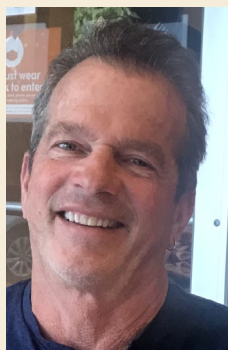


BROWN TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1830

Summer 2021

Tim Rodgers Retires



Tim Rodgers

He saw the first sign on March 20, less than two weeks before his retirement date. He saw the second sign later the same day. After he stopped, took pictures, and reflected on what he had seen, he collected himself and continued his

route. The signs read, *"Congrats, Tim! We'll miss you."* and *"You're the greatest mailman in the world."*

Tim Rodgers was surprised and moved by those signs and the many others that he saw sprinkled throughout Brown Township yards in the days leading up to his March 31 retirement after 25 years with the postal service, most of that time delivering mail to the 550 customers on his 60-mile route through Brown Township. He'll soon receive his "million mile jacket" from the post office.

He has kept busy since retirement, too, saying he's gone from "mailman" to "lawn boy," cutting grass for friends, neighbors, and his church. He also makes time to do chores for his 94-year-old neighbor and 83-year-old mother who lives nearby, and he handles maintenance tasks for his church, The House, in Grove City.

He is also very active with 8-year-old grandson, Jase, who races quarter-midget cars at four tracks in central Ohio. Jase

and his three-year-old brother, Elliott, are the sons of Tim's older daughter and son-in-law who live in central Ohio. His younger daughter lives in North Carolina and owns dog training and animal photography businesses.

Growing up in northwest Columbus, Tim attended Columbus North High School in the Clintonville neighborhood, then worked for Kroger for about 10 years and FedEx for 13 years before joining the postal service. He's never looked back.

"I have loved it all," he says. He's been able to form lasting relationships with many of his customers (who turned into customer-friends who turned into friends). He has helped the sheriff's office by being eyes and ears on the roads every day. He developed a system of returning trash cans from the road by attaching them to the side of the truck and driving them up the long driveways. He's found and returned lost dogs. And every Friday was dog treat day.

An outgoing, positive, and upbeat person, Tim has had his share of challenges as well. His wife passed away nearly 25 years ago leaving him to raise his then 10-year-old and 4-year-old daughters alone.

Now, in retirement, he hopes for balance. After working 12- and 13-hour days for the post office, he's looking for ways to continue to help others, but also to have some time for himself. "It's hard," he says, "for me to say no." He wants to play golf, continue his guitar lessons, and accept invitations from his

Brown Township friends to attend pool parties and barbecues.

Tim says he has never felt "more humbled or more loved" than he has from the sendoff he received from Brown Township. He refers to the area as "Mr. Rodgers' neighborhood" because it meant so much to him.

And, to demonstrate that connection, he acknowledges that many residents have his phone number but he wouldn't want to exclude anyone that wants to "keep in touch" so he asked that his email address be shared here. It is timrod3@yahoo.com.

The Brown Township Board of Trustees and Fiscal Officer thank Tim Rodgers for his years of service and friendship and wish him a very happy retirement.

The signs honoring mail carrier Tim Rodgers were the brainchild of Brown Township resident Cindy Cummins. She learned of Tim's retirement and immediately began to think of a sign for her front yard. She recalls that whenever she needed to leave a note for Tim, it always included the words, "You're the best mailman in the world."

