



### Trustees...

The Winter 2016-2017 has truly been unusual with its fluctuating temperatures. This freezing and thawing has caused problems for the Township's 14 miles of dirt/gravel roads. The Trustees thank the residents on the 14 miles for their resilience in dealing with driving on these roads this past winter. As these roads dry out the Thompson Road Department will begin the repair. This repair will be a long, slow process.

The Trustees welcome the Dollar General to Thompson. The Dollar General opened at 4 p.m. January 15 and had a highly successful Grand Opening at 8 a.m. on February 4. Thompson residents have been very happy with the opening of this store that is part of the successful and growing Fortune 500 Dollar General Company. The Dollar General Company besides having many "modern day general stores" throughout the USA is a supporter of literacy in the USA through its Dollar General Literacy Foundation. For information on this contact 1-877-389-6874 or [dgliteracy.org](mailto:dgliteracy.org).

The Trustees ask for your continued support of the 7 businesses around the Thompson Square.

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



### Senior Trash Pick-Up Day...

Friday May 5, Thompson Township Senior Trash Pick-Up Day...

The Thompson Township Trustees and Thompson Road Department are joining forces with the Geauga County Department on Aging to bring this service to Thompson Township Seniors 60 years of age and older.

The Thompson Township Road Department and the Department on Aging will pick up refuse from the senior's home.

In order to be placed on the senior clean-up list, you must first be registered with the Geauga County Department on Aging by May 1. Call the Department on Aging weekdays 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. at (440) 279-2129 or (440) 279-2130 for more information on the pick up or to register.

#### Guidelines:

Trash from registered senior's household only.  
Only 10 household items per home will be accepted.  
No liquids, paint, or other hazardous materials, construction debris, rocks, yard waste, or household garbage will be accepted.  
**Up to 4 tires off the rims, appliances and miscellaneous items will be accepted.**

All materials should be consolidated in strong boxes.  
All materials should be kept dry (tarp) if possible.  
Items must be left by garage or driveway near residence.  
**DO NOT** leave items by the road side.

Items should be outside by the evening Thursday May 4.  
If the senior cannot be home to sign for items picked up, please have items clearly marked for Thompson Township pick-up.

### Memorial Day Observance...

The Memorial Day Observance will begin at 11 a.m. on Monday May 29. The entire Observance will be held at the Maple Grove Cemetery. Children attending the Observance are encouraged to participate. During the roll call of deceased veterans, children will place flowers provided by the Thompson Garden Club on the Veteran's Monument. If you would like to add a name to the roll call list, please contact Vic or Mabel Collen at 298-3583 or Cindy Lausin at 298-9813 or email [fiscalofficer@thompsonohio.org](mailto:fiscalofficer@thompsonohio.org). (Bring your own lawn chair.)

A "social" will be held from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. in the Thompson Township Community Center (TTCC) before the Memorial Day Observance at the cemetery. Meet your neighbors and enjoy refreshments which are free. (Restrooms are available here, there are none at Maple Grove Cemetery).

Donations of baked goods, fresh fruit, and lemonade would be welcomed. Coffee, iced tea, water, hot chocolate will be provided. If you are interested in helping with this social, contact Lynne at 983-9369 or [elzleffel@gmail.com](mailto:elzleffel@gmail.com).

### Spring Clean-Up Day...

The Thompson Township Board of Trustees will hold the Annual Spring Clean-Up Day for THOMPSON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS:

Saturday May 6, from 8 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Thompson Road Garage located on Route 528 just north of the Square.

**NO** garbage, hazardous materials or paint will be accepted. This clean-up is for items not normally picked up by your regular trash hauler. If you have loose items, please have them contained for faster service. **Passenger and light truck tires will be accepted only if they are off the rims with a limit of 8 tires per vehicle.**

Lake-Ashtabula E-cycle ([lakeshtabulaecycle@gmail.com](mailto:lakeshtabulaecycle@gmail.com)) will be accepting all types of computer and electronic equipment for recycling. **\*NO tube television or monitors of any type will be accepted.\***

Any resident interested in helping with this event contact Trustee Leffel at 983-9367 or [kokeleffel@gmail.com](mailto:kokeleffel@gmail.com).

