

## Trustees...

As I drove through Town today I noticed the progress in the construction of the Dollar General Store to the west on Thompson Road. This "modern day general store" is a welcome addition to the ongoing "Revitalization of the Town Square Area". It is a needed shopping convenience for Thompson residents. The Geauga County Library is conducting a needs assessment for its future and is looking at the Town Square Area in that assessment. This may provide another addition to the ongoing Revitalization. The support of Thompson and all Geauga County residents will be needed in moving the Geauga County Library forward.

In this edition of Tidbits there is a listing of Thompson Events 2017. If your group or organization is planning any Thompson community events in 2017 contact the Tidbits at [tidbits@thompsonohio.org](mailto:tidbits@thompsonohio.org). If any resident, group or organization has a suggestion, idea or is willing to organize a community event in 2017 also contact the Tidbits. The Township now has both the Square and the Community Center for community events.

Final touches are being made to the restoration of the Community Center AKA Town Hall. These final touches are outlined in an article in this edition of the Tidbits. The Trustees would like to thank all the volunteers that helped in providing the final touches as well as helped with the total restoration project.

The Trustees would like to thank resident voters for their passing of the five year, 2.35 mill Road and Bridge Replacement Levy and the four year, 1.75 mill Fire and EMS Replacement Levy on Nov 8th. Unfortunately the five year, .5 mill additional Cemetery Levy and five year, 1 mill additional Levy for Current Township expenses did not pass.

Remember, the Trustees meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at the Ledge Park Building at 7 PM. Attend, voice your thoughts and opinions and become involved in making our Township a better place to live.

Township Trustees,  
Erwin "Kok" Leffel, Chairman  
Frank Sirna, Vice-Chairman  
Al Safick, Trustee



## Fun Bus...

The Geauga County Library's Fun Bus has been making monthly stops at the Thompson Township Community Center. The Fun Bus is the modern high tech Bookmobile. The Fun Bus arrives at 2 p.m. one Friday a month and stays approximately two hours. The 30 foot vehicle holds approximately 3500 materials; reading, listening and viewing for check out. Be sure to stop, visit and make it a regular routine to use this amazing vehicle. Your patronage of this service as well as the Thompson Library Station will have an impact on the needs assessment currently being conducted by the Geauga County Library to determine the Library's future in Thompson.

## Fire Department...

We would like to thank the residents for the passage of our replacement levy which was on the ballot Nov 8th. Without your uninterrupted support, we could not continue to protect the community.

This continues to be a busy year. At the end of October there had been 260 responses for various fire and EMS related calls. As the holiday season and winter approaches we would like to remind everyone to make sure that your turkey fryers are used outdoors, don't overload circuits with holiday decorations, and to make sure your chimney is clean.

Since the last edition of the Tidbits, Audrey Buterbaugh has joined the department. Audrey will be attending fire and EMT classes at the beginning of the year. Also, in September Captain Dorothy Battles was promoted to Assistant Chief.

Dan Robison, Chief

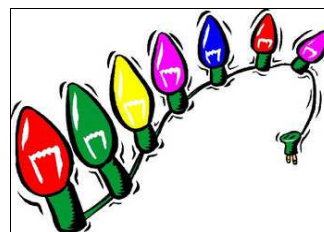
## From NOPEC...

The Northeast Ohio Public Energy (NOPEC) is the largest governmental retail aggregation in the United States. NOPEC member are communities (residential and small business customers) throughout Northeast Ohio. Currently, NOPEC serves more than 200 communities in 13 counties. For 15 years NOPEC has saved communities and members more than \$230 million dollars and have provided \$16 million in NOPEC community energy efficiency grants. For more information about NOPEC visit NOPEC at [www.nopecinfo.org](http://www.nopecinfo.org) or call 855-667-3201.

Every three years NOPEC is required by the PUCO to give all NOPEC's customers an opportunity to opt-out or remain with a NOPEC product. Thompson Township has been a NOPEC community since 2002 and residents will be receiving an opt-out letter. To opt-out you must mail in the opt-out form found at the bottom of the opt-out letter or you will automatically be enrolled for another 3 years. To stay with NOPEC, simply do nothing and throw the letter out.

## Annual Tree Lighting ...

A highlight of this Holiday Season is the Annual Tree Lighting at the Gazebo on the Square. Santa always makes an appearance, there is caroling, tree decorating and refreshments served by the Thompson Friends of the Library. Be sure not to miss this event at 7 PM, Sun Dec 4th.



## Grace Ev. Lutheran Church - LCMS

Our normal Services Sunday morning:  
Sunday School at 9:00 am, Worship at 10:30 am

Rev. Don Coulter, Grace Lutheran Church, 8091 Plank Road,  
Thompson, OH 44086 - 440/298-3822

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## July 4th Band...

