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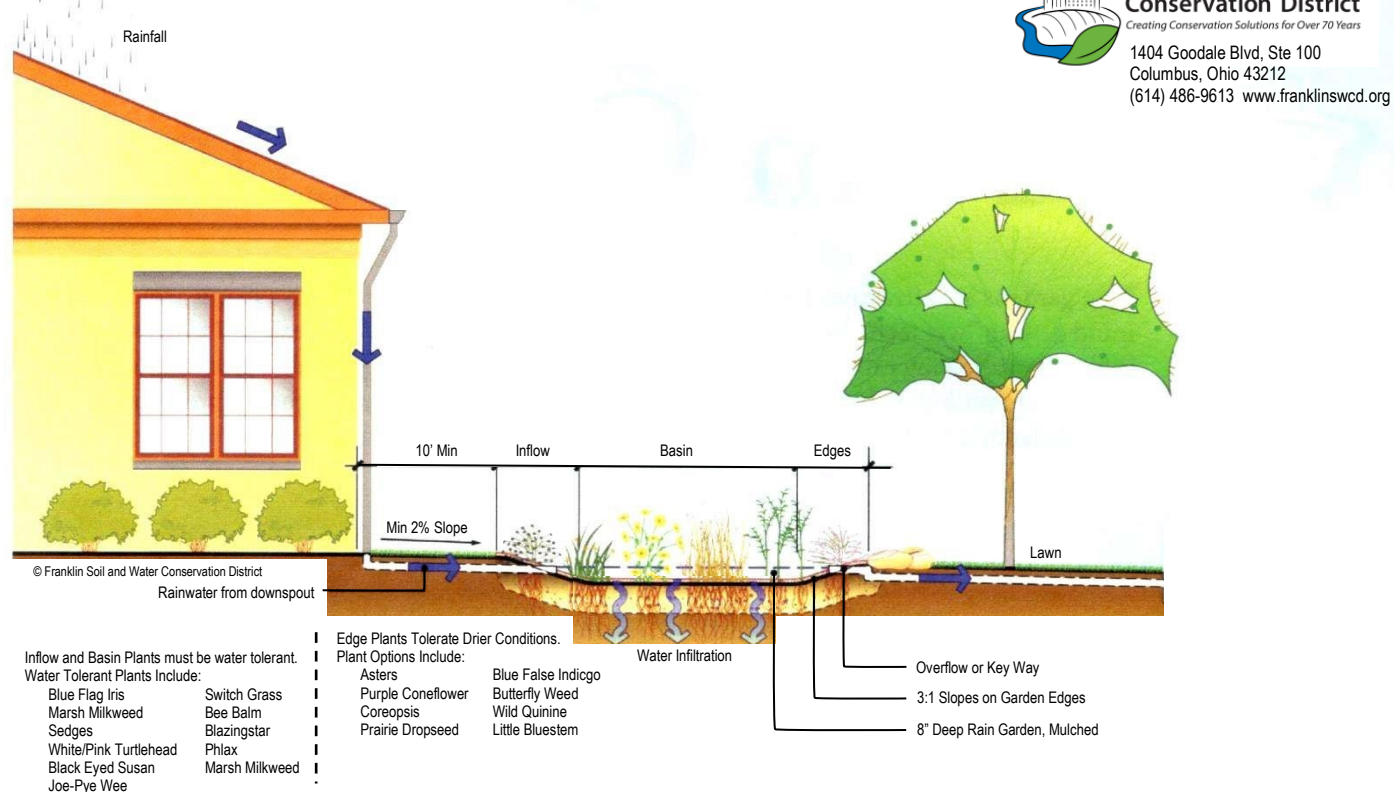
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Township Trustee Meetings are held bi-weekly on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall (23 Maple Drive)

The Township recently updated its phone systems. Please reference the new phone numbers for each department.

RAIN GARDEN CONCEPT FOR HOME OWNERS



PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP *Ohio*

The Bicentennial Issue

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PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP CELEBRATES ITS 200TH YEAR

History of Prairie Township

Founded in 1819, Prairie Township was a heavily agricultural area for early settlers. Villages formed in the Alton, Galloway, and Rome areas. As the popularity of the National Road and transportation grew, these areas began to develop into major subdivisions such as Lincoln Village, Lake Darby Estates and Village Park.



nie Kunze. These resolutions recognize and celebrate the Township's Bicentennial and the Fire Department's 75th Anniversary.

