

## Wellington Fire District

Chief Mike Wetherbee

The Wellington Fire District would like to continue placing the emphasis on having working smoke detectors in your home. According to the U.S. Fire Administration, three out of five residential fire deaths occur in properties where there are no smoke detectors, or non-working smoke detectors.

There are currently two types of smoke detectors on the market which detect two different types of fires. First is the **ionization** detector, which is generally more responsive to flaming fires. The second type is the **Photoelectric** detector which responds quicker to smoldering fires. Studies have proven that the Photoelectric will alarm quicker, thus giving the home's occupants more time to escape.

There are also smoke detectors that provide both types in one single device. Also on the market are smoke detectors for the hearing impaired. These devices will be equipped with a strobe light or vibrating feature to help gain the attention of those that may be unable to hear an audible alert.

When choosing a smoke detector, it is the recommendation of the fire District that you choose a photoelectric, or a device that contains both alerting methods for maximum protection.

For further information on smoke alarms, including where to install, how to inspect, how to protect and maintain your smoke detectors, and service life, please contact the Wellington Fire District at 440-647-2245 or visit us at 202 Kelly Street in the Village of Wellington.

## Lorain County Sheriff's Office

Deputy Bungard

Please take time to record your home inventory using model #'s and serial #'s for items of value (including firearms). Also, take pictures or video of items of importance such as electronics and jewelry. The serial numbers and photographs will help in any criminal investigation and for insurance purposes.

## Central Lorain County Ambulance District

By Chris Blair

I am the new EMS Supervisor here at Central Lorain County Joint Ambulance District/Mercy Allen. I have been in Fire and EMS for 13 years and have a passion for helping and educating people. I have plans to bring community CPR and first aid to the district, along with education for the little ones throughout the district. Central Lorain County Joint Ambulance District wants to get involved with the community by doing Public Relation events. I am hope to one day involve my family into becoming part of the great communities that we serve. I would like to thank everyone for the support that has been provided to my staff and the district. Thank You!!!

Central Lorain County Joint Ambulance District has been blessed with two big purchases by the board. One of the big purchases was two Lucas Devices that are able to assist in CPR. The Lucas is designed to help improve outcomes of sudden cardiac arrest victims and improve operations for medical responders. This device can be deployed quickly with minimal interruption to patient care.

The second big purchase was power load systems and power cots for all three of our ambulances. These loads system help by reducing injuries when loading and unloading patients, it also helps provide a better operation and safety for the patient. The power cots are designed to help reduce back injuries when lift and lowering patients to and from the ground.

I would like to thank the Central Lorain County Joint Ambulance Board for making these purchases, but would also like to thank all of you as residents for helping provide safety to all of us to help better serve you.

**New Townhall Supervisor named – Elizabeth Zadorozny effective December 1<sup>st</sup>.**

To rent the Pittsfield Townhall or pavilion, Elizabeth can be reached at **440-241-7896** or **ez.pittsfield@gmail.com**.

## HISTORY TALKS

By Ralph A. Hayes, Township Historian

### THE ORIGIN OF OUR TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT

The term "township" can be defined in two different ways, both being used in the early origin of our township and township government.

The first type of township is a survey township, which was used by the Connecticut Land Company to survey and sell land to the public, as well as designate property ownership. In the spring of 1796 a survey party was sent west to accomplish this task. The southeastern corner of the Western Reserve was established at the intersection of the western line of Pennsylvania and the forty-first parallel of North latitude.

The surveyors laid the reserve into townships five miles square, beginning five miles west of this southeast corner, and running north to the north boundary, being Lake Erie. Other parallel lines, five miles apart, were run until the western boundary was reached. The spaces between these lines were called "ranges". So the first "range" next to the Pennsylvania line, was called range one, the next range two, and so on.

Then lines were run transversely, east and west, five miles apart, beginning five miles north of the south boundary line. The area between these spaces were called townships, and were numbered consecutively from the southern lines, so that a township was accurately described by stating in what range it was west and the number of townships north, thus Pittsfield Township was in Township 4, Range 18.

In 1800, when the Reserve came within civil jurisdiction, all was organized into one county, Trumbull, with the county seat Warren. In the following years Trumbull County was subdivided into various counties now comprising the Western Reserve.

