

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP

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BUILDING ON SUCCESS IN THE WEST BROAD STREET CORRIDOR

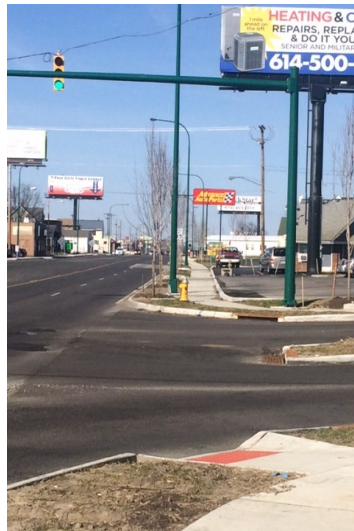
The Prairie Township Board of Trustees is working with the Prairie Township Community Improvement Corporation to generate new projects and improvements along and near West Broad Street between I-270 and Hilliard-Rome Road, as well as to help spur improvements in surrounding neighborhoods. These efforts are meant to build upon the West Broad Street streetscape project, the community center and recreation program, expanded law enforcement coverage and other recent investment in public facilities and services by the Prairie Township Board of Trustees. The study's recommendations are intended to serve as an

economic and community development agenda for the next five to ten years.

The redevelopment study, expected to be complete in early 2016, will direct efforts to rebuild and renovate properties along the corridor. Prairie Township will work with the CIC and others to make these projects a reality, as well as to provide property improvement guidelines that will raise the bar for the appearance of businesses and other facilities. This will improve the image of the area and bring in more investment, building on the recent efforts of the Township Trustees. Ultimately, the redevelopment study ef-

forts will improve the area business climate and contribute to increasing property values.

For more information about this effort, call Township Administrator, Tracy Hatmaker at (614) 878-3317



WEST BROAD STREETScape

The West Broad Street Streetscape and Safety Improvement Project got underway since last summer and we've been seeing real progress since then. I'm sure that everybody has noticed the new lights, the first tree plantings and mast arm signal poles, as well as

the curb and sidewalks and other improvements. As we move into spring and summer, construction activity will pick up again. Utility work will continue, new medians will be installed, new street surfaces will be added and other improvements will begin to take

shape. The project should start to wrap up late this year or early next year. In the meantime, please be patient and watch out for workers as you drive through the project area. We know that this is a great project and will be worth the wait.

OHIO ONLINE CHECKBOOK

Prairie Township is pleased to be working with Ohio Treasurer, Josh Mandel's office to put the township finances online. Ohio's Online Checkbook is part of the Treasurers' transparency initiative.

The township's information on Ohio's Online Checkbook, is still being worked on, but we expect it to be up in the very near future.

<http://tos.ohio.gov/Transparency/Ohios-Online-Checkbook>

(click on local government & schools)



COMMUNITY CENTER

The first year of the Community Center was a great success. The Center opened in June of 2015 as of February 2016, has 4603 active members.

Since its opening, the Community Center has been able to offer a variety of programs, classes, and activities to the community, and expects to expand those offerings in the future.

Please check out www.prairietownship.org for up to date program offerings, to pay online, and register for classes.

The Prairie Township Community Center is a Silver Sneakers and Silver & Fit facility.

Please contact the Community Center at (614) 907-9770 with any questions.



MOSQUITO'S

The Franklin County Public Health Department (FCPH) is closely monitoring the Zika virus situation.

FCPH has a comprehensive mosquito management program which includes trapping, larvicide and evening spraying.

Prairie Township works closely with FCPH for mosquito control and will be keeping residents update via the township's website and Facebook pages.

To report a mosquito problem, please call (614) 525-BITE (2483) or submit online at

www.myfcph.com/mosq_forms.php



ZONING DEPARTMENT

Did you know...

Door-to-door salespeople are required to obtain a Transient Vendor permit from the Zoning Office. This permit includes identification, which must be visible to the public. Please call the Zoning Office to report vendors who do not appear to have the proper permits.

(Transient Vendor permit not required for schools, churches and political information, and

For your convenience, any complaints can be reported through the township's website at www.prairietownship.org



ROADS, CEMETERIES & PARKS

Curbside Chipping Program: provides curbside collection and disposing of tree and shrub trimmings. Residents can request pick-up online at www.prairietownship.org or by calling the Road Department at (614) 878-3316.

If you would like mulch from the chippings, please make arrangement for pick-up at the Road Department.

Street Tree Program: The Prairie Township Trustees recently approved a street tree program to encourage residents to plant trees within the public right-of-way, in accordance with established guidelines. Residents, individually or through a homeowners/neighborhood organization, and other property owners can purchase street trees and have them planted through the Cost Share Street Tree Program. Street trees should be chosen, planted, and maintained in such a way that they can thrive in spite of exhaust fumes, a narrow planting space, road salt, pedestrians, utilities and other challenges. Please visit the township's website or call (614) 878-3316 for more information.

GALLOWAY SPORTS COMPLEX

Planning for the Prairie Township Sports Complex is still under way. The township expects to begin Phase 1 construction this year.

Phase 1 of the plan includes: walking trails, picnic/shelter areas, concessions & restrooms, parking, multi-use fields and baseball/softball fields.

The property also has two existing ponds which are stocked with fish and will be made open to the public for fishing.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Smoke Detector Program: The Prairie Township Fire Department will continue their smoke detector drives. This program involves staff and volunteers going door to door to each home within the township to ensure that the home has proper working smoke detectors. If the homes' smoke detectors are found to not be in working order, they will be replaced and installed, free of charge.

Appointment can be made by calling the Fire Department at (614) 878-7100.



A BIG THANK YOU TO THE PROGRAM SUPPORTERS!!

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Community Center (614)907-7990

www.prairietownship.org

Township Trustee Meetings are held bi-weekly on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall (23 Maple Drive)

Upcoming meetings:

April 13, 2016 & April 27, 2016