### Volunteers Sought...

Thompson Township volunteer opportunities:  
Any Thompson resident interested in becoming involved in the Community contact,

Trustee Frank Sirna at 298-3273 or [Frank.Sirna@thompsonohio.org](mailto:Frank.Sirna@thompsonohio.org) for the following:  
Thompson Zoning Commission  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
Thompson Ledge Park Commission.

[Erwin.leffel@thompsonohio.org](mailto:Erwin.leffel@thompsonohio.org) for the following:  
Thompson's Levy Supporters Committee  
Revitalization Committee  
Fourth of July Committee  
Summer Entertainment in the Park on the Square Committee



## Grace Ev. Lutheran Church - LCMS

Our normal Services Sunday morning:  
Sunday School at 9:00 am, Worship at 10:30 am  
[www.GraceThompson.org](http://www.GraceThompson.org)

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

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## July 4th Band...



The 4th of July Committee is looking for a parade band (2 or more members?) for the 4th of July Parade. Residents, current or former school band members or anyone interested in forming a parade band contact, [erwin.leffel@thompsonohio.org](mailto:erwin.leffel@thompsonohio.org).

The Thompson Township Community Center would be used as the location for organizing and practice sessions.

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## Thompson Yard Sale 2017...

The Thompson Yard Sale will be held again. It's spring and time to start that spring cleaning. This year as you clean your closets, basements, kid's rooms, garage and/or barn save those items you wish to discard and turn them into cash at the Yard Sale. The Yard Sale will be August 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Park on the Square. If you plan on bringing items to sell, set-up is at 7:30 a.m. with no take downs until 2 p.m. The cost is \$10 per spot. If you have nothing to sell come and browse, see what your neighbors have to sell. It may be your lucky day. You may find something you have been looking for. It is also a great time to meet your neighbors and socialize. See you there!

More details in the Summer Issue of the Tidbits.



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## In the Good Old Summertime...

Hopefully soon! As Winter starts to wind down, it's time to start planning for Thompson's great 4th of July celebration. The 4th of July Committee's next planning meeting is March 9th at 7 pm at the Thompson Township Community Center. If you or your organization would like to be a part of the wonderful 4th of July celebration attend this meeting and share your ideas. 4th of July contact person: Lynne Leffel, 440-983-9369 or [elzleffel@gmail.com](mailto:elzleffel@gmail.com).

Our theme this year is "It's A Grand Old Flag"! Cash prizes are awarded for the best three floats, and our parade is awesome! Organizations or individuals, are ALL welcome to participate in the parade and competition.

Booth spaces are also available to organizations and individuals and are priced very, very reasonably. This is a great way to raise money and still have some fun. So start planning ahead and participate in this part of Thompson's 4th of July celebration.

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## Berkshire Schools...

Berkshire juniors Dayna Rakoczy and Jonathan Courtney are the State of Ohio winners in the American Legion's Americanism and Government Test program competition. Dayna and Jonathan are 2 of Ohio's 18 winners out of 57,000 participants and have won a 5 day, all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. and Gettysburg. Their extensive knowledge of history and government will be brought to life on this trip.

Congratulations, Dayna and Jonathan!



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

## Thompson United Methodist Church...

Sunday School 9 am, Sunday Worship 10 am  
[www.ThompsonUMC.org](http://www.ThompsonUMC.org)

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## Ledge Grange...

is alive and well and is looking forward to 2017 and our activities and contests. The next activity we are planning for is Memorial Day.

We meet at the Methodist Church on the fourth Sunday of the month at 5:00. We would love to invite anyone who would like to join us to either come to one of our meetings or call Vic or Mabel Collen at (440)478-0093 or (440)478-0094.

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## St. Patrick Church...

