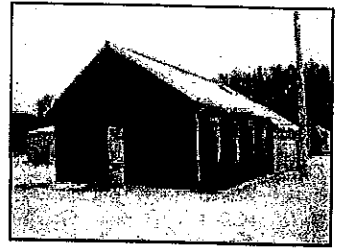


Big Island Township Newsletter

Autumn / Winter 2013

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



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

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:

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Let one of the trustees
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All donations to the food pantry are tax deductible.

*Have a pleasant and restful
Thanksgiving Holiday!*

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

Know Of Any Road Damages?

The Trustees are repairing damage to the roads caused by weather and floods. If any resident knows of road damage or washouts, please contact one of the trustees. Also, please let one of the trustees know if you are aware of any low hanging limbs or other obstructions that may causing difficulty for snow plowing.

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Robert Handley (Chairman)	740-465-5050
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Philip Schaber	740-361-1313

Fiscal Officer

Penny Fogle	740-382-9878 pfogle_bitownship@yahoo.com
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Jerry Yancey	740-382-3862
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Cemetery Superintendent

Tim Noggle	740-262-2367 (Cell)
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Joel Plough	740-383-1924
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Visla Marsh	
Ryan Caldwell	
Darrell Ford	740-383-5060
Jeremy Fryman	740-396-4760
Rebecca Ruth	740-387-9039 rjruth@hotmail.com

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.

Thefts and Break-ins

Recently, there have been a number of break-ins and thefts in our community. The Big Island Township Hall was even broken into.

Some suggestions to help discourage theft and break-ins:

- Make your house look occupied
- Lock all doors and windows when not at home
- Keep grass mowed and drives and sidewalks cleaned off
- Collect the paper and mail or have someone do it for you
- Use timers to turn lights on/off when not at home
- Provide adequate lighting around your house
- Trim shrubs and trees to prevent having a place for an intruder to hide
- Lock barns, garages, and sheds
- Install an alarm system or identify your house as having an alarm system.

Remember: Thieves go to the easiest target.

Remember to visit our website for updates:

www.bigislandtownship.org



Be Prepared for Fall and Winter Weather Changes

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 first aid kit
- A supply of safe drinking water

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:

- 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

For Your Winter Safety:

1. With the change in weather come 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 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 your should seek medical attention immediately)**
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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 worn underneath mittens. Also, use some type of breathing protection when breathing 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 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.

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

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

Your input is important to us.


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.

Questions or Concerns?

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 4350 B... - DeCliff Rd.
 Marion, Ohio 43302

Marion, OH
 Permit #23

264**2*****ECRWSH**R 012
 RESIDENT
 4874 Harding Hwy W
 Marion OH 43302-9438



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Remember to check the batteries in your smoke detectors.

- As we entered into the time of year when we will be relying on heating devices, please remember:
- Have your furnace and chimney serviced
 - Be aware of Carbon Monoxide
 - Check batteries in your carbon Monoxide detector



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April, 2014

NEWSLETTER



Township Hall located at the corner of DeCliff Big Island & Bumford Roads

New Cell Tower Coming Soon!

Verizon Wireless will soon be putting up a cell tower in Big Island township that will greatly improve cell phone and other communications for Big Island township residents. In accordance with township regulations, cell towers must be located twice their height off the road for safety reasons. The 300 foot cell tower will be constructed 600 feet off of State Route 309, west of Big Island. Verizon Wireless has worked with township officers and hopes to begin construction soon.

Welcome Spring!

After the worse winter that we have seen in many years, spring is especially welcome. Warm weather may also bring spring storms which can appear as extreme wind, lightening, hailstorms or tornadoes. Severe weather can develop so quickly that little, if any, advance warning is possible. Building an emergency kit and making a family communications plan is an excellent way to prepare for any inclement weather.

