

The Pittsfield Township Talk

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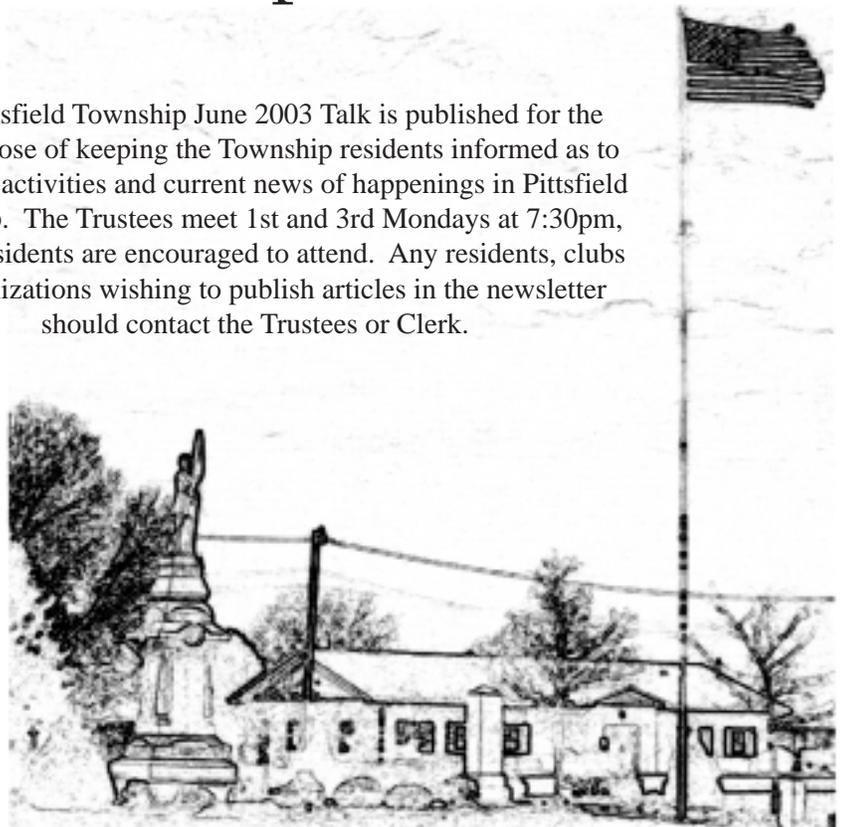
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The Pittsfield Township June 2003 Talk is published for the sole purpose of keeping the Township residents informed as to the plans, activities and current news of happenings in Pittsfield Township. The Trustees meet 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:30pm, and all residents are encouraged to attend. Any residents, clubs or organizations wishing to publish articles in the newsletter should contact the Trustees or Clerk.



The Ohio Bicentennial celebration has begun!!

One of the featured events of the celebration in Lorain County will be the Lorain County Bicentennial Bell Casting at the Lorain County Fair in Wellington on August 19th & 20th. This project is a signature event for the State which actually is comprised of a “foundry on wheels” to cast a 250 lb. bronze bell during this two day public event. The bell will have the County’s name, casting date, State seal and Bicentennial logo on it when complete.

We are looking for a young township resident to represent Pittsfield Township at the first day of this event on August 19th. Children representing each city, township and village will participate by passing bronze ingots from child to child to the foundry workers who then place them in the furnace as the first step in the bell making process. The goal is to have every entity represented and bring the entire county together in what is being nicknamed “Hands Across Lorain County”.

In order to select the Pittsfield Township participant, the Trustees have initiated a coloring contest. Inside this issue of Pittsfield Township Talk you will find a copy of the Great Seal of the State of Ohio which will serve as the contest entry blank. Contestants need to be between

the ages of 5 thru 9 and a resident of Pittsfield Township. The winner will be required to be at the Fair, Gate 3, no later than 2:15 pm on August 19th to receive a t-shirt for the ceremony and line up for participation. The “Hands Across Lorain County” program is scheduled to begin at 2:45 pm and conclude by 3:45 pm. A free one day admission ticket to the Lorain County Fair will be provided for the participating child and one parent/guardian.

Additional copies of the contest entry form can be made from the original but only one entry per contestant will be judged. Entries should be received by 7:30 pm Monday, July 7th. Entries can either be mailed to Clerk Jim McConnell @ 17567 Hallauer Rd., Wellington, 44090, brought to Pier 58 Marine during normal business hours or brought to the Pittsfield Township Trustee meeting by 7:30 pm July 7th. Judging will take place during or at the conclusion of the regular business meeting that evening and, if not present, the winner will be notified the next day. All entries will be displayed at Pier 58 Marine following the contest.

