

# **"GROWING TOWARD THE FUTURE"**

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## 2015 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

In addition to the repairs undertaken by the Township Road Department, the Board of Trustees has authorized work as bid through the Butler County Engineer's Office for 2015.

Projects to be performed will be determined by cost estimates, contract bid amounts and budget constraints.

Projects authorized for consideration include:

Nichols Road from Lanes Mill west to the Township line:

Chip/Seal application to the road surface as well as any necessary base/ pavement repair.

Woodbine Road from US 27 to Reily Millville Road: Road base work where needed and application of Chip/Seal to the road surface.

Krucker Road from Old Oxford Road to Stillwell Beckett Road: Pavement repair where needed.

Gardner Road from Beissinger Road to the Township Line: Base/pavement repair work where needed.



**Curb and Gutter Replacement for locations in disrepair**: Bevington Lane Area Streets, Alamo Heights Streets, Greenlea Drive, Green Acres Court and Ranlyn Drive.

#### Bevington Lane: Black mat road surface application.



## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING SCHEDULE**

The Board of Trustees holds Township business meetings once a month, usually on the second Wednesday of each month. However, due to

scheduling conflicts the date may be changed. Meeting schedule information is posted on the Township's website. To verify the schedule, residents may call 513-896-9059 and press option #1. Meetings start at 6:00 PM in the Community Center located at 2595 Old Oxford Road. Business may be scheduled for the meeting agenda by contacting the Township Administrator at 896-9059. Meeting minutes are posted on the Township website after each calendar quarter.

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#### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Mother's Day Sunday, May 10
- Memorial Day Monday, May 25
- Flag Day Sunday, June 14
- Father's Day Sunday, June 21
- Kids Fest Saturday, June 27
- Independence Day Saturday, July 4
- Cool Cars/Fine Wine/Nice Music Saturday, August 29
- Labor Day Monday, September 7

Township offices will be closed: July 4 September 7

The Board of Trustees meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. unless posted otherwise

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Hanover Township offers several programs to remember and honor family members, friends and veterans. The Memorial Tree Program and Memorial Bench Program are available to recognize loved ones or other special designations. Donors may select from a list of trees or from two bench styles approved by the Township. Donors pay the cost of the bench or tree.

## TOWNSHIP PARK MEMORIAL PROGRAMS

The Township identifies and prepares the location and provides a memorial plate which is affixed to the bench or placed on a stand next to the tree. In the Veterans Memorial Area, there are paver locations available to recognize both veterans and non-veterans alike. The cost to purchase an engraved paver is \$35.00 for veterans and \$50.00 for non-veterans. The Township generally installs the pavers prior to Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Park patrons and non-profit groups may sponsor picnic tables for the shelters and the walking path area and in so doing may dedicate the table to a family member, friend or for other recognition. The Township orders and installs the table and supplies an engraved dedication plate. The donor pays the cost of the table and chooses the wording for engraving.

For more information about Park Memorial Programs: call (513) 896-9059 or email the Township Administrator at administrator@hanovertownshipohio.org



## **OPEN BURNING RESTRICTIONS**

Each year the Township receives inquiries about open burning laws and restrictions. The Board of Trustees believes it is important to alert residents of the restrictions set forth by the State of Ohio and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. Open burning is

prohibited in Hanover Township and surrounding jurisdictions except for limited circumstances. Open burning is defined as any outdoor fire. Open burning worsens the air quality in southwestern Ohio and can have harmful effects on people's health. Additionally, dry fields and farms are very susceptible to fires during the hot and dry periods throughout the year. The Ohio Administrative Code allows for opening burning for cooking for human consumption, heating tar, welding torches, smudge pots, ceremonial exercises, grilling, and heating for warmth of outdoor workers. Open burning may also occur under certain circumstances by permit from the Southwest Ohio Air Quality Agency (513-946-1711).

