

BROWN TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1830

Spring 2018

"No" to Single Hauler

After a suggestion, a survey, survey analysis, additional research, and deliberation and discussion by the Brown Township Board of Trustees, the decision is "no" to the idea of a single trash hauler for all residents of unincorporated Brown Township. The Board made it official at its April 16 meeting with a unanimous disapproval.

The idea was considered in the first

place because the Board had learned from a representative of the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) that the township is one of only two jurisdictions in Franklin County that does not have a single hauler arrangement and that a single hauler might be able to save residents money. Before any decision was made, however, the Board wanted to hear

from residents.

A survey was mailed to residents with the Winter 2018 issue of the Brown Township newsletter. 722 surveys were mailed, 171 responses were received for a 23.7% response rate. Not every respondent answered every question. Open-ended questions were not tabulated, but were reviewed by Trustees. Survey results follow.

Do you currently have a contract with a trash hauler at your residence?

Yes	158
No.....	9
Total	167

If yes, what company do you contract with?

Alpha	65
Local Waste	14
Rumpke	44
Waste Management	31
Republic	1
Total	155

What is the cost per month?

Under \$15	5
\$15 to \$20	81
More than \$20.....	74
Total	160

Are you satisfied with the service provided by your current hauler?

Very satisfied	98
Satisfied	43

Somewhat satisfied.....	16
Dissatisfied	5
Total	162

How do you handle recyclable material?

Don't recycle	58
Take to Firehouse.....	83
Take elsewhere	29
Total	170

Are you interested in having recyclables picked up at your home?

Yes	93
No.....	59
Total	152

Are you interested in having yard waste (grass clippings, small branches, etc.) picked up at your home?

Yes	57
No.....	107
Total	164

Are you interested in having bulk pickup available at your home?

Yes	116
No.....	39
Total	155

How important is it to you to have no quantity restrictions on the material you put out for pickup?

Important	109
Unimportant	52
Total	161

How much do you believe is a fair price to pay per month for weekly or bi-weekly trash and recycling pickup?

\$20 or less.....	96
\$21 to \$40.....	24
More than \$40	6
Total	126

Are you in favor of a single hauler for everyone in the township?

Yes	75
No.....	74
No answer or maybe	22
Total	171

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 both incorporated and unincorporated portions of Brown Township:

	Fire Calls		EMS Calls	
	Incorp.	Unincorp.	Incorp.	Unincorp.
Dec. 2017	2	2	0	10
Jan. 2018	1	1	3	12
Feb. 2018	0	2	1	8

Franklin County Sheriff's Department

Calls to addresses in unincorporated Brown Township:

December 2017

Reported December 2, occurred between December 1 and 2 – theft of two credit cards and a driver's license from a motor vehicle at an address on Davis Road.

December 13 – Improper discharge of a firearm in a motor vehicle at an address on Amity Road.

Reported December 15, occurred between December 14 and 15 – Theft of a motor vehicle at an address on Elliott Road.

December 16 – Theft of a handgun and ammunition from a motor vehicle at an address on Davis Road.

January 2018

Reported January 2, occurred between December 26 and 29 – identity fraud involving a credit card from an address on Walker Road.

Reported January 12, occurred between November 20 and January 11 – mail theft of a check from an address on Patterson Road.

Reported January 14, occurred between January 11 and January 14 – burglary and theft of a guitar, shotgun, two rifles, automatic pistol, couch, picture, table, and generator from an address on Amity Road.

January 19 – theft of sunglasses and reciprocating saw from unlocked vehicles at an address on Walker Road.

January 19 – theft of wallet, driver's license, social security card, and debit card from a vehicle at an address on Amity Road.

Reported January 22, occurred January 19 – theft of mail from an address on Morris Road.

Reported January 23, occurred between January 22 and 23 – theft of a cash box and currency and damage to a door at an address on Cole Road.

January 24 – mail theft of a credit card from an address on Morris Road.

Reported January 26, occurred between January 25 and 26 – mail theft from an address on Morris Road.

Reported January 28, occurred January 27 – forgery of a check from an address on Roberts Road.

Reported January 30, occurred between December 30 and January 5 – mail theft of a check from an address on Morris Road.

Reported January 30, occurred between January 29 and 30 – identity fraud at an address on Davis Road.

Reported January 31, occurred between January 3 and 4 – theft of a check from an address on Morris Road.

February 2018

Reported February 2, occurred between January 1 and 19 – mail theft of two packages and one bill from an address on Morris Road.

Reported February 5, occurred between February 4 and 5 – theft of two checks and a tax document from an address on Morris Road.

Reported February 6, occurred February 3 – theft of amphetamine salts, two smart speakers, and two cell phones from an address on Amity Road.

Reported February 8, occurred between January 11 and 20 – theft of a ring and a necklace from an address on Cole Road.

Reported February 9, occurred February 6 – theft of two metal bushings from an address on Amity Road.

February 10 – assault at a location on I-70.

Reported February 20, occurred between February 15 and 18 – theft of tools, a welder, and a motor vehicle battery from an address on Davis Road.

Reported February 27, occurred between January 2 and February 16 – theft of license plates from an address on Morris Road.

February 28 – identify fraud at an address on Elliott Road.

Hilliard Division of Police

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

December 2017

No non-routine calls.

