

BROWN TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1830

Winter 2022

Roadside Objects

Public road right-of-way is the width (amount) of the land that is available for the use and maintenance of a public roadway. The public road right-of-way includes both the pavement and the land along each side of the roadway that is used for drainage and utility purposes. It may also include driveway approaches, sidewalks, and traffic signage. The actual public road right-of-way width varies in Brown Township so consult the Franklin County Auditor's website for your lot: <https://property.franklincounty-auditor.com> and select "Map Search."

Property owners are allowed to install a mailbox within the road right-of-way. However, all non-approved objects placed within the road right of-way are considered encroachments. The placement of any object within the road right-of-way, except authorized mailboxes, is prohibited unless approved by the County and/or Township.

In many instances, property owners or contractors place

fences, rocks, trees/shrubs, retaining walls, or other fixed objects within the road right-of-way as a measure for improving landscape. However, these fixed objects often become hazards to errant motorists, vision obstructions, or interfere with road and public utility improvements. Under Section 5515.02 of the Ohio Revised Code, these encroachments are illegal and subject to removal from the road right-of-way. Section 5515.02 also permits the County and/or Township to remove such encroachments with their own forces and such expenses be collected from the property owner. Furthermore, property owners can be held liable for crashes and injury caused by illegal encroachments. Cooperation in keeping the road right-of-way free of all potential hazards is much appreciated.

Contributed by W. Fritz Crosier, P.E., Chief Deputy of Engineering, Franklin County Engineer's office.

Trail Survey Results

Total surveys returned: 91

Would you like to have the opportunity to bike or hike to Hilliard parks or Prairie Oaks without using the roadway?

Yes: 78 No: 13

Would horse trails be appealing to you?

Yes: 33 No: 58

Should trails be completely separate from the roadway or are lanes along the side of the roadway acceptable?

Separate: 70 Along roadway: 12

Do you think trails would be an important asset to our community?

Yes: 78 No: 13

Note from the Trustees:

The survey results yield an 11% return rate. Now that the residents have spoken, it is time for the Trustees to delve into the feasibility of this endeavor. Once more information becomes available, it will be reported in a future newsletter.

Dry It, Don't Dump It!

Does anybody start feeling antsy when the cold weather sets in? As you're spending more time inside, you start thinking about tasks around the house like cleaning out old junk, painting, and fixing this or that. You may find yourself cleaning out the garage or basement of old paint cans or aerosols. But how do you dispose of it properly? Not the storm drain or our waterways! It's bad for water quality, and you could even be fined hundreds or thousands of dollars if you allow paint, dry wall compound, concrete washout or other chemicals to go down a storm drain. So, let's talk about how to dispose of paint and other chemicals properly.

What do I do with old or leftover paint?

Thanks to our partners at City of Columbus, we have developed some informational handouts regarding paint disposal for businesses for our "Dry it, Don't Dump It" program. Here's how to dispose of old or leftover paint properly:

Dry It

If you have latex based paint,

you can dry it with cat litter, sand, sawdust, or a commercial hardener, and put it out with the trash. It needs to be completely dry in order to go out with the trash.

Drop It Off

Franklin County residents can drop household hazardous waste items off at SWACO's partner disposal facility, EEI, Inc. Call EEI ahead to verify hours and any costs at 614-294-1300. Additionally, keep an eye out for local drop-off collection events held by SWACO with their municipal partners.

But First: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

One of the best ways to reduce your waste is to reduce how much you buy! Buy just enough paint to get the job done. Many paint brands or hardware stores like Sherwin Williams, Benjamin Moore, and Lowe's have calculators to determine just how much paint you will need. Keep some leftover

for touchups, and find ways to repurpose leftover paint for another project!

Lots of people, organizations or businesses could use leftover paint for projects or products. For example, the Ohio Materials Marketplace is an online platform for businesses to connect and find reuse or recycling solutions for waste and by-products. Additionally, you could donate paint to individuals, local groups or charities who could reuse the paint for a project such as a furniture rehab, housing projects, animal shelters, and more.



Elements of Brown Township History

About 30 years ago, Cora Bailey Bradley (Mrs. Lewis Bradley) showed me the original patent whereby her grandfather, Knowlton Bailey, acquired his land. The patent was signed by President James Monroe (or one of his clerks could have been assigned to sign the President's name to what must have been routine documents). Mr. Monroe was President from 1817 to 1825. Since this is all Virginia Military Land, Knowlton Bailey must have been entitled land for Revolutionary War services for Virginia. That would be an interesting research project. Are there others who do have an original patent? We would love to have a copy for our township records.

