

# Big Island Township Newsletter

November 2012

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



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

## The summer of 2012 . . .

The summer of 2012 will be remembered by many people in our state as the summer of a drought and a storm that left thousands of Ohio residents out of power for many days. Big Island Township was hit hard with wind and rain that left a path of trees down all over roads and power lines that resulted in massive power outages for residents. When the wind and rain subsided, your township trustees, Robert Handley and Phil Schaber, quickly assessed the damage to township roads for the safety of all residents. Conley Thompson Road, Cramer Road, and Wildcat Pike all had power lines over roads that created very hazardous conditions.

With power outages throughout central Ohio, many residents waited 5 - 7 days before power was restored. While residents cleaned up the damage, your trustees kept very busy cleaning up which included damage to Pleasant Hill Cemetery, when a large tree came down.

Road repair is always a big focus in the summer so that roads can remain in good condition. Potholes were filled and roads are sealed. Phil Schaber and Robert Handley monitored all road work done by LPP Paving Company.

Culverts many times get broken down and can cause problems for residents. In July, culvert work was completed on Herr Road by trustees, Robert Handley and Phil Schaber.

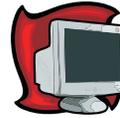
We can only speculate what the fall and winter will bring. You can be assured, however, that your trustees are here to help you in any way we can.

## Notices of Meeting Changes, Cancellations, or Special Meetings

All notices of meeting changes, cancellations, or special meetings will be posted 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

Hall Address: 4350 DeCliff - Big Island Rd., Marion, Ohio 43302  
Billing Address: 4874 Harding Hwy W., Marion, Ohio 43302



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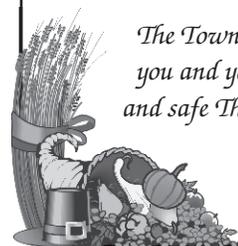
[www.bigislandtownship.org](http://www.bigislandtownship.org)

- 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 monthly Trustee meeting Minutes
- Archive of Previous Newsletters



*Be Sure To Count  
Your Blessings This  
Thanksgiving Season*

*The Township Trustees wish  
you and your family a happy  
and safe Thanksgiving Holiday*



### Trustees

Philip Schaber (Chairman) 499-3241  
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Steven Uhl 725-4340  
suhl\_bitownship@yahoo.com

### Fiscal Officer

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### 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  
Wendy Fox 499-3020  
Edward Damphouse 382-9828

### Alternates:

Ryan Eisele Darrell Ford  
Warren Marsh Joel Plough  
Visla Marsh Ryan Caldwell  
Cheryl Rhoads



## 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**



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.

### **Watch out for snow plows and give the drivers plenty of room to maneuver**

Soon, the township trustees will be out on the township roads making sure they are clear of snow and safe for the residents to travel. The trustees make every effort to insure they operate the snow plows in a safe and courteous manner. The trustees ask that the people driving the roads be patient and offer them the courtesy of slowing down when passing the plow and providing as much space as possible when passing.

The trustees will monitor the weather conditions and if they determine that the roads need to be cleared they will begin as early as 5:00am and then as needed.

The trustee's policy is to plow the township roads and spread gravel, not salt, as needed for traction. Salt will be used only at intersections and on icy areas.

# IT'S TIME ONCE AGAIN FOR OLD MAN WINTER

Don't let ice, snow, and cold temperatures catch you unprepared

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Use this checklist to help ensure that you are ready to survive the winter.

## Your Home:

- Have a certified contractor inspect your heating system for proper operation.
- Inspect your smoke detector and CO detector for proper operation.
- Have rain gutters and downspouts inspected and cleaned.
- Disconnect and drain all outside water hoses.
- Check and insulate walls and attic; caulk and weather-strip doors and windows
- Wrap pipes in your basement or craw space with foam insulators. Consider a water heater blanket.
- Shut off outside water valves, if possible.
- Have a contractor check and repair roof leaks.
- Check for tree limbs that could damage your house and cut away.

## Have stored in your house:

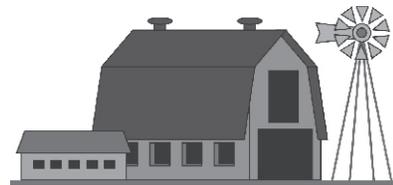
- A battery powered radio
- A flashlight with extra batteries
- A supply of non-perishable food
- A supply of safe drinking water
- A first aid kit

## For your safety

1. With the change in weather comes falling leaves and snow that will require raking and shoveling. Before participating in these manual activities, be sure you are physically capable of handling the increased manual activity.
2. When you venture out into the cold weather be sure to dress properly and be careful to avoid two major medical emergencies:
  - Frostbite: frozen body tissue and loss of feeling, and white or pale appearance in fingers, toes, ears, and nose.  
**(affected area should be gradually warmed and you should seek medical attention immediately)**
  - Hypothermia: disorientation, drowsiness, exhaustion, incoherence, memory loss, slurred speech, and uncontrollable shivering.  
**(Get medical help immediately. If medical help is not immediately available, gradually warm body's core temperature, not the arms and legs. Give warm - not hot - broth, beverages, or food.**

## Your Auto:

- Check antifreeze and windshield washer reservoir levels and concentrations to prevent freezing.
- Check the condition and operation of windshield wipers and heater/defroster.
- Have the condition of your auto battery tested.
- Have the condition of fan belt and radiator hoses inspected.
- Have your tires inspected for proper tread and air pressure.
- Prepare an emergency kit for you auto:  
Include:
  - Shovel or other digging device
  - Sand or rock salt for traction and to melt snow
  - Blankets
  - Food, Snacks, Water
  - First aid kit
  - Flashlight with extra batteries
  - Jumper Cables



3. Be sure you dress properly when you go outside. Wear multiple layers of clothing, a scarf around your neck, a winter hat, and lined boots. Wear warm gloves, consider thermal gloves worn underneath mittens. Also, use some type of breathing protection when breathing in cold air.
4. Try to maintain a sufficient supply of medication, both prescription and non-prescription, in case you are unable to get to the doctor or pharmacy for several days. Don't forget oxygen if you are required to use it.
5. Develop and stay in touch with a nearby network of assistance – neighbors, relatives, friends, and co-workers – that you can rely on to assist or check on how you are surviving the weather or storms.

## Don't forget your pets

Dogs and cats can suffer from hypothermia and frostbite, too. Make sure your pets have a warm dry area to sleep. Provide them with plenty of warm water. For dogs staying outside, put plenty of dry straw in their dog house, not blankets that will absorb and hold moisture.

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### It's time for old man winter to show his anger once again

Are you prepared to handle the fury that he can  
exhibit?

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you, your home, and your vehicle are  
adequately prepared to successfully survive  
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Inside this issue.

- A letter describing some of the work  
done by the township trustees
- A notice concerning snow plowing  
operations during the winter
- Where to find notifications of trustee  
meeting cancellations, changes, or  
times of special meetings

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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

Marion Public Health Dept. - [www.marionpublichealth.org](http://www.marionpublichealth.org)  
Marion County Sheriff - [www.co.marion.oh.us/sheriff](http://www.co.marion.oh.us/sheriff)  
Marion County Offices - [www.co.marion.oh.us](http://www.co.marion.oh.us)  
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  
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77 S. High Street, 30th Floor  
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(614) 466-3555