

THE YORK TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

A local newsletter to keep our residents informed

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Events Happening In York Township,

Don't miss the.....

Erhart Swiss Steak Dinner

Erhart-York Fire Dept. will hold one of their "famous" all you can eat Swiss steak dinners

Location: 6609 Norwalk Road at the intersection of Rt. # 18 & Rt. # 252

Saturday October 13th

They will be serving from 4 p.m. through 8 p.m.

Buffet Style All you can eat

Adults \$10.00 Seniors w/ Golden Buckeye Card \$8.00

Children 12 and under \$5.00 Children 5 and under - free

(All carry outs \$10.00)



"Trick or Treat"

Trick or Treat will be held in York Twp. on
Wednesday, October 31, 2007 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Food! Fun! Games! Prizes!

Please join us for a fun-filled party at the Fire Dept. during the scheduled trick or treat hours.

This free party is provided for York Twp. children by the Erhart-York Fire Department



Lester Rail Trail Halloween Ride Program

The Medina County Park District along with the
North Eastern Ohio Live Steamers

will be offering public train rides at the station on Lester Rd. on the following dates and times:
Friday October 19th from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Saturday October 21st 2 to 4:30p.m. & 6:30 to 9 p.m.

This park program is free and open to the public

For more information contact the Medina County Park District at (330) 722-9364



A New Ohio Edison / First Energy Substation



Many of you have asked, what is going on in the area of Fenn and Marks Road? Is it another development? No, but growth in our township and surrounding areas has warranted a new substation for the Ohio Edison/First Energy Company. This substation will significantly reduce the overall load on the present transmission line circuit and eliminate the potential overload issues when there is an outage. This facility is being built on a total of fifty-two acres owned by Ohio Edison. The substation will be built on approximately six acres secured by a fence. The facility should provide additional transmission reinforcements in the area and improve system reliability.

If you should need further information please contact Ohio Edison at 1-800-589-2837.



TRUSTEE UPDATES:

Township News from Trustee Colene Conley

Many things have been happening in York Township this summer. The township was awarded a 75 % grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission to upgrade Wolff Rd. between the Buckeye Library and Football field, along the CSX railroad tracks. The roadway has been raised to meet a level grade with the tracks, the ditches have been enclosed, and a new guardrail is being installed for safety. The Medina County Engineer, along with The Medina County Sheriff's Department, has been assisting the Trustees with traffic signage and control during this construction period. The project is due to be completed by late September or early October 2007.

Ditching and tree removal has been a top priority in the township this summer, especially along Spieth Rd. Approximately 45 trees have been removed from the public right of way and the natural ditches have been restored to provide drainage along the northern portion of Spieth Rd. between Rt. 57 and Station Rd. Tree trimming has taken place along Wolff Rd. between Lester and Station Rd.

In the spring of 2008, a State Issue 1 Funding project is being submitted for a large culvert / bridge on Lester Rd., just south of St. Rt. 57. This project is estimated to cost approximately \$120,000. If awarded, the township will receive a 75% grant for this project.

James Miller and Nevada Johnson of the Zoning Commission, along with Trustee Conley, prepared a lengthy grant application for \$5,000.00 through the Medina County Planning Commission. This grant application was for a Comprehensive Plan Grant for York Township. It will be used to implement a Campus Plan for a park to be located behind the Fire Station / Town Hall Complex. The County Commissioners awarded the township the grant in May of 2007. This grant worked concurrently with the Township survey, which was completed during the same month. The Trustees are now able to compare what types of amenities residents would like from the comments submitted from the survey, and hope to implement them with a new campus plan in the near future.

Located behind the Fire Station/ Town Hall Complex, stands the Orth homestead house. The township purchased the homestead five years ago with approximately 36 acres of land. The old house is scheduled to be used for training in Oct. / Nov. 2007 for the Erhart-York Township Fire Fighters. Once the training is finished, the house will be removed. This will enable the township to utilize the property for park development, additional parking spaces, and administrative offices.

As many residents know, Shale Creek Golf Course is underway along the northern end of York Township. Pride One, Ryan Homes and Pulte Homes are constructing many different styles of residential units that include sewer and water. Pioneer Way, Hunters Trail, Emerald Woods, and Meadow Preserve subdivisions are providing the large lot developments that have water and septic systems. If you have a house under construction, or are just moving into the township, please stop by our office, or call anytime you have questions or concerns. We are always available to answer questions and address your concerns.

We welcome our new neighbors into the township and look forward to meeting you at our Swiss Steak Dinner in early October, or perhaps at the Halloween Party for our little ones on October 31.

Township News from Trustee Rick Monroe

The York Town Hall, located at 6609 Norwalk Rd., was built in 1890. The Township Hall has served the community well over the years. Necessary repairs and upgrades have been made to the hall in the past several months.

