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New Newsletter Format, Color and More!

The Randolph Review is trying out a new color format and more detailed information about all aspects of Randolph Township, residents and our community.

This means we need some feed back on this new format and suggestions on how to make it better.

This issue will include information on Township Government and Services,

dates of events in our community, helpful phone numbers, thoughts to ponder, news and pictures of community residents and general things that make Randolph Township a great community to in which to live.

Randolph has many community organizations and opportunities to become more involved in community life. These organizations should submit meeting times and dates to be

included in future issues.

To have information considered for inclusion in the future, please contact Dan Kolasky at 325-7338 or E-Mail him at (DKolasky@aol.Com).



"A community is like a ship; everyone ought to be prepared to take the helm."

Henrik Ibsen



Spring is on the way



Trustees Update

2008 - What a great time to be alive in Randolph, OH!

There are many positive changes going on this year. It looks like the second phase of the sewer project is underway and will be completed this year.

The Recycle Center has been more centrally located and hopefully used even more.

Our New Fire Tanker Truck is in the station, all shined up and ready for service to help protect us all. A special thank you to those involved in helping to secure the FEMA grant for

\$247,950 to purchase this truck.

There are several grant opportunities we are pursuing to help with the Middle School Park projects, cemetery fencing and sidewalks throughout town.

How about the new Look of our Newsletter. Thanks Dan!

Feel free to contact any of the trustees regarding your issues of concern.

Have a wonderful Spring!

Check out the back page of this newsletter for township contact numbers.

Community and Senior Center Improvements

The township has 3 halls available for rental. The newly renovated Town Hall, the Senior Center and the Community Center.

An ongoing project is the upgrades of the Senior Center and Community Center. The rooms have been painted and the new carpet has been installed. At this time floor tile is being evaluated. That will be the next stage of the improvements.

If you are interested in renting one of the halls call Dan at 325-7338.



Knowledge will forever govern ignorance; and a people who mean to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives.

James Madison

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Spring Community Calendar

April

- 5 Randolph Foundation 8 am Town Hall
- 7 Quarterly Zoning Meeting 7 pm S. Center
- 10 Township Trustees 7 am Town Hall
- 14 Senior Lunch 12 pm Senior Center
- 15 Lions Club 7 pm Senior Center
- 19 Randolph Foundation 8 am Town Hall
- 21 Garden Club 7 pm Community Center
- 22 Historical Society 7:30 pm Senior Cent.
- 24 Township Trustees 7:30 pm Town Hall
- 28 Zoning Commission 7 pm Senior Center

May

- 3 Randolph Foundation 8 am Town Hall
- 8 Township Trustees 7 am Town Hall
- 12 Senior Lunch 12 pm Senior Center
- 20 Lions Club 7 pm Senior Center
- 17 Randolph Foundation 8 am Town Hall
- 26 Zoning Commission 7 pm Senior Center
- 19 Garden Club 7 pm Community Center
- 27 Historical Society 7:30 pm Senior Cent.
- 22 Township Trustees 7:30 pm Town Hall



26 Memorial Day Parade
10 am from Moyer Ball
Fields. Line up will begin at
9:30 am (Lions Pancakes
at the Fire Station at 7 am.)

June

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There is a new organization in Randolph Township. They are called the "Randolph Community Foundation" their meetings are the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month at 8 a.m. in the Randolph Town Hall.

The first project they will be tackling will be a playground at the Randolph School Park.

Randolph Foundation

They will be working on planning a reverse raffle fundraiser for April/May time frame. They are looking for volunteers who can help with fundraising efforts or can help with event planning.

Anyone interested in making a donation to the foundation of money or services, can contact them at 330-

233-1930 or via email at randolphcommunityfoundation@gmail.com

Here is something to think about:

"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in".

Portage County Health Department

Recently The Portage County Combined General Health District at the district's annual meeting with its advisory council related to community representatives that the department is headed toward a \$163,000 deficit in two years unless new revenues are found.

Health Commissioner, DuWayne Porter asked township trustees for support of charge backs, or having townships pick up the deficit at a rate based on the township populations if a Levy is not successful as in the past.

Porter estimated it would cost each of the estimated 112,000 residents within the department's service area(which excludes the four cities in the county) about\$1.80 per year.

Porter said the department gets 19 percent of its operating revenue from the current 1955 levy, 25 percent from state and federal grants and subsidies, and 56 percent from permits and fees for inspections and construction activities.

Without money from the townships, Porter said the department will have to layoff four additional staff and only state-mandated programs will be maintained at or below minimums. If the Ohio Department of Health determines the Portage County Health Department is unable to maintain state minimum standards, it may assign those inspection programs to surrounding counties. That would further reduce department revenues and

lose local control.

Porter said he hopes to get board of health permission to put a 0.2-mill levy on the November ballot, which would cost the owner of a \$100,000 home "about \$6 a year."