So break out the Crayolas and get the kids busy!



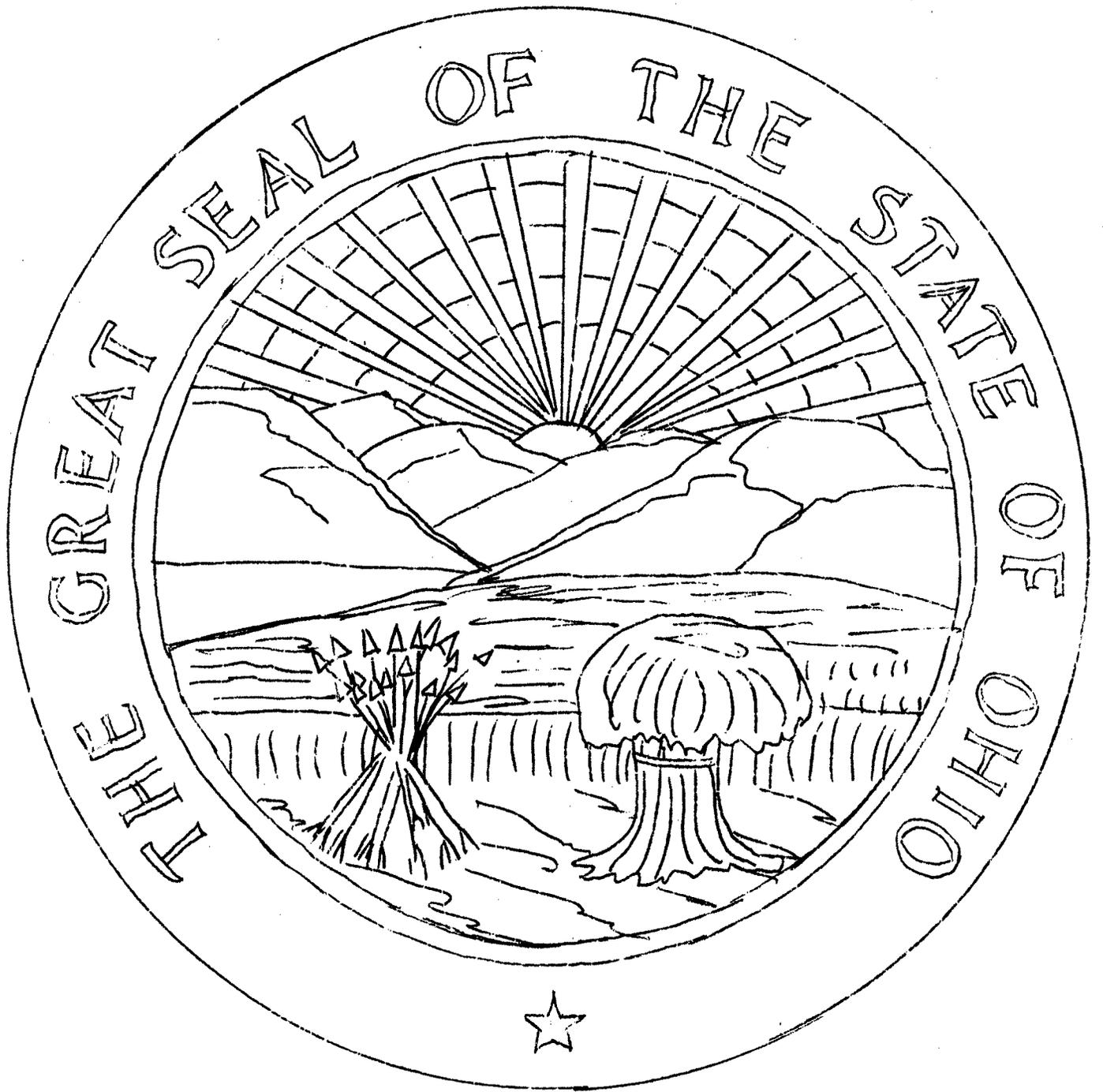
Have a Happy and Safe INDEPENDENCE DAY!

GREAT SEAL

of the STATE of OHIO

Adopted in 1967

The current design of the Great Seal of the State of Ohio was officially adopted in 1967 and modified in 1996. In the foreground, a sheaf of wheat represents Ohio’s agricultural strength. A bundle of 17 arrows symbolizes Ohio’s status as the 17th state admitted to the union. Thirteen rays around the sun represent the thirteen original colonies shining over the first state in the Northwest Territory. The background contains a portrayal of Mount Logan, with a three-quarter full sun rising behind it – symbolizing that Ohio was the first state west of the Allegheny Mountains. The Scioto River flows between the mountain and the cultivated fields in the foreground.



Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

New Zoning Inspector on Board

Effective June 1st, Pittsfield Township has a new Zoning Inspector. Doug Boose was appointed by the Trustees to take over the position from Bill Cutcher. Doug and his wife Heather live at 16519 West Road. Doug can be reached at home at 774-9144. Additionally, zoning applications can be picked up and returned at Pier 58 Marine during normal business hours. Doug is eager to serve the residents of Pittsfield Township. Welcome aboard, Doug!

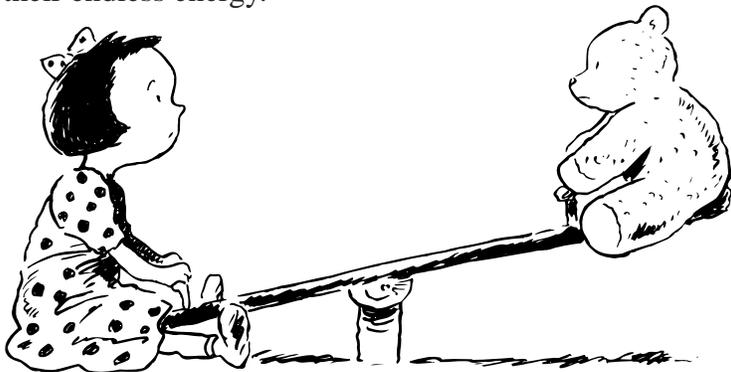
Thanks to Bill Cutcher

Bill Cutcher recently resigned as Zoning Inspector after having filled that position since January of 2002. Even though his tenure was not long, Bill was extremely conscientious and a real student of the Township Zoning Resolution. Bill was an active participant in the effort to revise and update the township's zoning which was approved last December and has been diligent in overseeing its implementation. Thanks for your service to the community, Bill and good luck with whatever new challenges you and Bonnie choose for yourselves.

Park and Playground

The Trustees would like to remind the residents of the Township about the fine facilities available at the Township park. In addition to the ball field, tennis courts and basketball hoops, there is a large picnic pavilion with charcoal grills, a drinking fountain and an extensive play area with attractions for kids of all ages.

So if you need a brief change of scenery, a place for a family gathering or just a reason to get the kids out of the house for awhile, you don't need to look far or travel a long distance. Grab a good magazine and spend some time in the shade on a park bench while the kids use up some of their endless energy.



Emergency Beacon Lights

Sheriff Phil Stammitti and Captain Richard Resendez have sent information about Emergency Beacon Lights that are available to qualifying township residents. Township residents who fall under any one of the below listed categories are eligible for the light.

- * Rural residents shall have priority over urban residents. Rural residents generally do not have neighbors in close proximity.
- * Elderly residents.
- * Residents living alone.
- * Residents who have a special need or medical condition or family member with a special need or medical condition.
- * Residents with very young children

The Emergency Beacon installs into a standard light socket and can be used as a regular porch light. If the beacon needs to be put into the emergency mode, the resident only needs to flick the light switch twice, which makes the porch light flash on and off for two hours.

Lights can be obtained through each townships respective Community Policing Officer. In Pittsfield Township that officer is Deputy Randy Meyers. He can be reached at 329-3710 or through the New Russia Township substation at 774-1025.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting Captain Resendez at 329-3793 or via email at

rresendez@lorcnty.com.

Additional Thank You's

This Township has always been blessed with people who will pitch in and lend a hand when asked. One of those persons is Charles Carter. For many years he has organized and supervised the Memorial Day ceremony and activities and was again in charge this year. Assisting him again this year by locating and marking the veterans gravesites in the Township cemeteries were Sandy and Lisa Diedrick. Jean McConnell and a number of Township women worked hard to gather and arrange bouquets of flowers for placement at each of the veteran's gravesites.

The "Just Because" and "Lost and Found" 4-H Clubs have been active in community projects in the Township. Each year they comb each Township road in the spring to remove trash and many of the club members also help with distributing the flowers at the Memorial Day ceremony.

Sandy Diedrick has also again graciously donated her time to plant the flowers in the Township park and at the South Cemetery entrance. And, she and Kathy Magyar have helped considerably with the preparation for mailing of the last two newsletters. Many thanks to each of these people.

