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Wayne Township Firefighters Awarded

KETTERING MEDICAL CENTER'S FIRST "CHALLENGE COIN" FOR EXEMPLARY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

During the board of trustees meeting on February 6, 2018, Anna Ludwick, EMS Coordinator for Southview Hospital, presented Kettering Medical Network's first ever Challenge Coin award to fourteen Wayne Township Fire Department members and three Clearcreek Township Fire Department members. These brave men and women were honored for their outstanding service and care for local cardiac arrest victims during two recent events.

Cardiac arrest is one of the most difficult and challenging medical emergencies that emergency crews face. While statistics vary, survival, let alone full recovery from such an event is unfortunately not typical. The Wayne Township Fire Department was put to the ultimate test twice in two months—and twice they were able to save a resident after experiencing a cardiac event by working together.

On December 19, 2017, Wayne Township's Chief Paul Scherer along with Firefighter/EMT Jessie Lamb and Firefighter/EMT Matt Mumma were dispatched to a residence where a patient was reported to have difficulty breathing. After results from the EKG indicated cardiac problems, the medics began to rush the patient to Southview Hospital. While enroute, the patient's condition went from bad to worse. It was every medic's worst fear—ventricular fibrillation, the most serious cardiac rhythm disturbance.

The squad radioed for additional medics as they



entered Clearcreek Township. They pulled over in B&B Carry Out's parking lot to administer Advanced Life Support (ALS). It was here that Clearcreek Township's Engine 22, staffed with Lt. Justin Buehler, Ron Bell, and Naveed Khan (former WTFD member), met the squad within minutes and continued working together to provide lifesaving CPR and defibrillation. It was at this critical time, when minutes and seconds count, when the patient returned to spontaneous circulation (ROSC), and the ambulance continued to the hospital where doctors were awaiting their arrival.



(Pictured left to right) Wayne Township's Chief Paul Scherer, Dr. Mathew Kiefaber (Medical Director), Jessie Lamb (FF/EMT), Matt Mumma (FF/Medic), Clearcreek Township's Ron Bell, Lt. Justin Buehler and Naveed Khan (formerly WTFD) and Anna Ludwick, Southview Hospital's EMS Coordinator.

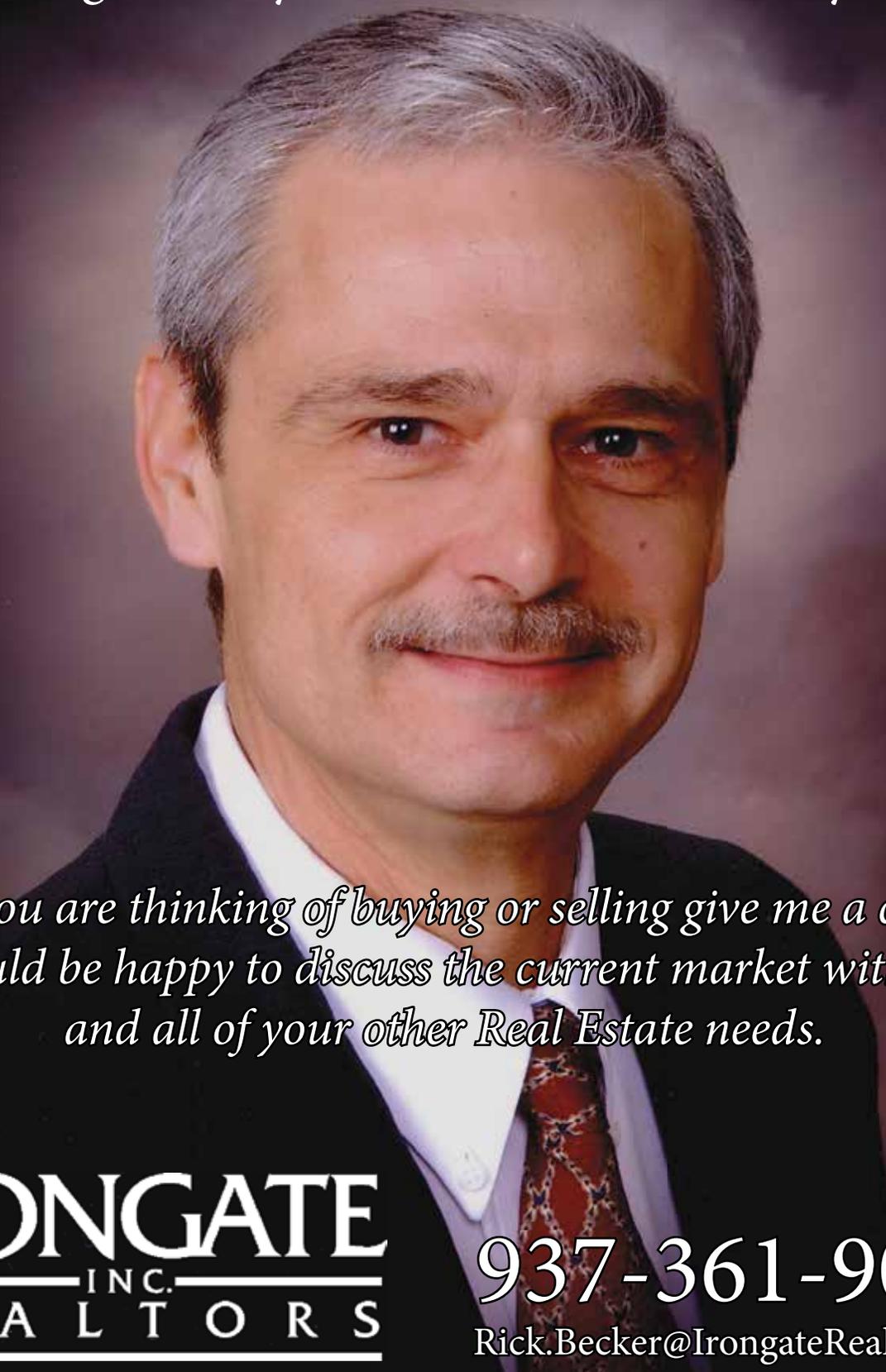
Thanks to the quick responses, skilled training, and seamless cooperation of these brave heroes, the patient made a full, but all too rare, recovery and is back home with family.

Tested once again on January 13, 2018, Wayne Township Fire Department was dispatched to a residence in Township where a patient was reported to have stopped breathing. Capt. James Butler (FF/Medic) along with Deputy Chief Steve Cox (FF/

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Spring is a time of rebirth and new beginnings. Our lush green landscape of southwest Ohio begins to thaw and reemerge as the dreary frozen winter fades away for another year.

Many of us have “rituals” that help us renew ourselves to meet the promise of the new season.

DE-CLUTTER OUR LIVING SPACES

A clean fresh start for your home is a great way to shake off the winter blues. Wayne Township will be co-hosting a Community Recycle Rally on Saturday, April 28 from 9-2. We will be accepting numerous difficult to dispose of items such as bulk trash, appliances with refrigerant, scrap tires and scrap metal.

A medicine cabinet free of expired and unused prescription medication is an important step in preventing medication abuse. Thanks to a Wayne Local Schools and the Village of Waynesville Police, we will be accepting old and unused prescription drugs at the event!

Is your pantry out of control? Clear out unneeded or unwanted canned goods and bring them to the Recycle Rally to be donated to the Waynesville Food Pantry for local families in need.

