

Big Island Township Newsletter

April 2010

Township Hall location: Corner of Bumford and DeCliff-Big Island Roads



Monthly meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in the township hall

Trustees

Robert Handley (Chairman) 465-5050
Steven Uhl (Vice Chairman) 375-0000
suhl_bitownship@yahoo.com
Philip Schaber 499-3241

Fiscal Officer

Penny Fogle 382-9878
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Zoning Inspector

Walter Yancy 382-3862

Cemetery Superintendent

Tim Noggle (cell) 262-2367
(home) 499-3698

Zoning Commission

Tim Fogle (Chairman) 382-9878
Linda Stacy (Secretary) 382-3023
Mark Lambert 382-5933
Paul Snare 382-8371
Jeff Hopkins 387-3032

Zoning Appeals Board

Marshall Baker (Chairman) 383-4418
John Hesse (Secretary) 383-4821
Bill Gracely 499-3025
George Kalb 499-2328
Mary Plough 465-2334

Alternates:

Mark Fax Robert Willis
Warren Marsh Loretta Ryan
Visla Marsh Edward Damphouse
Cheryl Rhoads



Township Trustees going high-tech to keep residents informed



www.bigislandtownship.org

In an effort to provide Big Island Township residents with an effective and efficient way to stay informed with what's happening in the township and to provide a comprehensive resource for township information, the Township has set up a new web site.

By going to www.bigislandtownship.org residents will have direct access to important information and documents relating to your township.

You will have access information such as:

- Minutes to monthly meetings
- Zoning Regulations
- Cemetery Information
- Updates on Trustee activities



Food Pantry Open For Area Residents



The **Johnson - Rudd Community Food Pantry** began operations in March 2010. The purpose of the food bank is to assist families who are experiencing financial difficulties by providing food and a limited selection of other household supplies.

The Food Pantry will be open the **2nd and 4th Wednesday** of each month between the hours of **2:00pm and 4:00pm and 6:00pm to 8:00pm** for pick-up at the James H. Johnson - Charles Rudd Community Complex. Call Vicki Noggle at 499-3698 for complete information.

Qualifying for assistance is dependent on your yearly household income. Check the chart on the next page to determine if you qualify.

The amount of food and supplies provided is determined by the number of people in your household.

The Township Trustees are looking for a few people to serve as alternates on the Boards of Zoning Appeals and Zoning Commission. The Appeals Board meets three or four times a year. The Zoning Commission usually meets once a year. Most of the time a meeting would take only an hour. You are paid a stipend.

Contact a Trustee or the Fiscal Officer if you are interested.

Chart To Determine If You Qualify For Food Pantry Assistance

Go down the Household Size column to locate the number of people in your household. Then go across the row to find the Yearly Income level for the number of people in your household. If your Yearly Household Income is at or below this level, you qualify for assistance.

Household Size	Yearly Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income
1	\$21,659	\$1,804	\$416
2	\$29,139	\$2,428	\$560
3	\$36,619	\$3,051	\$704
4	\$44,099	\$3,674	\$848
5	\$51,579	\$4,298	\$991
6	\$59,059	\$4,921	\$1,135
7	\$66,539	\$5,544	\$1,279
8	\$74,019	\$6,168	\$1,423
9	\$81,499	\$6,791	\$1,567
10	\$88,979	\$7,414	\$1,711
For each additional person add	\$7,479	\$623	\$143

Effective July 1 2009

Senior Group Meets

Everyone 55 years old or older is invited to join the New Vision Senior Group. The group meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Members get together from 10:00am until noon to play cards and other games or they spend the time talking and enjoying the time with their neighbors and friends. At noon, a hot meal is served (meals cost \$4.00) followed by a short business meeting and program.

The meetings are held at the James H. Johnson - Charles Rudd Community Complex on state route 95 1/4 mile east of New Bloomington.

Everyone is welcome. There is no need to preregister. Just show up to enjoy the fun and social interaction.

Stay Active and Have Fun

Each Wednesday between 9:30am to 11:00am there is a Line Dance class offered at the James H. Johnson - Charles Rudd Community Complex for anyone interested in learning to line dance or just want a good workout. The class is taught by a certified instructor and costs only \$3. The class is for both beginners and experienced dancers. Call the instructor, April Morrison, at 740-360-9235 for information and to register to attend.

Keep Big Island Township Green

The Township will not be offering a recycling (cleanup) day this year due to budget problems.

A recycle bin will be available each month at the James H. Johnson - Charles Rudd Community Complex (on State Route 95) for all your recyclable items.