Mosquito Control

Winter is over, which means once again, we are entering this year's mosquito season. Beyond just being the usual summer nuisance and irritation, the link between mosquitoes and West Nile Virus is an ever increasing concern. Stagnant water is the primary breeding area for mosquitoes.



As homeowners or renters, you can do a great deal to reduce the mosquito population on your own property. The following actions can help in the elimination of mosquito breeding areas:

- **Disposing of containers that collect water (buckets, tires, cans, etc.)**
- **Eliminating areas of standing water (puddles, ruts, clogged ditches)**
- **Repairing leaky outdoor faucets that leave puddles**
- **Emptying and flushing out bird baths and animal watering containers at least once a week**
- **Draining unused swimming and wading pools and unclogging gutters**
- **Filling tree holes with tar or cement**

If there are areas that can not be readily drained or eliminated, the Lorain County General Health District has information on environmentally friendly yet effective slow release larvicides that are effective for up to 30 days. Contact the Health District on the Mosquito Control Hotline at 440-284-0444 or on the internet at www.loraincountyhealth.com for additional information.

If you are aware of catch basins or portions of roadside ditches that do not drain properly, please notify one of the Trustees and the Township will get the problem eliminated. If you live on a county road or state highway, bring the problem to the attention of the Health District.

West Nile Virus is a killer. It first appeared in Ohio in July of 2001 and Lorain County had its first confirmed cases in 2002. By the end of last summer mosquito populations tested positive in all parts of the county. Cuyahoga County had 219 human cases with 10 deaths and Lorain County had 13 cases with two deaths. With another wet spring there will be plenty of stagnant water pools where mosquitoes can thrive. The Lorain County General Health District can not effectively control this potential threat through their efforts alone. Let's all do our part to minimize this problem as much as possible.



Be aware of what mosquito larva looks like and where it thrives. If you happen across them squirming in standing water, don't hesitate to eliminate this serious health threat.

Summer Road Work

Just a reminder to expect, as usual, some minor inconvenience as the Township gets some road work done this summer. Again this year, Lytle Construction of Wooster will be doing chip & seal work early this summer on the following roads: Pitts Road from Merriam to Whitney, Hughes Road from Hallauer to West and Whitney from St.Rt.58 to Pitts.

Later this summer, Lytle will be back to do major resurfacing work on Hughes Road from St.Rt.58 to Quarry Rd. This project is partially funded by Ohio Public Works funds and includes considerable grade modification to the approaches to the Lake Shore Railway crossing west of Pitts Rd.

Both of these projects are part of the Trustees commitment to maintain Pittsfield's roads as perhaps the best Township roads in Lorain County. In total, these projects represent an investment of over \$165,000 of which \$118,000 is from Pittsfield Township funds. We truly believe Pittsfield can be proud of its nearly 20 miles of roads and the Trustees are committed to keeping it that way.

Computer for Sale

The township is offering for sale a used computer system. This was a system leased from the Auditor of State's office for operating the state mandated accounting software system. It was recently replaced with a new set of hardware and the Township was given the opportunity to purchase the old system.



The equipment includes the computer, color monitor, Lexmark wide carriage dot matrix printer, standard keyboard, 2 speakers, misc. cables, power cords and manuals. The computer contains an Intel Celeron P3 500 MHz processor, 8g hard drive, 128 mb of Ram and a 56 k modem.

The equipment will be available for viewing at Pier 58 Marine during regular business hours. Sealed bids will be accepted until 7:30 pm July 7th. The bids can be sent to

Clerk McConnell @ 17567 Hallauer Rd, Wellington, 44090, left with Steve or Kathy Magyar at Pier 58 Marine, or brought to the Trustee meeting on July 7th. The bids will be opened that evening.

Audit Committee

The Trustees are looking for three to five interested residents to participate in a state mandated Audit Committee. This committee would meet three to five times each year to review the financial status of the Township and provide input to the Trustees and Clerk regarding financial issues. Anyone who is interested, please contact any of the Trustees or the Clerk. For additional information, contact Clerk McConnell at 775-3352.

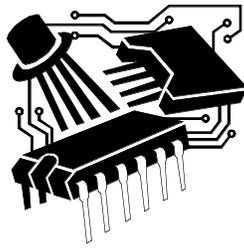
Large Item Trash Pickup

For everyone's information, BFI will pick up large trash items, particularly used appliances, on the normal Monday pick up schedule. As long as you do not exceed the allowable 4 trash cans or 6 trash bags for any one pick up, there will be no charge for picking up one appliance. Otherwise, there will be a \$10 charge. Additionally, the Freon must be removed before those types of appliances can be picked up. Many commercial refrigeration and appliance repair companies will remove the Freon.