Start the spring right with a healthy, clean home.



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KEEP OUR WATERWAYS HEALTHY AND NAME A STREAM

April showers, means May flowers—and an increase in storm-water runoff into our local streams and waterways. Many of us may be surprised to learn that all of our small creeks and runs eventually drain into the Little Miami River Watershed and Caesar Creek Lake is a part of this larger watershed.

Wayne Township is working with the local Boy Scout Troop 51, the OEPA, Dayton Power & Light and the Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District to raise community awareness of our small, local waterways and how they are interconnected.

We invite residents to propose names for our unnamed streams and learn more about the small things you can do locally to protect the health of our waterways. Go to “Name that Stream” at www.waynetownship.us to learn more.

ENJOY NATURE'S REEMERGENCE BY SURROUNDING YOURSELF IN IT

How better to gain appreciation for the abundance of nature than to surround yourself with it? Wayne Township is a nature lover's paradise. Enjoy the scenery with your family on a bike ride along the 78 miles of the Little Miami Scenic Bike Trial—maybe you can get a glimpse of the Bald Eagles that have been making appearances along the river! Or get out for a hike at Hisey Park for a spectacular spring wildflower show.

We hope that you enjoy yourselves by getting out and taking advantage of all the area has to offer this spring!

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to serve you and your family. **WT**

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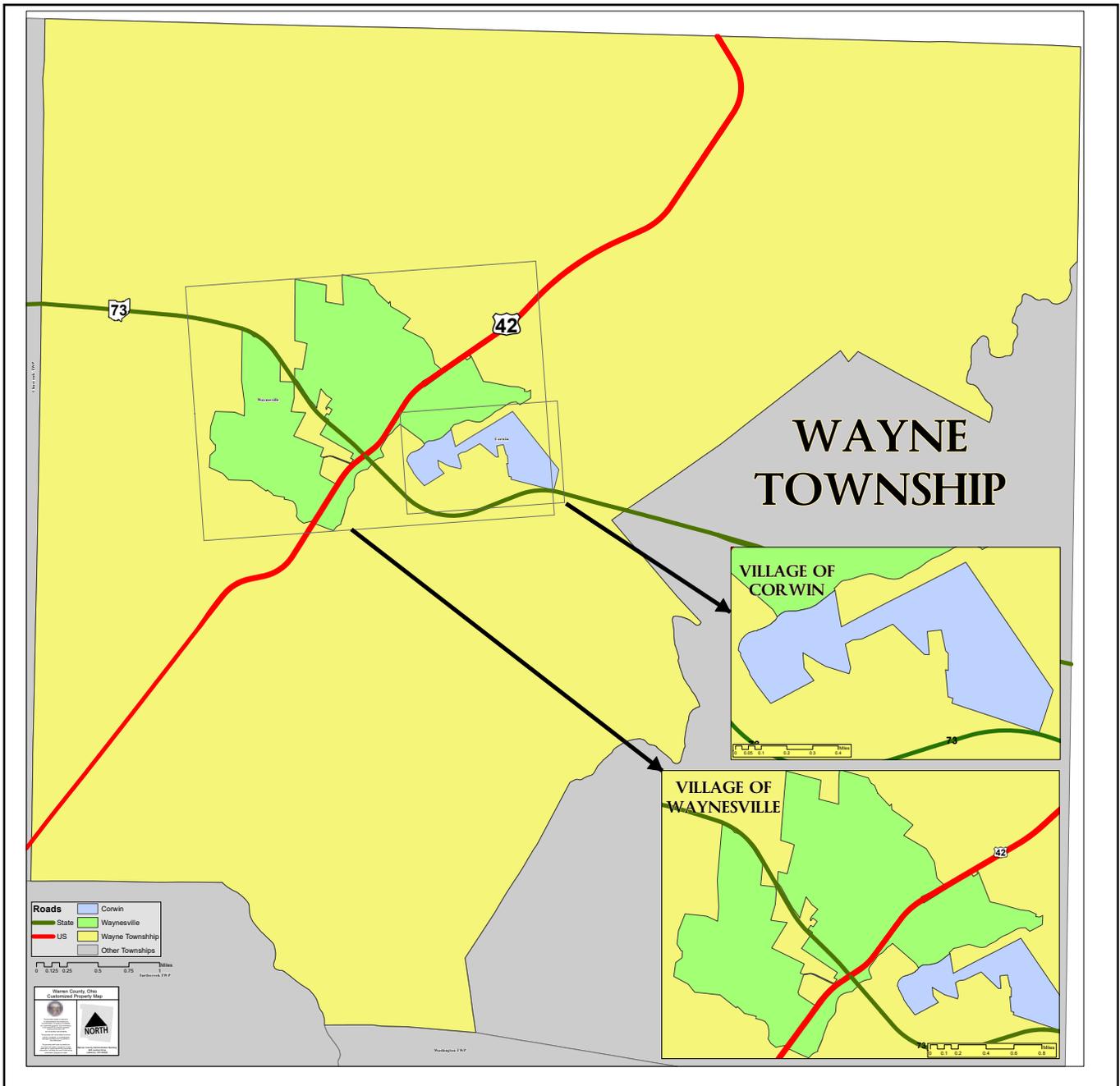
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Recycle Rally: April 28th

LOCAL HOUSEHOLDS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2018 COMMUNITY RECYCLE RALLY & PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK EVENT



Wayne Township is excited to share that we are joining forces with the Village of Waynesville, LCNB Bank, Wayne Local Schools, the Warren County Health Department and the OEPA to hold a community-wide recycling event.

On National Drug Take Back Day (April 28th) from 9-2:00 pm we will be in the parking lot at Waynesville High School (735 Dayton Rd.). The event will accept a large number of difficult to dispose of items at little or no cost.

Items accepted:

- Large items such as couches, chairs, bikes, lawn mowers, white goods*, scrap tires**, metal, box springs, etc.
- Old or unused prescription drugs
- Personal documents for secure shredding courtesy of LCNB
- We will also be collecting donations and canned goods / non-perishable food items for the Waynesville Food Pantry.

**Freon removal from any item (\$15/unit). Courtesy of John Boyd Heating and Cooling. All proceeds will be donated to the Waynesville Food Pantry.*

****Please be advised that it is a felony to travel with more than 10 scrap tires in a vehicle. Make multiple trips if necessary!**

Sorry, hazardous waste will **NOT** be accepted. Go to www.waynetownship.us for more information.

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Medic) arrived on the scene first and began ALS. Soon after, Chief Paul Scherer and Deputy Chief Roger Wainscott arrived on scene to provide assistance. It was clear that the patient needed to get to the hospital—fast.

Wayne Township medic crews never missed a step—after administering ALS, they then rushed the patient to Southview Hospital where doctors were again awaiting their arrival.

Other members assisting in this emergency call include: Lt. Tommy Carter (FF/AEMT), Bridgett Oesterling (FF/EMT), Beth Daniels (EMT), Capt. Paul Bernard (FF/EMT), Lt. John Kronenberger (FF/AEMT), Wade Easterling (FF/EMT), Justin Young (FF/EMT) and Bryan Arnold (FF).

