

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP

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THE PRAIRIE COMMUNITY FUND

The Prairie Township Board of Trustees has recently provided \$10,000 in seed money to facilitate the creation of the Prairie Community Foundation, as well as named the initial members of the foundation's board. This entity will provide a vehicle for area residents and others who may be interested in the success of Prairie Township, to make financial contributions to projects that will benefit the community. The fund will exist within the Columbus Foundation, but will be guided by a locally appointed committee and the township. The Columbus Foundation will assist with the management of the fund, the cost of which would be paid in the form of a percentage of the fund's

investment earnings. The Board of Trustees appointed Mike Corsi, Alexandra Fisher, Bill Raines, Lisa Jones, Ryan Bush, Troy Walton, Stephanie Jackson and Kenny Jackson to serve three year terms as the charter members of the Prairie Community Foundation's oversight board. The mission of the Foundation is to enhance the quality of life in the greater Prairie area by enriching traditions and supporting innovation through leadership and giving. The Vision of the Foundation is to be a trusted, respected and well established umbrella foundation that serves the greater Prairie community. The first major project that

the Prairie Community Foundation will take on is raising money to build an artificial turf field at the Galloway Sports Complex. This field will be designed for individuals with special needs, but will serve the general population, as well. It will allow those with special needs to experience the joy and camaraderie that comes from being part of a team. This field will further expand opportunities for everyone in Prairie Township and the surrounding area the opportunity to participate in soccer, football and other field sports.

For more information regarding the foundation, please visit our website.



Hometown Heroes Banners

Beginning in May, you will begin to notice banners along West Broad Street dedicated to our "Hometown Heroes", military service members & Veterans who are from Prairie Township or are Westland High School graduates. This will be the first year for this program,

and we plan for it to become an annual tradition.

We hope you enjoy this living tribute created to honor the brave men and women of Prairie Township and Westland High School who are serving, have served, or have given their life to our country in the United States Armed Forces.



UPCOMING EVENTS

4/19/18 6:00—8:00 pm
Presentation by/ question & answer session with Franklin County Officials to discuss their water and sewer system in eastern Prairie Township, including water & sewer rates. The meeting will be held at Westland High School, 146 Galloway Road, in the auditorium.

Summer Swim lesson registration begins 5/21/18 (members and residents)

Lifeguard certification class registration will remain open until 5/4/18

6/29—6/30 Firefighters
Annual Fish Fry

6/6—8/10 Summer Day
Camp @ Darby Woods Elem.

Farmers Market—Monday's
June—September @ The
Community Center

COMMUNITY CENTER

The Prairie Township Community Center is getting ready for a great spring and summer. There are a lot of new programs and many returning favorites this year including; Safety Town, Mother/Son Adventure Night, Cheerleading Camp, Summer Day Camp, and Princess Tea Party. For a complete listing of all of our exciting programs go to recreation.prairietownship.org.

The Farmer's Market is returning to the PTCC on Mondays starting in June and running through September. This year we will again be offering some special activities once a month at the Farmer's Market and this year there will be a different food truck at every market. To see a complete listing of vendors, special event dates and a list of the food trucks that will be at market this year go to <http://www.prairietownship.org/219/Farmers-Market>



Touch A Truck is returning again this year on May 19. Bring your little ones out to climb on and in all kinds of different trucks. From dump trucks, tractors, and fire trucks, to the Franklin County SWAT vehicles are all at the PTCC for the little ones to get to explore.




The Prairie Township Community Center is excited about all the great new programs that we will be offering this year. Please make sure to check out all the exciting new programs!

COMMERCIAL BUILDING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

West Broad Street Corridor Overlay District

In February, the Board of Trustees passed a Resolution that will amend Article 18 of the Prairie Township Zoning Resolution and place an overlay district along West Broad Street from I-270 to Hilliard Rome Rd. The West Broad Street Corridor Overlay District is part of a strategic plan for community improvement. Its intent is one of several strategies to make improvements to the community's gateway, by providing new development guidelines along West Broad Street.

New Driveway & Vehicle Parking Requirements in R-6

 The Board of Trustees recently adopted new parking guidelines that will prohibit parking of any motor vehicle in the front yard in the R-6 Zoning District and additionally, provide guidelines for new and altered driveways. For details on these new regulations, visit our website and view Section 1110 #18 of the Zoning Resolution. Please feel free to contract the Zoning Office at 614-878-3317 ext. 103 with any questions or concerns.