January 2018

No non-routine calls.

February 2018

No non-routine calls.

DOUG MAGGIED — A PROFILE

The value of education is a recurring theme in the lives of Doug Maggied and his family. Doug has served a total of 38 years on two boards of education and works for a company whose specialty is school design, his wife served as director of religious education, and a son is a high school counselor.

Doug is particularly enthusiastic about what he calls a “hidden gem,” on whose Board of Education he has served for 18 years. The hidden gem is Tolles Career and Technical Center and he is a passionate advocate for its value and the value of career education in general. He has dozens of stories of kids whose lives were transformed by the career education that enabled them to get good jobs with high pay. Those who complete the cosmetology program, for example, can leave high school with their state licenses, ready to be hired. Other programs give students a running start on their careers in fields as varied as firefighter training, hospitality services, information technology, and welding.

Tolles is a technical school district made up of seven school districts in Franklin and Madison counties, supported by a 3-mill property tax, offering high school and adult education classes. Its main campus is near Plain City. Enrollment is about 1500 at the main campus and satellites.

Doug’s enthusiasm for education does not end there. He served on the



Hilliard Board of Education for 20 years, ending in 2015. He is a graduate of Hilliard High School and holds an associate’s degree in surveying and mapping. He is a lifelong resident of Brown Township.

Kathy and Doug met on a blind date which she nearly turned down because she thought Doug wasn’t tall enough. The date proceeded and they have now been married for 45 years. Kathy retired as pastoral associate for adult ministry at St. Cecilia Catholic Church. They have two sons, Trevor and Troy. Trevor, a counselor at Hilliard Darby High School, and his wife, Erin, welcomed a daughter in March. Troy and his wife, Ela, live in southwest Wisconsin where Troy

is executive director of the regional planning commission in the area. Their three children are Pavitra, 6, Sonali, 3, and Solomon, 1.

Doug worked for AT&T for 35 years in a variety of roles, including lineman, engineering, and claims manager. After retiring from AT&T, he worked for an engineering firm, a construction firm, and now for 11 years with SHP Leading Design, an architectural firm that specializes in school design. His time as a medic at Naval Station Great Lakes was cut short by knee surgery.

Interests include grandkids, first, followed by gardening and beekeeping. Most of the traveling the Maggieds do is to visit southwest Wisconsin. For many years, they had a boat at Marblehead on Lake Erie and took ambitious boat trips into Canada.

Asked about changes in Brown Township over his lifetime, Doug talked about baling hay for his Brown Township neighbors and hunting on land that is now developed. He noted a lot of change over the years and expressed support for efforts that respect the township’s rural heritage.

This is one of a series of occasional articles on noteworthy Brown Township residents. If you have a suggestion for a future profile, please let us know.

DEVER HONORED BY COMMISSIONERS

Brown Township Trustee Gary Dever was presented with a resolution of recognition by the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County at the February 19 Board of Trustees meeting.

Matt Brown, planning director for Franklin County, presented the resolution which recognized Mr. Dever for, in part, “his civic leadership, years of selfless outstanding service, and his commitment to community involvement in making a difference in Brown Township and Franklin County. We honor him and wish him much good health and happiness as he continues to serve the Township.”





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Franklin County Sheriff's Department

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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



Spring Planting Guide

Here are a few tips from Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District to get your garden off to a good start this year.

Step 1: Know your soil and light profile

Light is pretty easy:

- Full sun means sun touches the spot for the vast majority of the day.
- Part sun means sun for a little more than half the day.
- Part shade means shade for a bit more than half a day.
- Full shade means shade most of the day.

Soil moisture and texture is a little harder to figure out, but can still be done without special tools.

Dig a 3" to 5" hole in the spot where you want to plant and do a ribbon test with the soil from the bottom of the hole. A video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZMDdQYVILeo> describes the ribbon test in depth.

After the ribbon test, check the hole every few days for a couple weeks and

note how much moisture stays in the soil. A simple observation of wet (saturated, nearly dripping), moist (slightly wet to the touch) or dry (crumbly) is sufficient. This will give you a good idea of how wet or dry your soil usually is. Armed with this knowledge and your knowledge of how much light hits your plot, you are ready to choose your plants.

Step 2: Pick the right plants and plant

You might like a plant for the colors of its flowers, the time it blooms, or because it attracts butterflies, but these are not good first thoughts when choosing plants. Your first thought should always be, "Can this plant thrive in the conditions I have?" When planting, make sure the plant is buried at the same level it was in the pot. Lots of plantings fail when the hole dug for the plant is not deep enough and the gardener tries to make up for it by forming a volcano of mulch or soil around the plant.

Step 3: Watering

Like people, plants take a little while to settle into a new environment. Most perennials will require two weeks to a month of regular watering until their root systems are large enough to support the plant without your assistance. Trees will likely need more. During this time, make sure you are really soaking the plant, especially if it is in clay soil since the water will take a while to reach the roots. A soaker hose is a great investment for newer plantings, but if using a watering can or standard hose, water the base of each plant, or group of plants, for 15–20 seconds before moving on.

Step 4: Weed now and then and enjoy!

Some plants are more tolerant of weeds than others. Consider mulching once you are finished planting to discourage weeds and help your soil retain moisture.

Contact Kori Gasaway at KGasaway@franklinswcd.org with questions.