

BROWN TOWNSHIP

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Winter 2022

ISKCON Temple Project Update

Groundbreaking ceremony (Bhumi Puja) is a memorable event that marks the official beginning of a Temple construction. ISKCON Greater Columbus joyously celebrated their groundbreaking ceremony on June 24, 2022, on their new land at 3508 Walker Road, Hilliard, Ohio.

The festival lasted over 2 days, hosting thousands of visitors participating with an amazing positive experience. Visitors attended from the community, surrounding areas and all over the world. There were multicultural dance programs, colorful booths, ceremonies to bless the land and delicious free food.

After the main event there followed a "Festival of India," a well-renowned fair which attracted people from all walks of life. This celebration featured a rich and ancient display of folk dances, dramas, mouth-watering cuisines, henna, face painting, gift and yoga booths. We had an overwhelming response from all participants, and we remain indebted to all our volunteers who made this event possible.

Our facility is a fifteen-minute drive from downtown Columbus. While all amenities are close by, ISKCON Greater Columbus is planning a haven

of simple living and high thinking. The landscaped grounds will include walking trails, retreat facilities, animal protection facilities, homes for devotees, and farmland. There will be a farm-to-table café, multiple rooms for children to play, and a large playground along with a beautiful garden.

We are confident that our new land will give us space for the Lord to continue to grow our faith family and provide a place of 'temporary' permanence that we could call home for many years to come. We look forward to the unity and relationships that are built as we labor together to open this new temple.

We have completed the site/building construction drawings and submitted for permits to Franklin County and State of Ohio for approvals. We will also address any comments from them back soon. We plan to begin construction as soon as the permits are approved.

Our leadership humbly wishes to complete the construction of the temple by fall of 2024 so we can move in. We would like to thank all the members for their support and cooperation for this project.

"This temple will be God's house ... a bounteous mine of spiritual 'gold' that will truly enrich us, and we need not look anywhere else to find true and lasting peace, happiness and fulfillment in our lives, our families, and our homes,"

*Piyush Gupta
Board of Director
and Temple Council Member*

This article was written and approved by ISKCON Greater Columbus Management.

ISKCON's property is located at 3508 Walker Rd.

More information can be found on the ISKCON website page:

<https://iskconnews.org/construction-drawings-begin-for-major-new-columbus-temple/>

Winter Driving

Brown Township Residents,

I wanted to take time to remind all of you, with winter weather approaching, to prepare your vehicles for winter driving. Whether you inspect your vehicle yourself or if you take it to a local car care company, these are some of the items that are important to inspect.

- **Brake/Headlights**
- **Battery**
- **Tire Tread**
- **Windshield Wipers**
- **Windshield Washer Fluid**
- **Antifreeze**

A safety kit is another important way to be prepared for winter driving. Keeping a kit with the following items in your vehicle could be very handy if you find yourself stranded in winter weather conditions. It may even save your life.

- **Water**
- **Blanket(s)**
- **Flashlight**
- **First Aid Kit**
- **Phone Charger**
- **Empty Gas Can**
- **Jumper Cables**
- **Ice Scraper**

Drivers should always allow extra time to reach their destination, maintain safe distance while driving and use caution on bridges and overpasses as they freeze first.

Thank You,

Deputy Burton Haren



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Septic Smart Maintenance



It can be \$1,000s to \$10,000s expensive to repair or replace a septic system.

Just like other appliances and mechanicals at home, your HSTS needs routine maintenance to stay effective and protect the longevity of the system. This will save you money in the long run and help to prevent problems or leaking.

Pump It Out - With routine pumping and inspection, your septic tank should last 20 to 30 years!

How often you should pump will depend on your specific system and size, but pumping it every three years is the minimum recommendation.

A properly maintained HSTS is good for property and resale value too.

EARLY HISTORY OF BROWN TOWNSHIP

This is Part 4 of the Early History of Brown Township.

By Sandy Andromeda

Joseph O'Harra was the first Brown Township Postmaster of the private Darby Post Office when it was established in July of 1848. By this time the population of the township had grown to 630. This post office was located on the west side of Amity Road on the slight rise of ground just north of Patterson Road. The address today would be about 2469 Amity Road. This was in the heart of the town then known as the Darby Creek Settlement.

This settlement was formally a large First Nation city of the Talligewi People and then the Haudenosaunee People prior to the white invasion. A little north of here across Amity Road from the Henry Francis homestead is a Talligewi Cemetery, or what remains of it. This sacred cemetery and another one, which is being farmed away, on the west side of Walker Road midway between Carter and Scioto & Darby Creek Roads, are the only human remains of the first People of Brown Township. Their artifacts have been found throughout the township.

Another Mingo town was located on the south side of Davis Road in the eastern part of Brown Township. This area was known as Mingo Swamp. Roberts Road was called the Mingo Trail in pioneer times. This was the road the Mingo People travelled from Big Darby Creek to the Scioto River.

Trails connecting one waterway to another were called portages. There was once a number of Mingo towns in the area where Columbus, Ohio is now located.

