

# THE YORK TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

A local newsletter to keep our residents informed  
Spring and Summer 2007 Volume 1, Number 14 By the Board of Trustees  
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*It's Happening In York Township, .....*

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## ***York Township Clean-up Day!.....***

**Township Spring Clean Up Day**

**Sat., May 12, 2007 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Have you done your spring cleaning or do you have miscellaneous items to get rid of?**

Bring your unwanted items to the collection site.

Dumpsters will be located on Spellman Street - side street east of Fire Station.

Collection will only be permitted during the supervised hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be a nominal charge for tires, depending on size.

Old appliances and used motor oil will be accepted. *No paint will be accepted.*

***Township residents only.***



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## **Medina County Solid Waste District Activities**

For Further Information call 330- 769-1273 or 1-800-968-7273



**Spring "Recycling Collection Day"      Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**  
Accepting Paint, Oil, Tires, Antifreeze, Phone Books and Batteries

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## **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**



**Sunday, May 27, 2007 3:00 P.M.**

**Bring the family to enjoy the parade.**

**After the parade, join your community at the Fire Station  
for hot dogs and a drink.**

**Enjoy an ice cream cone at the Historical Society Ice Cream Social.**

**The Mallet Creek 4-H Club will be hosting a bake sale.**



## **REMEMBER TO VOTE**



Tuesday May 8

All York Township precincts are in the York Town Hall  
located at the intersection of SR 18 and SR 252.

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



## SUMMER FLEA MARKET

The York Township Historical Society will be holding a Flea Market to help raise funds for the organization.

The sale will be held at the grounds of the York Township Historical One Room School House on Spellman Street off Columbia Road just north of S.R. 18.

**The sale will be held on Sat., June 23, 2007 from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

Vendor space is available for \$10.00 - please call Jane at 330 723-1005



## LESTER RAIL TRAIL NEOLS TRAIN SCHEDULE

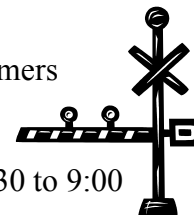
The Medina County Park District along with the North Eastern Ohio Live Steamers will be offering public train rides on the following dates:

Saturday June 30<sup>th</sup> 12:30 to 4:30      Saturday July 21st 12:30 to 4:30

Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup> 12:30 to 4:30      Halloween Runs – Friday Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30 to 9:00

Sat. Oct. 20th 2-4:30 & 6:30 to 9:00

For more information call the Medina Co Park District at 330-722-9364



## Community Planning



The township owns approximately 36 acres directly north of the town hall/fire station complex at SR 18 and SR 252. While some of this land is earmarked for future expansion of township facilities, the acreage north of the Lester Rail Trail is planned to be used for recreation.

The township trustees and a group of interested citizens began meeting in February of this year to brainstorm ideas for the development of this land. We would now like input from the community as to what type of activities you would like to see on this property. The committee has prepared a short survey which is included in this newsletter. It should only take a few minutes of your time to complete and return the survey. Be involved in the future of York Township.

**Please return the survey by May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007.**

## Green Reflective Address Signs

Help emergency services find you by having your street address easily visible at the road.

One way to make sure your house can be found quickly is to purchase green, reflective address signs from the fire department.

Cost is \$12.00 and includes one green reflective plate and numbers for both sides of the plate.

These can be purchased from the township offices during regular business hours.

## York Township Historical Society

The York Township Historical Society meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month at the one room schoolhouse on Spellman Street in Mallet Creek at 7:00 p.m.

May 14 – History of Erhart Baseball

June 11 – Travis McCourt, the life of an officer

July 14 - (6:00 pm) Blue Grass & potluck

Aug. 13 – Frank Ehrman, life on the farm

Sept. 15 – Picnic & Auction at Peyton's

Oct. 8 – Norm Hinman, life in York Twp.

Open House is the first Sunday of every month from 2-4.

For more information call President Paul Peyton @ 330-722-0535



## *York Township's New Fire Chief*

Ken Barrett is the new Fire Chief for the Erhart/York Township Volunteer Fire Department. Ken takes over the position from retiring Chief Richard Hill, who joined the department in 1985.

Dick will continue to serve the community and remain on the department as a firefighter.

Ken has worked for the Strongsville Fire Department since 1968 and is presently a Lieutenant Paramedic and station supervisor. He joined the Erhart Department in 1998 and has served our community as Firefighter, Paramedic, Assistant Chief and Fire Inspector.

Ken and his wife, Michelle, reside in York Township with their 5 children. He is a coach with the Buckeye Soccer Association, teaches Sunday school at York United Methodist Church, is a Merit Badge counselor for Boy Scout Troup 500 and enjoys spending time with family and friends.



L – R: Retiring Chief Richard Hill and new Chief Ken Barrett.

