

Big Island Township Newsletter



April 2012

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

March was national Safety Dig Month

Efforts are being made by utility companies to promote safe habits by the public when you are planning to dig in areas where underground utilities are possible (gas lines, power lines, Communication lines, sewer lines, water lines).

At least 48 hours before you dig call the Ohio Utilities Public Protection Service (O.U.P.S.) at **1-800-362-2764 or 811** to locate any underground utility lines.

Besides being a possible hazard to yours or someone else's safety, if you damage any utility line you could be responsible for the cost to have them repaired.

In March, Suburban Natural Gas Company began a 4 year infrastructure upgrade project running through Big Island Township. If your property is effected by their work you should have been notified directly by their company or you will be.

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!

If you belong to or know of any group who would like to help with roadway clean-up, contact any township trustee.

Have You Checked Your Smoke Detectors?



Information currently available at



www.bigislandtownship.org

- 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
- Archive of Previous Newsletters

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★ ★ **Facebook** ★ ★
bigislandtownshipnewsletter@yahoo.com

For Sale

The township trustees are taking bids for a 16ft lawn mower trailer. The trailer is 90in. wide and has a 14ft deck. It has tandem axles and full width ramp. If you are interested in purchasing the trailer contact one of the trustees.

Happy Easter

*from
Your Township Trustees*



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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.

New Vision Senior Group Meetings

- Meetings held the 3rd Tuesday of each month.
- 10:00am until noon social time
- 12:00 Noon - a hot meal is served.
Price of meal is \$4.00 per member
- 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.



Food Pantry



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 hours food will be distributed is between **2:00pm and 6:00pm on the third Wednesday.**

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

Call Vicki Noggle at 251-8109 for complete information.

The food pantry does not discriminate against nor judge anyone requesting assistance.

Big Island Township and the county exchange roads

Due to the increase in traffic and demand for service and care that will accompany the construction of the new Elgin School Campus, the township and county have exchanged ownership of several roads this past year.

The county will now be responsible for the section of Keener Road from State Route 203 to LaRue - Prospect Road. This includes repair and maintenance and snow removal. The county also received the section of Espyville Road between LaRue - Prospect Road and LaRue - Green Camp Road.

In exchange for these two roads the township received all of Seiter Road and the section of Espyville Road north of LaRue - Prospect Road.

Before you dig call 1-800-362-2764 or 811

Information you will need to have available and ready when you call the Ohio Utilities Protection Service (O.U.P.S.):

- Your name
- Your address
- Your phone number
- Location where you want to dig
- Date you want to dig
- Type of work you want to do

Steps to ensure a safe dig:

Wait until the area is marked by O.U.P.S.

Be sure to maintain proper clearance between the marked utility and your digging equipment

Markings are only approximate location of buried lines. Carefully hand dig 18" on each side of the markings until you find the line. If you have trouble locating it call O.U.P.S. or the utility company for assistance with locating the line prior to further digging

If you hit a line

- Stop digging
- Do not attempt to make any temporary repairs
- Call the appropriate utility company to inspect the line and make all necessary repairs
- If any hazards exist **call 911** and leave the area

Gas Line Precautions

Recognizing a gas leak

1. Gas odor
2. A blowing or hissing sound
3. Water bubbling or being blown into the air at a pond, creek or river
4. Fire coming from the ground or burning above the ground
5. Brown patches of vegetation on or near a gas line
6. Dry spot in moist earth

If you suspect a leak

1. Leave the area at once. Warn others to stay away
2. Do not use potential ignition sources, such as motor vehicles, telephones, electric switches
3. **Call 911** and the gas company
4. Never try to extinguish a gas fire or operate any pipeline valves

Underground Utility Marker Identification Color Code:

Red - Electric Power Lines, Cables, Conduit and Lighting Cables

Yellow - Gas, Oil, Petroleum or Gaseous Materials

Orange - Communication, Alarm or Signal Lines, Cables or Conduit

Blue - Potable Water

Purple - Reclaimed Water, Irrigation and Slurry Lines

Green - Sewers and Drain Lines

Pink - Temporary Survey Markings

White - Proposed Excavating

Township Zoning Regulation Reminder

There shall be no more than one (1) wrecked, unlicensed or otherwise inoperable automobile allowed per one (1) dwelling unit. Such automobile may be stored only for a period not to exceed 60 days per year and such parking or storage space shall be enclosed by structure, fence or otherwise protected so that the automobile cannot be entered upon or seen from an adjacent lot or street.

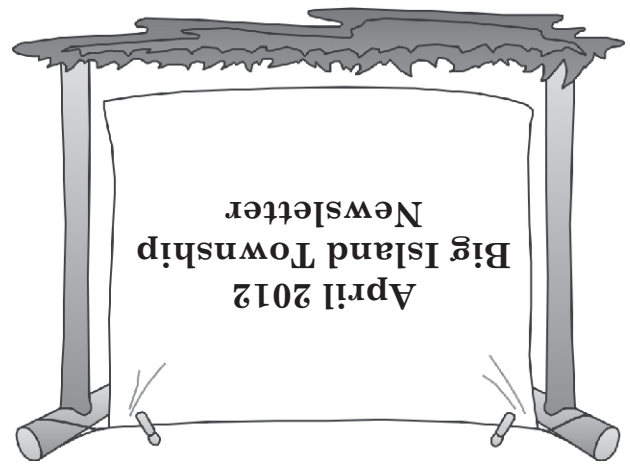
The definition of "junk motor vehicles" means any motor vehicle meeting all of the following requirements:

- A. Three (3) years or older;
- B. Extensively damaged, such damage including but not limited to any of the following: missing wheels, tires, motor, or transmission;
- C. Apparently inoperable;
- D. Having a fair market value of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400) or less.

For a complete set of zoning regulation go to www.bigislandtownship.org

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- *Zoning Regulation Reminder*
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- *For Sale - Mower Trailer*

Inside:



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 4350 Big Island - DeCliff Rd.
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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

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