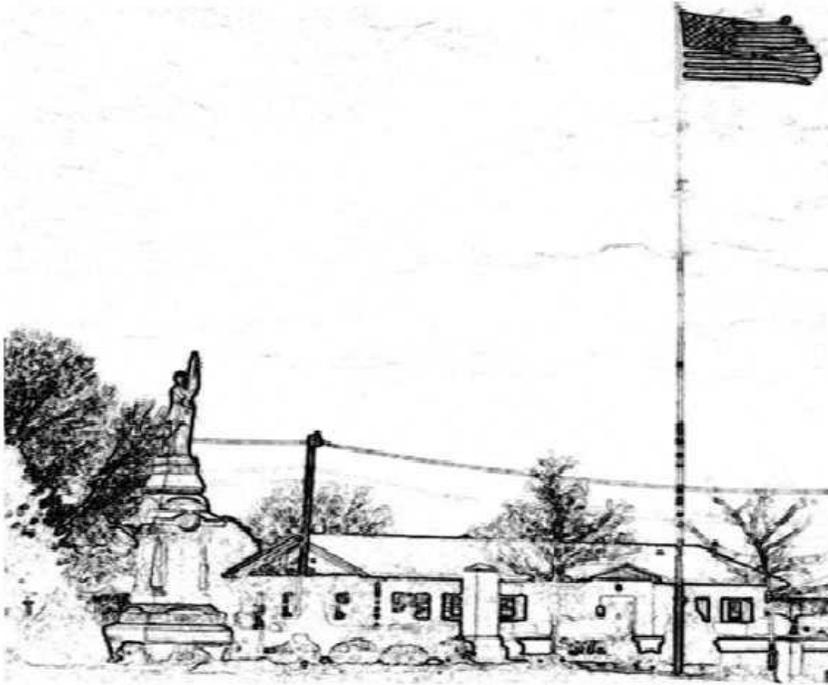


# The Pittsfield Township Talk



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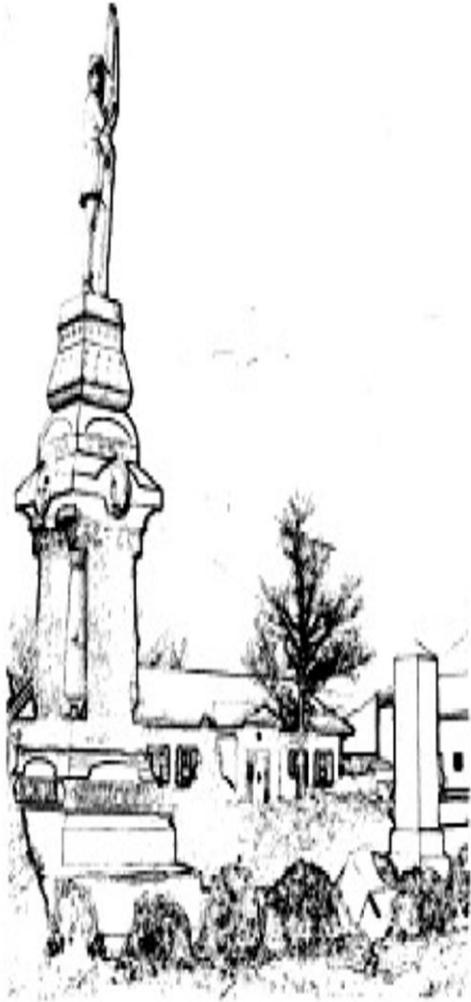
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The Pittsfield Township Talk is published for the sole purpose of keeping the Residents of the Township informed as to the plans, activities, and current happenings in Pittsfield Township. The Trustees meet on the first and third Mondays at 7:30PM in the Township Hall. All residents are encouraged to attend. Any residents, clubs, or organizations wishing to publish articles in the newsletter should contact the trustees or fiscal officer.

# Election Day November 5th, 2013

Pittsfield Township has four candidates on the ballot. Running for the two open Township's trustee positions are Joshua Brasee, Forrest Mohrman, Mark McConnell, and Steve Magyar. Below is short profile of the candidates that will be on the November ballot.

**Please remember to VOTE!**



## Candidate Mark W. McConnell

McConnell is a life time resident of Pittsfield Township. He is a current Trustee and has served as a Trustee for 16 years. McConnell is a self-employed grain farmer. He operates Hickory Grove Farms with his two brothers Jim and Frank. McConnell has served as the township's Zoning Inspector, delegate to the Storm Water Advisory Committee and Waste Consortium, appointee to the Central Ambulance District and Rural Lorain County Water Authority, and has served as on the township's Zoning Board.

