



Green Township - Fall 2012



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Road Projects - Update

2012 was a big year for road and infrastructure projects in Green Township

Orange barrels have been seen throughout the Township this year. There have been a wide range of road projects undertaken in the Township during the 2012 construction season. Work on our annual road rehabilitation contract is wrapping up, the repaving on fifteen of our neighborhood streets should be completed by Thanksgiving. This annual project underscores the Township Trustees' commitment to maintaining our roads and preserving property values.

In addition to working on neighborhood streets, the Township continues to work closely with the Hamilton County Engineer, ODOT, and local developers, to help ensure that as we grow road improvements will keep pace. On Harrison Avenue at Filview Circle we coordinated with project developers of the **Christ Hospital/Children's** site to add a turn lane and provide traffic signal upgrades.

One of largest capital improvement projects ever undertaken by the Township are the North Bend Road improvements being built to provide access to the new Mercy Hospital. The project includes widening North Bend from Boomer to Kleeman. The project will include the ad-



Crew working on curb replacement Abbey Court - part of the Annual Street Rehabilitation Contract.

dition of travel and turn lanes on North Bend and Kleeman roads. The project will be completed in the Spring of 2013. Mercy Hospital is scheduled to open in the fall of 2013.

ODOT currently has the North Bend/West Fork Intersection Improvement project under construction. The project includes road widening

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- **HALLOWEEN:**
10/31/12 WEDNESDAY
(6:00 - 8:00 PM)
- **CLEANUP DAY** NOVEMBER 17, 2012
@ KULIGA PARK
- **ANNUAL TRAIN SHOW @ THE GREEN TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER** NOVEMBER 17 & 18 - NOON TO 5:00 PM
- **FAMILY WINTERFEST @ THE LODGE** ON DECEMBER 7, 2012
- DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED NOVEMBER 23, 2012, DECEMBER 25, 2012 & JANUARY 1, 2013

Inside the Newsletter:

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Fall Cleanup Day - November 17, 2012 – Kuliga Park 8AM—5PM

The annual Green Township residents' Cleanup Day Event is right around the corner.

Thirty trash dumpsters will be on site for residents to dispose of unwanted or unusable items. These items may include furniture, lumber, building materials, and other non-hazardous household waste. Dumpsters will be set aside for

collection of scrap metal.

This year the yard waste collection site will be open from Noon until 5:00 PM

Kuliga Park
6717 Bridgetown Rd.

NO PRIVATE
JUNK HAULERS
ALLOWED

Police Officers will be on hand for enforcement

Due to budget constraints there are some changes this year in what we can accept at Cleanup Day. **NO TIRES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Passenger vehicle or truck tires on or off the rim will not be accepted!

Also **prohibited** are the following:

- NO LATEX or OIL BASED PAINTS
- NO PESTICIDES, or HERBICIDES, or CHEMICALS OF ANY KIND
- NO WASTE OIL, AUTOMOTIVE FLUIDS or BATTERIES
- NO APPLIANCES CONTAINING FREON

For information on how to properly dispose of these and other potentially hazardous household items, please contact the Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services at 946-7700 or visit their website at www.hcdoes.org.

Fiscal Officers Report



Thomas J. Straus
Fiscal Officer

"THE ELIMINATION OF THE OHIO ESTATE TAX REVENUE FOR GREEN TOWNSHIP WILL HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT ON GREEN TOWNSHIP'S GENERAL FUND REVENUE"

END OF OHIO ESTATE TAX

On January 1, 2013, the Ohio Estate Tax will be eliminated. The Ohio Estate Tax was originally adopted in 1893. The Ohio Estate Tax applies to estates over \$338,333. Currently, approximately 8% of all Ohio estates are subjected to the tax. The Ohio Estate Tax must be paid within nine (9) months of death or you must apply for an extension. The revenue from the Ohio Estate Tax is distributed 20% to the State of Ohio and 80% to local governments such as Green Township.