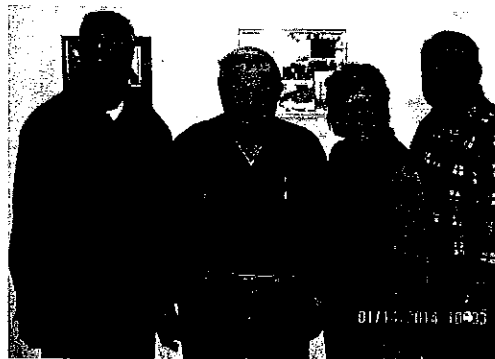
Before a tornado hits, the wind may die down and the air become very still. Be alert to changing weather conditions and look for approaching storms. Some of the danger signs that you may see are a dark, often greenish sky; large hail; a large, dark, low-lying cloud (particularly if rotating); and a loud roar, similar to a freight train. If you see approaching storms or any of the danger signs, be prepared to take shelter immediately.

As you drive the township roads this spring, watch for your neighbors who may be out enjoying a walk or bike ride. Safety is always worth going the extra mile. Your township trustees will also be out repairing the roads damaged by the winter weather. If you know of any road damage or washouts, please contact one of your trustees.

When the weather breaks, local 4-H 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. **Slow Down. Be careful. Be courteous.**

They are our future leaders!

Your township officers, left to right Robert Handley, Clyde Sappington, Penny Fogle, Phil Schaber



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Clyde Sappington, Chairman	396-2195
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Robert Handley	361-5556
Penny Fogle, Fiscal Officer	225-4030

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Zoning Regulations

The zoning resolution of Big Island township was adopted in the interest of public health, safety, morals and the general welfare of the township. The intent is to protect the character and values of the residential and agricultural uses and to guide the future development of the township.

Building Permits

Have you finally decided to put on that addition to your home that you have wanted? If you are, you will want to look into the projects that require a zoning permit. Some of the common projects that require a zoning or building permit are:

- Private garages
- Porches and decks over 10 sq feet
- Private swimming pools
- Storage sheds, tool houses
- Playhouses (over 8 ft x 10 ft)

No permits are required for minor alterations, remodeling, or repairs of any building providing that the gross ground floor area is not enlarged. No permits are required for the construction of sewers, service lines, utility lines or driveways.

Any questions or concerns involving zoning issues should be directed to **Walter Yancy**, zoning inspector, at **382-3862**.

Yard Sales

Spring has always been the time when we go thru our closets and drawers and make room for other things. Yard sales have long been a popular avenue for our "stuff" that we no longer need but are still very good. Everyone seems to enjoy the garage sales and the annual Big Island Garages Sales are very popular to residents throughout Marion County. Many people on the garage sale circuit make a point to come to our annual event.

Yard or garage sales only become a problem when these sales are a permanent fixture. This sale then becomes a business.

Clear definitions for 'home occupation and professional offices' and the complete zoning regulations can be found on our website at www.bigislandtownship.org or contact one of your township trustees.



Emergencies

When an emergency arises, every minute counts. Planning ahead can make the difference when any emergency happens. Preschool teaches our children to call 911 tell emergency responders about a problem. But is your home address clearly visible on your mail box or home so that responders can find your home quickly. One of the first things that EMS personnel will ask about is the medications we take. Keeping your list of medications on your refrigerator will give them important information they need.

Emergency Contacts:

All emergencies

Call 911

- Doctor _____
- Dentist _____
- Vet _____
- Work _____
- Cell Phone _____
- Other _____
- _____

Other Emergency Numbers:

Poison Control	800-222-1222
Suicide Prevention Information/ Contact Care Line	383-2273
Buried Cable – Call before you dig	800-362-2764
National Center for Missing and Exploited Children	800-843-5678

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Sheriff, Marion County	382-8244
Ohio State Highway Patrol, Marion County	383-2181

Morrall Salt Rock Fire Department

1432 South Green Street
Morrall OH 43337
Business number: 740-465-7532
Emergency: 911

New Vision Fire & Rescue

6342 Marion Agosta Road
PO Box 1752
Marion OH 43302
Business number: 740-499-4599
Emergency: 911

Cemetery and Grave Site Rules

Spring flowers are a welcome site to many. This is especially true to those who like to honor a loved one at their grave sites. Some basic guidelines for gravesites are:

- Flowers and shrubs are to be planted within 12 inches of the monument.
- Do not plant evergreens or other dwarf type shrubs.
- Big Island Township is not responsible for damage or theft on any grave site.
- If flowers and shrubs are not maintained, the township has the right to remove them.
- Cemetery hours: daylight to dusk

Our cemetery superintendent, Tim Noggle, will be happy to address any questions or concerns.