"It's a Grand Old Flag" the theme for 2017's 4th of July!! Plan your Parade Float Now!

The Thompson 4th of July Committee is looking for Thompson residents and friends interested in forming a band for the 4th of July Parade. If you are interested in playing, directing, and/or organizing the band contact [tidbits@thompsonohio.org](mailto:tidbits@thompsonohio.org).

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## Aedes aegypti... provided by Geauga Health District

You will recognize *Aedes aegypti* as a mosquito with white markings on its legs and a marking in the form of a lyre on the dorsal surface of the thorax. It carries the Zika Virus. Preventing Zika Virus and the microcephaly birth defects it causes requires controlling mosquitoes and it begins with each one of us doing our part! Temperate winters in Ohio have kept *Aedes aegypti* and the Zika Virus at bay for now, but the CDC advises it is an adaptable mosquito and is expected to arrive in Ohio within 4-5 years. When present, Zika Virus symptoms are mild and last less than a week. They include fever, rash, joint pain, red eyes, and frequently prolonged asthenia (fatigue). If you think you have contracted Zika Virus what should you do? See a doctor confirming infection which will require a diagnosis and special testing. This mosquito is a container breeder and does not breed in ponds, running water, puddles, or marshes. The elimination of small containers of stagnant water in and around our homes and farms is critical in controlling this invasive species.

### Prevention:

Eliminate standing water around your home and farm. Report abandoned tires to the Geauga County Health District (440)-279-1900 for removal before Dec 31, 2016. Wear appropriate clothing to prevent mosquito bites. Use mosquito repellent containing DEET (follow manufacturer's instructions). Look for the product "Dunks" (follow manufacturer's instructions). Correctly maintain septic systems. Ensure windows, screens and doors do not have holes or tears. Do not sleep outdoors unless protected by screens or sleeping nets. Be aware of Zika Virus symptoms. You may have noticed, the Geauga Health District has removed hundreds of junk tires from Thompson Township this Fall.

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## Volunteers Sought...

Any Thompson resident interested in becoming involved in the Community is being asked to contact Trustee Frank Sirna at 298-3273 or [Frank.Sirna@ThompsonOhio.org](mailto:Frank.Sirna@ThompsonOhio.org).

There are opportunities with the Thompson Zoning commission or Zoning Board of Appeals.

Visit [www.ThompsonOhio.org](http://www.ThompsonOhio.org) website

## Thompson United Methodist Church...

Sunday School 9 am  
Sunday Worship 10 am

TUMC Drama Group presents "A Christmas Carol"  
December 9th and 10th, 7 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services  
5 pm and 7 pm

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## St. Patrick Church...

All are welcome to join us for Masses on weekends (Sat at 4:00 pm and Sun at 9:30 am) and weekdays (Mon – Thurs at 8:45 am) at St. Patrick Church, 16550 Rock Creek Rd., Thompson.

Thanksgiving Mass will be at 10 am Thursday November 24. Please come join us and begin your Thanksgiving day ... praising God for all He has given you!

### Christmas and New Year Mass Schedule:

Sat Dec. 24 Christmas Eve: Masses at 4:00 & 6:00 pm  
Sun Dec. 25 Christmas Day: 9:30 am Mass  
Sat Dec. 31 New Year's Eve: 4:00 pm Mass  
Sun Jan. 1 New Year's Day: 9:30 am Mass

### Upcoming Events:

First Sunday each month - Donut Sunday immediately following the 9:30 AM Mass. Delicious doughnuts and great company!

Coffee Fellowship: Every Monday & Tuesday following the morning Mass.

Save the date: St. Patrick Dinner & Reverse Raffle on Sat March 11th begins at 5:00 pm.

For more information on these events please call the Parish Office at 440-298-1327

Have a Blessed Day

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## Road Department...

### Winter Reminders:

1. Remove debris from your culvert/drive pipe. It will help the flow of water in the road ditch during the spring thaw. 2. When you remove snow from your driveway do not plow into road ditches or across the road. It may cause the road ditch to become blocked during the spring thaw or create a road hazard. 3. Plow your driveway wide enough in case an emergency vehicle needs entrance. 4. Slow down and steer clear of snowplows.

