A CEDA AND THEN SOME!

There has been much talk about CEDA agreements, but what is a CEDA? When a property owner, owners or developers file for annexation from one political jurisdiction to another, the township trustees may negotiate a Cooperative Economic Development

Agreement (CEDA) with the municipality that would be annexing the property. The authorization for a township to enter into such agreements has been given by the Ohio Revised Code Section 701.07.

The purpose of a CEDA is to permit municipalities and townships to enter into agreements governing development activities in designated areas. One or more municipalities and one or more townships may enter these agreements. Unfortunately, it seems the annexation laws favor municipalities over the townships. In certain cases, the Trustees can often negotiate with the municipality so that townships can recover some of their revenue loss, or negotiate zoning and service issues, therefore lessening the impact of financial loss on the townships. When annexations occur, townships try to protect their tax base with CEDAs developed in cooperation with the municipalities.

### CEDAs may address the following:

- Joint services and permanent improvements within the incorporated or unincorporated areas subject to

the CEDA contract.

- Provision of services and improvements by a county or township within a municipal corporation.
- Payment of service fees to a municipality by a county or township.
- Payment of service fees to a county or township by a municipality.
- Issuance of notes, bonds, and other debt instruments by a county, municipality or township for the public purposes authorized within the CEDA.
- Issuance of Industrial Development notes, bonds, and other debt instruments by a municipality to finance projects outside the corporate boundaries but within the CEDA territory.
- Annexation of territory to a municipality from a township.
- Periods of time during which no annexations will occur and any specified areas that will not be annexed during the CEDA.
- Agreements by a municipality, township and/or county with landowners or developers of land to be annexed and/or the provision of public services.
- Procedures for the application of tax exemption statutes within the CEDA territory.
- The changing of township boundaries to exclude newly annexed territory from the original township and providing services to the territory.
- Payments in lieu of taxes to be paid to a township by a municipality. These payments may be in addition to or in lieu of other payments required by law. ☛

## Trash Talk

Be a Nimishillen Township 'Waste Watcher'



### Compost

Our yard waste/compost collection site is open to all Stark County residents (no commercial dumpers or landscapers allowed). Located adjacent to the Township Garage and Administrative Offices, it is open 365 days a year 24/7. Residents can leave **unbagged** yard waste at no charge. You can transport your yard waste to the site in plastic bags, but you must empty out the bags and take them with you. Do NOT leave the plastic bags. Accepted materials are grass clippings, shrubs, leaves, limbs, branches, stumps. Items NOT acceptable are treated wood, pallets, wooden furniture, railroad ties, demolition or construction debris.

### Reuse/Recycle

Please observe the signage for the separation of recyclable materials. Marked bins are provided for glass, newspa-

pers, phone books, magazines, cardboard, #1 & #2 plastic and aluminum cans only. It just takes a little time and effort on your part to sort the items to recycle. In addition to bringing the items to the drop-off site you could contact your curbside trash hauler to see if they recycle. If they do, they should provide you with 2 containers, one for recycleables and one for trash. For more information and tips on recycling visit [www.timetorecycle.org](http://www.timetorecycle.org) or phone 800-678-9839.

**NO DUMPING** is permitted at the recycling and yard waste sites. If you see someone leaving trash at the site, please report a description of the car and license plate number to the township office. Violators will be prosecuted.

During the summer months there is an increase in traffic at our facility, so please be courteous and cautious as you are entering and exiting the compost and recycling area. ☛



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## Township/Community Events

### JUNE

- 2 Farmers Market —Downtown Louisville 9:00 to 1:00
- 11 \* Zoning Board of Appeals 7:00 PM \* *Date Changed*
- 14 Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00 PM
- 22-23 Relay For Life (contact Lsvll Chamber of Commerce)
- 28 Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00 PM

### JULY

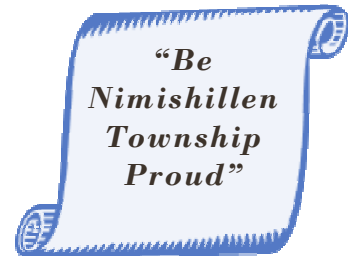
- 2 Zoning Board of Appeals 7:00 PM
- 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY — Offices Closed
- 7 Farmers Market—Downtown Louisville 9:00 to 1:00
- 12 & 26 Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00 PM

### AUGUST

- 4 Farmers Market —Downtown Louisville 9:00 to 1:00
- 6 Zoning Board of Appeals 7:00 PM
- 9 & 23 Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00 PM

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 Farmers Market —Downtown Louisville 9:00 to 1:00
- 3 LABOR DAY—Offices Closed
- 8-17 Constitution Week
- 10 \* Zoning Board of Appeals 7:00 PM \* *Date Changed*
- 13 & 27 Board of Trustee Meeting 7:00 PM
- 29 Heroes Memorial Run & Fun Walk 8:00 AM—Sta #3
- 29 Fire/EMS Community Awareness Day Noon to 4:00



Board of Trustees Meetings and Zoning Board Meetings are held at the Township Hall/ Fire Station #2 located at 4422 Maplegrove Ave. **The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.**

The Zoning Board of Appeals meets the first Monday of each month and the Zoning Commission meets any Monday during the month, if warranted.

Occasionally, the need to change scheduled meeting dates or to arrange special meetings may arise. Please check published and posted legal notices or call the office at **330-875-9924** to confirm those dates and times. 📞