2018 Spring Clean-Up

The 2018 Prairie Township Annual Spring Clean-Up will be held at the **Prairie Township Road Dept. 6725 Alkire Road, Galloway, Ohio 43119** for Township residents only. Residents will be asked to provide proof of residence, so have your photo ID with current address ready at the gate. There will be dumpsters available for trash and tires - unlimited trash, limit of 8 tires per day, no businesses. Hours of Operation:

- ▶ Thurs. April 12, 10am-8pm ▶ Thurs. April 19, 10am-8pm
- ▶ Fri. April 13, 10am-8pm ▶ Fri. April 20, 10am-8pm
- ▶ Sat. April 14, 10am-4pm ▶ Sat. April 21, 10am-4pm

We would like to welcome our newest Zoning Board Members and congratulate our re-appointed members:

Board of Zoning Appeals

John Cardwell, alternate Doug Owsley, re-appointed
Natalie Jennings, alternate

Zoning Commission

Nancy Daniels, alternate Hulda Moffitt, re-appointed
Kevin Dye, alternate

ROADS, CEMETERIES & PARKS

Street Sweeping

There will be two regular neighborhood street sweeps this year, the week of April 2nd and the week of September 4th (weather permitting). We will start in the eastern portion of the township and move west. Please remove any vehicles from street to allow us to thoroughly clean the gutter area in front of the curb. Street sweeps along W. Broad Street between I-270 and Hilliard-Rome Road will take place monthly beginning in April.

Road Resurfacing

Roads included in the Franklin County Engineers road resurfacing program are: Dejoan Court, Della Place, Gary Dennis, Hafey Avenue, Mix Avenue and Squad Drive. Postcards will be sent out to the residents on these roads that will be effected by the work explain in more detail the type of work that will be performed.

Curbside Chipping

Residents can contact the Road, Cemeteries and Parks Department at 614-878-3316 year round to schedule curbside chipping.

The guidelines for curbside chipping are available on the townships website, or by calling the Department.

Lincoln Village Curb Ramp Replacement Project

This 100% grant funded project will result in improvements to 38 intersections in Lincoln Village North and Lincoln Village South. Strawser Paving Inc., the low bidder, was awarded this contract. This work should begin in the spring of 2018.

Memorial Day Services

Galloway and Alton Cemeteries both will have Memorial Day Services on May 28, 2018. Times for both services will be announced later. You can check the website or call the Road Department in early May to get the exact times.

2018 Sidewalk Program

If interested in participating in the sidewalk program, please contact the Road Department at 614-878-3316, or dmcainch@prairietownship.org. The program allows residents the option to have their sidewalks replaced and the costs assessed to their property tax bill, payable over 10 years, interest free.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Free Smoke Detector Program

Four years ago, our department laid out a program with a mission of offering every single family household within Prairie Township an opportunity to have working smoke detectors in their residence. Knowing that was a major undertaking, as well as one of the most valuable prevention services that we could provide to our residents, every one of our firefighter's was determined to do their part to see this through. We presented this idea to community partners Flyers Pizza, Westland Area Business Association, Doctor's Hospital, Abercrombie & Fitch and the American Red Cross, who all embraced the cause through generous funding and volunteer assistance. Your firefighter's then went about knocking on 5,406 doors over a three year period to offer new smoke detectors (including installation), or batteries for existing smoke detectors, with the aim of ensuring that each residence had a working smoke detectors on each level. We are proud to say in November of 2017 our mission was accomplished.

We were able to assist 1,484 households, had 1,097 households decline services, and left 2,594 door hangers on homes offering appointments with a call had they not been home or available during our visit. A total of 811 smoke detectors were installed with an additional 28 specialty alarms for those with some type of disability. While checking each existing alarm we replaced 214 batteries. Along with our focus on smoke detectors, we reviewed home fire safety tips with residents.

If we didn't get to meet during this outreach, or you otherwise want to follow up with us regarding this important project, please call us at 614-878-7100 to make an appointment for a free in home visit.





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

Prairie Township Resident Spotlight

John Lillard

John has lived in Prairie Township for the last 11 years. He moved to Prairie Township after eight and a half years of service as a Sergeant in the Marine Corp. He lives in Prairie Township with his wife of 11 years, Shelley and their twin daughters, Annabella and Izzabella.

John is currently enrolled in the Veterans Affairs Vocational Rehab program. Through this program John is able to work at the Prairie Township Community Center receive job training while evaluating career options in the fitness industry.

John and his family love Prairie Township for its small town/country feel while still being extremely close to the city.

John lives by "I do it 100% or not at all!"



Halle Swisher

Halle is a very active Senior at Westland High School. She is involved in many of the school's clubs and programs, including student office, National Honor Society, volunteer work and volleyball. She is also actively involved with art programs, with a particular love for ceramics and calligraphy.

Halle has received admission into the Honors Program, with a full-scholarship to Ohio Dominican University. She plans to pursue a teaching degree.

We would like to congratulate Halle on all of her accomplishments and thank her for all of her community involvement. Best of luck on your future endeavors, Halle!