We welcome you and your family and friends, to join us at St. Patrick Church (16550 Rock Creek Rd., Thompson) for these upcoming events:

Men's and Women's Lenten Scripture & Reflection Groups: Men's Group Thursdays, Feb. 23 thru April 6, 7:00-8:30 pm, focusing on Fr. Larry Richards book "Be A Man". Women's Group Tuesdays, Feb. 21 thru April 4, 6:15-7:30 pm, focusing on the "Walking With Purpose" book by Lisa Brenninkmeyer. Please call and register so we can be prepared with materials for participants.

Ash Wednesday Masses & Distribution of Ashes: Wednesday March 1 at 8:45 am and 7:00 pm.

St. Patrick Dinner & Reverse Raffle – Sat. March 11 Doors open at 5:00 pm. Dinner at 6:00 pm. Raffle begins at 7:00 pm. Appetizers, traditional corned beef dinner and/or rigatoni, soft drinks and one Main Board ticket for \$30. Main Board prize \$1,250. Side boards available. Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day early. Tickets on sale now.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays, March 3 through April 5, at 7:00 pm.

Easter Mass Celebrations: Easter Vigil Mass (Sat. April 15) at 9:00 pm. Easter Sunday (April 16) Masses at 9:30 am and 11:30 am. Come celebrate our Risen Lord!

For more information on these events, or to register, please call the Parish Office at 440-298-1327.

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## Summer Entertainment Committee...

brings the Real Deal Stringband to Thompson Township Community Center... April 8, May 13 & June 10 from 7 – 10 p.m.

Not only is there music but barn dances, traditional social dances (circles, mixers, contra & old-time squares) with instruction. Callers are Al Pavlinak and Kenny Wilson. The dance styles are simple figures requiring walking steps and casual contact (a handshake), smiles and laughter.

Family Friendly! No prior experience/skills needed. No partner required. Instruction at 7:00 pm, dance from 7:30-9:30 pm and social with refreshments 9:30-10:00 pm. Admission is \$5 at the door. Kids 12 and under free with an adult. Music listeners perhaps not interested in dancing are welcome!

Casual, comfortable clothing and shoes are recommended. The floor is wood so clean soled shoes would be appreciated. Flat soled shoes are nice but not necessary.

Thompson Township Community Center (TTCC) is on the Square in Thompson Township. Rt. 528 and Thompson Rd.  
Questions - contact Lynne 440-983-9369 or [elzleffel@gmail.com](mailto:elzleffel@gmail.com)

Join us for 3 evenings of community fun, exercise, and music.

## Thompson Garden Club...

generally meets the third Wed of each month. The Club's purpose is "For the Beautification of Home and Community." We currently have 15+ active members from Thompson, Montville and surrounding communities. New members and guests are always welcome if you have a love of gardening, want to improve your gardening skills, or have fun! Membership is only \$15.00 per year!

Our new gardening year starts in March and we have many fun-filled and informative meetings planned.

**Wed, March 15th:** 6:30pm Wellness Tour at the Chardon Heinen's, 402 Center Street, Chardon - - with Wellness Consultant Shilah Pratt. We will meet in the café at 6:30 pm to tour the produce and wellness department to explore what makes this grocer different from other local grocers. We will be discussing, tasting some local items and learning the health benefits of different veggies and herbs. A goodie bag to enjoy for all! A business meeting at the café following the tour; Optional: at 5:45pm join us for a salad bar or other purchased dinner.

**Tues, March 21st** - 6:30-8:00pm – Steele Mansion Public Guided Tour. Located across from Lake Erie College, Steele Mansion Inn and Gathering Hub is a luxurious, historical boutique hotel in Painesville, the heart and seat of Lake Co. The tour guide is the owner and historian Carol Shamakian. Cost is \$10.00 per person. To car pool meet at the Gazebo on the Square at 6:00pm or meet us at the Steele Mansion, 348 Mentor Avenue, Painesville, at 6:30pm RSVP is required by March 15th-Call Diana Klima at 298-9810.

**Wed, April 19th:** 7:00pm at Thompson United Methodist Church Edible Flowers from Garden to Kitchen! Join Meghan Rees of Honey Hollow Herbs in Ashtabula; teaching us about growing and using edible flowers from the garden to the kitchen. Samples and ideas will be available.

