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PulsePoint Partnership Announced

The Norwich Township Fire Department is proud to announce a partnership with the PulsePoint mobile application platform. The PulsePoint app empowers everyday citizens to provide life-saving assistance to victims of sudden cardiac arrest. Application users can now be notified if someone nearby is having a cardiac emergency and may require cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). If the cardiac emergency is in a public place, the location-aware application will alert trained citizens in the vicinity of the need for bystander CPR simultaneous with the dispatch of EMS. The application also directs these citizen rescuers to the exact location of the closest publicly accessible automated external defibrillator (AED). Each year, approximately 350,000 cardiac arrests occur outside a hospital setting in the United States. Nearly 90 percent of these events prove fatal and the chance of survival decreases by ten percent with every passing minute without CPR.

Imagine that you are in a restaurant having lunch with a few friends. You hear a siren in the distance and think to yourself, "I wonder where they are going?" The siren gets louder and closer and then you actually see a fire engine approaching in the distance. Suddenly, surprisingly, the engine turns into the parking lot and parks right in front of the crowded restaurant where you're eating. That's when you learn that right next door, someone is unconscious after suffering a cardiac arrest. If only you had known, maybe you could have



made a difference.

The PulsePoint app connects directly to the Northwest Regional Communication Center. When an incident requiring CPR is reported, nearby citizens and off-duty responders who carry the app receive a notification on their mobile device. Notifications are made simultaneously with the dispatch of paramedics to anyone within the area that is CPR-trained and has indicated their willingness and ability to assist during a cardiac emergency. These notifications are made only if the victim is in a public place and only to potential rescuers that are in the immediate vicinity of the emergency. When notifications do occur, they intend to target potential citizen rescuers that are within walking distance of the event. PulsePoint reduces collapse-to-CPR times by increasing awareness of cardiac arrest events. The system also aims to reduce collapse-to-defibrillation times through augmented awareness of AED locations.

At the time of need, users that have opted-in receive a push notification accompanied by a distinctive alert tone. The notification is followed by a map display showing the dispatched location of the emergency along with the precise location of the citizen rescuer – providing for easy navigation between the two. The map display also shows the exact location of the nearest AEDs.

The free app is available for download on iTunes and Google Play. After download, click the menu pull-down button in the upper left of the screen, select "Agencies", and search for Nor-

wich. After you have added Norwich as an agency, select "Settings" from the same menu and ensure you have notifications turned on for CPR. If you have questions or need assistance with the app, please call 614-876-7694.

Township Hosts CPR Class

Brown Township is pleased to host a CPR class for its residents at the Brown Township Hall, 2495 Walker Road, on Saturday, November 4 from 8 a.m. to noon. Taught by Norwich Township Fire Department personnel, the course will cover cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR); use of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) for adults and children; and relief of choking in adults, children, and infants. The course is designed for those who have a duty to respond to a cardiac emergency because of job responsibilities or regulatory requirements, such as lifeguards, day care providers, etc. Certification valid for two years is available upon the completion of a skills test at the conclusion of the class.

The cost is \$35. Participants must also buy or borrow a Heartsaver CPR AED student manual.

To register, go to www.norwichtownship.org, click on "Fire," click on "CPR Certification Classes," select the "Heartsaver CPR" option, click on "Register," go to "Heartsaver CPR Class" and click "Select," then "Next Week" until you reach the right week, then select the box labeled "8:00 AM" under "November 4."

COMMUNITY COMES TO AID OF FARMER

On an early November day nearly 54 years ago, a young Brown Township farmer was about to learn the true meaning of community. Before the day was done, he had suffered a devastating accident and was on his way to the hospital for the first of seven surgeries on his left hand. When he returned home nine days later, the Brown Township farming community had been organized into a coordinated corn picking operation that would rescue the young farmer, his family, and their crop.

Twenty-three-year-old Gary Dever was working with his brother, Scott, and their grandfather operating a corn picker on a farm off Alton-Darby Creek Road. As usual, the grandfather ran the picker and Gary and Scott filled the cribs. As they were finishing the work and the grandfather was called away, Gary offered to do one more run. Soon, the husking bed

clogged. After unclogging the husking bed with a tool specifically designed for that purpose, Gary noticed a few stalks in the automatic greaser. As he reached in to get those few stalks, the power take-off lurched into gear and caught his hand.