Again, thanks to the rigorous training administered by Dr. Mathew Kiefaber, WTFD's Medical Director, and the unwavering dedication of our volunteer force, the patient has made a full recovery and was even able to be present for the recognition ceremony on February 6.

Our community is truly blessed to have such skilled and dedicated volunteers ready and waiting for their call-to-action to assist us and our loved ones, in what is surely some of the most vulnerable and terrifying moments of our lives.

Since World War I, challenge coins have been used as a way to honor, encourage, and reward individuals for their personal and professional accomplishments. Wayne Township is proud of the honor our crewmembers received. The Challenge Coin is a symbol of strength and commitment for an outstanding job! Please take a moment to show your appreciation to our brave men and women of the fire department next time you see them out for a job **VERY** well done! **WT**



Wayne Township Fire Department's Kettering Medical Network "Challenge Coin" Award recipients (left to right): Bryan Arnold (FF), Beth Daniels (EMT), Lt. John Kronenberger (FF/AEMT), Justin Young (FF/EMT), Capt. James Butler (FF/Medic), Russell Wylie (Survivor), Deputy Chief Steve Cox (FF/Medic), Lt. Tommy Carter (FF/AEMT), and Capt. Paul Bernard (FF/EMT). Not pictured: Bridgett Oesterling (FF/EMT), Wade Easterling (FF/EMT) and Deputy Chief Roger Wainscott (FF/EMR) and Chief Paul Scherer.

Who is Responsible for Maintaining my Roads?

This past winter was a harsh one! With frequent snows and bitterly cold temperatures, the weather kept road crews busy all over the region. Now that we have had a chance to catch our breath, we want to address a large number of calls our crews received about roadway issues. Calls directed to the wrong maintenance authority can result in delayed responses from the proper maintenance authority. This results in additional administrative time that could be better spent treating frozen roads or filling potholes—time well spent!

While our crews do their best to respond to all calls and then route the issues to the appropriate offices, complaints and emergency situations can be addressed in a speedier fashion if directed to the appropriate jurisdiction in the first place—making our area roadways safer for everyone.

We often hear, “I live in Wayne Township—of course Wayne Township takes care of my road”. While this may be true for some residents, it is not always true.

Many other jurisdictions maintain the 90+ miles of roadways

in our community. For instance, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) plows and maintains the State Routes in the area. These roadways are “arterial” roadways—they are high-volume and high-speed. They include: State Route 73, State Route 42.

On other roads, with less traffic volume than the State Routes, the **Warren County Highway Department** provides maintenance. These roads are often considered “collector roads”. These roads include (among others): Lytle, Lytle-Ferry, Ferry, Clarksville, New Burlington, Wilson Bellbrook, Township Line.

The Village of Waynesville performs its own street maintenance on roads that lie within its incorporated boundaries. Similarly, the Village of Corwin cares for the roads within its boundaries.

As for Wayne Township, we maintain 43 miles of “local roadways”, or nearly 90 lane miles.

These roads are often thought of as residential “side-roads”, subdivision roads and/or “back-roads”. These roads include (*among others*): All subdivision streets, Haines Meadows (Thomas Dr.), Sandy Run Estates, Spartan Meadows, Hacker Farm. Other roads: Old State Route 73, Old Stage, North and South Cincinnati-Columbus, Gard, Middletown, Elbon.

If you need to report a concern or issue, please make note of the road and contact the appropriate jurisdiction. **WT**



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Nature Close to Home

UNDERSTANDING WATERSHEDS

**By Dave Woehr,
Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist**

Watershed is a word we frequently see in the news or hear in everyday conversation. Usually we assume that we understand the meaning of the term, quickly glossing over it and moving on to something else. Let's take a minute to be sure we really know what a watershed is. Let's also investigate the importance of watersheds in our daily living.

A very simple definition of the word watershed is: the entire land area that drains into a distinct stream or river. Locally we live in the Little Miami River Watershed. It encompasses 1,757 square miles of land in parts of 11 counties in southwest Ohio. The main stem of the river stretches over 100 miles from near Springfield to Cincinnati where it empties into the Ohio River. The river channel was formed by glacial meltwaters around 12,000 years ago.

Our lives are highly dependent on water for drinking, cooking, bathing, laundry, industry and much more. Surface water from rivers and lakes is the most common source of our water. Ground water from wells is another source. The wells tap underground aquifers that are charged by surface water. The water that comes into my home is crystal clear and safe for consumption. That is because it has been subjected to analysis and treatment processes to guarantee that I don't have to worry about it. And, it only costs me a little over a penny per gallon. Cheap, right? But, when I realize that I use thousands of gallons of water per billing period, the cost adds up so that it doesn't seem so cheap any more. Then I realize that I'm paying for removing harmful substances in the water at the treatment plant intake. Gone are the days of my childhood when I carried a collapsible cup with me and drank directly out of some of our lakes and streams. Today we even have guidelines limiting the amount of gamefish we should eat when caught in local waters due to contaminants they ingest from the water.

What are these contaminants and where do they come from? Unfortunately, our careless lifestyle over the years is the primary cause of water pollution. We used to think that pure water existed in unlimited amounts and that natural aquatic processes would neutralize any waste we allowed to enter our watersheds. We were wrong. Now we know that we have pollutants in our surface water that come from sediment, fertilizers, acids, salts, heavy metals, toxic chemicals, and pathogens emanating from our everyday household, industrial, and agricultural activities. We must educate ourselves to learn how to minimize our negative impact on our most important natural resource.

Today most of us know that proper disposal of automotive and industrial fluids, maintenance of septic systems, and following instructions in the application of lawn and garden products is extremely important in protecting our



Little Miami River

water supply. Farmers are aware that they need to prevent fertilizers, chemicals, and animal waste from entering ditches and waterways. Farmers are encouraged to not plow and plant crops right up to the edge of any drainage ditch or stream bank. Leaving just a few feet of undisturbed soil along a waterway allows nature's natural filtration systems to clean the runoff headed into an aquatic ecosystem. The roots of native grasses, shrubs and trees diminish the movement of sediment. These plants also absorb much of the dissolved nutrient content thereby purifying the runoff while nourishing their own growth. Wooded areas along stream and riverbanks are called riparian zones. Conservationists have come to realize that such buffer zones between intensively used land and waterways are vital to surface water purity. In fact, these buffers are sometimes called "nature's kidneys".

The Ohio Chapter of the American Fisheries Society has stated that ecologically, the streams, riparian, and upland areas that make up a watershed provide critical habitat for many plant and animal species. Ohio's streamside forests serve as feeding and breeding areas for terrestrial wildlife. The Little Miami Conservancy and other regional watershed organizations have done a marvelous job of helping protect the Little Miami River from pollution and degradation through their educational and civic outreach programs. Several generations ago the Little Miami River was so abused it was little more than an open sewer. Today over half of Ohio's 160 species of fish can be found in the Little Miami River. With the efforts of our local conservation organizations the river is now classified as a state and national scenic river, meeting established water quality standards over nearly its entire length. We need to keep it that way. Not only is the Little Miami and its aquifers a source of drinking water for some communities, but it is also the focus of much local recreation including fishing, swimming, hiking, canoeing, kayaking, and rafting. The economic value of a clean Little Miami River trickles down to good business for local restaurants, shops, motels, campgrounds, and canoe liveries.

