

BROWN TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1830

WINTER 2020

Three Proposed Developments

Alton Place is a proposed development at the northwest corner of Roberts and Alton Darby Creek roads, comprising single family lots, attached residential units, commercial uses, and open space. The rezoning proposal was tabled indefinitely at the December 9 meeting of Hilliard City Council. For information on this proposal, contact Hilliard Planner John Talentino at 614-334-2444 or jtalentino@hilliardohio.gov.

A proposal in Columbus at 1980 Alton Darby Creek Road contains single-family and multi-family uses and open space, north and south of Renner Road, mostly east of Alton Darby Creek Road. This rezoning proposal is not expected to be heard

by Columbus City Council until early 2020. For information, contact Columbus Planner Shannon Pine at 614-645-2208 or spine@columbus.gov.

A new proposal on the 692-acre Hill and Bright property, north of Scioto Darby Creek Road and east of Langton Road, contains residential, park, school, civic, and neighborhood commercial uses. The rezoning proposal was tabled in December by the Big Darby Accord Advisory Panel until the January meeting with a request for additional information for consideration at that time. For information, contact Hilliard Planner John Talentino at 614-334-2444 or jtalentino@hilliardohio.gov.

New Tobacco Law in Effect

Effective October 17, it is illegal in Ohio to give, sell, or otherwise distribute cigarettes, other tobacco products, or alternative nicotine products (such as vaping products) to anyone under the age of 21.

Products covered by the new law include cigarettes, electronic smoking devices, cigars, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, snus, dissolvable nicotine products, filters, rolling papers, pipes, blunts, or hemp wraps, liquids used in electronic smoking devices and vapor products.

Retailers are required to post clearly visible signs informing customers of the new law.

Criminal penalties may be enforced against both the seller and the store with penalties increasing after the first violation.

For more information, contact Mitzi Kline at Franklin County Pubic Health — mitzikline@franklincountyohio.gov or 614-525-3028.





FOCUS Update

HILLIARD

Focus Hilliard is an innovative project that incorporates all non-emergency duties of Norwich Township Fire Department and integrates them with other critical community resources. The goal is to provide opportunities for a safer community and positively affect the quality of life in Brown and Norwich townships and the city of Hilliard.

Through a partnership with Doctors Hospital, as of late November, 75 patients discharged have received follow-up services at home, with only two readmissions.

Focus Hilliard developed a fall prevention program in 2019. Staff members meet with patients who have received emergency services and

develop a plan to reduce falls at home. Data show a reduction in calls for service related to falls.

A partnership with Hilliard City Schools provides education on CPR, first aid, active shooter situations, careers, life choices, etc.

Focus Hilliard has seven staff members – two firefighters on each shift and a social worker (job share partnership with National Church Residences).

On a related note, LifeCare Alliance has received a three-year, \$750,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to beef up its partnerships with area fire departments and health-care providers to improve access to appropriate

care for those who rely too much on emergency services.

The grant permits LifeCare to expand services by hiring more employees to do in-home care (diabetes and nutrition counseling, wellness checks, case management), provide more home improvements (wheelchair ramps, grab-bar installation), and help with household chores.

Norwich Township Fire Chief Jeff Warren praises the partnership, noting it helps to fill a gap for people who don't need emergency care or in-hospital care, but do need other services.

For more information on Focus Hilliard, contact Heith Good at heithgood@norwichtownship.org.

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.
Sept. 2019	1	3	1	10
Oct. 2019	5	0	6	9
Nov. 2019	0	1	3	14

Franklin County Sheriff's Department

Calls to addresses in unincorporated Brown Township:

September 2019

September 4 – overdose death at an address on Patterson Road

Reported September 5, occurred September 4 – theft by deception of \$1000 in gift cards at an address on Alton Darby Creek Road.

Between September 7 and 8 – theft of a motor vehicle from an address on Amity Road.

September 11 – theft of a \$500 check from an address on Patterson Road.

Reported September 17, occurred between September 7 and 12 – mail theft and forgery of checks totaling \$1113.25 from an address on Scioto Darby Creek Road.

September 23 – theft of a motor vehicle from an address on Hubbard Road.

September 30 – voluntary impoundment of a handgun at an address on Patterson Road.

October 2019

Reported October 15, occurred between June 30 and July 8 – forgery of checks totaling \$600 involving a victim at an address on Patterson Road.

October 27 – theft from a motor vehicle of items totaling \$350 at an address on Davis Road.

November 2019 No non-routine calls.

Hilliard Division of Police

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

September 2019 No non-routine calls.

October 2019

October 10 – theft of numerous items including electronic items and credit cards from two vehicles at an address on Hayden Run Road.

November 2019 No non-routine calls.

BARB HUGGETT

Barb Huggett is a woman of many talents, accomplishments, and interests.