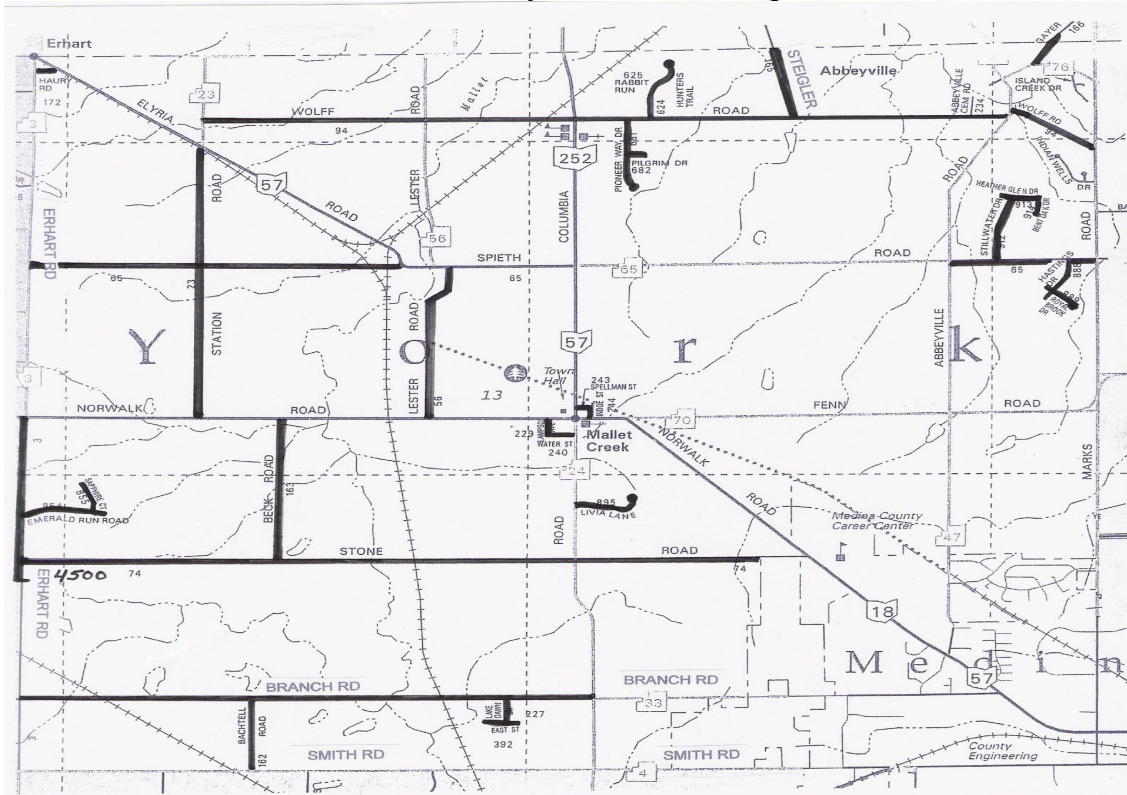


### SEVERE WEATHER ALERT SYSTEM Fire Chief Ken Barrett



With spring and summer approaching, also is the severe weather season. York Twp. now has 4 Severe Weather Warning System Sirens that are operational. On the first Saturday of each month the sirens will be tested at approximately 12 noon. During these seasons the Weather Sirens will be activated by the Medina County Sheriff's Dispatch Center in the event of the National Weather Service issuing a Severe Thunderstorm Warning or Tornado Warning for our area. Residents need to take the sirens seriously when they are heard, other than a test day, by IMMEDIATELY seeking safe shelter in the lowest place in your home, either a basement, cellar, or an interior closet or bathroom away from windows. Residents are encouraged to be prepared by having a battery operated TV and/or radio and a flashlight in your shelter area. DO NOT CALL 911 unless you have a true emergency. Residents will need to use good judgment as to when it is safe to come out of safe shelter by listening to TV and radio reports. NO ALL CLEAR SIGNAL will be given. Please plan ahead, be prepared, and have a safe enjoyable spring and summer.

## Roads Maintained by York Township in Bold



The remainder of the roads in the township are maintained by private contractors, Medina county, or the State of Ohio. To expedite concerns, please call the appropriate number listed below.  
York Twp. 330 722-0185 Medina Co. Eng. 330 764-8780 Ohio Dept. of Trans. 330 725-8103

York Township  
6609 Norwalk Road  
Medina, OH 44256

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York Twp. Trustees:  
Colene Conley  
Richard Monroe  
Jane Weiland

**Community Survey Enclosed**  
Please be sure to complete the  
enclosed survey and return to us no  
later than May 15, 2007. Your opinion  
is important to us!