Celebration Banners

Banners celebrating the Bicentennial and Fire Department Anniversary were displayed during this year's fish fry and will also be displayed along the West Broad Street corridor during the Fall.

Bicentennial Shirts

T-shirts celebrating the 200th Anniversary are available for purchase at the Community Center (5955 West Broad Street) and the Administration Office (23 Maple Drive). These shirts are currently available in all sizes at a cost of \$10.00 per shirt.



House and Senate Resolutions

The Township was presented with two Ohio General Assembly Resolutions in June 2019 by State Representatives Laura Lanese and Allison Russo, and State Senator Stepha-

GALLOWAY SPORTS COMPLEX UPDATE



The Galloway Sports Complex is making progress as the summer season comes to a close. The Township is currently working with County Engineers and Stantec on road improvements that will allow easier access to the Complex during future games and events. Limited use of the Complex will begin early Fall of this year.

Upcoming Events

Trick or Treat
Oct. 31, 2019 6-8p.m.

Community Center

Pumpkin Swim
Oct. 20, 2019 1:30, 2:30, or 3:30 p.m.

Trick or Treat Trail
Oct. 25, 2019 6-8 p.m.

Health Expo
Nov. 2 10a.m.—2p.m.

Santa's Mailbox
Nov. 26—Dec. 16, 2019

Elf on the Shelf
Nov. 26—Dec. 16, 2019

Tree Lighting
Dec. 1, 2019 4-6 p.m.

Fire Department

Food Truck and Fire Prevention Festival
Oct. 12, 2019
Station 241

Roads, Cemeteries, and Parks Department

Leaf Pickup Program
Begins Oct. 15, 2019

Christmas Tree Pickup
Dec. 27, 2019, Jan. 3, 2020, Jan. 10, 2020

COMMUNITY CENTER

As the weather starts to shift to colder temperatures, the Community Center is a great place to exercise, see familiar faces or make new friends. We offer an indoor pool with a vortex feature, rock climbing wall and diving board. Our indoor track is a great place to walk with great outdoor views. The fitness area is very spacious and we have a variety of equipment from weight/cardio machines to free weights. We offer a variety of fitness and water fitness classes at an extra charge. The gymnasium is a great place to play popular games like Basketball and Pickleball. The Center offers activities for seniors including Chair Volleyball, Pickleball, Bingo, Pokeno, Corn Toss, Wii Bowling and more. There is also a potluck on the last Friday of each month. There is something for everyone!

New Activities Planned this Fall

Matt McCallum joined our team this past Winter bringing lots of new and exciting programs planned for the Fall.

Parent-Child Cooking Classes

Does your child like to cook? PTCC has stirred up something just for them; fun hands-on-parent-child cooking classes. Class runs from September 21-October 12 from 10-11 am.

Youth Archery Classes

These fun and exciting classes introduce participants to the sport

of archery in a safe, fun and non-competitive environment. Classes run on Tuesdays from September 3-24 and Thursdays from September 5-26 at 6-7 pm. Each class requires an individual registration.

Lifestyle for Teens

Do you have a tween/teen who likes to watch TV, play video games or text with their friends all day? We know they have no idea what's around the corner "Adulting". Lifestyle will teach them how to plan a budget, write a grocery list, complete basic household activities and enjoy communication skills with their peers. This class will meet Tuesday's beginning October 1st from 5:30-6:30 pm at the Westland Area Library.

Sports

Girl's Volleyball Program-October 2nd-30th (Ages 5-8- 6-7 pm) (Ages 9-12- 7-8 pm)
Tumbling- October 3 – November 7-Ages 2-12- 5:30-8 pm
Little Dribblers Basketball- Ages 4-6 years old- November 5th-26th -6-7 pm
Basketball Clinic- K-3rd grade-November 7th-December 12th -6-8 pm.

Please call us at 614-907-7990 or visit our website at prairietownship.org for more information and registration information.

COMMERCIAL BUILDING & ZONING DEPARTMENT



Whether you like it in a wrap or a bowl, add sour cream or guacamole, you won't have to drive far to get it anymore... You won't even have to get out of your car!

