



Harlem Township

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An Update From The Board of Trustees

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OF INTEREST

*Harlem Township
2009 population estimate:
4,600*

*Average persons per
household: 2.8*

*2009 totals represent an
increase of 14 persons*

FYI

*Approximately 192 tons of
salt have been used on
township roads so far this
season. This represents
76% of our allocation.*

Introduction

In this edition of the Harlem newsletter, we will report on the upcoming events and primary issues we have dealt with throughout this past year. In addition, we will attempt to lay out our agenda for 2010 and beyond. Should you desire additional information on any topic, please contact one or more of the trustees directly or attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at the firehouse. We invite your participation!

Bicentennial Event

2010 marks a significant milestone in the history of our township. Harlem was originally organized in 1810 when it was split off from Sunbury Township. At this time, Harlem Township included either half or all of Genoa Township. In 1816, Genoa Township was set off from Harlem. This division set Harlem Township's boundaries as the original delineation of Township 3, in Range 16, of the U.S. Military District which was established by Congress on June 1, 1796--the boundaries that exist today. The first settlers in the township were the Benajah Cook family who arrived in 1807 when the area was solely occupied by Native Americans. By 1810, when our township was created, there were already about 35 families living here. This was a big change from the unbroken forests that greeted the Cook family.

With one exception, all of the early settling families who were here by 1810 were headed by men who had served as soldiers in the Revolutionary War against England. Consequently, it's not surprising that our then sparsely populated farming community saw enlistments and re-enlistments of about 20 men from the township in the War of 1812, sometimes called, "The Second American Revolution." This township's spirit of patriotism and dedication to the American ideal has carried through in the military engagements of the United States into the 21st century.

From its beginnings, Harlem Township has been an agricultural community and currently, 59% of the township land is still devoted to agriculture. Harlem Township has also been a close-knit and caring community made up of individuals and families who collectively have made this township what it is today. The history of this township will be commemorated during a two-day bicentennial celebration on August 21st and 22nd of this year with pre-event activities on Friday, August 20th. Mark your calendars and plan to join in the celebration. Read more about the upcoming scheduled events and activities later in this publication and online at www.harlemtpw.com.

Drainage Issue

In our last newsletter, we discussed the water drainage problem around the firehouse property. After having been turned down on our initial application for matching funds, the board reapplied to Nature Works and we have recently been approved to receive \$26,562. A good portion of the work will be performed by our maintenance department employees. Hourly wages, charges for use of our own equipment (on a per hour basis), and costs of materials will be charged against our portion of the grant requirement which should greatly reduce our overall cash outlay. Work will begin sometime after August of 2010 and all drainage work, including two retention ponds, is to be completed before the fall of this year. The plan overview can be referenced online at www.harlemtp.com.

Fancher and Hunt Cemeteries

As reported in our last publication, the computerized mapping of Hunt cemetery is moving forward and nearing completion. We will soon be offering sites in that location for purchase by our residents. Phase two of the project will involve the difficult task of mapping Fancher, Fancher Maple Grove, and Fancher Barnhart additions.

Sign Retro-Reflectivity Project

The Federal government has mandated that all county, city, and township entities comply with a sign reflectivity standard for all signs, i.e., stop, road name, speed, and warning, within their jurisdictions. This mandate represents a major undertaking and a major expense for all entities involved. Unfortunately, there is no federal funding available to offset this expense.

Harlem Township has actively been working with the Delaware County Engineer's Office to develop a plan to address this forthcoming mandate. Thanks to these efforts, all of Harlem Township's signs have been inventoried, measured, and located according to G.P.S. latitude and longitude coordinates. A significant amount of time and effort has been spent in this process and we credit Mr. Mike Seiter, Mr. Eldon Johnston, and Chris Bauserman (Delaware County Engineer) for their efforts on behalf of this township. Phase two of this project will involve testing the reflective quality of all signs to determine if each meets the minimum standards set forth by FHWA. In phase three, all active signs will be categorized according to their remaining useful "life." Signs not meeting minimum standards will be replaced on a scheduled replacement basis. FYI, Harlem has a total of 54 stop signs within its borders. The average cost is \$50.00 per sign. The signs will require perpetual moni-

toring and we will continue to work with county engineering as the project unfolds.

Fire Hydrant Program

In 2009, 12 additional fire hydrants were installed in our township. The projection for 2010 is to add an additional 12 hydrants at a cost of \$2,100 each. Since the beginning of this program in 2006, we have installed a total of 54 new hydrants affecting approximately 720 property owners. We encourage property owners who have had a hydrant installed within 1,000 feet of their home to contact their insurance carrier to determine if a reduced premium can be applied. If you are uncertain of the distance to your home/property from a fire hydrant, you may contact the fire station for a determination of the distance.