**YORK TOWNSHIP INFORMATION & REFERENCE GUIDE**

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York Township Offices and Hall                    6609 Norwalk Rd., Medina, Oh 44256                    330-722-0185  
Mon, Tues, and Thurs. 8 – 4:30                    Fax 330-725-1166

Fiscal Officer’s Mailing Address                    c/o Beverly Fry  
7475 Norwalk Rd., Medina, Oh 44256                    330-722-8115

**TRUSTEES:**

*Trustee Meetings are the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.*

Colene Conley                    6520 Wolff Rd., Medina, Oh 44256                    330-721-7027  
Richard Monroe                    3311 Lester Rd., Medina, Oh 44256                    330-723-5224  
Jane Weiland                    5515 Spieth Rd., Medina, Oh 44256                    330-723-1005

**FISCAL OFFICER:**

Beverly Fry                    7475 Norwalk Rd., Medina, Oh 44256                    330-722-8115

**ZONING INSPECTOR:**

Town Hall Rental  
Dorothy Crouch                    330-722-0185

**ZONING COMMISSION:**

*Zoning commission meetings are the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m.*

David Hull                    330-733-0578     Nevada Johnson                    330-723-0525  
James Miller                    330-722-6442     Tom Pendolino                    330-722-1588  
Lowell Wolff                    330-722-3347     Alternate – Norm Hinman                    330-725-0764  
Mary Lenarth – Secretary                    330-722-6942

**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:**

*Board of Zoning Appeals meetings are the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m.*

Roger Mittler                    330-722-0185     Alverta Moehle                    330-725-3614  
William Pavlick                    330-725-4574     Pete Ricci                    330-725-7239  
William Schultz                    330-723-3972     Alternate – Open  
Mary Lenarth – Secretary                    330-722-6942

**FIRE :**

**Emergency Fire or Rescue - Call 911**

Fire Station                    6609 Norwalk Rd., Medina, Oh 44256                    330-725-4641  
Chief–Kenneth Barrett

**POLICE:**

**Emergency – Call 911**

Medina County Sheriff                    555 Independence Dr., Medina, Oh 44256                    330-725-6631

**SCHOOLS:**

Buckeye Local School District ..... 330-722-8257

**EMERGENCY RADIO STATIONS:**

WEOL – 930 AM                    WGAR – 99.5 FM  
(School Closings)                    WAKR – 1590 AM                    WQMX – 94.9 FM  
WWWE – 1100 AM

**RUBBISH COLLECTION:**

Allied Waste Services – 1-800-433-1309  
C. Martin Trucking – 330-725-5083

## **Your Township Services**

York Township is five miles square and has approximately 3200 residents.

York Township is governed by three elected Trustees.

The fourth elected official is the Fiscal Officer.

There is also a Zoning Inspector, Zoning Secretary, Zoning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. Our **fire department**, the **Erhart/York Township Volunteer Fire Department**, has been serving our community since 1951. The department has recently changed to a township run department.

York Township's **law enforcement** is provided by the **Medina County Sheriff Department**.

**Rescue calls** are provided by the **fire department** and **Medina County Life Support Team**.

Our schools, **Buckeye Local School District**, consist of an elementary complex, a junior high and high school. **The Medina County Career Center** also services our students.

York Township has 3 cemeteries, with only the Mallet Creek Cemetery having active burials.

Our **town hall**, built in 1890 and beautifully restored, is available for rental to *township residents*.

*Please see the insert of this newsletter for a convenient list of Township Officials and services.*

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## **Your Township Government in a Nutshell**

- **Trustees:** Three Trustees, elected to a four-year term. Major duties include road maintenance for township roads, which includes paving, culverts, ditching, mowing right of way and snow plowing. Tree trimming, fire protection, cemetery maintenance and burials are also overseen by the trustees. Trustees manage the fire/rescue dept. and township employees. The trustees appoint the members of the Zoning Board and Board of Zoning Appeals.
- **Fiscal Officer:** The Fiscal Officer, elected to a four year term, prepares annual financial reports, maintains and keeps official township records, and disperses the approved payments of township funds.
- **Zoning Inspector:** Appointed official who enforces and upholds township zoning laws, serves violations, and assists the Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. Issues zoning permits and reviews various building applications.
- **Secretary:** Appointed official who assists township administration with residential inquiries.. Assists with town hall rentals and maintains cemetery records.
- **Secretary to the Boards:** Secretary for both Zoning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals is responsible for recording meeting minutes and public hearings.

**Zoning Permits.** York Township is a zoned community. Zoning regulations require permits when necessary. If you are planning to build or remodel, please be reminded to check with the township zoning office *before* you begin construction. Even small projects may require a permit, such as most above ground pools, storage buildings, decks, etc. Remember, this is for your safety.

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## **Block Grant Money for Sidewalks**

The township trustees will again be applying to the county for Block Grant money for improvements to our community. We hope to be awarded another grant to continue replacing the more than 60 year old sidewalks in the Mallet Creek area. The sidewalks from the center of town to the cemetery were replaced with these monies in 2005. Additional sidewalks were put on hold as we researched the possibility of central sewer in downtown Mallet Creek. Since sewer costs are prohibitive at this time, we will continue with the replacement of sidewalks. We will again need to canvas the area this spring to secure needed information used in the grant process.