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STONELICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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The Stonelick Township Board of Trustees meet on the 1st Wednesday of Each Month at 7:00 pm at Stonelick Township Hall
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

NOTICE

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE STONELICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING, PLEASE CALL THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE BY THE 1ST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH. THE MEETINGS ARE HELD THE 1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH.



Spring is (finally) here and as the weather warms up, our thoughts turn to planting trees. Trees have many benefits—they add color and brighten our properties, especially in the fall. They provide shade, cooling us in the hot summer months. Healthy mature trees can also add to the value of our homes. Most of us do not think of another benefit trees provide—messaging stormwater runoff.

Trees and forests play an incredible role in reducing the volume and rate of stormwater runoff in several ways. Tree canopies intercept and capture rainfall, reducing the amount that reaches the ground. In urban and suburban settings, a single deciduous tree can intercept between 500 and 760 gallons per year.

Trees also consume stormwater through a process called evapotranspiration. Water is taken up by the roots and move up through the tree until it is transpired back into the atmosphere as water vapor. A single mature oak tree can transpire over 40,000 gallons of water each year.

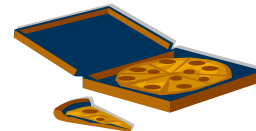
Tree roots allow for better infiltration of rainfall, especially when compared to turf grass. Tree roots penetrate deep, which allows rain water to soak in deeper. If more stormwater is able to soak into, or infiltrate, the ground, standing water problems are reduced and there is less runoff entering ditches and storm sewers, which can prevent downstream drainage problems.

In addition to reducing stormwater runoff, trees are also very good at removing pollutants, particularly nutrients such as nitrates and phosphates which are some of the most common pollutants in Clermont County streams. As your thinking about all the outdoor improvements you would like to accomplish this summer, consider planting a tree. You'll add beauty to your yard—and help manage stormwater at the same time .

Article submitted by James McManus, Program Manager, Clermont County Water Resources Dept, Storm Water Management Division.

STONELICK TOWNSHIP ANNUAL CLEAN UP DAYS— HUGE SUCCESS

Clermont County Fairgrounds was a busy place on May 29th and 30th. Trucks and autos hauling trailers were filled with junk, tires, batteries, used motor oil, old iron and steel and appliances. There were 330 participants. The vendors were Rumpke and Wilmington Iron & Steel. There were 2,240 tires collected for Porter Tire. Six packer-crusher trucks and 6 large dumpsters were used by Rumpke. We received 24 auto batteries and 6 large drums of motor oil which will be recycled. Becky Ploucha from Clermont County 20/20 was on hand to collect used computer equipment. A big thank you for all participating residents in helping to keep Stonelick Township clean.



BIG THANK YOU TO OLD BOSTON PIZZA.

Mike and Marilyn Fetter, owners of Old Boston Pizza in Owensville donated a pizza lunch to the workers during our recent Clean Up Days at Clermont County Fairgrounds. Township employees and Rumpke workers were treated. What a surprise! The pizza was delicious and very much appreciated.

**OLD STATE ROUTE 132 BECOMES
KOESTER KNOLL**

As you are driving on the new S.R. 132, you might see a road sign with an unfamiliar name. Old State Route 132 is now officially Koester Knoll. Stonelick Twp. took responsibility of the old portion of the road. Residents living on Koester Knoll petitioned the Stonelick Twp Board of Trustees at a monthly meeting for the name change. The Clermont County Commissioners finalized the change.



LARRY BACH—STONELICK TWP CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Larry Bach of Owensville was honored recently as Stonelick Township's Citizen of the Year. He was honored at the Clermont 20/20 Banquet. Mr. Bach has been a loyal volunteer for many years at the Stonelick Township Clean Up Days. Larry takes vacation time so that he can participate in the event and run the heavy equipment. GREAT JOB LARRY. Stonelick Township appreciates all of your hard work.

**CNE THIRD GRADERS VISIT STONELICK OFFICES
AND FIRE STATION**

Five classes from CNE Elementary visited the Stonelick Township Board of Trustees Office on May 17, 2011. Trustee, Kermit Beckworth, Jr. spoke to each of the classes of Mrs. Berding, Mrs. White, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Pendleton and Mrs. Talbert regarding local government. Each student was presented a Good Citizen Award. The 3rd graders also visited the Stonelick Fire and Rescue Department and viewed their trucks and equipment.

F E M A GRANT

Stonelick Twp. Fire Chief Matt Rose and Asst Chief, Steve Downey announced recently that Stonelick Fire and Rescue received a grant from FEMA totaling \$45,000. The grant money must be used for equipment and tools. Congratulations to Stonelick Fire & Rescue and THANK YOU to the Fire Department from the residents of Stonelick Township.

**CLERMONT COUNTY AUDITOR'S
DIGITAL PHOTO PROJECT**

Clermont County Auditor's Office will begin a Digital Photo Project on all commercial and residential properties in Clermont County the week of 06-13-2011. Their office involves collection of digital photo images. Vehicles used by the photographers will have signage that identifies them as part of the Clermont County Auditor's Office. All contract employees will be identified with a County Auditor/Contractor photo ID badge which they will wear in a clearly visible manner at all times. The project is expected to be complete by July 31, 2011. If you have any questions, please call the Clermont County Auditor's Office at (513) 732-7150.



PLASTIC BOTTLE BOMBS

Recently there has been an increase in plastic bottle bombs. These are generally in the form of 2 liter soft drink bottles, being found in residential mailboxes and in yards. These bombs contain liquids that are unstable and if the bottle is moved or shaken, it can explode resulting in serious injury. If you notice a bottle in your yard or mailbox, **DO NOT TOUCH IT**. Examine it very closely. If you have any doubts or concerns about what it may contain, call your local law enforcement agency or fire department.

STONELICK TOWNSHIP ROAD CULVERT PROJECT

Stonelick Township Board of Trustees have made the decision to concentrate on the repair of culverts on Stonelick Twp roads. Road paving will be very limited in 2011.

STONELICK TOWNSHIP ZONING

Lee Ottaway is Stonelick Twp Zoning Inspector. Building permits are mandatory for new homes, accessory buildings, swimming pools and mobile homes. Applications are on the Stonelick Twp Website under Zoning website, stonelicktwp-oh.org. You can also pick up an application at the Stonelick Twp. Office at 457 S. Broadway in Owensville. Office Hours are Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Mr. Ottaway can be reached at (513) 732-0273.

ANNUAL BANQUET

The 60th annual spring banquet sponsored by the Clermont County Township Association was held on April 21, 2011 at the US Grant Career Center in Bethel, Ohio. Clermont County Township Association financially supports Clermont County Neediest Kids of All, Clermont County Homeless Shelter, Ronald McDonald House, Clermont County Special Olympics, trophies are donated to the Clermont County 4-H Livestock Show during the fair. Guest speaker at the banquet this year was WKRC's Bob Herzog. Thank you to all Stonelick Township Business sponsors.

CEMETERY LOTS

Stonelick Township Cemetery has available lots for sale in the new section of Stonelick Cemetery. If you are interested in purchasing a lot, please call the Stonelick Twp. office on Tuesday or Thursday from 8:30am-4:00 pm. The office phone number is (513) 732-3299.

ROADS IN Stonelick Township are maintained by 3 entities.

All State and US Hwys	ODOT	797-6008
Stonelick Twp Roads	Stonelick Twp	732-3299
Clermont County Roads	CC Engineers Ofc.	732-8857