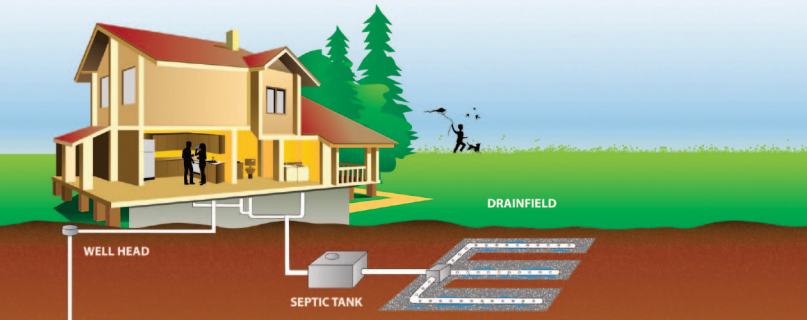
Ultimately, she found a sign company and ordered 60 signs with three different messages and arranged to deliver them to township residents who requested them. One design read, "You're the best mailman in the world." Homemade signs soon began to appear, too.

Says Cindy of Tim, "He's such a good person. He'd give you the shirt off his back. I wanted to give him a good sendoff."

Septic Systems Resources Added

Recently added to the Brown Township website are several resources to assist residents in managing the septic systems on their property.

Find them at BrownTwp.org/septic-systems



A beautiful summer sunset courtesy of Pam Sayre, Trustee

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.
Mar. 2021	0	3	4	14
April 2021	4	4	5	25
May 2021	2	0	4	22

Franklin County Sheriff's Department

Calls to addresses in unincorporated Brown Township:

March 2021

Reported March 2, occurred January 27—identity fraud involving a victim at an address on Patterson Road.

Reported March 19, occurred between December 16, 2020 and March 19—identity fraud involving a victim at an address on Woodsend Court.

April 2021

April 2—corrupting another with drugs at an address on Roberts Road.

Reported April 2, occurred between March 24 and 27—thrift of funds from a victim at an address on Langton Road.

April 8—criminal damaging at an address on Amity Road.

April 13—vandalism at an address on Darby Knolls Boulevard.

April 18—domestic dispute at an address on Scioto Darby Creek Road.

Reported April 19, occurred between March 24 and 27—thrift of funds from a victim at an address on Abbey Chase Court.

Reported April 21, occurred April 19—thrift of copper wire from an address on Jones Road.

April 22—petty theft from an address on Davis Road.

May 2021

May 7—domestic violence on Interstate 70.

May 9—criminal damaging at an address on Hubbard Road.

May 14—thrift from an address on Patterson Road.

Reported May 15, occurred between May 11 and 15—thrift of a vehicle from an address on Hubbard Road.

May 25—thrift of financial property from a victim at an address on Patterson Road.

Reported May 26, occurred between May 25 and 26—thrift of personal property from a vehicle at an address on Jones Road.

May 27—harassment at an address on Amity Road.

May 29—thrift of a vehicle from an address on Darby Knolls Boulevard.

Hilliard Division of Police

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

March 2021

No non-routine calls.

April 2021

No non-routine calls.

May 2021

No non-routine calls.

Annexations Explained

In Ohio, the township form of government came before the state form of government. Townships were determined by Congress and the surveyed townships became the local government in Ohio. Today, all the Ohio townships are part of the Ohio Township Association (OTA), an organization that advocates on behalf of townships to the Ohio General Assembly.

In addition to townships, there are other types of jurisdictions: city and village. These enjoy a corporate status and the powers of self-government, outranked only by state and federal powers. These jurisdictions grow by annexing properties from townships and bringing that land into their own jurisdiction.

The 124th General Assembly was called to order in 2001. Both the Ohio Senate and Ohio House of Representatives were controlled by the Republican Party and Bob Taft (R) was Governor. During this assembly, the annexation laws were greatly revised under Senate Bill 5 (SB5) and defined five types of annexations:

Regular Annexations

Petitions by at least 51% of property owners in the area are considered for annexation. A hearing with advanced notice is held by the County Board of Commissioners who may then grant or deny the annexation. Certain parties may appeal the decision to the County Court of Common Pleas.

Expedited Type 1 Annexations

Petitions by 100% of property owners with consent of the municipality and township as well as an annexation agreement or cooperative economic development agreement between at least the city and township. No hearing or notice is required. The County Board of Commissioners must approve the annexation, and there is no right to appeal.

