



Prairietownship.org



Prairie Township Hall

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Columbus, OH 43228

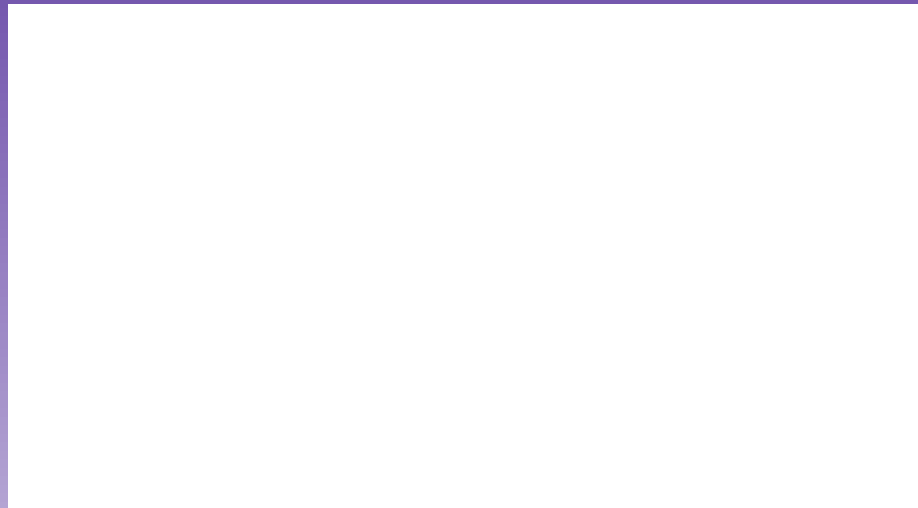
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Township Trustee Meetings are held bi-weekly on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall (23 Maple Drive)

2018 Annual Dash N Dine 5K/10K Event

General Information

The Dash N Dine 5K/10K Run/Walk and Kids Dash will begin on September 21, 2018 at 6p.m. The course time limit is 2.5 hours. Dining also begins at 6 p.m. The Dash will begin and end on North Murray Hill and will work its way through Lincoln Village.

Registration

You can register online at <https://register.chronotrack.com/r/40929>. Regular registration is from August 20-September 20 for Residents \$35/Non-Residents \$50. Day of the event registration is September 21 Residents \$40/Non-Residents \$55. Kids ages 3-12 years Residents \$5/Non-Residents \$15.

Food Trucks and Family Activities

There will be a variety of food trucks for the Dine portion of this event. Taquitos Tacos, Sweet Cheese, Holy Crepes and more will be at this year's dine! There will also be some fun games and activities for the whole family to enjoy!

Participation Swag

Those who participate in the race will receive a t-shirt (adults only) and both kids and adults will receive a finishers medal.

Babysitting Information

Childcare will be offered during this event at the Westland Library from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Please fill out the appropriate form at prairietownship.org with your child's information.

Volunteering and Sponsorship

Please contact Aaliyah Earvin at aearvin@prairietownship.org or 614-907-7992 to volunteer for the event. Volunteers will assist with Race Day information, Course Marshals, Water Stops, Mile Splits, awards, and Dine set-up. If you would like to sponsor this event please contact the Community Center. We hope to see you there!



PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP *Ohio*

ISSUE 6 FALL 2018/WINTER 2019

SPORTS COMPLEX AND COMMUNITY FUNDING EFFORTS

The construction of the Prairie Township Sports Complex, Phase 1, is still underway. The trails and concession stand are nearly complete. The Township has received 2 grants to help with Phase 1 construction totaling nearly 1 million dollars.

Township Recreation Director, James Gant, recently applied for, and the Township was awarded, a grant in the amount of \$500,000.00 for the addition of an artificial turf field at the Sports Complex. This turf field will be designed for individuals with disabilities and will be the first fully public turf field in Ohio of its kind. The field will allow those with disabilities to play football, soccer, lacrosse and field hockey. The field will also be available for use by the general public.

This turf field project is estimated to cost \$1.8 million. This includes a 350 ft. x 250 ft. turf field with professional markings, entry drive with parking spots, and a left hand turn lane into the Sports Complex off of Galloway Road.

With assistance from the Columbus Foundation, fundraising efforts are beginning to raise the additional necessary funds for the

turf field portion of the project. The Giving Tree is a great way to contribute to this project. Displayed near the front entrance of the Community Center, this tree features several leaves and branches. Members of the community are able to purchase a personalized

portion of the tree and contributions will go towards the Prairie Community Fund. The Fund also accepts a wide range of gifts that contribute to growth in the community.