Fire and EMS Runs

Harlem Township Division of Fire logged a total of 515 calls for service in 2009. The breakdown was as follows: Fire: 239; EMS (Emergency Medical Services): 276. Overall average response time was 5 minutes, 19 seconds. Analysis of response times indicates fire department arrival within 5 minutes to 70 percent of the fire incidents and within 5 minutes to 88 percent of the EMS incidents. (See 2009 Emergency Incident Statistics, Page 4)

New "Quint" Fire Vehicle

In November, the Board of Trustees approved \$735,000 for the purchase of a new "Quint" fire vehicle. This new vehicle will become our front-line responder for fire emergencies. We anticipate delivery in the fall of this year. Upon arrival of the new vehicle, we will be retiring our oldest (22 years) fire engine.

Harlem Township employs seven full time firefighters including one Fire Chief (Dale Fling) and thirty-two part time firefighters for a total staff of thirty-nine employees. Currently, we have two full time and two part time firefighters on duty 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Rapid, courteous, and professional "all-hazards" response to emergencies for the preservation of life and protection of property, remains our primary mission.

Fire Department to Offer CPR, First Aid Classes

The Fire Department plans to begin offering CPR and first aid courses in the spring/summer of 2010. The courses will be free of charge to residents of the township and will also be available to non-residents for a

small fee. The plan is to offer the courses once every three to six months. Additional course dates may be added based on demand. Both courses are a part of the American Heart Association curriculum and will be divided into two parts. The first part will be the CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) course which includes the use of an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) now found in many businesses, schools, and other public buildings. This course will include infant/child/adult CPR and procedures to assist a choking victim. The course will take approximately three and one-half hours and the certification card will be good for two years. The second part is the First Aid course which will teach basic first aid skills for medical emergencies and injuries. This course will also take approximately three and one-half hours and again, a certification card will be issued. To help establish interest and demand for the program, we ask individuals or groups to contact the Fire Department at 740-965-2661 to pre-register.

Warning Siren System

As you may be aware, countywide voters handily rejected the recent county warning system proposal. This board will continue to explore possible options for a Harlem Township system.

Consumers Gas Cooperative

Representatives from Consumers Gas Cooperative attended the February 17, 2010 Board of Trustees meeting to provide an update on the status of their natural gas line installations within the township. A number of residents were also in attendance to hear the update. Consumers Gas assured those in attendance that gas line installation into Center Village will be done as soon as the weather permits. They anticipate resuming work on the lines in March or April. The gas line currently terminates at the intersection of Center Village and Miller Paul Roads. Some of the borings within the village were completed this past fall. For more information please contact Consumers Gas Cooperative at 330-682-4144 or visit their website at www.cgcohoio.com.

Robins Road West Project

The Board of Trustees made application to the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) and has been approved to receive \$121,800 toward improvement of the portion of Robins Road between St. Rt. 605 and Miller Paul Road. The scope of the project will include stabilization of the road base, level coat (asphalt paving), and chip sealing. The township will contribute \$26,200 and the Delaware County Engineer will match that amount through their Grant Enhancement Program funded by county sales tax revenue. We anticipate that work will be completed in the summer of 2010.

Green Cook Bridge

As of this writing, the bridge on Green Cook Road just north of Center Village Road has been completed. This project experienced delays due to adverse weather conditions and due to the schedules of the many inspectors who were required to sign off on certain aspects of the project. Bids will soon be let to replace the Green Cook Bridge south of Center Village Road. This replacement will be scheduled later this year.

Township Road Maintenance

Material costs continue to increase. Number 8 stone, for example, increased \$2.00 per ton as of February 1, 2010. The trustees ordered and received 185 tons before the increase became effective--an amount which should supply our needs for the coming year. Our goal is to keep all costs to a minimum and gravel costs have risen sharply over the past few years.

The trustees have allocated \$70,100 for road maintenance to be completed this year. Our recommendations have been sent to the County Engineer's Office for bidding purposes and for approval of engineering design. The scope of the project(s) will include: chip sealing from 2174 Green Cook Road north of Woodtown Road; chip sealing from 13045 Hatch Road to Fancher Road; and Robins Road East will be paved and chip sealed from the wooded area east to Green Cook Road. Refer to subsequent trustee meeting minutes for an update at www.harlemtpw.com.

Township Recycle Program

In 2009, 137,460 pounds of recyclable materials were brought to the drop-off bin located at the township maintenance garage. The 40 cubic yard dumpster was picked up 47 times at a cost of approximately \$140.00 per pick up. No one ever said that recycling is inexpensive. The 2009 total represents a slight decrease as compared to 2008 when 154,550 pounds were deposited. We believe the decrease, in part, is due to a second bin which was added last year to specifically collect all types of paper products (except cardboard). The paper bin actually produces income for the township from the service provider. We ask, therefore, that residents deposit all paper (other than cardboard) in the smaller receptacle. Thank you for supporting this very important conservation effort!