You will note several misspellings in the petition (*not available here*),

not only for words but also names. For example, Adam Blaut was undoubtedly Adam Blount, one of the very first settlers in the area, coming from Virginia.

Early histories suggest the first settlers came into the area along Big Darby Creek about 1808 to 1810. The eastern portion of the township was then a dense wilderness and didn't develop until 1825 or 1840 depending upon which sources you consult.

John Hayden, a Pennsylvanian, moved to Brown Township in 1818 and located on what I knew as the Charles High farm on Amity Road just a short distance above Roberts Road. As a boy I worked on that farm in the hay and on a threshing crew, but that's another story. Later

that farm was owned by Ben and Dale Sayre and is now owned by Columbus.

The Beach family were early settlers lending their name to Beach Road, but more importantly, owning much land in the vicinity of Amity and Carter Roads.

In 1840, the Federal Census showed Brown Township as having a population of 425 persons. In 1880, that had increased to 982 and we're still growing!

This was originally written in 1996 by Raymond Bradley, Historian for Brown Township and lifelong resident. Raymond died later that year.

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. 2021	0	2	5	17
Oct. 2021	2	3	6	20
Nov. 2021	2	0	3	21

Franklin County Sheriff's Department

Calls to addresses in unincorporated Brown Township:

September 2021

Reported on September 23, occurred from April 8 through June 3 – credit card theft from an address on Walker Road.

September 24—Theft from mailbox at an address on Jones Road.

October 2021

October 7—Property damage at an address on Walker Road.

Reported October 11, occurred from October 10 through October 11—Entering accessory structure without permission at an address on Scioto Darby Creek Road.

October 13—Financial property stolen from an address on Abbey Chase Road.

Reported on October 14, occurred on October 13—Financial property stolen from an address on Abbey Chase Road.

October 23—Corrupting another with

drugs at an address on Amity Road.

October 23—Damage to nine mailboxes at addresses on Morris Road.

Reported on October 23, occurred from October 18 through October 23—Financial property was stolen at an address on Cole Road.

November 2021

November 14—Occurred on November 12—Unlawful entry into known structure at an address on Patterson Road.

Hilliard Division of Police

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

September 2021
No non-routine calls.

October 2021
No non-routine calls.

November 2021
No non-routine calls.



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2491 Walker Road
Hilliard, Ohio 43026

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Brown Township Administration Office

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(614) 876-2133

Website

www.BrownTwp.org

Fiscal Officer

Becky Kent • (614) 446-2359

Trustees

Mr. Gary Dever • (614) 876-4768
Mrs. Pamela Sayre • (614) 878-0199
Mr. Joseph Martin • (614) 870-9601

Norwich Fire Department

Jeff Warren, Chief • (614) 876-7694

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*

IN REMEMBRANCE

RICHARD A. EMMELHAINZ

Richard Allan “Dick” Emmelhainz, age 93, passed away October 31, 2021. Richard was born in Brown Township, Franklin County, Ohio September 20, 1928 to Otto and Helen (Smith) Emmelhainz. He graduated from Hilliard High School, Class of 1946, and graduated from Capital University in 1950. He was a veteran of the United States Army from 1952–1954. Richard said he was a farmer most of his life, loving his gardens and the outdoors. Preceded in death by his two brothers Reverend Otto Emmelhainz, Jr. and Keith Emmelhainz and his sister Anita Emmelhainz, along with grandsons James Emmelhainz and Spencer Matteson. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Charlene T. (Ward) Emmelhainz; sister-in-law, Ruby Emmelhainz; children, Rick (Valerie) Emmelhainz, Terri Emmelhainz (Nan

Counihan), Randy (Jill) Emmelhainz, Mary (Bruce) Ratliff, Rebecca (Alan) Matteson; and former son-in-law, Brian Hughes; 14 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and friends. “He finally answered my call!” - Richard. Private inurnment at Sunset Cemetery, Galloway, Franklin County. If desired, friends may make a memorial contribution to Faith Mission, www.issnetworkofhope.org/donate. A Celebration of Life gathering will be held at Worthington Hills Country Club on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 from 4-6pm. Arrangements completed by the TIDD FAMILY FUNERAL HOME, Hilliard, Ohio. Please visit www.tiddfuneralservice.com to view full obituary notice and to send your condolences to the Emmelhainz Family.