This is an important service to our community and residents should let our local officials know your opinions on this issue.

Note: Trustees Michael Lang and Roger Klodt would like the residents to know that they are in support of this important service to our community and will support a levy to assure that we continue to get the quality services from the Portage County Health Department

Recycle and Roadside Cleanup

If you have been looking for the Randolph Township Recycle Drop Off Center it has been moved to the Randolph Township Administration Building Complex at 3636 Waterloo Rd.

All the recycle containers are located there and if you need more information check out the Recycle Center page at

(www.randolphtownshipohio.gov).

Again this year Randolph Township will be sponsoring a roadside cleanup on May 3, The township will have a dumpster supplied for those cleaning their roads located at 3636 Waterloo Rd.

Persons cleaning a certain road should call the township at 325-0130 so road

assignments can be coordinated.

The Annual Scrap Metal, Tires and Appliance recycle Day will be on May 17, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the township Administration Building located at 3636 Waterloo Rd.



The 2008 Portage County Randolph Fair will be held August 19-24, and not only will they be highlighting agriculture, youth, and the traditional fair fare, but major preparations are under way for a blowout celebration of the 150th Randolph Fair. The Fair Board has appointed a committee to work on special plans with Virginia Hamilton as chairwomen. The committee is working on special entertainment, displays, demonstrations, and contests for all to participate in and enjoy.

The contests will be to design the cover of the 2008 Premium Book, to design the commemorative lapel pin, and the last will be to create a theme for the 150th fair that will be used on posters, advertisements, radio ads, etc.

The committee is also looking for old-tyme music, pictures from past Randolph Fairs, or any artifact of the Fair.

The Randolph Historical Society members have been gathering

information to publish a history of the Randolph Fair's 150 Years. At this time the historical society has completed the book and it will be ready for the fair.

If you have any questions call the Fair Office at (330)325-7476, Virginia Hamilton at (330) 325-7318, Charlie Breiding at (330)325-7430 or Debi Heppe at (330)947-2544,

This will be a great year for the Portage County Randolph Fair!

"Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves."

James Matthew Barrie



"Volunteers polish up the rough spots in our communities."

Alice Sandstrom



Randolph Township Walking Tracks

Randolph Township has two nice walking tracks. One is around the ball fields located at 3636 Waterloo Rd. and the other is located at the Randolph School Park on St Rt 44.

These tracks are open dusk to dawn and are used by many walkers, weather permitting.

This spring would be a great time to try them out and enjoy these areas.

Many people also use the Hillside cemeteries located on Hartville Rd. as a walking area.

If you find time to walk, you'll find time for other things you enjoy. Walking increases energy and motivates you to do more. A

brisk walk pumps up your metabolism, clears your head, and triggers the release of mood-enhancing hormones known as endorphins, which cause you to want more. And more walking means a healthier lifestyle — a huge stress relief to you and those who love you.

Randolph Fire Department

The Randolph Fire Department sponsors a Fire Prevention Poster Contest every year and recognizes the best posters each year at their annual

Easter Egg Hunt and Open House..

This year awards were given to (L-R top-Bottom) 1st place, Carly Perkowski, 2nd, Molly

Jagiela, 3rd, Josh Jenior and Honorable mention, Jacob Bunker.

A great job was done by all!

OHIO STATE FLAG



Ohio's state flag was adopted in 1902. The Ohio burgee, as the swallowtail design is properly called, was designed by John Eisemann. The large blue triangle represents Ohio's hills and valleys, and the stripes represent roads and waterways. The 13 stars grouped about the circle represent the original states of the union; the 4 stars added to the peak of the triangle symbolize that Ohio was the 17th state admitted to the union. The white circle with its red center not only represents the "O" in Ohio, but also suggests Ohio's famous nickname, "The Buckeye State."





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Randolph Township Community Betterment Awards



Trustee, Roger Klodt, (Left) recognizing Dave Chalmers and Sandy Herring (Garden Club President) for the Betterment of Randolph Township.

The Randolph Township Trustees in January recognized Community Betterment.

The first awards were given for decoration of the town center at holiday time last year.

The Randolph Garden Club received recognition for Maintaining the plantings and decorating the Town Gazebo area with Christmas decorations and lights. It was beautiful!

The next award was given to Susan White for decorating her property located on the southwest corner of the town center. Sue has greatly improved that property and with the decorations last Christmas, it looked great.

The last award was given to Dave Chalmers of Friendship Acres Campground on St Rt 44, north of town.

Dave has recently built a new facility at the campground including a pool, concession stand, game room and party area. This makes a nice addition to the community and is open to the public.

Trustee Roger Klodt is looking for others to recognize in the future. If you think some one has helped to make Randolph a great place to live contact Roger or one of the trustees and let them know.