She is a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She is a former teacher, business owner, and farmer. She is an enthusiastic gardener, herbalist, cook, and baker. And — in whatever spare time might exist — she loves to read and to travel.

Born in northern Indiana, Barb moved with her family to West Jefferson in 1953 when her father and uncle started their own business selling Archway cookies to retail outlets throughout Ohio. She grew up in West Jefferson and in high school was a majorette and played bass drum in the marching band.

In 1961, Barb married into a Brown Township family and has lived in the township ever since. She and her then-husband, the late Jim Huggett, farmed the family property at Amity and Morris roads and in 1972 bought a grain elevator and feed mill in Galloway, B & J Supply Center. The pair divorced in 1983 and Barb went back to college to finish her degree.

Barb began teaching school at age 19 after two years of college — the first year at Miami University, then Ohio State, finally finishing her education degree 22 years later. During her first five years of teaching, her children, Pam and Mike, were born. She taught for 28 years in West Jefferson including stints as a first-grade teacher, second-grade teacher, fourth-grade teacher, learning disabilities tutor, and middle school social studies, math, and reading teacher.

Son Mike was in the U.S. Navy for 13 years serving mostly as a



submariner in the Pacific and is now a financial analyst with American Electric Power. Daughter Pam is a receiving manager for Rural King in Mount Vernon. Barb speaks fondly of her grandchildren James, Hanna, Haylee, and Megan and great-granddaughter Ember Jade.

An avid gardener and cook, Barb has been known to freeze 30 to 35 fruit pies over the course of a summer. She also preserves food by canning and drying and has grown herbs and learned their medicinal properties. In the 1990s, Barb and her daughter participated in the Hilliard farm market — Barb providing pies and Pam providing cheesecakes and cookies. They also made herbal jellies and herbal vinegars and their own salad mixes. In 1956, Barb started saving recipes in a three-ring binder and she and her four younger siblings have recently produced a family cookbook comprising a whopping 260 pages of recipes and photographs.

She enjoys reading — particularly mysteries — and maintains an

electronic file of some 400 authors. Barb is also a veteran traveler having visited Costa Rica, Alaska, Hawaii, New England, Switzerland, Scotland, Ireland, Dominican Republic, and New Orleans with a possible trip to Iceland on tap in the near future. Many of these trips have been taken through the Hilliard Senior Center, of which Barb is a member. She is also the courtesy official with the Madison County Retired Teachers Association.

In the mid-1960s, the Huggetts were active in efforts to help the City of Columbus find an alternative to its proposed upground water supply reservoir on Big Darby Creek which would have inundated much of Brown Township. Barb recalls the efforts of many people to keep Brown Township as rural as possible. Paul Elfrink, a Brown Township trustee at the time, was the first to take Barb's concern about the proposed reservoir seriously. Others active in the effort were Raymond Bradley, Kay Boggs, and Eva Mae Huggett. Their efforts ultimately led to the designation of Big Darby Creek as both a state and national scenic river. "So many people loved it here. We didn't want it to change," she says. Columbus eventually acquired 500 acres of land, the reservoir was stopped, and the accumulated acreage became what is now Prairie Oaks Metro Park. The Darby Creek Association and Brown Township Civic Association grew out of that effort.

Given her broad experiences and devotion to Brown Township, it is no wonder that one neighbor says of Barb Huggett, "I consider her a dear friend and a wise sage."



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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

2020 U.S. Census

The U.S. Census Bureau is the federal government's largest statistical agency. It is dedicated to providing current facts and figures about America's people, places, and the economy. Federal law protects the confidentiality of all individual responses the Census Bureau collects.

The U.S. Constitution requires that each decade a count—or a census—of America's population be taken.

The census provides vital information for you and our community. It determines how many representatives each state gets in Congress and is used to redraw district boundaries. Redistricting counts will be sent

to the states by March 31, 2021. Communities rely on census statistics to plan for a variety of resident needs including new roads, schools, and emergency services. Businesses use census data to determine where to open places to shop.

Each year, the federal government distributes hundreds of billions of dollars to states and communities based on Census Bureau data.

In 2020, new technology will be implemented to make it easier than ever to respond to the census. For the first time, we will be able to respond online, by phone, and by mail. The Census Bureau will use data that the public has already provided to reduce follow-up

visits. And, the Census Bureau has built an accurate address list and is automating its field operations, all while keeping our information confidential and safe.

Taking part is our civic duty. Completing the census is mandatory. It's a way to participate in our democracy and say, "I count."

Another way to take part is to apply for a census job. The Census Bureau is seeking office and field staff for our area. Positions include enumerators, clerks, material handlers, office staff, recruiting assistants, and supervisory staff. Apply online at 2020census.gov/jobs or at USAJobs.gov. Get job details, pay rates, and application instructions on these sites.