Gifts of cash, memorial gifts, appreciated stock, and various other ways of donating are accepted by the Prairie Community Fund.

Please visit prairietownship.org to learn more about the Prairie Community Fund, other ways to donate and the efforts being made for the TOPSoccer partnership for the artificial turf field project.



Upcoming Events

Trick or Treat
Oct. 31, 2018 6-8p.m.

Community Center

Discover Greater Prairie
Sept. 11, 2018 5-7p.m.

Dash & Dine
Sept. 21, 2018 6p.m.-9p.m.

Pumpkin Swim
Oct. 21, 2018 1:30, 2:30, or 3:30 p.m.

Trick or Treat Trail
Oct. 26, 2018 6-8 p.m.

Santa's Mailbox
Nov. 26- Dec. 17, 2018

Elf on the Shelf
Nov. 26-Dec. 17, 2018

Tree Lighting
Dec. 2, 2018 4-6 p.m.

Father/Daughter Date Night
Feb. 1, 2019 6-8 p.m.

Fire Department

Food Truck & Fire
Prevention Festival
Oct. 7, 2018 3p.m.-7p.m.

Station 241

Roads, Cemeteries, and Parks Department

Leaf Pickup Program
Begins Oct. 9, 2018

Christmas Tree Pickup
Dec. 27, 2018, Jan. 3, 2019, Jan. 10, 2019

I-270/INTERCHANGE PROJECT UPDATE

The Township continues to play a key role in the partnership that is working toward an I-270/West Broad Street interchange facelift. This group is in the final stages of raising money and doing final planning for this high profile, long overdue, project. If all goes well, improvements will start going in by the end of 2018 and will be complete in the first half of 2019. Along with planning and constructing the improvements, this group is focused on funding and organizing long-term maintenance of the improvements.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Fall Activity Brochure

The Fall Activity Brochure is now available to view online. The brochure features membership rates, facility hours, classes, events for the upcoming season, and more! Some featured events include the upcoming Swim Lesson schedule, Silver Sneakers courses and senior activities, and special events such as Discover Greater Prairie on September 11th and the Pumpkin Swim on October 21st. Please visit our website at <https://recreation.prairietownship.org/WEB/FallActivityBrochure2018/mobile/index.html#p=1> to view the Activity Brochure.



Discover Greater Prairie

On Tuesday, September 11th from 5-7 p.m., Discover Greater Prairie will be held at the Community Center. This event features local businesses and organizations with free samples and is sponsored by the Westland Area Business Association (WABA). Last year's event had 30 participating businesses and over 400 visitors! Please join us for this engaging community event.

Trick or Treat Trail

This year's Trick or Treat Trail will be held on October 26, 2018 from 6-8 p.m. Local businesses come together to pass out candy to kids of all ages. Wear your costume for this event!

Pumpkin Swim

One of our most popular events, the Pumpkin Swim, gives children ages 3-12 the opportunity to pick a pumpkin from the pool and decorate it. Space is limited so you will need to pre-register for this event on our website, recreation.prairietownship.org

Project Zero Expo

Join in on the third community health fair Saturday, November 17 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. This fair will provide basic information on preventative healthcare such as heart and oral care, fitness clinics and more! Health screenings and fitness demos will also be provided.

Senior Classes

The Community Center also offers a wide range of classes and events for seniors. Some events include Chair Volleyball, Pickleball, Bingo, and Pokeno. There is also a monthly potluck held on the last Friday, and a Lunch Bunch group that meets at different restaurants. Please contact Keith Farrell, the Senior Program Coordinator, at 614-907-7997 for more information.

COMMERCIAL BUILDING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

New Driveway and 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, provided guidelines for new and altered driveways. For details on these new regulations, visit our website and view Section 1110 #18 of the Zoning Resolution (<http://prairietownship.org/DocumentCenter/View/3221/Prairie-Township-Resolution>).

Please feel free to contact the Zoning Office at 614-878-3317.

DON'T FORGET!

- Zoning permits are required for all construction projects, including driveways, fences, and decks. Call the Building and Zoning Department Monday thru Friday 8:00am-4:30pm at 614-878-3317 xt.103 or visit our website at www.prairietownship.org.
- Please place all trash, garbage, and solid waste in enclosed containers. Please do not place your containers at the road right-of-way prior to 24 hours before regularly scheduled trash pick-up.

Spring Clean-Up 2018 Roundup

Our Spring Clean-Up was a success again this year! Residents brought in 36.16 tons of trash and 12.77 tons of tires to be disposed of.

