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Township Trustee Meetings are held bi-weekly on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall (23 Maple Drive)



PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP *Ohio*

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THE PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

The Prairie CIC was formed in 2010. The CIC has grown and become much more active over the last few years. The Board consists of 9 members, including a representative from Doctor's Hospital, South-Western City Schools, Homes on the Hill, local businesses, and a township resident, as well as representatives from Prairie Township.

Some recent projects completed by the CIC include a redevelopment study for the West Broad Street corridor and surrounding area, and a sign grant program for

businesses along West Broad Street. Carriage House Flowers, Liberty Dialysis, and Inner Health Chiropractor/Aminata's Daycare are three of the grant/loan recipients who already have their new monument sign installed.

The Prairie CIC Board is also working with local businesses and commercial property owners on enhancing the appearance of their properties along the West Broad Street corridor in other ways.

Additional information can be found on the township's website under Community

Improvement Corporation. Activities of the CIC are funded by the Prairie Township Board of Trustees and the JEDZ Board.



Upcoming Events

Trick or Treat Trail (PTCC) 10/28/16 6-8 p.m.

Pumpkin Swim (PTCC) 10/30/2016 2-3p.m. or 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Trick-or-Treat, 10/31/16, 6 - 8 p.m.

Santa's Mailbox Nov. 25-Dec.16

Elf on the Shelf Nov. 25-Dec.16

Tree Lighting 12/4/16 4-6 p.m.

WEST BROAD STREETSCAPE

As the West Broad Street Streetscape project wraps up, and the orange barrels disappear, we hope that our residents and visitors are as happy with the completed project as we expect to be.

As a part of this project, the township has added electricity and brackets to the light poles to be able to hang holiday decorations and other seasonal banners

along W. Broad Street.

The first shipment of decorations have been delivered, so you will see W. Broad Street decorated this winter!!!

Once the project is complete, Prairie Township Road, Parks and Cemeteries department will be responsible for its maintenance including removal of snow

from the sidewalks. Business's along West Broad Street shall be responsible for maintaining the grass/weeds on their property.



COMMUNITY CENTER

The Prairie Township Community Center turned 1! July 24th marked the one year anniversary of the opening of the Community Center.

In addition, our 2nd year of Summer Camp was a great success. Summer Camp was held at Darby Woods Elementary School and attendance was double that of last year. Participants were able to swim at the Community Center, attend field trips, and a variety of other activities. We look forward to next years Summer Camp!

In addition to growing memberships, class offerings and programs are also growing. The Community Center's page on the township is website is updated regularly with class and program offerings.

Private Swim Lessons are now available. Private swim lessons are a great alternative to the traditional group swim lessons for both children and adults. Private lesson request forms are available at the front desk.

Day trips: Did you know the Community Center offers day trips? The trips are via bus and go to a variety of places. There will be a Christmas Dinner Musical trip on November 29th and the Joy of Christmas Lights December 8th. Details and costs are available on the Community Center's page at www.prairietownship.org

**Note-if minimum number of participants is not met, the trip will be cancelled and fees refunded.

In October, the Community Center will be hosting a Pumpkin Swim and the annual Trick-Or-Treat Trail. Come swim and pick out your favorite pumpkin to decorate and wear your best costume to follow the trail of sweet treats!

Elf On The Shelf is from November 25th-December 16th. Visit the local participating locations and take a photo with each elf you find! After finding all of the elves, bring your sheet back to the community center to enter your name for a prize!

ELECTRIC AGGREGATION

The Township's current aggregation plans with IGS was set to expire in January of 2017. The Board approved a new 2 year agreement with IGS at a rate of 0.05680/kwh.

As always, any questions or concerns regarding electric or gas aggregation may be directed to Scott Belcastro of Trebel, LLC at 614-425-4885

SHERRIFF'S OFFICE

Prairie Township has a close relationship with the Franklin County Sherriff's Office. Prairie Township has dedicated patrol vehicles. This is in addition to other patrols and other services provided.

You can call 614-525-3333 of service.
Call 911 in case of an emergency.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES!!

The Prairie Township Community Center offers a variety of birthday party packages, including pool and gym parties.

The Prairie package includes everything you need for a successful party, including Flyers Pizza, Dairy Queen Ice Cream Cake, and Pepsi products—all you have to do is show up!

To schedule your next birthday party, please call the Community Center at 614-907-7990



BACK TO SCHOOL!!

Just a little reminder now that school is back in session, please obey all speed limits and be cautious of pedestrians!



ROADS, CEMETERIES & PARKS

As winter approaches, with it comes the winter weather. Prairie Township Roads, Cemeteries and Parks staff make snow plowing a top priority. In an effort to help get the roads cleared and salted, please move your vehicles off of the roads when possible. Also, please keep your sidewalks shoveled, as to provide a safe walking route for pedestrians.

Curbside Leaf Program:

The Prairie Township Trustees are happy to announce that the RCP staff will be collecting your leaves starting October 11, 2016. Please rake leaves to the green space between the curb and sidewalk, if you do not have a sidewalk then rake leaves to the edge of the road berm. Do not place leaves in the roadway or pile them around parked cars or fire hydrants.

Christmas Tree Recycling:

The Roads, Cemetery and Parks department will collect your Christmas tree. Dates for automatic pickup will be Dec. 29, 2016, Jan. 5, 2017 and Jan. 12, 2017. Otherwise please schedule pickup with the Roads, Cemetery, and Parks Department. Prairie township is committed to recycling and waste diversion programs to increase environmental protection in our area. Please remove all decorations and remove any wrapping paper or bags. The trees must be placed at the curb for collection.



GALLOWAY SPORTS COMPLEX

Work on the Galloway Sports Complex is in full force. The Township was awarded a \$500,000 grant from the State Capital Budget to assist with Phase 1 of the project.

State Senator Jim Hughes and State Representative Cheryl Grossman were instrumental in helping us receive the grant and the township thanks them for their continued assistants and support.

Phase one will include two ball diamonds, ponds for fishing, ten multi-use fields, and a concession facility with restrooms. Phase one is expected to open Spring of 2018. Please allow time for construction and establishing the turf.

With the completion of Phase one, the township plans to be able to offer youth sports programs to this area. Recreation Department staff will take on the task of implementing these youth sports programs.

WELCOME ASSISTANT CHIEF SCOTT!

We are pleased to welcome Assistant Fire Chief, Allen Scott to Prairie Township. Assistant Chief Scott began his fire service career in 1982 with the Brilliant Volunteer Fire Department. He has worked part-time with both pleasant and Jefferson townships. In 1994, Chief Scott was hired full-time at the Whitehall Division of fire, where he served 22 years. During his time at Whitehall, he was promoted to Lieutenant in 2002 and Captain in 2011.

In addition to his fire duties, Chief Scott is a U.S. Army veteran, holds an associates degree in Medical Laboratory technology, and is a graduate of the Ohio Fire Executive Program. He currently serves as the assistant region 4 coordinator for the Ohio Fire Chief's Statewide Emergency Response Plan, was a member of the Central Ohio Strike Team, a regional Urban Search and Rescue team, for 12 years, and taught in the fire program at Tolles Career Center for 17 years.

Chief Scott resides in West Jefferson with his wife, Barb. They have two sons, Caleb and Darren, a daughter-in-law, Joni and four grandchildren. Together, they enjoy Buckeye football and fishing!

