

Big Island Township Newsletter

November 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

Sample of the work done within the township during 2010

Cleaned ditch line on Lee Road (both sides)

- Cut deeper
- Seeded

Changed signs

- Lee Road and 309
- Herr Road and 309

Road Work

- Lee Road
- Hock Road
- Conley - Thompson Road
- Herr Road

Replaced double culvert on Hock Road

Repaired Tornado Siren



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

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.

Don't let the thought of striking out keep you from playing the game

Elgin Local School District Campus

Construction of the new campus is expected to begin in the spring of 2011 with classes to start in the new facility at the start of the 2012 school year.

With the construction of the campus, students from four schools in the district will be consolidated into one building. A total of 1,200 students along with the faculty and staff will be moving into Big Island Township.

The building will be built on Keener Road across the road from the current football field.

The Township Trustees are looking for someone with a CDL class A or B license for seasonal work to help plow snow off township roads. If you are interested contact: Steve Uhl at 375-0000 or e-mail him at suhl_bitownship@yahoo.com



Food Pantry In Full Operations



The **Johnson - Rudd Community Food Pantry** is 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 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.

The food pantry is funded with grants and donations. Any one wishing to help can send a donation to: Johnson - Rudd Community Food Pantry, P.O. Box 1754, Marion, Ohio 43301 or drop your donation off at the James H. Johnson - Charles Rudd Community Complex. 100% of your donation will be used to purchase food and other distributed supplies and is tax deductible.

What the food pantry has done:

Average number of families served per month since May 2010.....**131**

Average number of clients served per month since May 2010.....**545**

Average amount of food provided per month since May 2010 (number of meals).....**4,907**

September 2010 Stats:

No. of families.....**162**
No. of Clients.....**627**
No. of meals provided for.....**6,093**

Total Families Served:.....655
Total Clients Served:.....2,725
Total Meals provided:.....24,535

Food Stamps: Are you eligible?

You can qualify if you:

- work
- own a home and car
- have a checking and savings account

For information or pre-screening over the phone call: Tina Keller from Mid-Ohio Foodbank:

(740)513-1527

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
pfogle_bitownship@yahoo.com

Zoning Inspector

Walter 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:

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

Senior Group Meets

New Vision Senior 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. 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. There is no need to preregister. Just show up to enjoy the fun and social interaction.

*If we all did the things we are really capable of doing,
we would literally astound ourselves...*

Thomas Edison

Smoke Alarms: A sound you can live with
Meet The Fire Departments Serving You

**For the area of Big Island Township North of
State Route 309**

Morral Salt Rock Township Fire Department

133 S. Main St.
Morral, Ohio 43337

Emergency Number.....911
Business Number.....740-465-7352

Chief: Ron Spicer

Personnel: 27 Firefighters

Equipment:

- 1 - Grass Truck
- 1 - Engine
- 2 - Tankers
- 1 - Rescue/Equipment Truck
- 1 - Light Truck

Average Number of Calls 2007 - 2009: 20 - 30

Big Island Township Contract: \$11,000/year

**For the area of Big Island Township South of
State Route 309**

New Vision Fire and Rescue

6342 Marion - Agosta Road
P.O. Box 1754
Marion, Ohio 43301

Emergency Number.....911
Business Number.....740-499-4599

Chief: Lonnie Sites

Personnel: 18 Firefighters

Equipment:

- 1 - Grass/Rescue Truck
- 2 - Engines
- 1 - Tanker
- 1 - Military Transport Truck (deuce and a half)

Average Number of Calls 2007 - 2009: 29

Big Island Township Contract: \$18,000/year

Fire Prevention and Safety Tips

1. Test your smoke alarms once a month
2. Have an expert inspect your chimney and furnace yearly
3. When using a space heater, place it several feet away from combustible materials, such as magazines, curtains, or newspapers, and turn off when you leave the room
4. Check laundry rooms and dryer vents to ensure they are free from accumulations of lint (check under and behind dryers)
5. Never run extension cords under carpet or through walls or ceilings
6. Be sure extension cords are not overloaded, frayed, spliced, or otherwise damaged
7. When using a fireplace, set a metal or glass screen in front to prevent any sparks from escaping
8. If using a real tree during the Christmas season, keep the tree well watered and dispose of it after two weeks or sooner if the needles begin to drop
9. Develop a family escape plan with two ways out and a meeting place; practice you plan
10. Teach children your address and how to place a 911 call
11. Install carbon monoxide detectors near each bed room and on every level of the home

Display your house number where it can be easily seen from the road, even at night



Marion City Fire Department assisting Trustees with repairing tornado siren



Trustees at work during 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
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Ohio Governor
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