The second type of township is the civil township, which is the type of government brought by the early settlers from their homes in New England. In 1803, the State of Ohio was organized and the First Ohio General Assembly establishment the townships. Legislation directed Judges of the Courts of Common Pleas to establish townships within their respective counties. The next year the legislature passed a law allowing the establishment

of townships whenever 80 electors inhabited any tract of land five miles square.

In 1804, the elected officials of a township consisted of three trustees, a clerk, two overseers of the poor and a sufficient number of supervisors of highway. Justices of the peace and assessor were later added.

What is now Pittsfield Township was a part of Wellington Township until October 27, 1831 when Asa W. Whitney presented a petition to the Lorain County Commissioners, requesting that our township be set apart from Wellington Township and known by the name of Pittsfield. The petition was signed by 18 residents of the township: Samuel Rathburn, Daniel Rathburn, Lewis Barnard, Joel Smith, Samuel Wightman, Peter Beam, Joseph Beam, Thomas Wait, Christian Munsinger, Charles Smith, William Butler, Jr., Isaac Butler, William Butler, George Rathburn, Henry Hubbard, Asa A. Whitney, Fredric Hamlin. And D.L. Johns (the last two representing Wellington Township).

In April 1832, the first Pittsfield township officers were elected. Thirteen ballots were cast with ten officers. Neither candidate for the position of clerk (Asa W. Whitney or Edward Matcham), were legally qualified for the position. One was a legal non-resident of the State, and the other had not arrived at his majority. The Judges were George Rathburn, Lewis Barnard and Charles Smith.

The following officers were elected: Trustees: Joseph Terry, Samuel Wightman, and John Sibley; Clerk: George Rathburn; Treasurer: Peter Beam; Constable: Isaac Butler; Road Supervisors: Charles Smith and Thomas Wait; Overseer of the Poor: Charles Smith; Fence Viewer: George Rathburn.



**Pittsfield Historical Board** has an opening on the board. Anyone interested please call Bert Latran at 440-774-7625.

**New Pittsfield Garage** is nearly finished. Open house scheduled in the Spring of 2018. Photos to arrive soon!!

**Lorain County Solid Waste Mgmt. District**  
Tiffany Barker

Document Shredding

Lorain County Residents ONLY

Items Accepted: Bank account statements & cancelled checks, Wage/salary statements & other income records, Income tax returns, property tax bills, credit card receipts/ statements, Legal documents (wills, trust agreements, contracts), School transcripts, resumes or other paper documents with sensitive personal information.



Limit of 5 blue grocery bags PER visit. Residents can drop off material during normal hours of operation (Mon, Wed, Sat). Residents can come multiple times per week. Staff will inspect materials in the bag to make sure that there are no unwanted items. Materials will be dumped into locked storage container until full for shredding.

For questions, please contact the District 440-329-5440 or [www.loraincounty.us/solidwaste](http://www.loraincounty.us/solidwaste).

**Lost and Found/Suspicious Activity** - Since inclement weather has arrived and will be around with Winter and Spring, please contact any of the Township Trustees if you have "lost" or "found"

something on your property after a storm. They can help to find its rightful owner.

This is also a good time to keep your eyes open for any suspicious activities or vehicles in your area. By keeping aware of your neighborhood, you may be able to prevent unwanted dumping or thefts in your area.

**Winter Cleanup/Dumpster Day**  
**JANUARY 6<sup>th</sup> 8 a.m. – Noon**

Only Pittsfield Township residents may take items to the Town Hall for disposal.



NOT accepted include tires, hazardous, liquids, oils or appliances with Freon. (Oils & Auto Batteries can be recycled at Pier 58 Marine.)

**Just a reminder...**With the unfortunate closing of Inner Circle Personal Fitness in Wellington, Splash Zone has one of the lowest membership fees in Lorain County. Membership includes use of the indoor pools, fitness room with Nautilus Equipment, treadmills, recumbent bikes, elliptical trainers and more. <http://www.metroparks.cc/splash-zone-memberships.php>

**On the Web** [www.pittsfieldtwp.us](http://www.pittsfieldtwp.us)  
Pittsfield Township Webmaster, Steve Magyar

Pittsfield's website shares information about our township, meetings and events. Approved minutes of trustee meetings are available.

Town hall rental information and the rental contract is available for download, along with zoning applications.

If you have something you would like to include to the website, please contact me at [smagyar@pittsfieldtwp.us](mailto:smagyar@pittsfieldtwp.us).