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CODE RED

By Chairman John Bayles

Earlier this year Morrow County was given the opportunity to sign on to an advanced warning system known as Code Red. This is a system designed to operate very much like a reverse 911.

Several county officials discussed the possibility of installing tornado sirens throughout the county. At a minimum of \$20,000 plus, for each siren, and the low coverage area, the idea quickly faded.

Code Red, a Miami Florida based company, which was initiated as a hurricane warning system, was pursued as a better alternative. Township Trustees, Village, and County Officials, were all given a demonstration by emergency management team on the quick and effective activation of this system.

For slightly more than the cost of one tornado siren, Morrow County can purchase 50,000 minutes per year of call out time, to notify residents of weather or other emergencies. The townships and villages agreed to share the cost of the service making it an even \$1000 per entity, per year.

As of June 2009, our township, as well as other participating townships, is now serviced by Code Red. Weather related emergencies will automatically be called out to the designated areas. Canaan Township Officials can also notify residents in all or any part of the township regarding emergencies or special notices.

Your phones will not ring with these messages unless you first register your phone numbers with Morrow County Emergency Management. Some of you have already signed up for this service. For those that have not, please find enclosed in this issue a registration form. You may include as many numbers as you like -- land lines or cell phones.

ROAD WORK 2009

By Trustee Ed Sayers

The Canaan Township Trustees chipped and sealed all of Township Roads 72 and 73, the west end of TR 10, the north end of TR 71, and one-fourth mile of TR 60 south of State Route 95. We also leveled TR 135.

EXTRA CAUTION NEEDED!

By Vice-chairperson Billie Pangborn

Harvest has started and will continue once the rain stops. We ask that our farmers be careful when they park on the side of the roads and that our drivers of cars and pick-ups be extra cautious.

Slow down on our side roads and we can all survive harvest without a mishap.

CEMETERY UPDATE

By Vice-chairperson Billie Pangborn

Well, we know how best laid plans can go awry. That's kind of what happened to our plans for North Canaan Cemetery. We have started the job of replacing the lot markers. We have 85% in place.

We do have new cemetery rules in place. Please check for them at the township office:

We have new rules for footers for monuments

We wish to be advised of things going on at our cemeteries before, not after.

We require a vault for any burial

A trustee must be present at the opening and closing of a grave.

PLEASE VOTE on NOV 3rd!



Culverts

By Chairman John Bayles

As of 2003, Canaan Township Trustees adopted a driveway and culvert permit policy for our township roads. This is a non-fee permit that is required for all new residential driveways, and nonresidential, field entrances, etc.

The minimum culvert requirement is 30 feet in length, 8 inches in diameter.

The Trustees must be advised before any new driveway construction to determine if a steel or double wall plastic pipe will be suitable.

We have noticed several new driveways installed this past year without any notification to any of the trustees, and no permits.

We are currently working with zoning and health department officials to remedy this problem so new people moving into this area are aware of our permit policy.

Failure to notify Trustees and obtain proper permits may result in the removal of these culverts and the cost assessed to the property owners' taxes.

We have also noticed hazardous objects being placed close to the edge of roads-- concrete blocks, large stones, and driveway barricades when someone reseals asphalt driveways.

All of our township roads are narrow one lane passes. When two cars meet the right side of the car must use the berm of the road to pass. Should a car hit some object near the road, resulting in an accident, the property owner could be held liable.

Township Office Building Available

If your club, group, or family is in need of a place to hold a get-together, the township office building is available to township residents. The room accommodates about 35-40 people, and there are kitchen facilities for the serving of light refreshments. Reservations must be made at least a week in advance. Township residents may use the building for free. Non-residents must pay \$25 and a \$25 refundable cleaning deposit. Contact the officials or check the township website found

in the newsletter banner to obtain a reservation form.



Old furnishings Made "New" Again

When the old Township Hall on County Road 28 was vacated the original furnishings were sent out for refurbishing and refinishing.

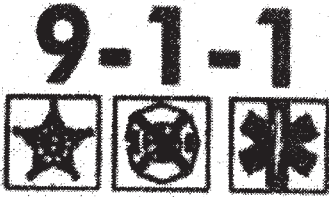
Everett Douce of Tully Township consented to take on the job of cleaning up and refinishing the church pews, eight-foot high storage cabinet built in the late 1800's, the antique wooden chairs, and the railing that was part of the original building. Last fall the last piece, the railing, was delivered to the new office building to be put on display.

We appreciate the fine work of Mr. Douce and the extensive time he put into making these old pieces of our township history look beautiful and new again!

When you come to vote on Nov. 3rd you will have a chance to see his work and appreciate the contribution Mr. Douce has made to Canaan Township.

Reminder

Please notice the new township address in the banner on the first page. We now have a new secure and locked mailbox for the township office, and all official township correspondence should now be mailed to the new address. The office also has a telephone and answering machine: 419-946-1408. Messages are checked daily.

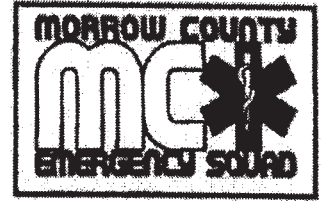


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I would like to take this time to introduce CODERED. Village of Mt. Gilead, Cardington, Edison and some of the Townships have combined with Morrow County 9-1-1 for an emergency weather notification system. This system will call you're your cell phone and/or home phone before a severe thunderstorm warning, tornado warning and flash flood. It will only call you if the storm is heading in the path of your home, per the National Weather Service. To Sign up you can fill this out, call me, or go to the above website, follow the link to CODERED.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ Apt. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Number _____

Cell Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Cell Provider _____ Cell Provider _____

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U.S. Census 2010

In 2010, the U.S. Census Bureau will issue a call to action for every resident of our nation:

“Be Counted.”

This census will determine the distribution of \$300 billion of government funding for critical community services and generates thousands of jobs across the country.

Some census workers have already been in our area doing door-to-door preliminary address work. We urge you to cooperate with these workers and to promptly complete the forms when they arrive.

Census questionnaires will contain only a few simple questions this time and will be mailed in March 2010.

If you need more information on the 2010 census, go to www.census.gov/2010

New Federal Regulations for Signs

Recently the township officials received information on regulations for sign management and assessment and the replacement of old signs with ones that meet minimum retroreflectivity

established by the Federal Highway Administration and adopted by the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Target Compliance dates for all government entities responsible for traffic control have been published. Those that affect Canaan Township are the following:

Jan. 2012-Assmnt/Mgmt Method in place

Jan. 2015-Regulatory, warning, & ground mounted signs must meet minimum retroreflectivity levels

Jan. 2018-Street name signs must meet minimum retroreflectivity levels

The dates may seem to be far into the future, but this is an unfunded mandate that will require the use of township tax dollars, as the federal government will not pay for the new signs needed. Therefore, spreading the sign replacement over several years is planned to minimize the impact to the township budget.

If you have any questions about the new regulations call Jim Roth, ODOT Signing Engineer, at (614)752-0438 or email at jim.roth@dot.state.oh.us .