## Candidate Forrest Mohrman

Mohrman has been a resident of Pittsfield Township for 56 years. Mohrman and his wife Barbara have been married for 34 years and have raised their two children in Pittsfield. The Mohrman families have lived in Pittsfield Township since the 1900's. Mohrman is self-employed business co-owner of TAPE Inc. of Wellington. Mohrman operates his family business with his sister Connie Bradley. Mohrman is currently a community delegated township spokesperson leading against the French Creek/Quasar Human Waste Lagoon on Quarry Road.



## Candidate Josh Brasee

Brasee is a life time resident of Pittsfield Township. He is the son of former township Trustee the late John Brasee. Brasee is self-employed grain farmer, and works full time at Shiloh Tool & Die of Wellington. Brasee and his wife Lou own and operate the Brasee's Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch on State Route 58.

## Candidate Steve Magyar

Magyar has been a resident of Pittsfield Township for 55 years He is a current Trustee and has served as a Trustee for 12 years. Magyar is self-employed business owner of Pier 58 Marine for over 40 years. Magyar has served as the township's Zoning Board Chairman, Zoning Inspector, and is a delegate of the Revenue Sharing Committee with the City of Oberlin. Magyar other public service positions have included the Lake Erie Marine Trades Trustee, four terms VP of Lorain County Township Association, two terms Treasure of Lorain County Township Association, and Treasure of Lorain County Joint Police District. He has also served as a representative to Lorain County Health District and to Rural Lorain County Water Authority. Magyar is the representative to Lorain County Community Alliance and is Web Master of Lorain County Township Association and Pittsfield Township.

GARBAGE & RECYCLING SERVICES



**Bulk Trash Curbside Pick-Up**

Large item roadside pick-up will be available to all Republic Services/Allied Waste customers. One Time each month on the regular trash pick-up day of the second FULL week of every month. Republic Customer Service 1-800-433-1309



**Newspaper Recycle**

Township Hall All Year Round



**Household Hazardous Waste**

Lorain County Solid Waste District Collection Center  
540 South Abbe Road Elyria, Ohio  
Contact: 1-800-449-5463  
Website: [www.loraincounty.us/solidwaste](http://www.loraincounty.us/solidwaste)

**PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK**

October 23rd<sup>h</sup> 9AM to 3PM  
Wellington Police Station  
Dispose of Medication Properly  
Contact: 440-322-6367  
Website: [www.loraincountyhealth.com](http://www.loraincountyhealth.com)

Beginning January 2014, residents' garbage and recycling services will be serviced by Rumpke Waste and Recycling Services. Rumpke is an Ohio-owned family company and ranks among the nation's largest privately owned waste and recycling companies.

Each household will still be provided with two containers, one container for waste and the second container for recycleable materials. Curbside bulk trash pick-up will also be available one time each month on your regular trash pick-up day.

In efforts to provide the residents of the township with the best quality of services at a reasonable cost, the Trustees of Pittsfield accepted the bid for the contract with Rumpke Waste and Recycling Services. As a result residents will benefit to a reduced bill with no to little changes to the collection services.

A Rumpke informational mailer will be sent to all residents by mail. Details and explanations of the transition will be provided in the mailer. For any questions or customer service please call 800-582-3107 or visit [www.rumpke.com](http://www.rumpke.com).

An informational meeting will be held at Rod & Gun Club, 204 Eagle Street, in Rochester on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. A member from Rumpke's staff will be discussing the transition that will be beginning January 1, 2014 to the various communities effected by this change.



**October**

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**Bulk Trash Curbside Pick-Up Schedule**

By: Fire Chief Mike Wetherbee

Cooking fires are the leading cause of residential fires in the United States. On average, reports indicate there are 164,500 cooking fires each year. These fires lead to 110 deaths, 3,525 injuries, and an estimated 309 million dollars in damages annually. Cooking fires are most prevalent between the hours of 4pm and 9pm, and generally peak in the months of November, December, and January.

Cooking fires are classified in two categories; Confined and Unconfined. Confined fires stay in the pan, vessel, or appliance of origin, whereas unconfined fires will spread throughout the kitchen and into neighboring rooms. Statistics show the leading equipment involved is ranges and stoves, followed by ovens and rotisseries. Operational deficiency or operator error is the leading factor, followed by misuse of equipment.