## HANOVER TOWNSHIP SOUVENIR WINE GLASS ON SALE NOW!

Are you looking for a unique gift idea? Are you looking for a special piece of glassware to add to your collection of wine glasses? Or do you just want to show your pride in Hanover Township? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you may be interested in purchasing a Hanover Township souvenir wine glass. The wine glass was featured at the 2014 Community Concert Wine Garden event and is engraved with the Township logo. You can purchase your souvenir wine glass at the Township Administration Building for only \$5.00!



#### GUEST COLUMN FROM STATE REP TIM DERICKSON House Bill 1 — Improving Workforce Development in Ohio

As we move forward during this 131<sup>st</sup> General Assembly, I look forward to improving workforce development programs in our State. Preparing a qualified, educated workforce for the future is imperative to the current and future success of Ohio, and I am glad to see the House making this a priority.

If we want to continue to compete nationally and globally, state government has to do all in its power to develop our young professionals for the skilled jobs available here in Ohio. Ohio House Bill 1 seeks to create a Workforce Grant Program to award grants to eligible students pursing a degree or certification required for a job considered to be "in demand" in Ohio.

This bill would award students grants of up to \$5,000 per year to help them in their studies related to future employment. The Ohio Board of Regents would promote the program to Ohio high school and first year college students. If we can incentivize an education that prepares young people for the jobs we have here in Ohio, we can train the workforce of tomorrow and help them in their careers, as well as help the State as a whole. I was born and raised in Hanover Township, and I want to see Ohioans stay in Ohio and continue to

make our State a great place to live. A program like this could benefit students at our area high schools, neighboring Miami University, Cincinnati State and other institutions across the State. Our economy has been rebounding steadily since 2011, and we need to foster an economic environment here that promotes continued growth. House Bill 1 can do just that. I want to encourage you to contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns related to this bill or any State government related issue. Input from my constituents is crucial to my work in the Ohio House, and I look forward to hearing from you.

## **RECYCLING FOR HANOVER TOWNSHIP**



You can recycle the following items at a drop box or at the curb:

Newspapers, magazines, junk mail, phone books, brown paper bags, office paper, cardboard, paperboard (such as cereal boxes), plastic bottles and jugs, glass bottles and food jars, aluminum cans, steel cans and empty aerosol cans (remove tip).

Residents should contact an area waste hauler to set up household trash collection and curbside recycling. Haulers in the area include Rumpke and CSI Waste.

#### HANOVER TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS CAN FIND RECYCLING DROP-OFF STATIONS AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Southwest Regional Water District, 3640 Old Oxford Road (Route 130) Hanover Memorial Park, 1880 Morman Road

## DO YOU HAVE A BUILDING OR ZONING QUESTION?

If you have concerns about matters related to zoning, building permits, fences, junk vehicles, or unsightly debris, please call the **Butler County Building and Zoning Department** at 513-887-3205 for assistance.



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#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Douglas L. Johnson, President Larry Miller, Member Fred J. Stitsinger, Member

> Elizabeth A. Brosius Fiscal Officer

Bruce E. Henry Township Administrator

Scot Gardner Road Superintendent

> Phil Clark Fire Chief

# EIGHTH ANNUAL KIDS FEST SATURDAY, JUNE 27!

The Hanover Township Board of Trustees, working in cooperation with the Hanover Township Park Committee, is hosting the Eighth Annual Kids Fest on Saturday, June 27 at the Hanover Township Memorial Park. At 1:00PM the Board of Trustees will open the event with a Treasure Hunt for children ages 1 through 12 with special prizes to be awarded. Beginning at 1:30PM, kids can enjoy face painting, clowns, special demonstrations, and equipment displays by Law Enforcement, Fire/EMS, Public Works Operations, Butler County Metro Parks

and other non-profit groups.

Patriotic decorated bike judging contests will take place at 2:00PM with judging by the Lt. Terrence C. Graves Detachment of the Marine Corps League. At 3:00PM, a fitness for fun activity is scheduled as kids ages 4 through 12 (and older "kids" ages 13 and up) compete in races held on the .55 mile walking path. Race prizes will be awarded by categories.