### Road Department Phone Numbers:

298-1370.....Thompson Township Road Department  
968-3111.....Montville Township Road Department  
474-6500.....Trumbull Road Department  
285-2222.....County Roads, Geauga County Engineer  
968-3221.....State Roads, ODOT

### Spring Reminders: Culvert/Drive Pipes

Thompson Twp residents are reminded that maintenance, repair and replacement of culvert/drive pipes are the responsibility of the property owner. Township Rd Dept. will replace or install new culvert/drive pipes at the request of the property owner. The fee schedule is replacement, \$200.00 and new installation \$400.00 and permit issued by Geauga Co. Engineer is required. Charges include labor, equipment and the cost of stone. Material used to cover the culvert/drive pipe is 304 or 617 limestone. Property owners are responsible for the cost of the double walled, plastic pipe (maximum diameter of 18 inches, the overall length of 30 ft.). For further information contact Road Supervisor, Joe LaRosa (298-1370).

## Thompson Garden Club...

Have you ever wanted to learn how to make your own fresh green arrangements for holiday decorating? Or maybe you know how but don't have the variety of greens that you want on your own property? Well, here is your chance. FOR FREE! With lunch included!

Thompson Garden Club will have their Christmas Potluck Lunch and Greens Arrangement Workshop on SAT, DEC 3rd at 12:00 NOON at Thompson United Methodist Church (TUMC). Garden Club members will be providing a huge variety of very fresh greenery. And a delicious pot luck lunch. We will also provide instruction for anyone interested in making their own fresh green arrangement. Will last the entire season. Bring your own container. Or let us know and we will provide. If interested in joining us call Terri at 298-1636.

We will not have a regular meeting in January 2017 as the Officers and Planning Committee will be planning out our new year.

Our next regular meeting will be:

Wed, Feb 15, 2017 - 7:00 PM - TUMC - Iris Folding Greeting Cards  
Member Martha Wesley will lead us in a class on making greeting cards. Iris folding is a paper craft technique that involves folding strips of colored paper in such a way as to form a design. The center of the design forms an iris – a shape reminiscent of the iris diaphragm of a camera lens. Please bring a pair of scissors and your sense of creativity.

For more information call Terri Herbert at 298-1636.

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## Ledgemont Girl Scouts...

are still active in our community and always interested in receiving new adult and girl members. We currently have registered girls in grades K through 10th. For more information, please contact Jenny Surace at Jsurance526@aol.com or leave a message at 440-968-0186.

The girls are always willing to help out with any community service projects. Please let us know if we can be of service to you or someone you know.

We want to thank the community for its generous support over the years at the music on the square event. We enjoy participating in that annual event.

We would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season filled with love and laughter.

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## Maple Grove Cemetery...

In memory of LaMar McClure and Gertrude Doherty (Kathy McClure's mother) four Green Mountain Maple Trees were planted at Maple Grove Cemetery. LaMar loved trees and always felt sad when a tree had to be taken down. This past summer maple trees along Thompson Road at the cemetery were removed due to the fact that they were a hazard and had reached their life expectancy. Kathy with Ryan & Myron McClure and Joe Dwyer planted the trees. Mark Snodgrass and Lew Moseley representing the Township were also there.

Another Green Mountain Maple was planted along one of the cemetery roads by Claudia Crookshanks and Paula Ruck in memory of their family. What a wonderful way to honor families and keep Maple Grove Cemetery looking peaceful.

## Thompson Police Department ...

would like to take this time to wish all our residents a "Happy Holiday Season". By the end of this year, your police department will have responded to over 600 formal complaints, as well as other calls and assistance to the Geauga County Sheriff's Department, the Ohio Highway Patrol, Thompson Fire and Road Departments, and in addition to lobby, personal contact investigations, and assists to other government and non-government organizations. Being a part-time department, your police department provides additional patrol for your protection, neighborhood issues, suspicious activities, traffic control, etc. Our thanks go out to the Thompson Trustees, schools, residents, other public departments for their assistance and support.

Remember... as winter comes upon us, do everything to make your home warm and safe for the cold winter months. Check on your neighbors and the elderly. Report any unusual or suspicious conditions. These situations can lead to help for those in need. Keep safety supplies on hand, such as extra water and food; in addition to other forms of heating supplies example: blankets, wood for fireplace, space heaters (be careful with small children), flashlights or other lighting devices. Keep a phone or cell phone available and charged in the event of power failures, huge storms, etc. Share contact phone numbers and locations for others to checkup on your condition from time to time.

The need to plan for winter also applies to vehicular travel. Be careful driving in storms or when the road is impassable. Go slow, clean off windows and wiper blades, and do not drive close to our large ditches. Again, be prepared for a possible breakdown or just being stuck in the snow. Carry many of the above mentioned items in addition to a shovel, flares, jumper cables, a white flag, etc. Also, remember that those who need help will be in line with others facing similar problems. Often it is a 1 to 2 hour wait for AAA emergency service to respond. There are less and less tow companies that are affiliated with AAA and will not respond for the fees AAA pay. Check your auto insurance policies, they may provide for towing outside the AAA venue. They will reimburse a reasonable fee to the tow company or you (should you need to pay directly) the reimbursed fee. Depending on the tow or pull-out of the ditch, the cost of this service could be in the \$100.00 to \$200.00 range. The independent tow companies are also very busy in a huge storm. "Be prepared, aware, and informed".