We can do our part in reducing the amount of cooking fires by following these simple safety tips....

- STAY in the kitchen when frying, grilling, or broiling food.
- Turn the stove off when leaving the kitchen.
- When simmering, baking, or boiling, check on food regularly; use a timer as a reminder.
- Keep combustibles away from the stove. (oven mits, pot holders, dish towels, utensils)
- Do not use oven or broiler for storage
- Keep all cooking appliances clean.
- Do not wear loose clothing.

- Enforce a 3 foot "kid free" zone around cooking appliances.
- Always use equipment tested in a recognized laboratory. (UL)
- Follow manufacturer's instructions for operation and installation of appliances.
- Avoid use of extension cords and overloading circuits.
- Never cook while impaired by alcohol drugs or sleep deprivation.

When faced with a cooking fire, the first reaction by many is to stay and fight the fire. *This isn't recommended by the fire department.* You should leave immediately, closing the door behind you and contact 9-1-1. If you choose to fight the fire, make sure all other occupants are leaving and have someone call 9-1-1 immediately. You should keep an exit between yourself and the fire and generally if your first actions do not extinguish the fire, chances are you will not be able to self-extinguish it. Some helpful tips for stove top fires are to keep a lid nearby to cover the pan, turn off the burner, never move the pan, leave the lid on it and leave the area. Oven fires, simply turn the oven off, keep the door closed, and leave the area.

The fire department is always ready to respond regardless of the fire type and size. We can mitigate the situation by removing the hazard, and clearing the structure of unwanted smoke and by-products. Questions regarding cooking fires can be answered by calling the Fire Station at 440-647-2245.

WELLINGTON FIRE DISTRICT



## Contact Information

202 Kelly Street Wellington, Ohio 44090  
Phone: 440-647-2245 FAX: 440-647-4770  
Website: [www.wellingtonfire.com](http://www.wellingtonfire.com)



## Daylight Saving Time

Sunday November 3, 2013  
Remember to turn back your clocks ONE hour!



## Change Your Battery

Reminders when you change your Clocks change the Batteries in your smoke alarms!

## 2014 Ohio Township Scholarship

The Ohio Township Association (OTA) offers three scholarships to high school seniors annually. The 2014 applications are now available. A copy is enclosed in this packet, was included in the September/October issue of the Ohio Township News and is available online at [www.ohiotownships.org](http://www.ohiotownships.org). The OTA encourages you to distribute the application to high schools and student groups in your area.

Applicants must reside in one of Ohio's 1,308 townships, be a U.S. citizen, and plan to attend an Ohio college or university the following fall. Scholarships are awarded in two categories: Local Government Achievement and Academic Achievement. In addition to the above mentioned requirements, students must submit the following:

- Completed application;
- Statement of activities, honors, and leadership;
- Copy of high school transcript;
- College admission test scores;
- Two letters of recommendations; and
- Essay

Applications for 2014 are due January 31<sup>st</sup>, and winners will be notified by May 1<sup>st</sup>. The scholarships are funded by County Township Association donations and proceeds from the OTA's annual golf outing.



## Fireplace and Home Fire Safety

Heating fires account for 36% of residential home fires in rural areas every year. Often these fires are due to creosote build-up in chimneys and stove pipes. All home heating systems require regular maintenance to function safely and efficiently.

Here are a few safety reminders as we head into the cooler season:

- Have your chimney or wood stove inspected and cleaned annually
- Clear the area around the hearth of debris, decorations, and flammable materials
- Leave glass doors open while burning a fire

-Install stovepipe thermometers to help monitor flue temperatures

-Never restrict air supply to the fireplaces

-Never leave a fire unattended. Extinguish the fire before going to bed or leaving the house

-Allow ashes to cool before disposing. Place ashes in a metal container and keep at least 10 feet from the home or other nearby buildings

-Stack firewood outside at least 30 feet away from the home

-Keep the roof clear of leaves, pine needles, and other debris

-Cover the chimney with a mesh screen spark arrester

-Install SMOKE ALARMS

For more information on fireplace and home fire safety visit [www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov) or contact the Fire Department 440-647-2245



# Pittsfield Township Historical Society

By: Ralph Hayes

## ANTIQUE AND PRIMITIVES SHOW

Our recent Antique & Primitives Show, held on September 21, was a success in spite of the rainy morning. After expenses we realized a profit of \$2,567.51, which we thought was very good for our first effort at this sort of fundraiser. The proceeds from this event will go toward the expenses of restoring our one-room school. We received favorable comments from the customers and vendors, so we'll be planning another one for next year.