Expedited Type 2 Annexation

Petition by 100% of property owners for the undertaking of a significant economic development project while keeping the territory being annexed in its existing township for real-estate taxation. While notice must be given, and several technical requirements must be met, consent of the township is not required. The township may object on the grounds that the petition does not meet all of the necessary requirements, but ultimately, the County Board of Commissioners must approve the annexation, without a right to appeal. Technical requirements include that the territory is less than 500 acres, the territory shares at least 5% common continuous boundary with the municipality and the annexation will not create an island of township.

Expedited Type 3 Annexation

Petition by 100% of property owners for the undertaking of a significant economic development project while keeping the territory being annexed in its existing township for real-estate taxation. If the township and municipality agree to the annexation, notice must be given, and the County Board of Commissioners must approve the annexation, without a right to appeal. If the township or municipality objects to the annexation, a hearing with advanced notice is held by the County Board of Commissioners, who may then grant or deny the annexation. If the annexation is granted, there is no right to appeal. If the annexation is denied, only a property owner who signed the annexation petition may appeal. In addition, the Director of the Ohio Department of Development must certify that the petitioners have shown that significant economic development will result.

Annexation by Petition of a Municipality for Municipal, County or State-Owned Land

Initiated by the municipality to annex territory belonging to a public entity. If the property is owned by a municipality, the commissioners must grant the annexation petition. If the subject territory is county-owned land, the Board of County Commissioners have discretion to grant or deny the petition. If the land is owned by the state, the commissioners have a mandatory duty to grant the petition as long as the Director of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services has filed written consent for the annexation with the board. The territory being annexed remains in its existing township for real-estate taxation, and there is no right to appeal.

Many of the recent annexations to the City of Hilliard have been done by development companies that own or represent 100% of the subject land, using the Expedited Type 2 Annexation process. This is initiated by the property owner and is completed without a hearing or appeal. The property, once annexed, is subject to City of Hilliard zoning and land use approval. When the land being annexed is in Brown Township, Brown Township continues to collect the Township portion of the real-estate taxes, which includes fire levy funds, as the land is developed and improved.

Sources for this article were the Ohio Township Association and the County Commissioners Association of Ohio. Compiled by Joe Martin, Trustee



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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

Broadband Pilot Project

Lt. Governor Jon Husted has announced that Allen Township, outside of Marysville, will be the site of a pilot project, with the Starlink satellite broadband service developed by SpaceX, to connect select households and small businesses with high speed internet access. The pilot is part of the DeWine-Husted administration's commitment to bringing high speed internet access to Ohioans across the state.

The pilot will test the delivery of Starlink's space-based high speed internet to 90 households and about ten small businesses. All of the participants are underserved by broadband. It marks the largest Starlink pilot in the Midwest and it was made possible through the partnership of BroadbandOhio,

the City of Marysville, economic development leaders in Union County, and JobsOhio, the state's private nonprofit economic development corporation.

The pilot was expected to begin in the first quarter of this year and the service will run at no cost to the participants for twelve months. Starlink says it can deliver high speed internet to locations where access has been unreliable or unavailable. The selected households and businesses were to be formally notified early in the year, close to the start of the service.

The Starlink pilot marks a return to Ohio for SpaceX as the company has conducted acoustic testing at NASA's Plum Brook facility for its Falcon 9 rocket nose cone as well

as the Starlink satellites themselves. Plum Brook is home to the world's most powerful spacecraft acoustic test chambers, which can simulate the noise of a launch up to 163 decibels or as loud as the thrust of 20 jet engines. The testing helps ensure both the nose cone and the satellites are not adversely affected by these sounds during launch. It is another example of how Ohio is at the leading edge of innovation.

Both the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate have passed broadband expansion legislation. This statewide issue is expected to be resolved as the state budget is finalized.

More information about the pilot can be found at JobsOhio.com/broadband-solutions/