Local safety forces respond on a priority basis. Emergency injury, injury accidents, traffic accidents, road control direction and clearance usually take priority over vehicle stuck or in ditches.

The above information is shared to remind everyone your Thompson Police Department cares about you.

"ALL LIVES MATTER!!"

Chief Koster & the Thompson Police Department

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### Butternut Squash Quick Bread

Prep Time: 10 mins  
Total Time: 1 hr 10 mins  
Serves: 24, Yield: 2 loaves

#### Ingredients

3 cups sugar	1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon	1 teaspoon nutmeg
2 teaspoons baking soda	3 1/2 cups flour
4 eggs	1 cup vegetable oil
2/3 cup water	1 cup raisins or 1 cup nuts
2 cups butternut squash, cooked and mashed	

#### Directions

Combine dry ingredients in one bowl. Combine wet ingredients in another bowl. Add dry ingredients to wet and mix just until combined. Put in two ungreased loaf pans. Bake at 350 for 1 hour or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.



# Happy Holidays!



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## Thompson Township Community Center ...

(TTCC, Community Center or formerly Town Hall)

Since the TTCC's grand opening this past Spring it has been the venue for a wedding shower, rehearsal dinners, Tai Chi class, graduation party, Celebrations of Life, community group meetings, and girl scouts. It has been open for the 4th of July, Summer Entertainment, Annual Yard Sale and the Geauga County Library's Fun Bus. It is rented Thanksgiving Day and will be open for warmth and refreshments Sun, Dec 4th, 7 p.m. for the Annual Tree Lighting.

There have been some outdoor improvements around the TTCC. An OTARMA, MORE Safety Grant was obtained to have a cement pad placed at the base of the south entry stairs. Larry Heller (Larry Heller Construction) created a "patio", not just a cement pad. Thank you, Larry.

Alan Egensberger a local landscape businessman supervised and provided some materials for the construction of the stone swale and plant border along the east side of the TTCC. Volunteers for this project besides Al were Howard Mittower, Dan Garey, Bill Hannum, Lynne Leffel, & Kok Leffel. Thanks to Mark and Kathleen Binnig for donating all the myrtle, Bill and Lynne for digging it up, transporting and transplanting. Monies from The Revitalization of the Town Square Area Fund was used to purchase the stone for the swale.

Dada Gabrovsec was influential in getting the Hall Monument revitalized. She convinced Trustee Leffel that no one could see the monument to appreciate its significance to our community. Thus the bushes blocking the monument were removed, the beautiful slate was uncovered at the base of the monument, and the soil was tilled for new life. Grasses saved from the north mound during the sewer construction, myrtle from the Binnigs and a couple of plants Dada donated created a new "look" to the monument. Thank you Dada for your suggestion and work along with the help of Kok and Lynne Leffel, Joe LaRosa, Lew Moseley and Amy, Dada's daughter. Dada has a lot of ideas for low maintenance "colorful" plantings around the Square. Anyone interested in helping with her ideas please contact Tidbits.

Other projects which are almost completed inside the TTCC are the re-pointing of the cellar's stone foundation, building stairs into the cellar and the winterizing of the water pipes. Thank you Kok.

A new tree has been planted on the Square. It is a Green Mountain Maple donated by Claudia Crookshanks and Paula Ruck in memory of the happy childhood years playing in the park on the Square. The maples on the Square are having to be removed due to the fact that they are a hazard and have reached their life expectancy. This idea of replacing trees through donations so that there will always be shade on the Square is wonderful. Thanks to Ryan McClure, Myron McClure, Joe Dwyer, with the assistance of Kathy McClure, Mark Snodgrass and Lew Moseley for planting the tree.

TTCC Rental information and forms are available on the Township's website, [thompsonohio.org](http://thompsonohio.org). Community groups wanting to use the TTCC for meetings can do so, with an approved donation to help cover utility costs.

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## Thompson Events 2017...

1. Fun Bus, 2 p.m. Friday 12/9, 1/6, 2/3, 3/3, 3/31, 4/28 and 5/26
2. Township Clean-up Day, Saturday May 13
3. Memorial Day Celebration, Monday May 29
4. Entertainment in the Park on the Square, Tuesday June 13, July 11 and August 8
5. 4th of July Celebration, Tuesday July 4
6. Community Yard Sale, Saturday August 5
7. Annual Tree Lighting at the Gazebo on the Square, 7 p.m. Sunday December 3