The Lorain County Solid Waste Management District expects to announce in the near future a program whereby county residents can, by calling a toll free number, get their old appliances picked up whether the Freon has been removed or not. Watch for a public announcement by the Lorain County Commissioners about this program. We will publish details in a future issue of this newsletter.



Computer Recycling Opportunity



As was done last year, the Lorain County Solid Waste Management District will soon announce their program for recycling old computer equipment. Not all of the details are available at this time but here is what we know.

Items that can be recycled include personal computers and all computer peripheral items such as monitors, printers, keyboards, etc. as well as cell phones. Items not acceptable are radios, televisions or stereos.

The date for this project is July 26th from 9 am to 3 pm and the location is the Alltel service center on Ternes Ave. in Elyria. Watch the local newspapers for more specific information.

New Employee

The Township welcomes Ethan Little as the new part time maintenance worker. He will be assisting Dan Shinsky and Bill Hall in the routine maintenance and upkeep of the Township's roads, cemeteries, park, buildings and equipment. Ethan replaces Derick Oswald who has taken a full time job with Oberlin College. Welcome aboard Ethan.

Summer time reminders:

The Sheriff's department does offer a house vacation check if you are out of town for any period of time. Call ahead and schedule your times.

Please light up and lock up to help deter criminal activities.

Please post your address in several spots on your property for easy reading in the event of an emergency.

**Deputy R. Meyers'
Telephone number is:**

329-3710

Substation #774-1025

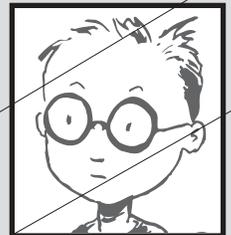
PITTSFIELD TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Starting Wednesday 07/02/2003 from 2 pm to 6 pm, the Sheriff's Department is offering a free child identification card. The processing will be done at the Sheriff's Department at 9896 Murray Ridge Rd. in Elyria, and it will continue on the first Wednesday of each month.

The identification card resembles an adult operators license, with a laminated photograph, a physical description, and a thumbprint. If the child is lost, this card is presented to the nearest law enforcement agency in order to assist in finding that particular child. This program is also used

**Bobby B. Boy
123456 Rt. 58 South
Pittsfield Township, OH**

**ID#0987654321
Other Pertinent Information**



I.D. CARD

for identification for the older teenage children or even adults that are not holding a drivers license or other form of identification.

Pittsfield Township Residents:

Has cabin fever got you down? Are you feeling trapped indoors? Never fear ... we're here!



Route 21

Oberlin/Wellington

The table below indicates partial service available Monday through Friday. For complete schedule or general information please call 233-7868 or 329-5545

NORTHBOUND <i>Main St. & Herrick Ave.</i>	SOUTHBOUND <i>East College @ RAX</i>
6:30 a.m.	6:21 a.m.
9:30 a.m.	9:21 a.m.
12:30 p.m.	12:21 p.m.
3:30 p.m.	3:21 p.m.
5:30 p.m.	5:21 p.m.
7:30 p.m.	7:21 p.m.

Pittsfield Trustees have opened up the town hall parking lot for LTC riders. Just park your car and hop aboard the Route 21!

If you need assistance in planning your trip, call one of our friendly and helpful Customer Service Representatives at one of the numbers listed below. For more information on services available in your area or for general information please call Customer Service at 324-6955 or 949-2525

Lorain County Transit can get you where you need to go! Whether it's a historical escape to the quaint town of Oberlin for antiques and lunch or a shopping spree at Westfield Town Center in Elyria, LCT is here for you! We can move you from city to city without the worries of heavy spring road construction.

LCT has Fixed Route service that runs from the transfer point in Elyria, through Oberlin and downtown Wellington. Serving areas such as: LCT's Park-N-Ride lot, Oberlin Industrial Park, Concord Manor, Drug Mart, Missler's, Oberlin College, Lorain County JVS, Downtown

Wellington, St. Patrick's Manor, Heritage Square Apartments, and anywhere in between.

Don't forget about LCT's Dial-A-Ride service! Dial-A-Ride is a curb-to-curb service for those unable to use the Fixed Route system. Dial-A-Ride requires 48 hours advance scheduling and trips are provided on a seat available basis. For further information on Dial-A-Ride please call scheduling at 324-6955 or 949-2525

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