Did you know?

In the early 1900's, Pleasant Hill Methodist Church was located in the middle of the Pleasant Hill Cemetery. The late George Wilson, our cemetery superintendent for

many years, kept the early details of the cemetery and wrote that the congregation of the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church abandoned the church in the 1920's and joined the Meeker

congregation. A few persons came out from Marion in the early 1940's but a strong windstorm in 1946 tore off a lot the roof and shingles and some of the chimney. The church was torn down in 1947.



Pleasant Hill Methodist Church in the early 1900's

History of Big Island Township, 1883

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

The lands of the 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 grains 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 south-eastern corner of the township for a distance of more than 2 miles. The low lands have generally been properly drained, and now but few waste places can be found in its entire territory.

Johnson-Rudd Community Food Pantry

The purpose of the Johnson-Rudd community food pantry 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 distributes food and supplies on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month between 2 pm and 6pm. The schedule is:

- The **2nd Wednesday** of each month for people whose last name begins with the letter **A – M**.
- The **4th Wednesday** of each month for people whose last name begins with the letter **N – Z**.

Food can be picked up at the James H. Johnson-Charles Rudd Community Complex, 6342 Marion Agosta Road. For more information, call Vicki Noggle at 740-251-8109.

All donations to the food pantry are welcome and are tax deductible.



Attention Seniors

After a long winter, does just getting out of the house seem very appealing to you? If you enjoy good company and great food, consider coming to the New Vision Senior group meeting, held the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

The meetings are held at the James Johnson – Charles Rudd Community Complex on state route 95.

From 10 am to noon – members come to play cards or other games or they spend the time talking and enjoying the time with their neighbors and friends.

A hot meal is served at noon. The price of the meal is \$4.00 per member. After the meal, there is a short business meeting and program.

Everyone is welcome. No pre-registration is required.



*April Showers
Bring May Flowers!*



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November, 2014

NEWSLETTER



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Ohio Public Utilities Commission

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) has officially launched the new Energy Choice Ohio website, www.energychoice.ohio.gov, dedicated to consumer education regarding electric and natural gas choice in Ohio. The new website was developed specially to be the premier resource of Ohio's energy consumers seeking information and offer comparisons regarding electric and natural gas supplier choices.

More than four million customers in Ohio now purchase their electric and/or natural gas supply from a competitive retail supplier than from the utility.

The new Energy Choice Ohio website offers information to help consumers understand electric and natural gas choice, including what steps they need to take when switching suppliers; what their rights are as a consumer; what aggregation is; and a frequently asked question page that represents questions the PUCO has received while visiting all 88 counties in the state offering consumer education presentations on energy choice.

The website also features a complete revamping of the popular *Apples to Apples* comparison charts. The PUCO produced the *Apples to Apples* charts to provide residential and small commercial consumers with a snapshot comparison of current and natural gas supplier offerings and contract terms. The *Apples to Apples* charts will now be updated daily and consumers will have the ability to filter and sort offers to better compare those they are most interested in.

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) can help resolve problems that arise between consumers and utility companies under PUCO jurisdiction. If you have a problem of complaint about your utility service, please contact your utility company first and ask to speak to a customer service representative. If your concern is not resolved, call the PUCO toll-free at:

PUCO Call Center
(800) 686-PUCO (7826)
(800) 686-1570 (TDD/TTY)

To enable them to serve you better, please have your bill or specific information available when you call. Complaints can also be filed online at www.PUCO.ohio.gov.

This information was provided by James Lee, Office of Public Affairs, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. James.Lee@puc.state.ohio.us

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Marion County Park District News

By Dan Sheridan, Park District board member

The Marion County Park District has two exciting projects underway that will benefit residents of Big Island Township.

