

# Big Island Township Newsletter

April 2011

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



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Monthly meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in the township hall  
(Except November 2011 when meeting will be held on November 15 due to election day)

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## Updated Cemetery Rules and Grave Site Fees

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If you have any question concerning grave site fees or cemetery rules contact Tim Noggle, cemetery superintendent, at 740-262-2367.

1. Flowers and shrubs are to be planted within 12 inches of monument.
2. **Do Not** plant evergreens or other dwarf type shrubs.
3. Township is not responsible for damage or theft on any grave site.
4. If flowers and shrubs are not maintained, the Township has the right to remove them.
5. Please remove grave blankets and Christmas wreathes by March 15th.
6. Cemeteries hours are: daylight to dusk.

### FEES:

Township Residents.....	\$300
Marion County Residents but non-township residents.....	\$500
Non-Marion County Resident.....	\$800

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### Interesting Tidbit:

Townships across the state manage over 1,800 township cemeteries. Voters must approve the purchase or appropriation of land for a cemetery, but once it is established, the township trustees have the authority to sell plots, set fees for services, maintain the cemetery, and provide for expansion. Under certain circumstances, responsibility for a cemetery owned previously by a religious or cemetery association may be transferred to the local township.

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Information  
currently available  
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[www.bigislandtownship.org](http://www.bigislandtownship.org)

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- Printable copies of monthly Trustee meeting Minutes
- Complete list of Township Officers w/ phone numbers
- Printable copy of Township Zoning Regulations
- Cemetery Regulations and Fees
- Fire Department/EMS Contact Information
- Printable copies of past newsletters

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### Old Backhoe Replaced in 2011

Due to the increasing number of repairs that were becoming necessary on the townships old backhoe the trustees decided it was more cost efficient to purchase a newer, used, backhoe than to continue to repair the old one. The old backhoe was becoming unreliable and, at times, unuseable when the trustees needed it. Along with the new backhoe, the trustees purchased an additional bucket that was large enough to do a better, cleaner job when digging graves.

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### Know Of Any Road Damages?

The Trustees are repairing damage to the roads caused by the winter weather and floods. If any resident knows of road damage, washouts, or mailboxes damaged during the winter months, please contact one of the trustees.

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**Johnson - Rudd  
Community Food Pantry  
Schedule**



- **2nd Wednesday** of each month for people whose last name begins with the letter **A - M**.
- **4th Wednesday** of each month for people whose last name begins with the letter **N - Z**.
- Hours food is distributed is between **2:00pm and 4:00pm** and **6:00pm to 8:00pm**.

Food can be picked up at the James H. Johnson - Charles Rudd Community Complex.

Call Vicki Noggle at 251-8109 for complete information.

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 does not discriminate against nor judge anyone requesting assistance.

**Total Served In 2010:**

Total Households Served:.....1,205  
 Total Clients Served:.....4,847  
 Total Meals provided:.....43,623

**New Vision Senior Group Meetings**

- Meetings held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month.
- 10:00am until noon  
 Members join to play cards and other games or they spend the time talking and enjoying the time with their neighbors and friends.
- 12:00 Noon - a hot meal is served.  
 Price of meal is \$4.00 per member
- After the meal there is a short business meeting and program.
- Anyone 55 years old or older is invited to join.
- 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. No pre-registraion required.

**Trustees**

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

**Fiscal Officer**

Penny Fogle 382-9878  
 pfogle\_bitownship@yahoo.com

**Zoning Inspector**

Jerry Yancey 382-3862

**Cemetery Superintendent**

Tim Noggle 262-2367

**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  
 Robert Willis 465-5165  
 Mary Plough 465-2334

**Alternates:**

Ryan Eisele Wendy Fox  
 Warren Marsh Loretta Ryan  
 Visla Marsh Edward Damphouse  
 Cheryl Rhoads Ryan Caldwell

**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.

## Morral Salt Rock Fire Department and New Vision Fire and Rescue

receive federal money to purchase  
new equipment and to pay for training

In 2010, both fire departments received notification from FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security that they would receive money for new equipment and training.

