

BROWN TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1830

Spring 2022

Tips to Deter Crime from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office

Brown Township Residents,

I wanted to take the time to introduce myself to all of you. My name is Deputy Burton Haren and I am the Franklin County Community Liaison for Brown Township. I have worked for the Sheriff's Office for 17 years. I worked as a patrol deputy on third and first shifts prior to taking the position as Community Liaison at the end of last year.

As a community liaison I attend township trustee meetings and provide the trustees with updates about what the deputies that work the area are seeing as it relates to crime and provide tips for how to help prevent crime in the area. I also investigate complaints that come in either through the Sheriff's Office website, from the trustees or directly from the residents themselves about issues in the township that relate to the Sheriff's Office.

I recently received a request from members of the Brown Township Block Watch to provide the residents of the township with some tips for how to keep your property safe and help prevent thefts and other criminal activity during upcoming spring season.

- The first and maybe one of the easiest ways to help deter criminal activity is to leave exterior lights on. I realize many people live in rural areas because they don't want the light pollution that more urban areas create. If this is the case, motion sensors can be installed on exterior lights. Most criminals prefer to commit thefts under the cover of darkness, so creating that blanket of light may help prevent your property from being targeted.
- To follow up on my first tip, park vehicles in areas with light. This is also a good idea when parking in public parking lots after dark. And don't leave the keys or valuable items in your vehicles whether it be at home or in public. Deputies working patrol have seen an increase in criminals breaking out windows in vehicles to gain access to valuable items that can be seen in plain view.
- If possible, add a security system or cameras to homes and other buildings on your property. This may help to deter criminals from targeting your property. Cameras may help to identify criminals if the property is targeted.
- Keeping good records of serial numbers and even taking pictures of firearms and other expensive property can help locate and identify property much faster if it is stolen.
- Cutting back overgrown shrubs and other plants, along with removing debris that criminals could use to conceal themselves may help prevent property from being targeted.
- The Sheriff's Office also provides a House Watch List. Residents can call the Sheriff's Office Records Division at 614-525-3365 and request to have their property put on the list. Patrol deputies then receive an email notifying them of the addresses on the list to keep an eye on.
- My last tip is to look out for each other. If you see suspicious activity in the area, call 911 if it is an emergency or 615-525-3333 for all non-emergencies.

*Thank You,
Deputy Burton Haren
Franklin County Sheriff's Office*

EARLY HISTORY OF BROWN TOWNSHIP

By Sandy Andromeda
and the late Ray Bradley

The land now known as Brown Township has a rich and varied history extending back thousands of years. Although most of the remains of the once glorious native inhabitant's city have been eradicated, slight evidence of their ancient culture has survived despite the destructive hands of the white people. Before the arrival of the early white settlers in 1808, the natives found this to be an excellent hunting area rich in game, especially along Big Darby Creek, which the local natives called Crawfish Creek. During the pioneer era there were more Haudenosaunee living in the area than white people. The native People were called Mingoes by the white people. The famous Shawanese leader, Tecumtha, frequented the area, and Jonathan Alder, a white man who was once a captive of the Mingoes, lived most of his life along Big Darby Creek in and near Brown Township.

This petition to create Brown Township as submitted to the Franklin County Commissioners on March 1, 1830. Two days later, on March 3rd, the 18th of Franklin County's 19 townships was organized. Brown Township, being the last land to be settled in Franklin County, was created from parts of Norwich, Prairie and Washington Townships and is the smallest township in the county. The name "Brown" was for Sylvester Brown, a merchant who had opened the first store in the township. Many of the early white settlers were natives of Virginia, settling on land granted to them in the Virginia Military District. This was an area reserved for former Virginia soldiers. All of Brown Township is located within

To the Hon. The Commissioners of Franklin County. We your petitioners humbly showth the inconvenience we labor under for want of a new township being laid off in the western part of Norwich and Prairie Township. 1st as to attending Elections in Norwich many of the inhabitants have to travel ten or twelve miles or sacrifice their sufferage the Elections ever being held at the extreme east. 2nd As to common Schools we are deprived of our equitable rights the township being districted in two districts from East & West. The Eastern population being mostly weighty they organize their Schools draw Revenue and strip us of public Patronage. 3rd by we the inhabitants of Prairie being few in number situated in the N.W. corner suff inconvenience Reaching Schools we therefore pray your Honor to grant us a new Township bounded as follows. Vis beginning at the N.W. Corner of Norwich at the County line thence East with the line of Norwich to a point that due fourth line will include John MCCan, thence to a point an Mile and a quarter in Prairie thence West to the county line, thence north with said line to the place of beginning. We in duty will ever pray.

this reserve. The eastern portion of the township was largely settled by the Welsh. At that time a major portion of north central Brown Township was a timbered marsh.