Bicentennial Historical And Educational Booklets On Sale

As part of the upcoming bicentennial celebration and fund raising efforts, 12 separate booklets will be offered



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2009 Emergency Incident Statistics

PRELIMINARY

EMS Incidents: 276 Fire Incidents: 239 Total Incidents: 515

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
46	41	45	49	41	46	30	47	38	52	31	49

Overall average response time: __ min, __ seconds.

Time for first unit arrival:

Fire Response:		EMS Response:	
5 minutes or less	__%	5 minutes or less	__%
6 minutes or less	__%	6 minutes or less	__%
7 minutes or less	__%	7 minutes or less	__%

Incident Nature:

Fire:			EMS:		
Nature:	Incidents:	Percentage:	Nature:	Incidents:	Percentage:
Structure Fire	8		Poss. Heart/Chest Pain	38	
Fire Alarm	19		Diabetic	3	
Vehicle Fire	2		Injury	42	
MVA/Rescue	30		Medical Alarm	12	
Brush/Grass	7		Unresponsive	12	
Open Burn	3		Difficulty Breathing	36	
Service Run	23		Sick/ill	87	
Wires/Tree	12		Walk-in (unknown)	9	
Chimney	0		Stroke (CVA)	3	
Odor	8		Choking	2	
Dumpster			Service/ Lift Assist	11	
Total in Twp.	112		Non-Breather	0	
*****	*****	*****	Assault/ Suicide	14	
Mutual Aid	Given		D.O.A.	1	
B.S.T. & G.	32		Childbirth	3	
Plain Twp.	22		Total in Twp.	272	
Monroe Twp.	31		*****	*****	*****
Genoa Twp.	32		Mutual Aid	Given	
Hartford Twp.	3	Centerburg:1	Genoa Twp.	3	
Porter Twp.	4	Concord:1	Monroe Twp.	1	
Total aid given			Total aid given	4	
*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Grand Total	239		Grand Total	276	
Fire			EMS		

Combined Grand Total all incidents: 515

for sale to the public for \$3.00 per publication. Publications include: "Native Americans and Harlem Township," "Glimpses of Harlem Township in Native American Days," "Original Land Grants (Harlem Township)," "The First Ladies of Harlem Township," "The 200 Year Families," "Harlem Township in the Civil War," "Revolutionary War Veterans Buried in Harlem Township," "Harlem Township's Role in the War of 1812," "Harlem Township and the War With Mexico," "Invasive Plants," "Trees and Big Trees," and "Children in the Wilderness."

An order form for copies is available online at www.harlemtwp.com. Copies will also be available for sale at all of the fund raising activities and during the August 21-22, bicentennial event. Proceeds will go to the bicentennial fund.

Bicentennial Pre-Event Fundraisers:

The following bicentennial event fundraisers have been scheduled:

Native American Presentation: March 6, 2:00 p.m. at the Firehouse - Vicki Tieche will give a presentation on the Native Americans who have lived in Harlem Township over the last 10,000 years.

Ham and Bean Dinner: April 9, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Harlem Grange (Jackie Mackie, Chairperson) - Connie Sager will once again do the cookin' for a bicentennial ham and bean dinner for bicentennial fundraising. Bring your appetite!

"Big Tree" Contest: April 17, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. at the Firehouse - Vicki Tieche will give a presentation on native trees in Harlem Township and kick off information on the bicentennial "Big Tree" contest.

Contributions: Anyone who wishes to contribute to the bicentennial fund can do so by sending a check made payable to the **Harlem Township Bicentennial Committee**, and sent to Diane Kabler, c/o Harlem Township Administration, 3883 S. St. Rt. 605, Galena, Ohio 43021. Contribution levels are as follows:

- Platinum:** \$500 and Above
- Emerald:** \$250 to \$499
- Gold:** \$100 to \$249
- Silver:** \$50 to \$99
- Bronze:** \$25 to \$49
- Patron:** Under \$25

Summary

Within the framework of what is still a very sluggish economy, the board will continue to conserve taxpayer dollars whenever possible. "Cost control" remains our central focus and we will continue to aggressively pursue outside funding opportunities whenever possible.

We, the trustees and clerk, appreciate the opportunity you have given us to serve this great community. We will continue to work in the best interest of our community as a whole and we invite your comments and suggestions.

Sincerely,

Dave Jackson, Trustee
 Robert Singer, Trustee
 Jerry Paul, Trustee
 Robert Fracasso, Clerk

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