This autumn the park district is extending the paved surface of the Marion Tallgrass Trail by 3.5 miles to Espyville Road, with a projected completion date of November 1. The trail crosses Herr Road, State Route 203 and the abandoned south end of Hock Road, passing through Big Island Wildlife Area and behind Hickory Grove Lake Campground.

This 10 foot wide recreational trail will eventually follow the former Erie-Lackawanna Railroad corridor for 12.4 miles to the Hardin County line, and we hope to pave several more miles of trail in 2015.

You will find a mix of users on the trail. Residents walk or jog on the trail near their home, young mothers push strollers, and cyclists ride down the trail enjoying nature. You will see roller skaters, children on tricycles, bird watchers and perhaps cross country skiers in the winter. Motor vehicles are not permitted on the trail, except motorized wheelchairs, and dogs must be on leashes.

Beyond the pavement, volunteers have thus far cleared a primitive trail to near Agosta Northern Road. These volunteers usually work over the winter months, when the vegetation is not as thick and insects are not active. If you would like to join a volunteer crew, please leave a message on the answering machine at the park district office at 740-223-4161. The park district has no employees but volunteers check the answering machine once or twice a week.

Hunting is not permitted on the 100 foot wide trail corridor, and hunters may not shoot along the trail, from the trail, or across the trail. However, hunters may walk along the trail on their way to or from the area where they will hunt, as long as their weapons are in a safe position. We ask trail users to be aware that the adjoining wildlife area is an active hunting site, especially during deer gun season.

75% of the funds for the trail have come from the Clean Ohio Green Space fund and the Clean Ohio Trails fund. Generous donors, including Marion Community Foundation, the Marion Rotary Club, and hundreds of others, have provided the remaining 25%.

Second, the park district has purchased an 83 acre parcel on Herr Road from the city of Marion, with financial support from Marion Community Foundation and the Clean Ohio Green Space Fund. We hope to open this area to the public next spring. This parcel contains a beautiful 53 acre lake which has been off limits to the public for many years. The lake was created when the city removed soil to cap the old city landfill. It has returned to nature, and is frequented by migrating birds, bald eagles, muskrats, and beaver.

The Tallgrass Trail follows the south shore of the lake, and an old stone road travels along the east shore and most of the north shore. The park district intends to build a small parking lot on the property near Herr Road, along with a crushed stone walking trail to complete a walking loop around the lake. Most of the lake is about 6 to 8 feet with depth ranging from 1 to 15 feet deep. Future plans include fishing access, an osprey platform, and an observation deck.

The Marion Airfoils use a small part of this property to fly their radio-controlled planes, and it's the intent of the park district that they will continue to be able to do this. For safety reasons, part of the trail around the pond will be closed while the planes are flying.

The park district welcomes your feedback. You can call the park district answering machine at 740-223-4161, send an e-mail via the park district web page at www.marioncountyparks.info, or search for the Marion Tallgrass Trail on Facebook.



Food Pantry

By Tim and Vicki Noggle

More than six years ago, Vicki and I started a food pantry in our home after we saw a big need in the area. The needs of the pantry quickly out grew our home in less than a year, at which time we joined with the Johnson-Rudd Center to provide this valuable service. The increased space that the Johnson-Rudd Center provides allows us to have more room to grow and stock up on our inventory.

We currently have 4 freezers and two refrigerators dedicated to the needs of the Food Pantry. The pantry serves 338 people or about 73 families in this township and others.

It is because of donations by folks like you, the Mid Ohio Food Bank in Grove City where our food is purchased, and the help of our Lord we are able to provide this help. We help all ages of people and families but our growing group in need is our senior citizens.

The pantry is on call 24 hours a day by calling Vicki Noggle at (740) 251-8109. The days that we are open at the Johnson-Rudd Center are:

- **1st Wednesday of every month**, 2 – 4 pm for Produce
- **3rd Wednesday of every month**, 2 – 6 pm for the food pantry

It takes about \$6,000 per year to operate this program.. If you or your group would like to help, it is a 100% tax write off because the Johnson-Rudd Center is a 501 3C organization.

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