

TURTLECREEK
TOWNSHIP

UPCOMING
EVENTS

*July 10- Trustees Meeting
7 PM

*July 25- Trustees Meeting 8
AM

*August 14 - Trustees Meet-
ing 7 PM

*August 29- Trustees Meet-
ing 8 AM

*Sept 11-Trustees Meeting 7
PM

*Sept 26- Trustees Meeting
8 AM

*Oct 8—Turtlecreek Fire/
EMS Open House 1-4 PM

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Quarterly Newsletter

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Fire News



Fire Chief Steve Flint

Please mark your calendars and come out to see first hand what your township is all about.

If you have any questions please contact our administration building at 932-4902

The second quarter was also another busy time for the department We responded to 130 calls for service. Those calls included 5 structure fires, 30

vehicle accidents, as well as 11 mutual aid calls. 459 Emergency Medical aid runs were dispatched in second quarter 2017.

Please remember our smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector program. The program is offered to township residents and will allow you to pick up a smoke and carbon monoxide detector, FREE, at our headquarters located at 670 N. St. Rt. 123 Lebanon, Ohio 45036. The program is made possible through the Walmart Community Grant Program.

Please see information on Knox lock boxes in our EMS News section, page 2.

Fire Prevention week will be October 8th - 14th 2017. To kick off Fire Prevention Week the township will be hosting an open house at the township administration building located at 670 N. St. Rt. 123 from 1pm-4pm.

We will have live demonstrations, refreshments, and activities for the kids. Some of the demonstrations include:

- Careflight
- Vehicle extrication
- Rope Rescue
- Firefighting

We will also have tours of the fire trucks, ambulances, road department vehicles, as well as tours of the administration building.

Administrator's Corner

Tammy Boggs began as Turtlecreek Township Administrator in 2016. Prior to that Mrs. Boggs worked full time for the Warren County Auditor's office and was the township's fiscal officer from 2008 -2016.

Duties as Administrator include serving as liaison to other municipalities, keeping the Trustees abreast of day-to-day operations, coordinating the various JEDD

and TIF responsibilities of the township, managing the Personnel and Human Resources issues, participating in strategic planning, and overseeing the budget.

Mrs. Boggs is a lifelong resident of Turtlecreek Township.



Central facility - Station 32 - The central facility is a state-of-the-art asset. Therefore, we expect no notable changes to the facility in the next 10 yrs



Mike Jameson

EMS Corner

Assistant Chief Mike Jameson is in charge of Turtlecreek Township Emergency Medical Services, aided by Capt. Jon Paul Campbell .

The township provides 24/7 services to the township and operates with Basic Emergency Medical personnel as well as Paramedics. The staff is comprised of full-time and part-time EMTs, as well as the essential volunteer EMTs who dedicate their time to serving the township.

GREEN SIGNS

Turtlecreek EMS crews ask that residents

obtain reflective street number signs for their mailboxes. These signs provide quick identification of your location for squads in emergencies. You may call or stop by the Central facility to order them from the township. Cost is nominal.

Knox Lock boxes

Help us help you! If you worry about needing EMS services but being unable to reach your door to unlock it for the paramedics; or if you are a business owner and wish to provide access to firefighters in the event of an after-hours

fire, please consider purchasing a Knox Box. It is a fully secure and proven way for first responders to access your building safely, allowing immediate attention and preventing damage from a forced entry. Turtlecreek Township Fire/EMS department now has the ability to partner with you to provide secure and rapid access. Please go to the following link for information on obtaining your system: <https://www.knoxbox.com/store/selectProduct.cfm?fdID=20573>.

“The road to success is always under construction.”
-Arnold Palmer

Road Department News

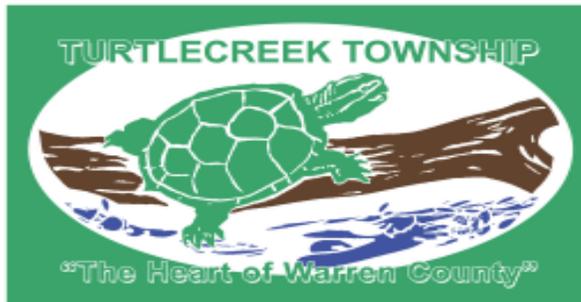
With the mowing season in full swing, you will see the road crew mowing alongside township roadways, and maintaining the Turtlecreek Cemetery grounds. One complete round of mowing circuits usually requires about one week. Please be patient during what is again a rainy, warm summer, when grass growth often outpaces the crews. If you find that line-of-sight is poor along a township roadway or intersection, creating a safety con-



Ron Chasteen
Road Department Supervisor

cern, please phone the Central Facility to report it at 513-932-4902. We will do our best to remedy the situation quickly.

When rains are heavy, ditches and culverts fill more quickly than they drain, so give them up to 4 days without rain to empty out before reporting a problem. Drainage ditches are there to collect water, and help keep it away from your foundation or basement.. Ditches which hold more water and empty slower cannot be mowed as often as those that dry out easily. Re-paving projects have begun, so keep an eye out for crews.



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Fiscal Officer's Corner



Fiscal Officer Greg Johnson

"Greg was elected as Fiscal Officer in 2015 and took office April 1, 2016. He also works as a Human Resources manager and resides in Turtlecreek with his wife and two daughters.

Greg hopes to take the township forward into greater transparency of fiscal records, as supported by State of Ohio Auditor's recommendations for all townships and municipalities.

"There is no dignity quite so impressive, no independence quite so important, as living within your means."

—Calvin Coolidge

Safety Corner

Taking care of your clothes dryer is important for home fire safety.

The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean them. An estimated 2,900 home dryer fires happen every year, causing 5 deaths, 100 injuries, and \$35 million in property loss.

- Don't use a clothes dryer without a lint filter or with a lint filter that is loose, damaged or clogged.
- Don't overload the dryer.
- Don't use a wire screen or cloth to cover the wall damper. They can collect lint and clog the dryer vent.
- Don't dry anything containing foam, rubber or plastic. An example of an item not to place in a dryer is a bathroom rug with a rubber backing.
- Don't dry any item for which manufacturers' instructions state "dry away from heat."
- Don't dry glass fiber materials (unless manufacturers' instructions allow).

- Don't dry items that have come into contact with anything flammable like alcohol, cooking oils or gasoline. Dry them outdoors or in a well-ventilated room, away from heat.
- Don't leave a clothes dryer running if you leave home or when you go to bed.

We would also like to remind everyone to make sure that you have working smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors in your home. Make sure to test you smoke detectors once a month and replace your batter-

ies yearly.

Please visit the Fire Department web page for a Home Fire Escape plan that you can do with your family. Practice this plan regularly so that everyone knows what to do in the event of a fire in your home.

We would like to wish you a safe and happy summer. If you have any questions please contact our station at 513-932-4902.

"Don't kid about safety; you may be the goat."

—Illinois Steel, 1916



Prevent clothes dryer fires.
Clean lint filters every time you use the dryer. Clean your dryer vent ductwork every year.

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