White settlement first occurred along Big Darby Creek and then moved eastward. In addition to Jonathan Alder, who lived here for years prior to white settlement, the first settlers in the future Brown Township were the families of James Boyd, W. Renier, John Hayden, and John Patterson. Other families who later settled the area were those of George Clover, Chauncey and Obil Beach, Adam Reese, William Walker, John and Thomas Kilgore, John Lloyd, Charles Holmes, Henry Francis, Adam Blount, James Rinier, Knowlton Bailey, James Langton, Joseph Belchey, John Acton, Jacob

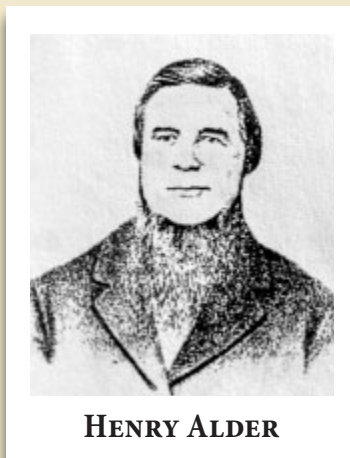
Rogers, James Huggett, N. E. Fares and Paul Alder, a son of Jonathan Alder. Jonathan's grandson, Henry Alder, built the first frame house in the township in 1834. Henry Francis constructed the first brick house in the township and this home is still standing on the east side of Amity Road between Patterson and Beach Roads. It is likely the oldest house in Brown Township. The Daniel F. Roberts brick homestead was on the south side of Roberts Road, an Ongwaoweh trail, about midway between Walker and Alton and Darby Creek Roads. The house was demolished in 2002.

Big Darby Creek was the source of energy for the first saw mill in Brown Township built by Isaac Hayden in 1837 about halfway between the lines of Roberts Road and Morris Road. The

second mill was powered by a steam engine and was used to cut timbers for the Columbus, Piqua and Indiana Railroad that John Reed Hilliard was constructing through the township. George Jennings later operated a saw mill at the ravine near the northeast corner of Roberts Road and Hubbard Road after he purchased the Union Seminary property here.

William Michael operated a blacksmith shop on the east side of Amity Road. This was just south of the Richard Jerman farm on the southeast corner of Morris Road and Amity Road.

Dr. John Rathbun in 1839 was the first physician to locate his practice in Brown Township. In 1841, he built the second frame house in the township. Later came Dr. D.H. Welling.



HENRY ALDER

This is Part 1 of the Early History of Brown Township. Please look for Part 2 in the next newsletter. Of note: Any information herein is copied verbatim from the written history.

Fire Department Achieves ISO CLASS 1 Rating

On February 28, 2022 the Norwich Township Fire Department received notification from our ISO (Insurance Services Office) representative congratulating Norwich Township on being rated as an ISO Class 1. This rating directly effects insurance rates for home and business owners in our community. We look forward to the official rating to be available to insurance adjusters, which should happen in the next two to three months.

The evaluation process began in September 2021 and includes our water supply system, fire alarm office, and our department's response to fires. The department's

training records, maintenance records, personnel, and response plans were well reviewed by a third party. Although the evaluation and classification is presented to us this year, the preparation for this rating began many years before by former Chief Jeff Warren and former Assistant Chief Greg Young. Their leadership put a plan in place to move our department to a new level, resulting in this success.

We are very proud to be one of only three townships in Ohio to achieve this rating, and there are less than 10 total Class 1's in the State of Ohio.

Hilliard Recycling Event to be held on April 23

Go Green Hilliard and the City of Hilliard have partnered to host a Recycling Drop Off event on April 23! Celebrate Earth Week by keeping unwanted Styrofoam, electronics, building materials, paper, and more out of the landfill.

The general public may drop off Styrofoam at Hilliard City Hall (3800 Municipal Way), and paper for shredding, electronics, and Habitat for Humanity items at Roger A. Reynolds Municipal Park (3800 Veterans Memorial Drive) on Saturday, April 23 from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m.

Styrofoam

Accepted materials include: packaging material, and foam coolers. Materials not accepted include: foam peanuts, construction grade foam (insulation), and foam food containers.

Electronics

Accepted materials include: computers, printers, fax machines, DVD and record players, cords, phones, cameras, Mp3 players, video game systems, stereo equipment and small kitchen appliances. TVs and monitors are accepted at an additional cost.

Shredding

Bring stacks or boxes of paper to Roger A. Reynolds Municipal Park. All paper will be shredded and recycled.

Habitat for Humanity ReStore

Habitat ReStore accepts new and gently used appliances, furniture, building materials, household goods, plumbing and fixtures, flooring, windows, tools, non-fluorescent lighting, and new lumber.



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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: 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.
Dec. 2021	2	4	2	26
Jan. 2022	3	7	5	20
Feb. 2022	0	4	6	20

Franklin County Sheriff's Department

Calls to addresses in unincorporated Brown Township:

December 2021

Reported on December 1, occurred from November 29 through December 1 – theft from an address on Roberts Road.

Reported on December 23, occurred from December 22 through December 23 – Grand Theft and Theft (vehicle was stolen) from an address on Hardwood Drive.

December 25 - Corrupting another with drugs at an address on Amity Road.

January 2022

Reported on January 11, occurred from January 6 through January 11- theft from an address on Patterson Road.

February 2022

Reported on February 1, occurred from July 1, 2020 through February 1, 2022—Identity Fraud at an address on Walker Road.

February 16 – Identity Fraud at an address on Jerman Lane.

Hilliard Division of Police

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

December 2021

No non-routine calls

January 2022

No non-routine calls

February 2022

No non-routine calls