The Little Miami River is the "aorta" of the 13-county Little Miami River watershed. It's our most valuable local natural resource. Let's all do everything we can to understand how to protect it. **WT**

Waynesville's Quaker Pioneers:

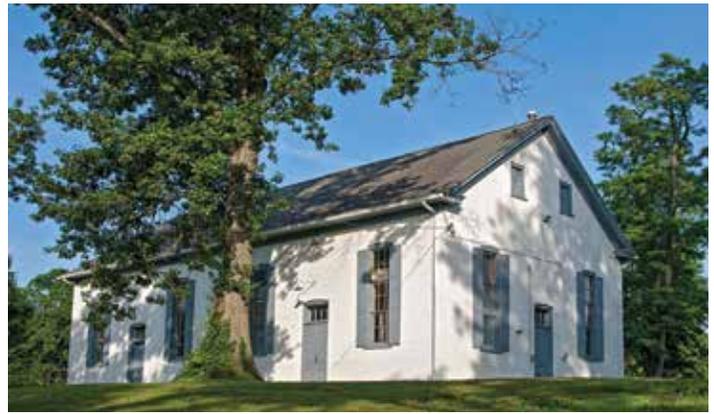
SETTLING THE LANDS
BETWEEN THE RIVERS

By Dolly McKeehan

Waynesville is home to the Miami Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, commonly known as Quakers. The meetinghouses are located within the Waynesville Quaker Historical District bounded by Miami, Fourth and High Streets and include the 1905 Friends Home, now the home of the Museum at the Friends Home.

Although some early Quakers held slaves, many came to see that this was incompatible with their testimony of equality. This was especially difficult for Friends living in the Southern States. Some began to investigate moving to the Northwest Territory that had been designated a "free" or non-slaving-holding.

Abijah O'Neill, Robert Mills, and David and Jesse Pugh had purchased land between the Little and Great Miami Rivers and prepared to move their families there in 1799. Being members of the Bush River Meeting of Newberry County, South Carolina, they requested certificates of removal. Bush River Meeting refused the request, but the families moved to the new town of Waynesville anyway. In 1803, Zachariah Dix rose to speak during Meeting at Bush River Meeting and, responding to this divinely inspired message, Bush River Friends moved as an entire body to the Little Miami River lands. Over two-hundred years later,



White Brick Meeting House, c. 1811.

all that remains of Bush River Meeting is a burial ground and a historic marker.

The first Quaker settlers held Meeting for Worship in their homes. In 1801, twelve families requested the establishments of a Preparative Meeting, which was the first step in the process of establishing a Monthly Meeting. Two years later, on October 13, 1803, Miami Monthly Meeting was established with full authority to carry on business, preside over marriages and receive certificates of membership from the many Friends who were arriving from South and North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Virginia. By 1807, nearly 2,000 Friends had moved into southwestern Ohio.

By 1803, Miami Monthly Meeting met in a small log cabin and moved into a larger cabin in 1805. The site of the original cabin is located near the current Red Brick Meetinghouse on High Street. The original cabin had no stove, as member Charity

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- April 14th Hisey Park, Spring Wildflower Hike, 10 am-12 noon, Meet in parking lot.
- May 2nd Hisey Park, Exploring Geology at Hisey, 1-3:30 pm, Meet in parking lot.
- May 21 Otterbein Nature Series, 1-2pm, Phillippi Room at Otterbein
- May 26th Hisey Park, Spring Wildflower Hike, 9-11:30 am, Meet in parking lot.
- June 2nd WC Armco Park, Fun Run/Walk, 9 am
- June 3rd WC Armco Park, Ace Car Show, 9 am-3 pm
- June 16th Hisey, Late Springflower Hike, 9:30am-11:30 am, Meet in parking lot.
- June 25th Otterbein Nature Series, 1-2pm, Phillippi Room at Otterbein
- June 30th Hisey, Wheat Harvest, 12:30 pm-3:30 pm, Meet in parking lot
- July 7th WC Armco Park, Fun Run/Walk, 9 am.
- July 14th Hisey Park, Native American/Pioneer Uses of Nature, 9:30-11:30
- July 23 Otterbein Nature Series, 1-2pm, Phillippi Room at Otterbein
- Aug. 4th WC Armco Park, Fun Run/Walk, 9 am.
- Sept. 1st WC Armco Park, Fun Run/Walk 9 am.
- Oct. 6th Hisey Fall Festival

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Lynch felt it would be too worldly to have a heat source. In 1809, a committee of five was appointed to prepare plans to build a new meetinghouse with sufficient space to accommodate the new Miami Quarterly Meeting. In 1811, plans were approved to build a one-story brick structure on a four-acre lot belonging to the Miami Monthly Meeting but later in the year were changed to a two-story meetinghouse to accommodate the rapidly growing Quarterly Meeting. The completed White Brick Meetinghouse cost \$1,500. Miami Monthly Meeting has used this building continuously since 1811 and is the oldest place of worship in continuous use west of the Allegheny Mountains.

Elias Hicks was a Quaker who traveled extensively among Friends Meetings during the early 1800s, preaching a return to the Friends' early teachings. His followers were known as Hicksite Friends. Across America during 1827 and 1828, meetings began to split between "Orthodox" and "Hicksite" and separate meetings



Red Brick Meeting House, c. 1836.

came into being. In Waynesville, the separation was done more in sorrow than in anger and resulted in two meetinghouses. The split not only divided meetinghouses but, often, it divided families. Elias Hicks and his followers were staunchly anti-slavery. Hicksites in Waynesville maintained possession of the White Brick Meetinghouse after 1828. Orthodox meeting built the Red Brick Meetinghouse across High Street from the White Brick in 1836. The two groups in Waynesville were able to exist amicably and in close proximity.

Many Friends (Quakers) moved to our area to escape the scourge of slavery. Friends in both branches found ways to carry out their testimony against slavery and provided for the needs of freed slaves. Friend Elizabeth Harvey opened a school for African-American children in Harveysburg in 1831. It is the first black school in Ohio and today is maintained as a private museum. Many Quaker families in our area were active in assisting runaway slaves on their way to freedom.

The Quakers purchased land on High Street in 1804 to be used as their burial ground. Burials were without regard to status or family association but rather by date of death. Some of the earliest graves are marked with plain rock obtained from a nearby creek while later markers have been limestone headstones. When the meetings separated in 1828, the graveyard was also divided. The large sugar maple in the center separates the Hicksite from Orthodox. Hicksites began burials in 1832. A listing of burials can be found at the Museum at the Friends Home. Research is ongoing for a complete listing of Orthodox burials. Today, the Red Brick Meetinghouse is no longer used for meetings but for social events. Members of the White Brick Meetinghouse continue to meet each first day (Sunday) and all are welcome to attend meeting. **WT**

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There is always something going on at MFH. Be sure to reserve your spot on a ghostly history walking tour of downtown Waynesville or Quaker Hill in time for Halloween!
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The Friends Home

Have You Seen a Stream Sign Without a Name?

Wayne Township is home to an abundance of natural resource treasures including numerous streams—all of which are a part of the Little Miami River Watershed. A good number of the streams are unnamed, and we want to change that.

Wayne Township teamed up with local Boy Scout Troop #51 and Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District to begin a stream naming program, all made possible by funding from the Ohio Environmental Education Fund/OEPA and DP&L. Now we need your help!