Watch for a brand new Chipotle Mexican Grill in front of our Giant Eagle in the Lincoln Village Plaza very soon. The first in our area to provide a drive thru window exclusive for on-line orders! Buckeye Fans, you are going to love this stores new colors too! *Go Bucks!*



New Prairie Township Phone Numbers

We have recently updated our phone system in Prairie Township. Please update your records as necessary:

Prairie Township Main Line: (614) 878-3317
Zoning Main Line: (614) 982-2190

Connie Swisher, Zoning Inspector: (614) 982-2193
Dana Scott, Zoning Specialist II: (614) 982-2191
Alicia Armentrout, Zoning Specialist I: (614) 982-2192
Cassady Critchfield, Field Inspector : (614) 982-2194



Once every ten years the federal government conducts a census to count everyone in the United States. For the first time ever the U.S. Census Bureau will accept responses online and by phone.

Why is it so important to respond and participate in the 2020 Census? More than \$675 billion in federal funding flows back to states and local communities like Prairie Township based on census data. Responding to the census helps communities get the funding they need for services and infrastructure, and it helps businesses make data-driven decisions that grow our economy.

Beginning in March you will receive your Census 2020 material. Respond online and be counted!

Get Involved! Volunteer for One of Our Boards

We are always looking for new Board Members and Alternates.

If you are interested in being on either our Board of Zoning Appeals or the Zoning Commission, please contact the Building and Zoning Department at (614) 982-2190.

ROADS, CEMETERIES & PARKS

Curbside Leaf Program

The RCP staff will begin collection leaves starting the week of October 15, 2019. Please rake leaves to the green space between the curb and sidewalk, if you have one. If you do not have a sidewalk, 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 Pick Up

The Roads, Cemetery and Parks department will collect your Christmas tree. Dates for automatic pickup will be December 27, January 3, and January 10. Otherwise please schedule pickup with the 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.

2019 Sidewalk Program

This year's program included over seventy properties. This program continues to improve the safety of the Township's sidewalks. If you would like to participate in next year's program, please contact Dave McAninch, Service Director.

Curbside Chipping

The RCP Department will perform chipping upon your request. This service is offered year round. Branches must be a minimum length of 4 feet and the machine will accept branches up to 8 inches in diameter. Please submit a request at prairietownship.org or contact Dave McAninch.

2019/2020 Snow Removal

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.

For assistance, please contact the Roads, Cemeteries, and Parks Department: Dave McAninch, Service Director

Phone: 614-878-3316

Email: dmcaninch@prairietownship.org

FIRE DEPARTMENT

From your Fire Department

Chief Chris Snyder

Our firefighters continue to be extremely busy at almost all hours of the day and night. In 2019 so far, they have responded from our two stations to well over 3,000 incidents, 28% of which were fire-related, and 72% were emergency medical. As a result of this volume, and thanks to our community's support, we've brought a new Medic 241 onto the streets which features state-of-the-art equipment. We also have taken advantage of a greater number of training opportunities, ranging from EMS and auto extrications, to working with our partners OhioHealth and MedFlight, all to ensure that our skills remain on the cutting edge.

As we maintain our focus on our day jobs, we also understand that community outreach provides some of our best ways to connect. This year as we've celebrated our 75th Anniversary, we had a record turnout for our annual Mother's Day Flower Sale and Fish Fry events, and our Reading with a Firefighter program which reached nearly 250 children. Thanks to our Association for their support.

This fall, you can expect to see us at your child's school during Fire Prevention Month. Every October, we visit nearly every grade of our area preschools and elementary schools with age-appropriate content about fire safety. We regularly reach over 3,000 students in October. In addition, we will host our 3rd Annual Food Truck and Fire Prevention Festival all day on Saturday, October 12 at 123 Inah Ave., which this year collaborates with the Prairie Harvest Festival to celebrate the Township's bicentennial.

Our service is a true partnership between the Firefighters and the community. We need your support just as you may require ours. Thank you, sincerely, for the opportunity you've entrusted in us. When you call, we are always here to help.



Prairie Township Fire Department was recognized by state officials on its 75th Anniversary at the 2019 Fish Fry & Cruise-In. Pictured left to right are Assistant Chief Allen Scott, State Representatives Laura Lanese and Allison Russo, State Senator Stephanie Kunze and Chief Chris Snyder.