



The Randolph Review

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Vote – Your Right, Duty, and Responsibility

Your vote counts! The percentage and number of voters in our community influences many of the decisions that affect Randolph Township.

Township Fire Department and Road Department Levies

The upcoming November election will pose two levy questions to Randolph Township voters. Randolph Township Volunteer Fire Department is seeking a replacement 2-mill levy. The primary reason this funding is needed is to continue the excellent fire and EMS service that is currently provided to the community. The purpose of this levy is to provide and maintain fire and ambulance equipment, training, buildings, and supplies necessary to operate the fire department. If approved by the residents of Randolph Township, the cost of this levy would be approximately \$63.00 per year for every \$100,000 fair market value of your home. The levy is for five years with the first payment coming in 2007. **Rumor has it that a new fire station will be built. According to Fire Chief Mike Lang and the Randolph Township Trustees this is not true. The current fire station meets the needs of our township and there are no plans to replace it.**

The Randolph Township Road Department is also seeking a 2-mill replacement levy. Our road department continues to strive to keep Randolph Township roads in good condition. The revenue generated from this levy would be used for general construction, resurfacing, and repair of roads and bridges in the township; provide and maintain equipment needed to perform these services; and payment of salaries and benefits for our Road Department employees. If approved by the residents of Randolph Township the cost of this levy would be approximately \$63.00 per year for every \$100,000 fair market value of your home. This levy is also for five years with the first payment coming in 2007.

If you have any questions about these levies, please call any of the Trustees, Fiscal Officer, or department heads for additional information.

**Remember to exercise your right to vote by voting on
Tuesday, November 7, 2006.**

CRIME PREVENTION

Every day we hear about crime either in our own community or in a neighboring community. A few residents have asked about information on neighborhood watches or tips to prevent crime. Detective Susan Hillegas, of the Portage County Sheriff's Office, provided some good information on crime prevention

The formal definition of crime prevention is the anticipation, recognition, and appraisal of crime risk and the initiation of an action to remove or reduce the risk. Crime prevention involves citizens working together to prevent and possibly solve crime problems. The following tips are some things you can do to help make our community a safer place.

Know The Routine

Be alert as you go about your daily business. This will help you to learn the normal routines of your neighborhood, community, and workplace. Understanding these routines will help you to spot anything out of place.

Be Aware

Get to know your neighbors at home and while traveling. Be on the lookout for suspicious activities such as unusual conduct in your neighborhood, in your workplace, or while traveling. Learn to spot suspicious packages, luggage, or mail abandoned in a crowded place like an office building, an airport, a school, or a shopping center.

Take What You Hear Seriously

If you hear or know of someone who has bragged or talked about plans to harm citizens in violent attacks or who claims membership in a terrorist organization, take it seriously and report it to law enforcement immediately.

Please make sure that important phone numbers are handy and close to the phone. Call 911 to report an accident, fire, serious illness, injury, or crime in progress that requires immediate response. The fire department has an information line only which is 330-325-1904. For non-emergency information from the Portage County Sheriff's Office call 330-296-5100.

Please watch for more information in future issues of the Randolph Review for more crime prevention tips. We are hoping to have an informational program on crime prevention some time next year.

By working together, we can make Randolph Township a safer place for our family, neighbors, and friends.



TRICK OR TREAT

Trick or Treat will be held in Randolph Township on Sunday, October 29, 2006 between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Please turn on your porch light or other outdoor light to let the beggars know you are participating. Be safe and have fun!!



Heat Homes Safely

With the costs of heating bills many people are turning to alternate heating sources to save money and stay warm. Please remember that caution and common sense can save lives. We want everyone to stay safe and warm. Here are a few tips to help keep you safe through the cold winter season:

- ❖ Have your home's heating system checked annually by a qualified professional. Furnaces, fireplaces, wood stoves, and their chimneys should be inspected and cleaned before every heating season.
- ❖ If you use alternate heating sources such as portable kerosene heaters and wood burning stoves, do so according to the manufacturer's instructions and with extreme caution.
- ❖ For any space heater, remember that space heaters need space – at least three feet from anything that can burn.
- ❖ Install at least one carbon monoxide alarm near sleeping areas. Carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless, potentially deadly gas is produced by fuel-burning equipment, such as furnaces, wood stoves, fireplaces, and kerosene heaters. Call the fire department if the alarm sounds.
- ❖ Make sure you have working smoke detectors installed on every level of your home and near each sleeping area to alert you in the event of a fire.



Reminder...

It's fall back time!

Remember to change your clocks back at 2 a.m. on Sunday, October 29, 2006. It is also a good time to change the batteries in your smoke detector.

Candidates Night

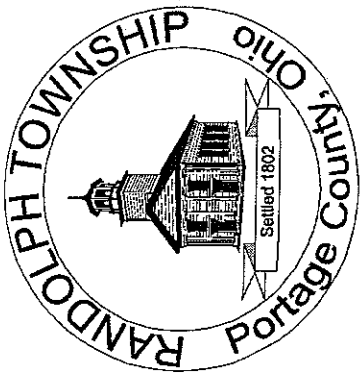
Monday, October 30, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center

Voting Reminder

"Election Day" Tuesday, November 7, 2006

Polls are open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Voters must bring identification to the polls in order to verify identity. Identification may include a current and valid photo identification, a military identification that shows the voter's name and current address, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document. Voters who do not provide one of these documents will still be able to vote by providing the last four digits of the voter's social security number and by casting a provisional ballot. Voters who do not have any of the above forms of identification, including a social security number, will still be able to vote by signing an affirmation swearing to the voter's identity under penalty of election falsification and by casting a provisional ballot.



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When In Doubt...Call Us

Anytime you are thinking of new construction on your property, remember that you may have to first obtain permits. If you are not sure, or if you have any questions, we are here to help you! Please call the Randolph Township Zoning Department at 330-325-7338.

Don't Ditch It!

Ditches, whether located on private or township property, play an important part in drainage control. As such, they must be kept clear at all times. Dumping is never permitted at any time. If ditches are clogged, they cannot drain properly. Please take time to clean all the fall leaves from the ditches to prevent drainage problems.

Property owners who wish to fill in the ditch in front of their property must contact the Road Department before doing any ditch work to make sure they are not in violation of any codes. The Road Department may be reached at 330-325-2776. If you are responsible for clogging a ditch, and as a result damage is caused to property upstream, **you could be liable.** Please be a good citizen and keep all ditches clear.

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