Maybe you've spotted a blank sign near your home or on your travels around the township. If you have an idea for an unnamed stream, visit www.waynetownship.us and click the "Name that Stream" tab or stop by Wayne Township Administration Building and submit a name in person. Be sure to let us know where the blank stream sign is and it is a good idea to provide a rationale—explain why your name is appropriate. All nominations will be voted on by the general public via link from www.waynetownship.us from May 1, 2018 until June 1, 2018.

The US Board on Geographic Names, the federal board that oversees the naming of natural features, suggests the following guidelines to consider before suggesting a name:

- **DO** consider names already in common usage for the stream.
- **DO** use imaginative, distinctive names suggested by folklore, topography and natural life.
- **DO NOT** suggest a name commemorating a living person
- **DO** use simple names (best to limit your name to two words --including "Creek" or "Run" etc.)
- **DO NOT** use a name that is already used for another stream in Warren County



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2016 PROJECTS

COVEY PUMP STATION ON LYTLE ROAD

The water flow system centered in the pump station at the Lytle Road water tower was redesigned and new hardware installed. With these changes, a previously overlooked continuous flow loop was closed. With the new design, a single pump running part-time is now able to handle the water flow; previously three pumps were running nearly full-time. Costs of the work totaled about \$27,000. Savings in electrical power alone amount to more than \$2,000 per month and will amount to more than \$25,000 in savings each year.

SOUTH STREET PERMANENT WATER LINE INSTALLATION

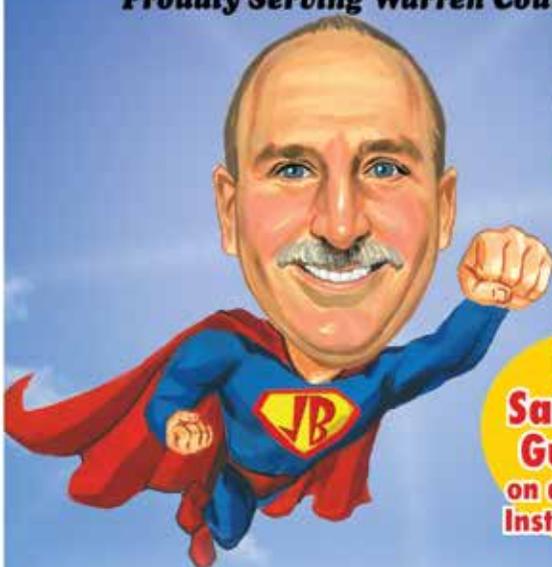
Water leaking from South Street into a resident's property was investigated; it was found that an undocumented, temporary water line was supplying water to South Street. The temporary line was replaced and a permanent water line was installed.

STORM WATER CATCH BASINS REPLACED

Eleven storm water catch basins were replaced at various locations around town. These catch basins were in various states of disrepair, with some presenting traffic hazards. Total cost was approximately \$30,000.

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STORM WATER OVERFLOW AT FRANKLIN AND FOURTH

A significant flooding problem at the intersection of Franklin Road and Fourth Street was fixed, preventing heavy rainwater from overflowing the curb/gutter and washing out a resident's yard.

ANTHONY TRACE STORM WATER CULVERT REPLACEMENT

The storm water sewer lines from Anthony Trace to Lytle Road were upgraded to larger lines. Cost was approximately \$18,000.

NEW SALT BIN
A new road salt storage building was constructed at the Village Government Center. This is part of an on-going effort to concentrate Public Works equipment and facilities at the Village Government Center. The old salt bin at South Main Street will be phased out. Cost was \$22,200.

2017 PROJECTS

MAIN STREET WATER LINE REPLACEMENT - PHASE 2

The South Main Street water lines from High Street to St. Rt. 73 were replaced and Main Street repaved. All of Main Street's water lines have been replaced from Franklin Road to St. Rt. 73. Water lines on High Street were also replaced. Cost was approximately \$700,000; the Village's share was \$276,000.

AIR RELEASE VALVE INSTALLATION IN THATCHER HILL

Residents in Thatcher Hill complained of water line "hammering".

An evaluation of the water line system identified the need for an air release valve in the system at a specific point, which was installed and fixed the problem. Costs were approximately \$3,000.

MAIN STREET WATER LINE REPLACEMENT – PHASE I ADDITIONS

Water line modifications on Miami Street and Marvin's Lane, identified during the Phase 1 project, were made which effectively completed Phase 1.

STORM WATER SINK HOLES REPAIRED

Major street pavement collapses on North Third Street and the Main Street / North Street intersection were repaired. In both cases old storm water lines that had broken were found to be the cause.

LYTLE ROAD REPAIR AND REPAVING

Lytle Road was repaired and repaved from Franklin Road to the Village corporation limit. The cost was approximately \$110,000.

WATER SYSTEM CHLORINATOR

A new chlorination reader was installed on the Village water system. Cost was \$2,000.

CROSSWALK IMPROVEMENT ON NORTH STREET

A blinking amber LED light crosswalk sign was installed on North Street, just uphill from Fourth Street, to provide more visible warning to downhill traffic.

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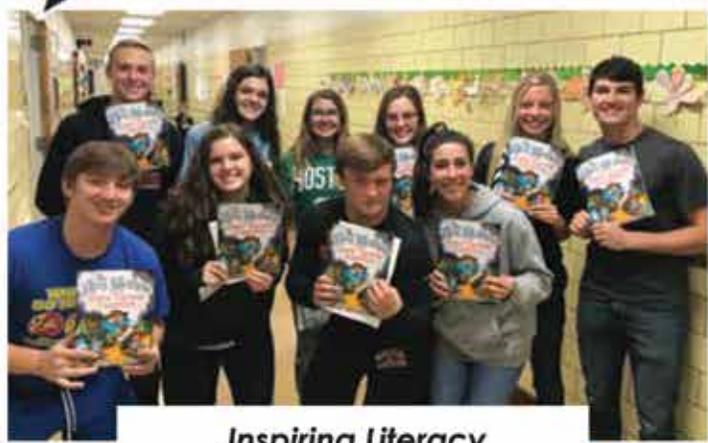
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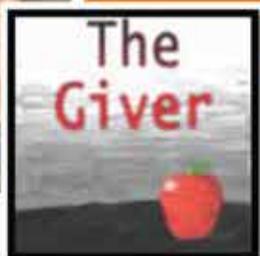
Inspiring Literacy



Innovative Solutions



WHS students Kayleigh Gibson and Brooke Hardin were cast in the all teen production, *The Giver*, this winter at the Town Hall Theatre in Centerville, Ohio.



Positive Impact

Making a positive impact on our community is important to Wayne Local Schools; with our students and staff at the forefront. Family and community involvements foster partnerships among our schools, family, community groups and individuals. Being active members of our community results in sharing and maximizing resources for the greater good.

Our high school students promote literacy by reading to our second graders, handing out books, inspiring and reminding our young Spartans why reading is so important.

Mary L. Cook Library and Wayne Local Schools work together to provide FIRST LEGO League to interested students. Every year LEGO League releases a challenge, which is based on a real-world scientific topic. Each challenge has three parts: the Robot Game, the Project, and the Core Values. Each team's autonomous robot must be built in accordance with all allowable parts, software and other rules to complete a themed playing field to score competitive points. To successfully complete the project phase, each team must identify a problem, develop an innovative solution and share with others. Participants are exposed to potential career paths in the area of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) while also learning valuable life and employment skills which benefit our students no matter which career path they choose. The Waynesville program has quickly doubled in size so our future teams will be looking for adult mentors and volunteers. The work of adult volunteers with our students is fun, it's inspiring and it makes a difference. It's the opportunity to reach a goal knowing we're ALL IN this together.