We would like to thank the following groups for their time to help cleanup our community:

- Scott Stukenberg and his students from Southwest Martial Arts - Town of Galloway
- Darci Schalk and her 3rd grade students from Alton Hall Elementary - Lakota Park
- The Jackson Family - Alton-Darby Creak Road

You can help make a difference! Organize a clean-up group in your neighborhood. Groups such as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Church Groups, School Groups and Homeowner Associations make a huge difference. Please call the Zoning Office for supplies and details. 614-878-3317 x103

Get Involved - Volunteer for One of Our Boards

We are always looking for new Board Members and Alternates. If you are interested in being on either our Board of Zoning Appeals or the Zoning Commission, please contact the Zoning Department at 614-878-3317 x103.

ROADS, CEMETERIES & PARKS

2019 Sidewalk Program

This year's sidewalk program was extremely successful. With over one hundred properties included in this year's program, the Township was able to make a significant improvement to its sidewalks for residents. If you would like to participate in next year's program please contact Dave McAninch, Service Director.

Christmas Tree Pick up

The Roads, Cemetery and Parks department will collect your Christmas tree. Dates for automatic pickup will be Dec. 27, 2018, Jan. 3, 2019 and Jan. 10, 2019. Otherwise please schedule pickup with the Department. Prairie township is committed to recycling and waste diversion programs to increase environmental protection in our area. Please remove all decorations and remove any wrapping paper or bags. The trees must be placed at the curb

Contact Information for Road, Cemeteries & Parks Department: Dave McAninch, Service Director,
Phone: 614-878-3316
email: dmcaininch@prairietownship.org

Curbside Leaf Program

The Prairie Township Trustees are happy to announce that the RCP staff will be collecting your leaves starting October 9, 2018. Please rake leaves to the green space between the curb and sidewalk, if you have one. If you do not have a sidewalk, rake leaves to the edge of the road berm. Do not place leaves in the roadway or pile them around parked cars or fire hydrants.

Curbside Chipping

Please contact the Road, Cemeteries and Parks Department to schedule curbside chipping. This service is offered year round.

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

2018/2019 Snow Removal

Prairie Township Roads, Cemeteries and Parks staff make snow plowing a top priority. In an effort to help get the roads cleared and salted, please move your vehicles off of the roads when possible. Also, please keep your sidewalks shoveled, as to provide a safe walking route for pedestrians.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Department Wraps up Busy Summer

Your Prairie Township Fire Department participated in a multitude of community outreach events this summer, in addition to our normal duties keeping you safe. We wanted to offer a brief recap for this edition.

First, our most sincere thank you for your very strong support of Issue 20 this May, which will keep our Fire Department financed for years to come. We appreciated the opportunity that the ballot affords to reach out to thousands of our residents and have conversations at their homes about what we are doing, and working to maintain their confidence. We pledge to be the best possible stewards of your tax dollars, and will continue to provide the high level of service you expect and deserve.

Our 69th Annual Fish Fry and Cruise-In was a great success, despite a weekend of temperatures exceeding 90 degrees. From a variety of performers, community organizations and rides to our raffle and, of course, the food, it was a great celebration the weekend prior to Independence Day. We couldn't do this without our firefighters, volunteers, sponsors and the thousands of attendees who allow the event to continue, and we're looking forward to a very special 70th Anniversary event next summer!

In addition to the Fish Fry, we were pleased to offer four weekday evenings of Reading with a Firefighter again this year. This program allows kids and the young-at-heart to read stories with firefighters, learn about fire safety, and then take a look at our equipment and station. We even had a partnership with Battelle-Darby Metro Park for

one of our evenings focused on nature, and kids got to try their hand at using a fire hose. We also hosted a very successful first "Fill a Fire Truck" event in conjunction with Cypress Wesleyan Church, where thousands of school supplies to benefit the students of the South-Western City School District were dropped off by our residents.

As we look toward fall, we want to highlight our second annual Food Truck and Fire Prevention Festival, on Sunday, October 7 from 3:00-7:00pm at Station 241, 123 Inah Avenue. Aside from being a great community event with tons of good food, this year's festival will educate families about the theme: "Look. Listen. Learn." We hope to see you there!

Finally, please note that our nonprofit support arm, the Prairie Township Fire Association, maintains our social media presence. This page includes fire safety tips, information about our upcoming events, and much more. Please follow "Prairie Township Fire Association" on Facebook and Nextdoor to keep up to date with all things PTFD!



Firefighter Matt Powers reads to children during the Reading with a Firefighter summer series