**Wed, May 24th:** 6:00pm 2nd Annual Salad Supper and Plant Sale & Auction - Montville Community Center Pavilion. All are invited to join the members of the Thompson Garden Club. We provide salads, desserts, beverages and paper products, along with selling annual flowers and vegetable plants. Great place to get your summer garden going. Auction at 7:00pm; Garden Club members will have divided perennials from their gardens. Great time to get bargains!

Contact Terri Herbert at 298-1636 for additional information on any of our meetings. Please "Like" us on Facebook!!

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## Need help caring for a loved one...

with early stage dementia? Are you caring for a Geauga County Senior who has beginning stages of dementia? Are you feeling overwhelmed by the daily responsibilities and could use a break?

If so, then call the Department on Aging's Adult Day Service (ADS) Program. The Adult Day Service staff can care for your loved one in a safe, structured environment, while you take some needed time. There is no fee for the ADS Program. We will gladly accept donations to help enhance and grow the program.

The Adult Day Service Program is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. ADS participants are offered transportation, a nutritious lunch, cognitive stimulation, physical exercise and socialization as part of the program.

If you are interested in hearing more about this program, or would like to schedule a visit, call Vicki Krueger or David Craig at (440) 279-2149.

## Geauga County Public Library...

Thompson Station - If you're not already aware, your local library is now part of Clevnet! This membership brings with it lots of quick access to millions of items in library collections throughout Northeast Ohio. We may have to help you reset your PIN that goes with your account number. Please be aware that if you have library cards at other Clevnet libraries-such as Burton, Madison, Euclid or Cleveland Public-- you will be asked to choose just one library card to use for the entirety of the Clevnet system. Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or if you need assistance in any way at 440-298-3831.

Children's Story Hour began Feb 6th and runs for 8 weeks until March 29th...all Preschool ages are welcome and no registration is needed. Programs are at 7pm Monday evenings and Wednesday mornings at 10:30am.

Adult book discussion takes place at 2pm on Feb. 19th, March 19th, April 23rd and May 21st. Please call for a list of titles...all are welcome to join our lively monthly discussions and enjoy yummy snacks.

We hope you've noticed the Fun Bus visits to Thompson Square..we encourage you to visit, tour the vehicle and check out some items! Upcoming visits are from 2-4:20pm on March 3rd, March 31st, April 28th and May 26th.

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## Thompson Ledges Park...

Despite the erratic winter weather, be sure to visit your township park to experience its beauty in all seasons! Winter's thaws and freezes can cause some beautiful ice formations on the rock ledge walls, and the hemlocks are always a refreshing green whether they are snow-covered or not. Be sure to enjoy a snowy walk at the Ledges when you get a chance this winter.

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## Summer Entertainment 2017...

The Summer Entertainment Committee 2017 and the Thompson Volunteer Fire Department Association will be presenting three nights of entertainment on the 2nd Tuesday of June, July and Aug in the Park on the Square. The performances will be from 7:00-8:30pm. There will be refreshment fundraisers provided by community non-profit organizations. The refreshments are on a donation basis.

**6/13 - Erie Heights Brass Ensemble** – a brass sextet consisting of trumpets, horn, trombone, euphonium, baritone and tuba. Summer music theme: Weather i.e. "Stormy Weather", "Cold as Ice" and many more.

**7/11-Erin Burke** – Thompson singer/songwriter with a bluesy soulful voice inspired from her country roots.

**8/8-Troubadours of Divine Bliss** - an international recording duo from Louisville, KY featuring accordion, guitar and harmonies. Their music weaves in and out genres...it's "Americana Spirit", "Acoustic Vaudeville", "Gypsy Bluegrass", "Soul Folk"

Summer Entertainment in the Park on the Square events are possible only through the continuing generosity of community residents, friends and local businesses. Please consider donating to this wonderful community activity. Become a member of Summer Entertainment Committee contact: 983-9369 or email [elzleffel@gmail.com](mailto:elzleffel@gmail.com).