The Art Department shines with five award winners in the highly competitive Scholastic Art and Writing Contest.



Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

CONGRATS TO OUR SCHOLASTIC ART WINNERS!

Jules MacLennan - Gold Key (AP art)
 Elijah St. Pierre - Silver Key (Photo 1)
 Madison Fry - Honorable Mention (Photo 3)
 Jenne Kennard - Honorable Mention (Photo 1)
 Chloe Plummer - Honorable Mention (Photo 1)

Joining Forces

Is your medicine cabinet full of expired drugs and medicines you no longer use? The Waynesville community is working to increase the public's awareness and understanding of opioid abuse and addiction. The opioid crisis is a threat to our families and the future of our youth. Representatives from Wayne Township, the Village of Waynesville, Waynesville Methodist Church, Waynesville Pharmacy, LCNB Bank and Wayne Local Schools met to develop a plan. With the help of Barb Adams Marin, Prevention Program Supervisor at Solutions Community Counseling and Recovery Centers, we applied for and received an Opioid Prevention Expansion Grant. The grant dollars will pay for the installation of two prescription drug drop-off boxes in Waynesville. One will be located at Waynesville Pharmacy and the other at the Waynesville Police Department. Each box will have a security system and grant dollars will pay for law enforcement to empty the drop boxes and catalog the contents with Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). In addition to drop boxes, community members will also be able to drop off old prescriptions during the Community Recycle Rally and Shredding Day. Your medicine is for you; what's safe for you might be harmful for someone else. So the Waynesville Community asks you to dispose your expired, unwanted, or unused medicines by participating in our drug take back programs. The majority of teenagers abusing prescription drugs obtain them from family, friends and the home medicine cabinet. The non-medical use of prescription drugs rank second only to marijuana as the most common form of drug abuse in America.

Results

Waynesville High School has been named to the College Board's 8th Annual AP District Honor Roll. The Honor Roll recognizes 433 school districts in the United States and Canada that have increased access to Advance Placement (AP) coursework while maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning scores of 3 (out of 5) or higher on AP Exams. Research consistently shows that students who score a 3 or higher (on the AP Exam) typically experience greater academic success in college. Strong performance on AP Exams is rewarded by college and universities. More than ninety percent (90%) of four-year colleges and universities in the United States grant students credit, placement, or both on the basis of successful AP Exam scores. We are proud of this achievement and recognition from the College Board.



8th Annual AP District Honor Roll Recipient



WHS has been named to the College Board's 8th Annual AP District Honor Roll

Waynesville Elementary School was the only area school, and one of only nine in Ohio, recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School by the U. S. Department of Education. The recognition is based on the school's overall academic performance. Waynesville received this outstanding honor as an "exemplary high performing school" meaning we are among Ohio's highest performing schools. The coveted award affirms the hard work of educators, families and the community in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging and engaging curriculum.



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Monday – Thursday	9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
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Saturday	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Sundays (Labor-Memorial Day)	1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Sundays (Memorial-Labor Day)	Closed

FOR ADDITIONAL EVENTS & UPDATES

WEBSITE

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Adult Programs at the Mary L. Cook Public Library

Are you looking for a place to learn new crafts, hear interesting speakers, socialize with your friends, join a book club, enjoy free entertainment, and more? You've found the place - it's your local Mary L. Cook Public Library.

The library is hopping with activity almost any day of the week, and not just for children. Adults of all ages have options galore to choose from. Some activities require signing up in advance while others are drop in events.

Numerous MLC staff members plan, carry out, and help with adult classes. Arts and craft classes have included:

ALTERED BOOKS	GREETING CARDS
BED SPRING SNOWMEN	KNITTING
CALLIGRAPHY	PAINT & TAKE PAINTINGS
DRAWING	WATERCOLOR
ESSENTIAL OILS	WREATH MAKING
GARDENING	ZENTANGLE

Educational enrichment is scheduled on a regular basis. Book aficionados are always welcome at our adult book club which meets every other Tuesday at 1 pm. The same goes for genealogy lovers; our Rootfinders group meets the second Saturday of each month at 10 am except during the summer. Along with these programs, the library often hosts guest speakers on a variety of topics. Examples are author visits, financial workshops, identity theft programs, service dog visits, and tax seminars. At times, library staff members travel out into the community for special events, such as the outdoor solar eclipse program at Waynesville High School.

Adults just want to have fun, so entertainment is not overlooked. We have summer ice cream socials, musicians in the library, and local art displays. The library has held movie viewings complete with popcorn. The Adult Summer Reading Program allows adults to enter chances to win fabulous prize baskets, and our annual Holiday Auction offers many lovely gift items for you and others.

Programs are always evolving with new ones added. Check our website at www.mlcook.lib.oh.us, our Facebook page, or e-newsletter for updates.



personal computer and tablet tech support for residents.

If you reside at Carriage Hill and would like more information about our services there, you may contact Sheila (programming) or Manny (tech) at the Mary L. Cook Public Library at 513-897-4826.



Services at Carriage Hill

The Mary L. Cook Public Library's presence at Carriage Hill Retirement Apartments continues to grow. The forty residents who live here are able to attend free craft, game, and informational programs brought to them by the library. We also provide transportation to and from the library, as well as computer and tech support.

In 2017, MLC staff member Sheila Ference conducted ten programs at Carriage Hill. The library provides craft materials free of charge to the residents. These "no experience necessary" classes are great fun for participants who leave with a finished project. The craft classes have included making greeting cards, wreaths, sun catchers, paint and take paintings, hat and scarf crafts, angels, and painted tumblers. On other visits, residents took part in lively rounds of Bingo. On schedule for early 2018 are button paintings, sock bunnies, Mason jar lights, and painting by sticker.

Carriage Hill residents may schedule rides to and from the Mary L. Cook Public Library in our easily accessible van free of charge. Use your time here to read from our broad assortment of magazines, fax or scan documents, use our computers, copiers, and printers, research genealogy, and check out materials.

Carriage Hill's upstairs library area has a computer with internet access available 24/7, courtesy of the Mary L. Cook Library. Mary L. Cook tech employee Manny Rodriguez has set aside a time block each week to meet with residents at Carriage Hill who have computer procedural questions such as how to sign up for e-mail. He also lends a hand with

Services at Quaker Heights

The Mary L. Cook Public Library is branching out to provide programs to residents at the Quaker Heights Care Community. For our first program at Quaker Heights, MLC staff member Sheila Ference led a class on making holiday cards. In the words of resident Judy Stoughton, "It was wonderful. I made each one of my families a card and they loved it!"

At another time, residents of Quaker Heights signed up to travel over for a joint program with Carriage Hill residents. It was a great opportunity for the residents of both facilities to socialize with each other. MLC has plans for more programs at Quaker Heights this year and details will be forthcoming at a later date.