Morral Salt Rock Fire Department was awarded \$87,100 to purchase equipment, personal protective equipment, and to pay for training. They will receive \$82,745 (95%) from the government and are required to raise the other \$4,353 (5%).

New Vision Fire and Rescue was awarded \$100,000 dollars to buy a newer truck for the department. New Vision will receive \$95,000 (95%) from the government and are required to raise the other \$5,000 (5%).

These departments are working to upgrade their equipment and skills to better serve the township. They are making these improvements **without asking for any additional tax money from township residents!** Both departments should be thanked for their service and commitment to the township.

### Road Clean Up To Begin

When the weather breaks, local 4H club members will again be going along the township roads cleaning up litter. We are very grateful to the members who are participating in the clean up for their outstanding effort and community involvement.

As you drive down the township roads this spring watch for these young people as they work to make our township a cleaner place to live.

**Slow Down, Be careful, Be courteous, and Give these young people a chance to live another day!**

*Mahatma Gandhi said "Men often become what they believe themselves to be. If I believe I cannot do something, it makes me incapable of doing it. But when I believe I can, then I acquire the ability even if I didn't have it in the beginning."*

**Congratulations**



Congratulations to  
Kimberly and Ryan Inskeep of  
Marysville on their new baby  
expected September 1.  
Kimberly is the daughter of  
Robert and Ann Handley



**Congratulations to Grandma and Grandpa too**



**Attention  
Breaking News**



On May 8th  
**PENNY FOGLE**  
will turn **\*\*50\*\***

In order to survive this disastrous period in her life Penny will need all the support you can give – canes, walkers, wheelchairs, whatever you can spare.

### New Vision Senior Group Helps Elgin School System After Floods

At their March meeting, the New Vision Senior Group voted to provide financial assistance to the Elgin West school after learning of the amount of books and other supplies that were destroyed during the recent floods.

The organization gave \$300 to the LaRue PTO to help purchase new supplies. They also took up a collection from the members attending the meeting who personally donated an additional \$242 for a total donation of \$542.

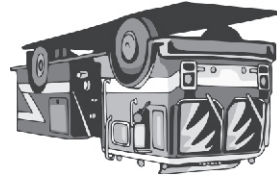
The New Vision Seniors are also great supporters of the Johnson-Rudd Community Food Pantry.

**\*\*Great Job Seniors\*\***

**Tornado Warning Sirens will be tested throughout the spring and summer at  
12:00 noon on the last Saturday of each month**

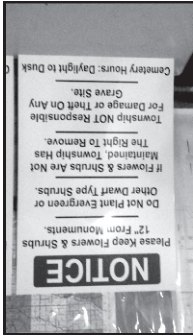
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Get Money For Equipment  
And Training

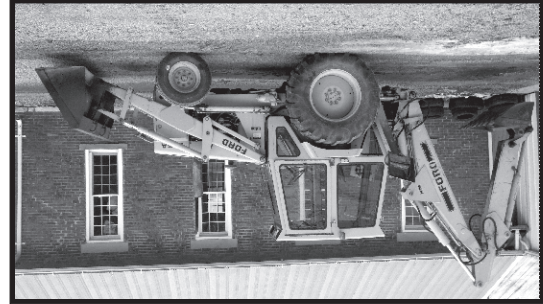


Without Asking For New Taxes

New Cemetery Signs  
and Prices



Backhoe Purchased in 2011



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](http://www.legislature.state.ohio.us)  
Ohio Revised Code - <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc>  
Ohio Township Assoc. - [www.ohiotownships.org](http://www.ohiotownships.org)  
Auditor of State - [www.auditor.state.oh.us](http://www.auditor.state.oh.us)  
Ohio Attorney General - [www.ag.state.oh.us](http://www.ag.state.oh.us)  
Ohio Tax Department - [www.tax.ohio.gov](http://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  
77 S. High Street, 30th Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-6108  
(614) 466-3555