Soon the squad was on its way to the Grant Hospital emergency room with Gary aboard. His personal physician and a surgeon met him there and explained what needed to be done and what his hand would look like when all the surgeries and recovery were complete.

When he got home from the hospital wondering exactly when and how he could go back to work and how the rest of the corn would be harvested, he learned that Ray Dellinger and Paul Elfrink had coordinated an extraordinary outpouring of support that would save the crop and warm Gary's heart for years to come.

About 30 Brown Township farmers were mobilized to harvest about 110 acres of corn on three different farms and get it to the elevator. Support was provided by Bill Carl, whose catering operation fed everyone, by Don Barker who supplied all the beverages, by Joe Russell of Russell's Elevator who reserved space so that all the corn being harvested could be dumped at one elevator, and by the Farm Bureau (now Landmark) that provided all the necessary fuel for the vehicles.

Gary's recovery lasted well into the winter and by the spring of 1964, he was back at work full strength. That recovery was made much easier by the knowledge that the Brown Township farming community had supported him and his family when they needed it most.

As Gary and his wife, Sophie, said recently, "We were so appreciative."

A Message from Sheriff Dallas Baldwin

Community and Law Enforcement

In today's volatile atmosphere of perceived mistrust, these two entities have experienced a rift that calls for a positive response. After all, it is a known fact that we are stronger when there is a solid bond between the community and those who are charged with protecting it.

When I first ran for Sheriff, I made it one of the planks in my campaign that there was going to be a new dedication to strengthening the ties that bind us all together. With the start of our new Community Response Bureau, the pledge is being fulfilled.

I must say that, within Franklin County, there is more harmony than in many other locales. Under my predecessor, Sheriff Scott, there was a good relationship. However, I've felt that there could be much more—and

that more is happening. Programs such as:

- **Community Advisory Council**—Members of the community will be invited to participate in this program where citizens come together quarterly to discuss issues of concern in various county neighborhoods and how we can come together to find creative solutions.
- **The Community Liaison Unit**—Whether it's interacting with some of the vibrant minority communities or working with townships, the members of this unit will build stronger personal relationships that allow everyone to better understand the role we all play in making Franklin County a great place to live.
- **PACT** (Pastors and Cops Together)—Modeled after a similar program in Dayton, PACT brings faith leaders

together to partner with the FCSO in working to help during sudden tragedies or other violent events in giving comfort to those in need.

- **Sheriff's STAR**—There are so many unsung heroes within Franklin County and it's time for them to be recognized. Each month a personal certificate of recognition will be presented to shine the light on a resident doing extraordinary things making a positive impact in their community.

I invite you to be a part of strengthening our common bond to continue to make Franklin County a great place to live.

For more information, contact Ariel Link, Community Response Bureau, at 614-525-4265 or amlink@franklincountyohio.gov.

Open Burning in Brown Township

No permit is required for recreational fires, campfires, or outdoor fireplaces. The standards for these types of fires are the fire must be fueled by clean seasoned firewood, natural gas, or equivalent. Total fuel areas must be no larger than three feet in diameter and two feet in height. Such fires must be no closer than 25 feet from structures. Provision must be made to keep the fire from spreading. Fires in approved containers (chimenea, fire bowl, metal fire pit) must be no closer than 15 feet from anything combustible.

An open burning permit must be obtained for a bonfire. Bonfires must be no greater than five feet in diameter and five feet in height. Such fires must be no closer than 50 feet from any structure and provisions must be made to keep the fire from spreading. A completed open burning permit application should be submitted to the Safety Services Building at least five days before the open burn is scheduled. Permits are processed during normal business hours – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. An application received fewer than five days before the scheduled burn will be assessed a \$10 fee. The Safety Services Building is located at 5181 Northwest Parkway, Hilliard, and can be reached by phone at 614-876-7694.

Open burning is prohibited when it is offensive or objectionable due to smoke or odor emissions because of atmospheric conditions or local circumstances. In such situations, the permit holder or the fire department may be directed to extinguish the fire.

Under Ohio law, certain materials may be not burned anywhere in the state at any time:

- Residential waste (tree trimmings, stumps, brush, weeds, leaves, grass, shrubbery, and material from crop or livestock production) within city limits.
- Any waste created in the handling, preparation, cooking, or consumption of food.
- Materials containing rubber, grease, or asphalt or made from petroleum such as tires, cars, and auto parts.
- Dead animals.