An additional service provided by Mary L. Cook Library is the use of three public computers spaced throughout Quaker Heights for residents' use. Two are in Assisted Living areas with the third in the Therapy and Rehab unit. For additional support, MLC tech staff member Manny Rodriguez visits once a week to answer any computer questions residents might have. Resident Marty Pyburn sums it up, "I've really enjoyed our new computer. Not only can I look up things as I need them, but I enjoy the games. And I believe they make my brain work better."

Branch at Waynesville Elementary

If you have a student at Waynesville Elementary School, you already know of the Mary L. Cook Public Library's venture there. When school started in the fall of 2016, the Mary L. Cook Public Library opened a branch at the Waynesville Elementary Media Center. This convenient in-

Children



Most of our programs require prior registration, except Drop-in Storytimes

house WEMC branch serves our young patrons by assisting with school assignments, exploring new topics, and, never to be underestimated, reading for pure enjoyment. Also, no fines are charged to students for overdue books.

Materials are purchased, catalogued, and transported continuously to the school by the Mary L. Cook Public Library. Our library van is essential in carrying out this vital function as we move multiple large containers of library items on a regular basis. On most days, MLC staff member Kathleen Welch is at the Media Center to assist Elementary Media Specialist Kelley Purkey. Kathleen helps with shelving, organizing, checking in and out, and thematically displaying the diverse collection available at WEMC. Students get to independently practice computer skills searching the WEMC card catalog via a dedicated computer provided by the library. In addition, Kathleen is able to move around the floor helping students locate books using the catalog on an iPad as classrooms come into the Media Center for scheduled library times. Materials are maintained or replaced by the library. Kathleen does minor book repairs on site, while books requiring more extensive repair are transferred back to the library and later returned to school.



Children are taught about the Dewey Decimal System and how a call number can show them where to find a specific book. To pique student interest in considering new selections, Kathleen and MLC Children's Coordinator Kathy Daniels tailor book talks to each grade level. Moreover, Kelley Purkey, Kathy, and Kathleen reinforce the care of books with students.

Additionally, the Mary L. Cook Public Library purchases classroom collections for teachers at the elementary school. In this way, teachers are supplied with the exact number of copies of a specified title for all students in that class. The teacher collections are delivered and picked up from classrooms by the library as well.

The library is pleased to expand our services to the Waynesville Elementary Media Center, making them more accessible to patrons of all ages.

ONGOING

Mondays	6:15 p.m.	Drop-In Storytimes	all ages
Tuesdays	10:00 a.m.	Drop-In Storytimes	all ages
Thursdays	10:30 a.m.	Storytimes	3 to K
Thursdays	6:45 p.m.	Storytimes	3 to K

DAY	TIME	DESCRIPTION	AGES
April 3	6:45 p.m.	Laptime	2 yrs. & Caregiver
April 4	10:30 a.m.	Baby Bookworms	0 - 2 & Caregiver
April 7	10:30 a.m.	LEGO Family Fun	Family
April 10	4 p.m.	Chapters Book Club	1st & 2nd
April 10	6:45 p.m.	Laptime	2 yrs. & Caregiver
April 11	10:30 a.m.	Baby Bookworms	0 - 2 & Caregiver
April 18	10:30 a.m.	Baby Bookworms	0 - 2 & Caregiver
April 21	10 a.m.	Muffins with Mom	2 yrs. & Up
April 24	4 p.m.	Rapid Readers Club	3rd - 5th
April 24	6 p.m.	Look Who's Reading Club	K
April 24	6:45 p.m.	Simple Machines	5-8 yrs.
April 25	10:30 a.m.	Baby Bookworms	0 - 2
April 25	6:30 p.m.	Explore Little Bits	K-3 & Caregiver
April 28	10:30 a.m.	LEGO Family Fun	Family
April 30	6 p.m.	LEGO Fun	1st - 5th
May 1	6:30 p.m.	Iron Chef	3rd - 6th
May 8	4p.m.	Chapters Book Club	1st & 2nd
May 11	4 p.m.	Pinterest Party	3rd - 5th
May 15	4 p.m.	Rapid Readers Club	3rd - 5th
May 15	6 p.m.	Look Who's Reading Club	K
May 30	9 a.m.-8 p.m.	Registration for Summer Reading Program	All

May 30-July 30		Summer Reading Program Watch for Details!	
August	TBA	Library & Community Scavenger Hunt	
September	TBA	Storytimes Resume	
	TBA	Lego Program Resumes	
	TBA	Book Clubs	K, 1-5th
October	TBA	Laptimes Resume	
	TBA	Baby Bookworms Resume	

DAY	TIME	DESCRIPTION
April 10	2 p.m.	H.E.A.L. – Headaches/Migraine
April 12	5 p.m.	Friends of the Library Preview
April 13	9 a.m.–5 p.m.	Book Sale
April 14	10 a.m.–2 p.m.	Book Sale
April 15	1 p.m.–4 p.m.	Book Sale - \$1/Bag
April 16	9 a.m.–8 p.m.	Book Sale
April 17	9 a.m.–8 p.m.	Book Sale
April 20	6:30 p.m.	Make a Mason Jar Light
May 4	6:30 p.m.	Bright Flower Painting
May 8	2 p.m.	H.E.A.L. – Hip Pain
June 15	6:30 p.m.	Beach Scene Painting
August	TBA	Ice Cream Social
September 14	6:30 p.m.	Rock Painting
October 19	6:30 p.m.	Puffy Paint Pumpkins

Teens



DAY	TIME	DESCRIPTION
Ongoing		
Wednesdays	3 p.m.	Teen Cafe
April 23	6:30 p.m.	Circle Painting
Sept 17	6:30 p.m.	Emoji Painting

Adults



Seniors



DAY	TIME	DESCRIPTION
April 20	2 p.m.	Make a Mason Jar Light
May 4	2 p.m.	Adult Coloring
June 15	2 p.m.	Plastic Beach Bag
July 13	2 p.m.	Bingo
September 14	2 p.m.	Paint
October 19	2 p.m.	Puffy Paint Pumpkin

Reminder

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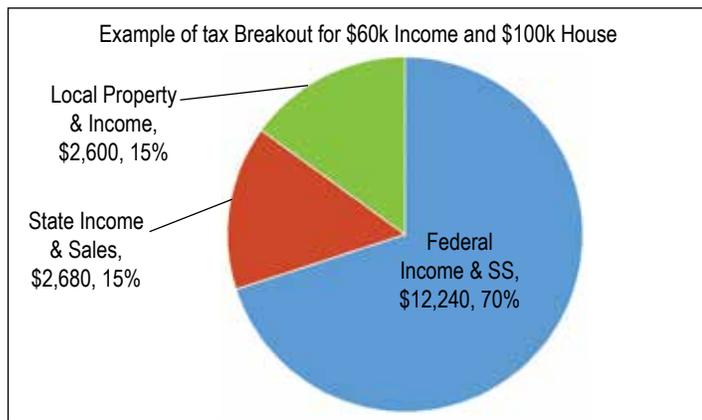
ONGOING		
Mondays	9 a.m.	Watercolor Class
Alternating/Tues	1 p.m.	Book Club
Thursdays	5 p.m.	Knitters

Welcome to Waynesville...

Where Does Your Tax Dollar Go?

