



SANDUSKY TOWNSHIP

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TOWNSHIP BUDGETING IN THESE TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES.

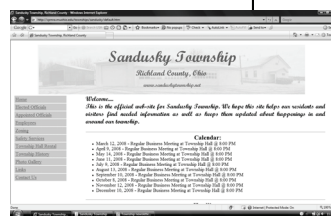
Sandusky Township has a history of being fiscally conservative. The Board of Trustees have always tried to plan and save funds to allow us to purchase larger expenditure items such as trucks, plows and tractors without incurring debt. This practice has always served us well in the past and as the economy has taken a downturn, it has proven to be a blessing. The township has seen state revenues frozen since 2003 and we look to lose over \$45,000 after 2010 when the tangible property tax

is no longer available to local governments. When the Ohio Department of Taxation initially rolled out this plan, we discovered that the loss of \$19,600 in our Fire District Fund would not cover the cost of our contract at that time. To avoid a debt within the Fire District Fund, and thanks to the support of our residents in 2006; a replacement levy was passed. This allowed us to continue funding fire and EMS coverage without incurring any new debt.

With the loss of \$9,000 in the township's General Fund

REFLECTIVE HOUSE NUMBER SIGNS ARE AVAILABLE FOR \$10 EACH. CONTACT ANY TRUSTEE FOR MORE DETAILS

and \$16,700 in the Road and Bridge fund due to the loss of the Tangible Personal Property Tax will also be a challenge. With careful planning, we are confident the township will be able to provide our residents the same high level of service as in the past.



Township web-site sees over 700 visitors since inception.

The Sandusky Township Trustees placed a priority issue, to better keep residents informed, into action a couple of years ago and unanimously voted to create both a web-site and newsletter. The trustees are pleased with the positive feedback they have received in regards to both the newsletter and the web-site.

"Knowledge is of two kinds. We know a subject ourselves, or we know where we can find information on it."
—Samuel Johnson

SEASONAL TIPS AND TIDBITS

- **Remember, The Ohio EPA has established laws regulating "open burning" in Ohio. Please visit www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/general/openburning.html to ensure you comply if you plan to burn.**
- **Tornado Warnings Information: There is a tornado warning siren located within Sandusky Township at the corner of North Horning Road and State Route 30. The National Weather Service states:**

When a tornado warning is issued based on Doppler Radar: It means that a strong rotation has been detected in the storm. A tornado MAY already be on the ground, or is expected to develop shortly.

Keep in mind, that the siren is designed to warn those who may be outdoors to seek inside shelter. If you are already indoors, you may not be able to hear the siren.

- **Tornado facts as reported by www.weather.com:**

The force of a tornado can rip through a structure, whether the windows are open or not. You should not open the windows when a tornado threatens. That could actually make the situation worse.

Downward bulging clouds DO NOT NECESSARILY mean a tornado is on the way. Many of these clouds are not associated with tornadoes and may be harmless. If the cloud shows evidence of a rotation motion, then it may produce a tornado.

CFD RESPONDS TO SANDUSKY TOWNSHIP EMERGENCIES

In 2006, the Township Trustees, on behalf of Sandusky Township, entered into a long term agreement for Fire and EMS coverage with the Crestline Fire Department. The agreement states that Crestline will furnish fire protection and emergency rescue services when called upon by residents within our township.

If an EMS transport is required, the patient will be taken the closest, most appropriate facility, which is most often is either Galion Community Hospital or Mansfield Med Central.

The contract covers the period from January 1, 2007, through December 31, 2012. The trustees were fortunate to negotiate the price of \$63,526 a year, for the first 3 years. \$64,160 for 2010; a 1% increase: \$64,800 for 2011,

another 1% increase: and \$66,096 for 2012 reflecting a 2% increase.

Residents should feel safer



knowing that the 2.2 mil levy passed in 2006 provides the funding for a full-time, 24 hour staffed Fire/EMS service to be available whenever a resident needs them. Mutual aid agreements, signed between Crestline, and neighboring departments such as Springfield Twp, Galion, Bucyrus, and Shelby, help ensure large scale incidents have the necessary resources available for your safety.

PORTABLE GENERATOR SAFETY

We have all been faced with power outages and with the stormy season quickly approaching, you may find yourself faced with another, and will be in need of the use of a portable generator. The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission has issued the following tips for the use of portable power generators that are used following a power outage: NEVER use a portable generator indoors. Even with ventilation, opening doors and windows or using fans will not prevent Carbon Monoxide (CO) buildup. Only use a portable generator outdoors in a dry area, far away from doors, windows or away from doors, windows or vents that lead indoors. Install CO alarms with battery backup in your home, test them frequently and replace dead batteries.

Plug appliances into heavy duty, outdoor-rated extension cords and plug the cords into the generator.

Generators set too closely to the side of the house, could start a fire. Leave enough space between the generator and the house to allow for the heat to escape.

Get to fresh air right away if you feel dizzy or weak.. The CO from generators can rapidly lead to full incapacitation and death.

2009 Township Hall rental rates:
 \$40.00 Resident
 \$100 Resident for Profit
 Contact Trustee Phil Jackson for details

ATTENTION!!!
 On the last Saturday of each month, Richland Co. Solid Waste collects scrap tires from 8:00am-4:30pm at their facility located at 1125 National Parkway. (10 tire limit) Cost is \$3 for standard tire, \$5 for tires on rims, \$8 Semi-tires off rim, and \$25 for tractor tires off rim.

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AUTOMOBILE TAGS



When filling out or retuning the application for new license plates, or renewing tags, make sure "Sandusky Township" is listed in the box marked :

CITY OR TOWNSHIP OF RESIDENCE

This will insure the proper monies go back to our township, instead of other entities such as Galion, Ontario, and Mansfield.

Did You Know?

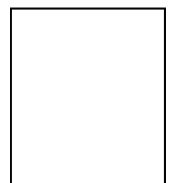
- ◆ There are 1308 townships in the state of Ohio.
- ◆ The largest function of a township is road maintenance.
- ◆ Township zoning was first authorized in 1947.

Have a newsworthy story? Contact Trustee Phil Jackson at 419-683-5670 or send email to sanduskytownship@yahoo.com

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Regular Business Meetings:
 2nd Wednesday of every Month
 8:00pm @ Township Hall

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