Although Brown Township has only a small population of wild life remaining today, at one time in the not too distant past, the wildlife was very abundant. It was so abundant that there were drives to eliminate certain animals considered pests. Organized squirrel hunts were common in pioneer times and in later years there were organized fox drives. Fox drives consisted of a group of people forming

an ever-closing circle starting at two to three miles in diameter. As the circle closed and the foxes were driven into the center they were clubbed. Jonathan Alder often hunted the abundant buffalo in Brown Township and took their hides to the trading post in Franklinton. With the advent of the War of 1812 and the United States Army headquartered in this area, the local buffalo were nearly all killed to feed the troops. The settlers then killed off what buffalo remained.

Only two towns by name existed in Brown Township and one of these, Mudsock, has disappeared. Mudsock was located at the jogs of Roberts Road and Alton & Darby Creek Road (now connected). This town was partly in Brown Township. Being on the boundary line puts the east side of Mudsock in Norwich Township. The other town is Hayden, which was located where the Columbus, Piqua and Indiana Railroad once crossed Hayden Run Road. In earlier times, this town was called West Hayden.

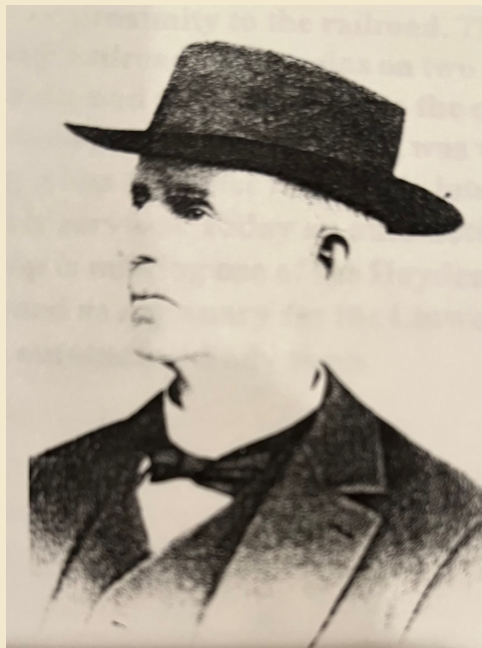
The original reason for naming this 1850 settlement Mudsock is unknown today, however there are several tales of its origins. The one, which seems to fit the most, is the mud in this area was so

deep that horses, after travelling through it, would appear to be wearing socks made of mud. In the era of vaudeville, the name Mudsock was used in bylines frequently. "I just got in from Mudsock." "I did a show last night in Mudsock" etc.

In the town of Mudsock lived the Richard and Mary Jones family. They were of Welsh origins and had moved to Brown Township in 1868. Here on their farm they built the largest barn in Franklin County. It was located on the west side of Alton & Darby Creek Road just north of the north jog of Roberts Road and south of Hamilton's Pond. This barn measured 90 feet by 101 feet. At various times Richard became the Brown Township School Director, a Justice of the Peace, and a Brown Township Trustee.

Across the road from the giant barn was the Mudsock Sawmill. Next to the sawmill was George Harlow's Mudsock Grocery & Dry Goods Store, which also had a gas pump at one time. When this closed, the building was used for a time as an antique store. In addition to these businesses, a blacksmith shop, a machine shop, and a Franklin County Engineer's sub-station were located here. By 1941 the population of Mudsock had grown to 15.

Mudsock also had a house of worship, the Colwell Methodist Church, on the Norwich Township side of Alton & Darby Creek Road right at the south jog of Roberts Road. John Colwell and his wife Ana founded this congregation. For about 25 years, the congregation met in the Colwell's home where John would lead the service when no minister was available. In 1876, the Colwell Methodist Church was constructed and opened with Reverend Henry Culp as its first minister. After this church closed, the building was saved and moved into Hilliards by the Northwest Franklin County Historical Society. It is currently located at the Northwest Village (now Hilliard's Historical Village) in Weaver Park next to the Franklin County Fairgrounds. Today it sees frequent use for weddings and a variety of other functions. Nearly all of the people who once attended this church were residents of Brown Township.



Richard Jones



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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: Trustees Pam Sayre,
Gary Dever and Joe Martin
Seated: Fiscal Officer Becky Kent

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 2022	4	7	8	14
Oct 2022	3	4	6	17
Nov 2022	2	8	9	17

Franklin County Sheriff's Department

Calls to addresses in unincorporated Brown Township:

September 2022

Sept 14 - Sometime between Sept 13 and Sept 14 property was stolen at an address on Morris Rd.

October 2022

Oct 1 - Identity theft at an address on Patterson Rd.

Oct 10 - Identity theft at an address on Carter Rd.

Oct 18 - Burglary at an address on Amity Rd.

November 2022

Nov 17 - Occurred October 27
Check fraud at an address on Amity Rd.

Hilliard Division of Police

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

September 2022

No non-routine reported calls

October 2022

No non-routine reported calls

November 2022

No non-routine reported calls