Village of Waynesville residents are taxed at a property tax rate of 86.2 mills (2015 tax year) and a local income tax of 0.5% of earnings. The typical household also pays a state income tax rate of around 3% and a federal income tax rate of between 10% and 20%. Add in Social Security taxes, sales taxes, fuel taxes, and several other taxes and it is estimated that the average U.S. citizen pays about one-third of their income to taxes, or about \$20,000 per household.

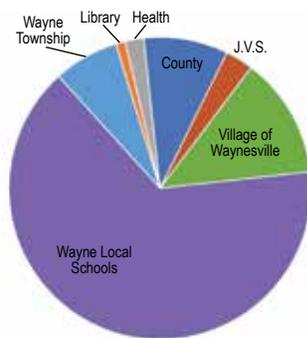
This level of taxation for the typical taxpayer in our community is not small and it is important for local government to bring better understanding about the levels of taxation involved.



Breaking tax monies down by where they go, approximately 70% of the taxes paid go to the Federal Government in Washington D.C., 15% of the taxes paid go the State of Ohio, and the remaining 15% is kept at the local level. The local taxes are then paid out between the County, Township, school, and the Village of Waynesville.

The Village of Waynesville receives approximately 13% of the local taxes paid (see graph and table below). Thus, the vast majority of all taxes that Village residents pay have no direct benefit to the Village and yet the need remains for basic local level services with limited funding available.

Taxpayers have very little ability to change the tax burden upon them except at the local level—at the ballot box on local issues. Voting on local levies is the only direct control residents have on any of the taxes they pay. Regardless, however, of the



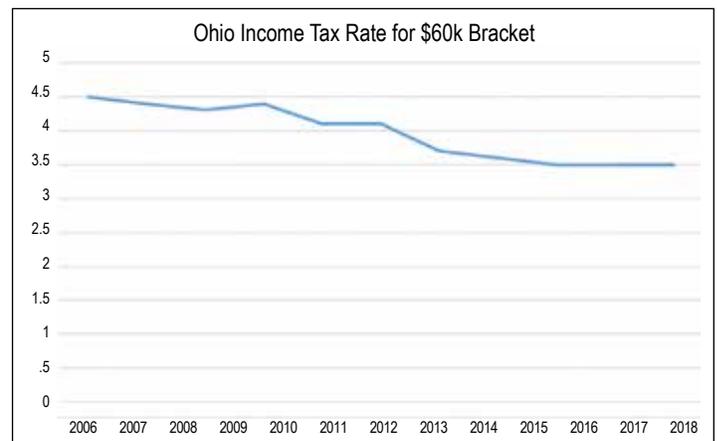
Entity	Amount	Percentage
County	\$ 180	9%
J.V.S.	\$ 70	3%
Village of Waynesville	\$ 280	13%
Wayne Local Schools	\$1,360	65%
Wayne Township	\$ 140	7%
Library	\$ 30	1%
Health	\$ 40	2%

total amount of tax dollars coming into local coffers, the Village government must still maintain the infrastructure and services that residents desire. This often requires local government to seek funding from grants when the local revenue streams get cut back.

The result is that instead of receiving taxes directly, the Village government has to look “up the chain of government” for grant funds, hoping a percentage of local taxes comes back to our community.

The end result is that federal and state bureaucracies receive taxes that could go directly to local government needs. Of course, the federal and state bureaucracies take their cut of these tax dollars before (and if) returning monies through grants.

A logical and efficient change would be to put money back in the pockets of local taxpayers who can then decide if specific local funding is needed at the local level to fix infrastructure and provide public services. In fact, the State of Ohio has done this in the past 10 years, reducing state income tax rates by about 25%. Unfortunately, the State has also reduced the funding that it gives to local municipalities by about 40%-50% over this same time period. Additionally, the state has not done a good job explaining these reductions to the citizens.



The message we'd like to get out to our residents is that the most effective taxes paid are local taxes (property and income taxes) where you have the visibility, accountability, and control over how your money is spent. We encourage our residents to take a closer look at how the Village spends tax dollars so that you can see for yourself where you get the best return on your taxes. Waynesville Village Council meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month. The public is always invited.



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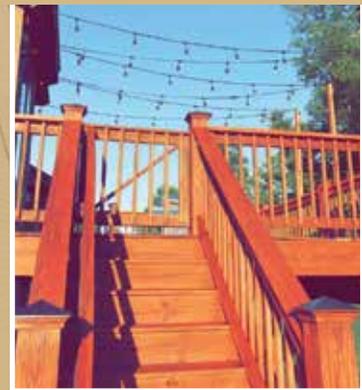
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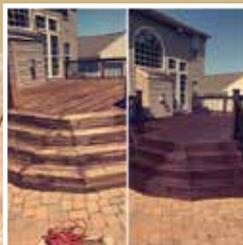
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Wayne Township Fire Department

ISSUE 6 PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) ON MAY 8TH BALLOT

Issue 6 is being proposed for the May primary election. Is a proposed renewal of an existing 1.8-mill levy to support the Wayne Township Fire and Emergency Medical (EMS) for another 5 years.



"Touch a Truck" event at Mary L. Cook Library

WHY IS THIS LEVY BEING PROPOSED?

Issue 6 is being proposed because the current 1.8 mill-levy for Wayne Township Fire and EMS will expire at the end of the 2017 tax year which is paid in 2018. Without the renewal, the Wayne Township Fire and EMS Department would not continue to receive these revenues in 2019.

IS THIS A NEW TAX?

NO. Voters approved the original 1.8-mill levy in 1992 and have voted to renew or replace it every five (5) years. A renewal would simply allow the levy to continue for another 5 years at the same rate without raising taxes.

WILL ISSUE 6 RAISE MY TAXES?

NO. Your taxes will NOT increase. This will renew the current 1.8-mill levy which is already in place.

WHY IS IT NEEDED?

The Township has a "2030 Master Plan" for replacement and upgrade of equipment at the end of its life cycle that can't be met without a guarantee of the continuation of the revenue created by this levy.

WHAT SPECIFICALLY WILL THESE FUNDS BE USED FOR?

Equipment that is scheduled and will be replaced within this five year levy cycle: 2 Squads/Medics @ \$225,000 each; 24 SCBA's @ \$175,000 and Compressor/Fill Station @ \$75,000; One Engine Pumper @ \$600,000 and Two Heart Monitors/12 Lead EKG @ \$125,000.



The passage of this levy will allow Wayne Township Fire Department to plan for the future instead of operating from year to year. It will allow the department to proceed with replacement of equipment that our fifty (50) volunteer/part paid members depend on to protect them and safely and effectively provide for the community's needs into the future.

Wayne Township wants to maintain a high level of service to our residents in their times of need and currently responds to over 1,000 calls for service every year now.

Questions: Please contact:

Fire Chief: Paul Scherer wtfchief1@waynetownship.us
513-897-3010 ext. 1

Administrator: Gus Edwards gusedwards@waynetownship.us
513-897-3010 ext.5

BALLOT LANGUAGE PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL)

Wayne Township

A Majority Affirmative Vote Is Necessary For Passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Wayne Township, for the purpose of **providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings or sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighters or firefighting companies to operate the same, including the payment of the firefighter employer's contribution required under Section 742.34 of the Revised Code, or the purchase of ambulance equipment, or the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company,** at a rate not exceeding 1.8 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.18 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in tax year 2018, first due in calendar year 2019.

- For the Tax Levy
- Against the Tax Levy



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