

Big Island Township Newsletter



April 2013 Township Hall location: Corner of Bumford and
DeCliff-Big Island Roads

Monthly meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Township Hall

Hall Address: 4350 DeCliff - Big Island Road, Marion, OH 43302 • Billing Address: 4874 Harding Hwy W., Marion, OH 43302

Trustees	
Robert Handley (Chairman)	740-465-5050
Steven Uhl (Vice Chairman)	740-725-4340 suhl_bitownship@yahoo.com
Philip Schaber	740-499-3241
Fiscal Officer	
Penny Fogle	740-382-9878 pfogle_bitownship@yahoo.com
Zoning Inspector	
Jerry Yancey	740-382-3862
Cemetery Superintendent	
Tim Noggle	740-262-2367 (Cell)
Zoning Commission	
Tim Fogle (Chairman)	740-382-9878
Linda Stacy (Secretary)	740-382-3023
Mark Lambert	740-382-5933
Paul Snare	740-382-8371
Jeff Hopkins	740-387-3032
Zoning Appeals Board	
Marshall Baker (Chairman)	740-383-4418
John Hesse (Secretary)	740-383-4821
Bill Gracely	740-499-3025
Wendy Fox	740-499-3020
Edward Damphouse	740-382-9828
Zoning Appeals Board Alternates	
Warren Marsh	
Loretta Ryan	740-262-1245
Ryan Eisele	
Joel Plough	740-383-1924
Phil Ruth	740-387-9039 philipjruth@yahoo.com
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Ryan Caldwell	
Darrell Ford	740-383-5060
Jeremy Fryman	740-709-9590
Rebecca Ruth	740-387-9039 rjruth@hotmail.com

Notices of Meetings Changes, Cancellations, or Special Meetings:

All notices of meeting changes, cancellations, or special meetings will post at the township hall and at Al's Country Market in Big Island.

Extra copies of the township newsletter can be obtained at Al's Country Market. An archive of past newsletters is also available at our website at www.bigislandtownship.org/.

Visit our Township website at:
www.bigislandtownship.org



Let one of the trustees know if you have any news for the newsletter.

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.

All donations to the food pantry are tax deductible.

*Have a pleasant and restful
Easter Holiday!*

As Memorial Day approaches, please thank and remember our veterans.

Boards of Zoning Appeals and Zoning Commission Volunteers

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.

Additionally, we are seeking a phone number and/or e-mail address of any Zoning Appeals Board Alternates that we do not have.

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

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!

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 during the winter months, please contact one of the trustees.



Democracy is the government of the people, by the people...

-Abraham Lincoln

Cemetery Regulations and Fees

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.

Cemetery Lot Fees	
Township Residents	\$300
Marion County Residents, but non-township residents	\$500
Non-Marion County Resident	\$800

History of Big Island Township, 1883

Description of Township

The lands of this township for the most part are greatly diversified by hill and dale, the soil is rich, and no more productive farm land smiles under the rays of the sunshine and answers to the refreshing draughts of spring and summer showers with more luxuriant grasses and golden grain than can be found here. An abundant supply of spring water is accessible in all parts of the township, and a number of small streams and creeks afford a good system of drainage. The Scioto River passes along the greater portion of its southern border, and the Little Scioto runs through the southeastern corner of the township for a distance of more than two miles. The low lands have generally been properly drained, and now but few waste places can be found in its entire territory.

Excerpt from "The history of Marion County, Ohio", published 1883, page 651.

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

Information you will need to have 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

OUPS Markings

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 regulations go to

www.bigislandtownship.org

Morrall Salt Rock Fire Department
143 S. Green St, Morrall, OH 43337
Business Number: 740-465-7352

Emergency: 911

New Vision Fire and Rescue
6342 Marion– Agosta Rd, PO Box 1752, Marion, OH 43302
Business Number: 740-499-4599

Emergency: 911

Additional info visit www.ready.gov/build-a-kit

- **Flashlight and extra batteries**
- **First Aid kit**
- **Water, one gallon of water per person per day**
- **Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food, and can opener for food**
- **Battery-powered radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert, and extra batteries**

Suggestions for an Emergency Preparedness Kit

in your smoke detectors.

Remember to check the batteries

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- ◆ **Township Official Contact Info**
- ◆ **Cemetery Regulations / Lot Fees**
- ◆ **Call before you dig info**
- ◆ **Trustees seeking volunteers for zoning positions**
- ◆ **Food Pantry Information**

Inside this edition:

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
Marion Public Health Dept. - www.marionpublichealth.org
Marion County Sheriff - www.co.marion.oh.us/sheriff
Marion County Offices - www.co.marion.oh.us
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
77 S. High Street, 30th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215-6108
(614) 466-3555