From 1:00PM to 4:00PM, special activities including a pie-eating contest, an animal petting area, and displays by Metro Parks



and will be featured. Hay wagon rides will be available for parents and children to ride in the Park area. Food, drinks and treats including Flub's ice cream will be available. All kids' activities are **FREE**!

For more event information or if you are **interested in being an event sponsor**, call 896-9059 and select the "special events" menu option.

#### POSTAL CUSTOMER











Hanover Township 2015 Calendar of Events





Kids Fest Cool Cars/Fine Wine/Nice Music Hanover Haunted Harvest Veterans Day Ceremony

Saturday June 27 Saturday August 29 Sunday October 25 Wednesday November 11

























Special thanks to Pat Miller for great photos!

#### SOME TOWNSHIP INFORMATION .....

**Reorganization of Board of Township Trustees:** The Board of Trustees reorganized earlier this year and set forth the regular meeting schedule. The Board Officers are: Douglas L. Johnson, President; Larry Miller, Vice President; and Fred J. Stitsinger, Member. Elizabeth A. Brosius is the Township Fiscal Officer. Regular meetings of the Board are scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00PM in the Community Center located at 2595 Old Oxford Road. Information may be obtained by calling (513)896-9059 or viewing the Township website at www.hanovertownshipohio.org.

*Did you Know:* The Board of Trustees is responsible for geographic territory covering 36 square miles and for 35.9 Township road miles.

*Public Safety:* Hanover Township Fire and EMS units responded to 809 runs and details in 2014. The Butler County Sheriff's Office deputies (2) under contract with Hanover Township responded to 1,605 dispatched details, 46 special details and provided 50,805 minutes of Community Oriented Policing in 2014.

#### THANKS AND RECOGNITION .....

*Helen Rogers, USMC Lt. Terrence C. Graves Detachment 1330, and her family:* From 1963 to 2014, eight members of Helen Rogers' family served a total of 99 years in uniformed military service. Her family's service is represented by one Marine veteran, three Army veterans, one Navy veteran, and three Air Force veterans. Duty stations included Vietnam and Afghanistan. All of the family veterans returned home without any serious injuries. Helen stated that praying parents helped! Thanks to all of you for your service!

*The Lt. Terrence C. Graves Detachment Marine Corps League* has participated with Millville Cemetery in marking graves of veterans with United States flags in anticipation of Memorial Day. The group will be working with the Cemetery Sexton on May 22, 2015 to honor deceased veterans. The Marine Corps League also supports and participates in Kids Fest and the Township's Veterans Day Ceremony. Special "Thanks" to the Lt. Terrence C. Graves Marine Corps League from the Township for all its efforts and past service.

Thanks to Amy Macechkoa of Talawanda School District and the Coalition for a Healthy Community for planting tulips in the Hanover Township Memorial Park. The tulips were planted to represent the commitment that our community has made to our young people by supporting their decisions to make healthy choices.

*Special Thanks to Hanover Winery (Beth and Eddie McDonald)* for assisting the Hanover Township Park Committee in planning events and donating products for various civic functions within the Township.

Special Thanks to Major Sponsors and Community Event Supporters in 2014 who helped the Township keep "Growing Toward The Future": Butler Rural Electric Cooperative, Stony Run Enterprises, Reffitt's Garage and Towing, Hassler Automotive, Rice Auto Body, Dynamic Controls, Boitmott's, Flower Corner Designs, Grandma's Fireworks and Inflatables, Stan Gentry-Security Lock Company, Fastenal, O'Reilly Automotive, Wichert Insurance Brokers, Jamie's Market, Andy's Restaurant, Arlin's Bar & Restaurant, Pat Miller, Scot Gardner, Julie Prickett, Bruce E. Henry, Patient Care Pharmacy, Hanover Ladies Industrial Band, and First Millville Baptist Church.

**Recognition:** The Board of Trustees salutes and thanks Butler County Metro Parks, Butler County Sheriff's Office, Lane Library and Talawanda Band Members for participation in Hanover Township events in 2014.