Rick Monroe continued:

There was an underground gas leak in February, which required the line to be dug up and replaced. In June, the water pipe west of the fire station ruptured requiring extensive site excavation to locate the leak and repair.

We were having some unwanted visitors in the hall... squirrels! We repaired the holes by replacing the mortar in the sandstone foundation around the entire building to prevent them from entering the building.

The handicap ramp and sidewalk on the north side of the hall have been repaired and new concrete steps have replaced the old ones at the rear entrance.

The town hall was the recipient of a player piano and music rolls donated by a Medina couple.

The best for last! The front of the hall has received new custom-made mahogany wood doors. Be sure to notice them as you drive by.

Township News from Trustee Jane Weiland

Most residents of York Township are familiar with the York Cemetery on SR 18 just west of Mallet Creek. The township, however, has 2 inactive cemeteries on Abbeyville and Branch Roads. They were originally private cemeteries, but were given to the township in 1834 and 1875 respectively.

Last year trustee Weiland re-established a cemetery committee of York residents to discuss possible improvements to all the cemeteries. From those discussions several things have happened over the past year.

The wooden shed behind the mausoleum at York has been removed. The mausoleum has been cleaned out and a new sub-roof and period slate installed. The mausoleum doors and ironwork has been restored thanks to the volunteer work of Don Weiland and William Schultz.

A previous plan for building a sidewalk, gazebo and flagpole in the southern section of the cemetery has begun. The sidewalk was poured in August. You will also see other areas in the cemetery getting a little "sprucing up" this fall.

But the greatest improvements will be found at our 2 inactive cemeteries, where headstones dating back to 1830's are getting much needed attention. Last spring Don and Jane Weiland attended two-day, hands on cemetery restoration workshop. Since then, Don has donated his time and material to repair over 30 broken headstones at Branch and Abbeyville Cemeteries. He has straightened and cleaned countless others.

He hopes to begin working at York Cemetery before the snow flies. Thanks, Don, for helping restore these cemeteries to their original condition. Our ancestors deserve their resting-place of dignity and reverence.

Please remember that all of our cemeteries are private property and a memorial to those who have passed before us. Please respect these hallowed grounds and do not use the cemeteries for anything other than remembrance and reflection.

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of York Twp. provided by the
York Township Trustees:
Colene Conley
Richard Monroe
Jane Weiland

<p>Medina County Fall Foliage Tour October 13 & 14 Noon to 6 PM</p> <p>York Township One Room Schoolhouse will be on the tour this year! Display of old tractors and antique cars. Bake sale by local girl scouts. Come join the FUN!</p>

WINTER WEATHER NOTICE

Winter weather will be fast approaching and before it does, please take time to perform a few maintenance checks at the roadside before the snow flies. Mailboxes, which have been installed into the edge of the gravel along the pavement, may be rusted from salt and residue built up over several years. This weakens the mailbox post, metal or wooden. Many residents assume that the snowplow has struck their box and broken it. Please be aware that on *TOWNSHIP ROADS*, the driver only drives between 15 to 25 mph while plowing. What usually causes the mailbox to fall over is when heavy, wet, snow is pushed from the roadway against the weak mailbox posts. Please, double check your mailbox to insure it is in the ground securely before the cold weather arrives and fix or replace any loose mailboxes that will not stand up to the winter weather.

THE TOWNSHIP DOES NOT REPLACE MAILBOXES.

**The Medina County Solid Waste
“Fall Recycling Day”**

Saturday October 13, 2007 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

They will be accepting Paint, Oil, Tires, Antifreeze, Phone Books and Batteries

For more information call the Solid Waste Facility at 330 769-1273

REMEMBER TO VOTE NOVEMBER 6, 2007

There are presently 3 precincts for voting in York Township: A, B and C.

The polls are located in the York Town Hall at the corner of State Routes 18 and 252.

They will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

York Township Historical Society

The York Township Historical Society is an organization which promotes, maintains and preserves material of historical interest, and provides a central location where books, records, photographs, maps, artifacts and other memorabilia of York Township may be collected, displayed and preserved. The society has approximately 60 members. They meet the 2nd Monday of every month, 7:00 PM, at the one-room schoolhouse on Spellman Street in Mallet Creek. The schoolhouse is open to the public the 1st Sunday of every month from 2-4 PM. Please feel free to visit at any of the meetings or open house!

Speakers and events scheduled for future meetings are as follows:

- 2007 – Oct. 8th – Norm Hinman relates times in York Twp. over the years.
- Nov. 12th – Sharon Kraynek and Eli Beachy , local authors, speaking on Chippewa Lake and other interesting events.
- Dec. 2nd – Santa at the Schoolhouse. 1-3 PM. Bring your cameras. Refreshments.
- Dec. 7th – Christmas Party! York Town Hall. Bring a covered dish and a raffle item. We'll supply fellowship and song!