Open burning is not allowed when air pollution warnings or restrictions by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) are in effect.

Fires cannot obscure visibility for roadways, railroad tracks, or airways.

No waste generated off the premises may be burned.

It is necessary to notify OEPA in advance to burn agricultural wastes and plant matter such as tree trimmings, stumps, brush, weeds, leaves, grass, shrubbery, and material from crop or livestock production. This includes fence posts and scrap lumber, but does not include buildings, land clearing waste, dead animals, or animal waste. Such fires must be more than 1,000 feet

from any inhabited building. Advance notice to OEPA is also required for ceremonial fires composed of a wood stack no larger than five feet high and five feet wide with a duration of three hours or less. Seasoned firewood or an equivalent fuel must be used.

OEPA has statutory authority to enforce open burning laws. Illegal open burning can result in substantial penalties. With questions, contact OEPA at 1-800-686-2330 or 614-728-3778 or visit the website at www.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/general/openburning.

Information provided by Norwich Township Fire Department

Public Safety Summary

Each issue of the Brown Township newsletter contains a quarterly wrap-up of public safety reports and calls in Brown Township.

Norwich Township Fire Department

Calls to addresses in Brown Township (including Brown Township addresses within the City of Hilliard):

	EMS Calls	Fire Calls
June 2017	19	2
July 2017	15	4
August 2017	21	4

Franklin County Sheriff's Department

Calls to addresses in unincorporated Brown Township:

June 2017

June 11 – recovery of stolen car at Creek Road and Hayden Run Road

June 21 – aggravated robbery, theft of currency and prescription drugs from an address on Scioto Darby Road.

June 30 – theft of a mailbox from an address on Walker Road.

July 2017

July 3 – theft of a cellphone from an address on Alton-Darby Creek Road.

July 11 – theft of washer, dryer, stove, and refrigerator from an address on Amity Road.

July 16 – domestic violence at an address on Patterson Road.

July 24 – criminal mischief, tampering with a vehicle at an address on Hardwood Road.

August 2017

August 5 – violation of a protection order at an address on Patterson Road.

August 8 – violation of a protection order at an address on Patterson Road.

August 12 – violation of a protection order at an address on Patterson Road.

Hilliard Division of Police

Non-routine calls to Brown Township addresses within the City of Hilliard:

June 2017

No non-routine calls.

July 2017

July 14 – animal complaint, dog bite at an address on Hayden Run Road.

August 2017

No non-routine calls.



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Norwich Fire Department

Jeff Warren, Chief • (614) 876-7694

Franklin County Sheriff's Department

Emergency • 911

Non-Emergency • (614) 525-3333

Meetings are 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

Township News & Notes

Electronics Recycling

The Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio lists the following organizations that accept electronics for recycling. Please call ahead to confirm acceptance. A fee may be charged.



- **Accurate IT Services**, 3854 Fisher Road – 614-453-0709
- **Community Computer Alliance**, 709 North James Road – 614-223-1530
- **Goodwill**, various locations – 614-294-5181
- **Metro Computer Resale & Recycling**, 725 Harrison Drive – 614-279-6236
- **Metropolitan Community Ser-**

vices – T.O.U.C.H., 37 Robinwood Avenue – 614-338-8733

- **Southeastern Data**, 4300 Janitrol Road – 407-480-6446
- **Staples**, various locations – 614-299-9425

Passing on Amity Road

Amity Road neighbors have noticed an alarming increase in the number of drivers passing other cars across the double yellow line. The Franklin County Engineer's Office has been notified and is considering additional measures if a sufficient number of complaints are registered. Residents who notice this dangerous driving



behavior are asked to contact Michael Meeks at 614-525-6158.

Transient Vendors Policy

At its July 21, 2017 meeting, the Brown Township Board of Trustees rescinded Resolution 95-15, adopted by the Board in December, 1995. The long-unused resolution provided for the registration and regulation of transient vendors.

The Board was expected to vote at its September meeting on the following new policy:

"It is the policy of Brown Township not to regulate transient vendors operating in the township. The Brown Township Board of Trustees assumes no role concerning transient vendors and urges residents to use sensible precautions when evaluating the claims, services, and products of such vendors."