## SCHOOL HOUSE RESTORATION

Our historical society is progressing on the restoration of their old one-room school house. With the exception of still needing the new windows, which are being custom made, the exterior is near completion. Our next step will be to relocate the building to a new location in the park area at the Center. We still need additional funding for the project. If anyone would like to contribute, please let us know by contacting Ralph Hayes at 440-647-2203.



## 2014 COMMUNITY CALENDARS NOW AVAILABLE

The 2014 Community Calendars are now available. This new edition features photos of former residents of Pittsfield, along with various sites within the township. They make good keepsakes and excellent Christmas gifts. The cost is still \$10 each, with the proceeds going toward support of our society activities.

## CEMETERY MONUMENT RESTORATION

We continue in our efforts to restore and preserve some of the old cemetery headstone markers at the East Cemetery. This project has been ongoing over the past few years. For many of us it is a learning process where many alternative solutions in the restoration process are explored. We hope to soon complete the work at the East Cemetery, and then proceed to work in the South Cemetery. Any individuals interested in helping with this project please contact Ralph Hayes at 647-2203.

## MEMBERS NEEDED

We are continuing to expand our membership base and are encouraging you to join our organization. Your membership not only provides financial support, but a pool of volunteers who are interested in preserving our rich heritage. Whether you are a life-time resident of the township, or new to the area, we welcome you. Please consider joining us and help in our effort.

## REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS

Our regular monthly meeting is held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the township hall. This would be an excellent opportunity to meet members of our organization, apply for membership, pay dues, or purchase one of our Community Calendars. We also have Community Calendars from previous years.



## First Energy; the Illuminating Company

Trees are a leading cause of electrical power outages. Property maintenance including trees on private property is the responsibility of the home owner. It is recommended for home owners to access their property for potential liabilities to help avoid future damages or outages.

As a reminder to report outages call 888-544-4877 or visit [www.firstenergycorp.com](http://www.firstenergycorp.com). Please have your account number available.



## It Can Wait: Texting & Driving

The State's new law is NOW in effect! The new Ohio distracted driving laws have two levels of enforcement: There is only secondary enforcement for adult drivers who text message. This means that police need another reason to stop and cite violators, such as weaving or speeding. For drivers under the age of 18, however, texting and the use of cell phones and other portable electronic devices are primary offenses.

Fines for adult violators: \$150. For teen violators, \$150 and a 60-day suspension of license. For teens with multiple violations, fines top out at \$300 with possible loss of driver's license for a year.

## Town Hall Rental

The Pittsfield Township Hall is available for private parties and events. If you would like to rent the hall please contact Pat Koniarski at 440-774-3828 or email [info@pittsfieldtwp.us](mailto:info@pittsfieldtwp.us).

Town Hall Rental information is available on the Township's website [www.pittsfieldtwp.us](http://www.pittsfieldtwp.us).

## Building Permits

Residents are reminded to please obtain building permits prior to starting any additions or new construction. If you fail to obtain necessary permits prior to the start of a construction project, you will be charged extra for the permit. Permits are needed whether you are adding onto your house, expanding an outbuilding, putting on a covered porch, or constructing a new barn.

Applications for building permits and a list of applicable fees are available on the township's website at [www.pittsfieldtwp.us](http://www.pittsfieldtwp.us). You may also call the township garage at 440-774-7223 if you have any questions.

## Zoning Changes

The Pittsfield Township Zoning Board recommended changes to the townships zoning in July 2013. The Board of Trustees held a hearing on the amendments and rejected one amendment and adopted two others.

The rejected language was in regards to storing of waste. The language was felt to be too broad, even outlawing septic tanks. The board adopted a change for the Board of Appeals allowing the board to allow non-compliant application to be conditional.

The other change in the zoning is to strengthen the violation section of the zoning. Penalties have been added, allowing a judge to make large penalties for large illegal zoning projects that have been done without a permit. These changes can be seen on the web at [www.pittsfieldtwp.us](http://www.pittsfieldtwp.us) and click on zoning.

## Township Opening

A position is open on the Township's Board of Appeals. Any Residents interested in more details or would like to serve on the board please contact a Trustee.