- 2008 – Jan. 14th – Lillian Wolff – The history of Wolff Brothers Supply and living in York Twp.
- Feb. 11th – Commissioner Steve Hambley will speak about Gov. George Nash, our hometown governor.
- March 10th – Janice Calame relates stories of York High School football played in Abbeyville.
- April 14th – Shirley Van Epp shares her experience with battling cancer while track coach at Buckeye High School.
- May 12th – Dick Hill, former fire chief, speaks on the history of the Erhart-York Township Fire Department.
- June 9th – Eli Beachy relates interesting stories from the Medina County Home's past.

For more information, call Paul at (330) 722-0535



Santa at the School House

The York Township Historical Society will host a visit from Santa at our one room school house.

The schoolhouse is located on Spellman St.

Bring your children to visit Santa from 1 to 3 PM Sunday December 2nd
Remember to bring your camera!

AED, FIRST AID & CPR

The Erhart Firefighter's Association is offering CPR, First Aid and AED training to any one interested in these classes. For further information or to set up a class, please contact Monica Lenarth or Shelly Stauffer at 330 725-4641.



York Township Survey Results 2007

1200 surveys mailed, 88 returned = 7.3%

1	How long have you lived in York Township?	0 - 10 yrs	22	11-20 yrs.	23	21-30 yrs	16
		31-40 yrs	13	41-50 yrs	6	51+ yrs.	7
2	What characteristics of York Township do you like and/or dislike? (Top three)						
	Likes: Rural and quiet, Small town / farms, Large lots						
	Dislikes: Small lot development, No cable or DSL in some areas, Lack of retail						
3	Do you identify yourself as a resident of:	A) York	72.7%	B) Medina	20.5%		
4	Should York Township have a slogan or logo?	Yes	29.5%	No	31.8%		
5	Would signage help establish an identity for the township?	Yes	73.9%	No	19.3%		
6	Have you ever used the township web site www.yorktwp.org?	Yes	30.7%	No	64.8%		
7	What additional information should be added to the web site or newsletter?						
	Web site More photos, Minutes for all meetings, Update more often, Police log, New housing development info						
	Newsletter Monthly, Survey results, More photos, Person of the Month, Classified section						
8	Would you support a tax levy for a new administrative facility?	Yes	31.8%	No	55.7%		
9	How should the remainder of the land owned by the township be utilized? (Most desired to least desired)						
	Pavilion, Playground, Paved all-purpose trail, Unpaved hiking trail, Baseball field, Recreation center, Basketball court, Soccer field, Tennis court, Softball field						
	Other Swimming Pool, Green Space, Cemetery, Retail, Horse Trail, Farm, Picnic Grove, Track						
10	Would you support a modest tax levy for these facilities?	Yes	50.0%	No	35.2%		
11	Please check the activities in which you participate or attend.						
	Spring Clean up	<u>51.1%</u>	Halloween Party	<u>20.5%</u>			
	Memorial Day Parade	<u>43.2%</u>	Santa at the Schoolhouse	<u>14.8%</u>			
	Swiss Steak Dinner	<u>52.3%</u>	York Historical Society	<u>16.0%</u>			
12	Do we need to attract more industry to the township?	Yes	20.5%	No	60.2%		
13	Do we need to attract more office and retail to Mallet Creek?	Yes	50.0%	No	44.3%		
14	Is expansion of central sewer and water important?	Yes	31.8%	No	61.4%		
15	Should the following alternative living accommodations be available in York Township?						
	Senior Housing	Yes	52.3%	No	37.5%		
	Nursing Home	Yes	41.0%	No	49.0%		
	Cluster Homes	Yes	16.0%	No	77.3%		
	Duplexes	Yes	4.5%	No	87.5%		
	Apartments	Yes	3.4%	No	84.1%		
16	Township service ratings						
		Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion		
	Fire Protection	76.1%	3.4%	2.3%	9.1%		
	Police Services	52.3%	23.9%	5.7%	6.8%		
	Road Maintenance	61.4%	17.0%	5.7%	4.5%		
	Snow Removal	59.1%	21.6%	8.0%	4.5%		
	Recreation	19.3%	17.0%	27.3%	23.9%		
	Township Newsletter	61.4%	23.9%	5.7%	3.4%		
	Cemetery	36.4%	17.0%	0.0%	33.0%		
	Town Hall Rental	36.4%	10.2%	1.1%	35.2%		
	Zoning Enforcement	31.8%	13.6%	14.8%	23.9%		

The results of this survey are available on the township web site

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