The Ohio Estate Tax revenue has been a major source of revenue for Green Township's General Fund. As of September 2012, Green Township has received approximately \$2,670,000 from the Ohio Estate Tax. In 2011, Green Township received \$1,700,000, in 2010 \$2,625,000, and in 2009 \$4,900,000 from the Ohio Estate Tax. Over the last ten years the Ohio Estate Tax has produced approximately 44% of the revenue for Green Township's General Fund.

The elimination of the Ohio Estate Tax revenue for Green Township will have a major impact on Green Township's General Fund revenue.

Additionally, reduction in the Local Government Fund income, reduction in the reimbursement of the public utility tax and changes in reimbursement of the Tangible Personal Property Tax will also affect Green Township's General Fund revenue.

Thomas J. Straus
Fiscal Officer

Fire/EMS Training

Members of Green Township's Fire and EMS Department attended the 2012 Live Fire Training exercise in late September. The training event



was sponsored by the Western Hamilton County Training Group. The training group was formed when seven local

Westside Fire Departments combined core aspects of their firefighter training for greater efficiency. This year more than 180 local Westside firefighters attended sessions. Joint training promotes communications between departments and it helps to ensure that members of neighboring forces are exposed to standardized operations.

(right) Green Township personnel participating in live-fire training in the Colerain Township Fire Training Facility.



Annual Train Show at Green Township Senior Center

For the 20th year, the Green Township Senior Center, located at 3620 Epley, will host the **QUEEN CITY HIRAILERS Annual Model Train Show** from Noon to 5:00 PM on Saturday & Sunday November 17th and 18th.

The HiRailers display features more than 2,500 feet of track with a "3-Track" Main Line. The display covers more than 900 square feet. This free show will be enjoyed by young and old alike—

This year the HiRailers display is sponsored by a generous donation from Ohio State Senator-Bill Seitz.



**12 noon—5PM
November 17 & 18**

Nathanael Greene Lodge Hosts Family Winterfest - December 7, 2012 5-9PM

Green Township will hold the 4th Annual Family Winterfest on Friday, December 7 from 5 to 9 PM. The event is held at Nathanael Greene Lodge, 6394 Weselman Road. Hidden in the woods of Green Township, this is a perfect venue to capture the spirit of the holidays. The magic starts with Santa's live Reindeer in a glistening outdoor holiday scene. Enjoy a hot drink by the fire or have a snack while listening to Mrs. Claus read a story. Stroll-

ing holiday characters will be there to greet you. Watch the train display, make a holiday craft, and decorate a cookie. Be sure to visit Santa in his antique sleigh for a free photo. Bring your family for a

memorable evening of holiday fun.

Parking is limited on site, however, shuttle bus service will be provided beginning at 4:30 from the Green Township Administration Building, 6303 Harrison Avenue.



This free family event is made possible thanks to a contribution from Cincinnati Children's Hospital.



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EJ, SOUTH ROAD

Residents Embrace Green Township's Newest Park



The Township's Bicentennial Park was opened this spring. The Park located at 2885 Diehl Road (Monfort Heights) contains more than 3/4 of a mile of paved walking trails, an unpaved nature trail, the Township's largest play-

ground, 3 baseball fields, and a large picnic shelter. The park is also the location of the Historic Diehl-Unnewehr House. The home (circa 1835) and surrounding acreage was home to one of the first vineyards in the Township. In 1889 the home was purchased by Frank Unnewehr and occupied as a family home. It is noteworthy, that Frank Unnewehr's granddaughter Margaret, as an adult became best known as the former owner of the Cincinnati Reds, Marge Schott.

Through a generous donation by the **Schott Foundation** the home was restored in 2011. It is available for rentals for special events and small meetings, call 598-3100 for more information on rates and availability.



Roads (cont.)

(From pg1) with new turn lanes on West Fork (both the east and west bound sides) and a new southbound turn lane on North Bend. The project also includes upgrades to the I-74 on ramps. The ramp improvements will increase the capacity on the overpass from three lanes to four. The project will be completed next summer.

The Township has completed the Bridgetown/Race intersection

improvement project. The project was partially funded by a State Capital Improvement Grant (SCIP).

