

BROWN TOWNSHIP

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Fire Department News

The Norwich Township Fire Department has received the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline EMS Bronze Award for implementing quality



Chief Jeff Warren and Alex Kuhn of the American Heart Association

improvement measures for the treatment of patients who experience severe heart attacks.

The award was presented to Fire Chief Jeff Warren by Alex Kuhn of the American Heart Association at a recent meeting of the Brown Township Board of Trustees.

Agencies that receive the Mission: Lifeline Bronze Award have demonstrated at least 75 per cent compliance for each required achievement measure for three

months and treated at least four severe heart attack patients for the year.

"EMTs and paramedics play a vital part in the system of care for those who have heart attacks," said Nancy Brown, Chief Executive Officer of the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association. "Since they often are the first medical point of contact, they can shave precious minutes off life-saving treatment time by activating the emergency response system that alerts hospitals. We applaud Norwich Township for achieving this award that shows it meets evidence-based guidelines in the treatment of people who have severe heart attacks."

"Norwich Township is dedicated to making our pre-hospital care among the best in the country and the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline program is helping us accomplish that by implementing processes for improving systems of care with the goal of improving the quality of care for all patients," said Chief Warren. "We are pleased to be recognized for our dedication and achievements in emergency medical care for heart attack patients."

Brown Township's Station 82, located at 2491 Walker Road, has an important new piece of equipment—a 14-foot john boat with a 25-horsepower motor and trailer. It is outfitted with equipment for firefighters' use while operating in

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Elliott Road Proposal

The Spring 2015 Brown Township newsletter reported on a proposal to build 238 single-family homes on about 190 acres of Brown Township land, some of which was already in the City of Hilliard and some of which was proposed to be annexed to the City of Hilliard.

The annexation petition associated with that proposal was withdrawn hours before it was to be considered by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners.

In early July, a new annexation petition was filed for some of the same territory, excluding territory located west of Elliott Road that was included in the previous annexation petition.

No new development proposal for the property has been made public.

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cold water and swift water, including lifejackets, exposure suits, helmets, and rope. That boat will be used as a first response boat on any waterway in Brown Township, Norwich Township, and the City of Hilliard, along with another boat housed at Station 81.

Norwich Township Firefighter Jake Bickenheuser, a 13-year veteran of the Fire Department, holds a prestigious seat on the Ohio



Jake Bickenheuser, Norwich Township Firefighter



Firefighters Jacob Caito, left, and Jason Fisher during a training session with Boat 82.

Water Rescue Technical Advisory Committee of the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, part of the Ohio Department of Public Safety. The 20-member committee meets monthly to develop curricula and training methods focusing on swift water rescue and ice rescue.

Norwich Township firefighters have a new tool in their EMS arsenal, a mechanically controlled chest compression device that standardizes chest compressions in accordance with the latest scientific guidelines, in cases of cardiac arrest. It provides the same quality for every patient every time, independent of transport conditions, rescuer fatigue, or variability in the experience level

of the caregiver. It frees up the firefighters to focus on other life-saving tasks.

Experimental studies show that mechanically controlled compressions are able to sustain a higher blood flow to the brain and heart, compared to manual compressions. Called a Lucas device, it is easy to carry and handle and can be applied to the patient with an interruption of manual compressions of less than 20 seconds.

Norwich Township firefighters are pleased to have the new device and say it has already proved its worth. The Lucas device was purchased with grant funds and firefighters say they hope to be able to stock a device at each of the department's fire stations. The new device is dispatched to every emergency call reporting an unconscious person.

Storm Water Drainage

At its July 20 regular meeting, the Brown Township Board of Trustees adopted a Drainage Ditch Maintenance Policy which clarifies the role the Township is permitted to play (by state law) in drainage issues in the township.

In general, the ditch maintenance authority of a township has been interpreted as very limited, covering only ditch/storm water facility repair and maintenance "to the extent incidental to and necessary in the improvement

of a township road." (1958 Ohio Attorney General Opinion No. 2775)

With the almost-constant July rain, the Brown Township Trustees have been contacted about drainage problems on private property including backups, overflows, dead grass, flooded basements, etc. In some cases, it has been suggested that topographical changes made by property owners have worsened flooding problems on adjacent properties. It is important to recognize that these issues are pri-

vate matters or civil matters between neighbors that are not able to be corrected by Township action.

In Brown Township, there are both township roads and county roads, the ditches for which are maintained by either the Township or Franklin County for the purpose of carrying storm water away from the roads into drain tiles and waterways nearby. Brown Township has no authority to make drainage improvements for the purpose of benefitting private property owners.

Prairie Township Community Center Opens

After more than a year of construction, the end is finally here!
The Prairie Township Community Center, 5955 W. Broad St., is now open and we are excited to invite the public to visit this beautiful new facility.

The Community Center is a nearly 40,000-square-foot facility with a leisure pool including lap lanes and a climbing wall, an outdoor splash pad, a childcare room, a kitchen for cooking demonstration classes, and a full-size gymnasium. Additional facilities include a large fitness room for yoga, TRX, indoor cycling, and Zumba classes.

Over the coming months, the Prairie

Township Community Center will see more programs and activities begin. The Farmers' Market will continue through the end of September from 4 to 7 p.m. on Mondays. Swim lessons have begun and will continue throughout the year for both children and adults.

Brown Township residents are welcome to become members. Rates for Brown Township residents are:

Teen (13-18)		\$258 per year
Young Adult (19-24)		\$274.50
Adult (25-54)		\$322.50
Senior Adult (55+)		\$145.50
Senior Adult Couple		\$268.50

Family of 2		\$547.50
Family of 3		\$693.00
Family of 4+		\$822.00
\$50 more for each family member above 4 members.		

For more information, visit www.prairietownship.org and click on Community Center or call 614-907-7990.

We hope to see you soon!

*By James Gant, Prairie Township
Recreation Director*





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The Brown Township Board of Trustees Meeting is held the third Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at 2491 Walker Road, Hilliard, Ohio.



L-R: Fiscal Officer Greg Ruwe and Trustees Gary Dever, Pam Sayre and Joe Martin

Local Food Action Plan

Franklin County and the City of Columbus, in partnership with the not-for-profit organization Local Matters have embarked on the development of a Local Food Action Plan to support a strong and resilient local food system.

The plan focuses on improving access to nutritious, affordable food and education about healthy food; increasing the role of food in economic development; preventing food-related waste; and enhancing coordination and communication among existing food resources and agencies.

The project began in November

2014 and will be completed over an 18-24-month period. Phases include current conditions and visioning, policy and program recommendations, and drafting the Local Food Action Plan with an implementation framework.

Materials and project updates are posted at <http://www.columbus.gov/Local-Food-Plan/>

If you have questions or want to get involved in the Local Food Action Plan process, contact Franklin County Planning Administrator Matt Brown at 614-525-5647 or mybrown@franklincountyohio.gov.

Township Mowing Practices

Brown Township is responsible for mowing alongside township roads. It is the township's practice to mow two to three times a year, starting at different places in the township. Roadways covered by Brown Township's mowing program are: Carter, Langton, Morris, Creek, Widener, and Cole between Feder and Alton-Darby Creek.

To report an area of township roadway right-of-way in need of mowing, please contact Trustee Gary Dever at 878-4768 or 206-4740 or by email at Gary_Dever@BrownTwp.org and be sure to include an address.

Please bear in mind that these township practices may differ from Franklin County's mowing practices. Franklin County has responsibility for the remainder of the roadways in Brown Township.