Items accepted:

- Paper products
- Cardboard
- Plastic
- Glass
- Aluminum Cans

Recycle Bin Drop Off Dates

Cut out and keep for future reference

2010

Recycle Bin Drop Off Dates
at the
James H. Johnson - Charles Rudd
Community Complex

3-19-10 until 3-22-10

4-16-10 until 4-19-10

5-21-10 until 5-24-10

6-18-10 until 6-21-10

7-16-10 until 7-19-10

8-20-10 until 8-23-10

9-17-10 until 9-20-10

10-15-10 until 10-18-10

11-19-10 until 11-22-10

12-17-10 until 12-20-10

Important Zoning Regulations

All questions or concerns involving zoning issues should be directed to the Zoning Inspector, Walter Yancy at 382-3862.

Projects requiring Zoning Permits that you may not be aware of

(this is not a complete list. Contact the Zoning Inspector to determine if your project requires a permit)

- Private garages
- Porches and decks over 10 sq. ft.
- Private swimming pools
- Storage sheds, tool houses
- Playhouses (over 8ft X10ft)
- Temporary roadside produce stand

Some basic zoning regulations

1. Before construction of any building or structure an application is to be made to the Zoning Inspector for a Zoning Permit.
2. The application is to indicate the exact location of the proposed building, structure, or alteration. The applicant is to also submit a plot plan showing the proposed location, dimensions, and proposed use. Copies of any other permits and approvals are to be provided.
3. Zoning permits are valid for one (1) year and is renewable for another year.
4. **No permits are required** for minor alterations, remodeling, or repairs on any building providing that the gross ground floor area is not enlarged. No permits are required for temporary removable structures erected as part of a construction project, nor for construction of roads, sewers, service lines, utility lines, or driveways.
5. Lot size is to be at least two (2) acres (87,120 sq. ft.) and have a minimum of 270 frontage feet.
6. Structures are not to be erected within 75 ft. of the right-of-way line of any road (In most instances this means 105 feet from the center of the road).
7. Lots must provide a minimum side and rear lot clearance of 50 feet.
8. No dwelling is to be erected with less than 1500 sq. ft. of gross living space.
9. All dwellings are to be oriented so they are parallel with the road.
10. No more than one (1) dwelling is to be built on an existing lot.



EASTER EGG HUNT



Saturday, April 3, 2010

3:00 pm

at the

James H. Johnson - Charles Rudd
Community Complex

For ages: pre-school through 6th grade
(Parents, family, and friends are encouraged to attend)

Games and Prizes

All activities divided into age groups

Refreshments will be available

Doors open at 2:45 pm - Activities start at 3:00 pm

Flea Market/Garage Sale Craft Show Bake Sale

April 8, 9, 10, 2010

10am - 4:00pm

At the

James H. Johnson - Charles Rudd Community Complex

Food will be available

Venders/Sellers

Call Susan Turner at (740)499-2897

For more information and to reserve your spot

\$10 for 1 day

\$20 for all 3 days

\$5 extra for electric

Price includes 2 tables

Have an item for the newsletter or for the web site*

The Big Island Newsletter is currently planned to be published twice a year, in April and November. If you have an item you would like to have included in a copy of the newsletter or on the website, contact **Steve Uhl at 375-0000**, email the information to Steve at suhl_bitownship@yahoo.com, or drop the information off at the James H. Johnson - Charles Rudd Community Complex.

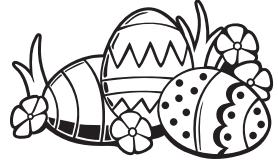
Photos are welcome and can be returned.

Please be sure to include your name and phone number in case we need additional information.

*The Township Trustees reserve the right to refuse any submission due to content and/or benefit to the township.

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Easter Egg Hunt
April 3, 2010

Big Island Township
4350 Big Island - DeCliff Rd.
Marion, Ohio 43302

Questions or Concerns?

If you have any questions or concerns about the township, our duty, zoning, or other matters, feel free to contact one of the trustees or come to a township meeting with your concerns.

Your input is important to us.

Important Websites

Ohio General Assembly - www.legislature.state.ohio.us
Ohio Revised Code - <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc>
Ohio Township Assoc. - www.ohiotownships.org
Auditor of State - www.auditor.state.oh.us
Ohio Attorney General - www.ag.state.oh.us
Ohio Tax Department - www.tax.ohio.gov

State Contact Information

Ohio House of Representatives
77 S. High Street
Columbus Ohio 43266-0603
(614) 466-2000

Ohio Senate
Ohio Statehouse
Senate Office Building
Columbus, Ohio 34215-4276
(614) 466-2000

Ohio Governor
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