The Township has been active in seeking grants for infrastructure projects. We have several major road projects in the planning stages. Two projects have been awarded funding through the Ohio Kentucky Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI). The 5-Points intersection Improvement Project is

currently in the design review stage with ODOT and we are having Stakeholder meetings with effected property owners in advance of construction slated for 2015/16.

The Township and Hamilton County Engineer have been awarded a grant for the widening of Cheviot Road from Tallahassee to Jessup. The project will begin engineering next year, with construction scheduled for 2015.



Bridgetown/Race Intersection Improvement Project Completed October 2012

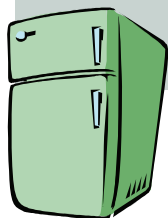
New Green Township "E"-Newsletter Format for the Fall of 2012 Introduced

As you know, all local governments are facing funding and budget challenges. We will continue to explore all manner of cost savings measures in Green Township. Rather than eliminate the printed fall newsletter altogether we have elected to provide newsletter content in a digital form, it is available through our web site and as an e-mail attachment. For the time being this new "E" version will replace one of our two printed versions. Through the introduction of an "E" version of our newsletter we hope to not only save money, but to provide a new platform for keeping the residents of Green Township informed on what is happening in our community. We would like your feedback on this newsletter format. In the spring we will again provide households with a print copy of our Annual Report/Spring Newsletter.

We are confident this and subsequent electronic versions of our newsletter will provide you with timely and topical information about Green Township. We are committed to watching our budget closely and will continue to explore other opportunities to utilize current technologies to better serve the residents of Green Township.

Thank You,
Green Township Board of Trustees

David Linnenberg, Chairman
Rocky Boiman, Vice Chairman
Tony Rosiello, Trustee



Get \$30 for recycling your old fridge or freezer!

If you have an old refrigerator in your garage or basement, it can use up to four times more electricity to operate than a newer, more energy efficient appliance. **Duke**

Energy wants to help their customers remove these old relics and give customers' some incentive in the process. Customers' that want an old refrigerator or freezer removed from their homes can do so in Duke Energy's new Appliance Recycling Program and earn \$30 in the process.

Old refrigerators and freezers can be costly to a customer's energy bill. By removing or unplugging old appliances, a customer can save up to \$150 annually on their bills. Up to 95% of the old appliances can be recycled, reducing energy demand and helping preserve our country's natural resources.

To help you save money and energy, Duke

Energy is partnering with JACO Environmental – one of the country's largest appliance recyclers – to offer FREE refrigerator and freezer recycling. It's quick and convenient – and you'll get \$30 for participating.

Duke Energy will pick up your refrigerator or freezer for free!

Secondary refrigerators and freezers can add up to \$150 to your power bill each year. Recycling your unit will help you reduce your energy use and keep harmful materials out of landfills.

Here's how the Appliance Recycling program works:

Schedule an appliance pickup [online](#) or by phone by calling #855-398-6200.

They will come to your house – at a date/time that's convenient for you –

and pick up your appliance for free. Your refrigerator or freezer will then go to a local recycling center, where 95 % of it will be recycled.

Duke Energy will send you a check for \$30. Or, you can donate the funds directly to the [HeatShare](#) assistance program.

Get started today!

Scheduling an appliance pickup is easy. Simply use Duke Energy's [online form](#) or call 855-398-6200. Duke Energy's representatives are available by phone between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. on weekdays, and between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

You will find additional information at: <http://www.duke-energy.com/ohio/>

Green Township Police Apprehend Serial Bank Robber

A 46-year old man was arrested by Green Township Police Officers after a routine traffic stop, Jimi Hatfield of Batavia faces two counts of aggravated robbery, after appearing in Court on October 11, 2012. According to Green Township Police Chief Bart West, Hatfield was suspected of holding up the Guardian Savings Bank on Harrison Avenue in early October and the PNC Bank on Bridgetown Road on September 25, 2012. Chief West noted that Hatfield became a suspect in the two robberies after someone provided a tip to the CRIME STOPPERS tip line.

Crime Stoppers— 513-352-3040