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**Thank You...** The Trustees would like to thank Dan and Diane Garey of Morning Star Meadow for their donation of the beautiful tree displayed in the gazebo on the Square at Christmas time and the live wreaths that adorned the Thompson Township Community Center (TTCC) and the Administration Building. Thank you Friends of the Thompson Library for coordinating the event, the Thompson Volunteer Fire Department for escorting Santa, Jim Rudesill for leading the caroling and Amy Gabrovsek for helping with letters to Santa. Dec 4, 2016 was the 1st Christmas tree lighting ceremony where the "refreshment social" took place in the community center. Lots of people gathered for the 3<sup>rd</sup> event and that is just how the TTCC is meant to be used!



**Easter Egg Hunt**  
**April 8th**  
*Watch Facebook for details*

**Spring Clean Up Day**  
**May 6th - 8am-12noon**

**Memorial Day**  
**May 29th - 11:00 AM**



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## Thompson Roads and Budget....

The Thompson Township Road Department Budget is funded by three Township property tax levies, the Gasoline Tax and the Motor Vehicle License Tax. The budgeted income from these three sources averages \$329,000 per year. Expenditures from this amount are set aside for: employee salaries & benefits, repairs & maintenance, telephone, electric, propane, property tax collection fees, property insurance premium, operating supplies (salt, cinders, stone, etc.), small tools & minor equipment capital outlay and debt service Burrows Road.

Thompson Township maintains 25.605 miles of township roads. Approximately 14 miles are dirt/gravel roads and approximately 11 miles are paved roads.

According to the Geauga County Engineer's current figures the estimate to pave a dirt/gravel road is \$750,000 per mile which pays for grading, cement stabilization, drainage and 6" of asphalt. The estimate to resurface paved roads is \$250,000 per mile. Every road is different with the repairs that are needed to do either of these projects, so pricing goes up based on those differing repairs. At the estimated \$750,000 per mile to pave the Township's 14 miles of dirt/gravel roads it would cost \$10.5 million and at \$250,000 per mile to repave the Township's paved roads it would cost \$2.75 million.

Look at the \$329,000 budgeted income? Where does the Township start? How does the Township start? Come to a Trustees meeting and offer positive suggestions.

Also, OPWC (Ohio Public Works Commission) monies have helped to pave the roads in the past. These monies are much harder to come by, if at all.

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## Thompson Township Community Center ...

Last April the Thompson Township Community Center (TTCC) aka the Old Town Hall had its Grand Opening. The building has been used for graduation parties, wedding and baby showers, "End of Life" celebrations, non-profit community group meetings, classes, community events, a Thanksgiving Day dinner, & Geauga County Library Fun Bus location. The Thompson Township Website, [thompsonohio.org](http://thompsonohio.org), has more information, rental forms and a TTCC calendar. Check it out and/or call Cindy, Fiscal Officer at 440-298-9813.



Non-profit Community groups are encouraged to use the TTCC on a donation basis.

Dada Gabrovsek has volunteered her time to help coordinate, design and work with other volunteers interested in creating and maintaining low maintenance landscape areas that will bring interest and color on the Square grounds. Maybe you, your group of friends, or your organization would be interested in becoming involved in creating and maintaining a special little "flower/plant" area on the Square's grounds.

Maintaining and continuing the Revitalization of the Town Square Area will take volunteer commitment. Become a part of this project. [erwin.leffel@thompsonohio.org](mailto:erwin.leffel@thompsonohio.org)

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## Do you need a ride... for an out of County medical appointment?

The Geauga County Department on Aging provides Out of County Medical Transportation to Geauga County seniors, age 60 and older to designated parts of Lake, Cuyahoga, Portage, Ashtabula and Trumbull Counties, and the city of Twinsburg. Out of County Medical Transportation is available to Geauga Seniors on a first come-first served basis, Monday through Friday. There are vehicles equipped with wheelchair lifts. This is a curb-to-curb service and individuals need to be able to get in and out of the medical buildings on their own. A family member or attendant can also ride with the senior. When you call to book your ride please provide us your doctor's name, address and phone number, the appointment date and time and approximately how long the appointment may last.

There is no fee for this program. Although, we will gladly accept donations to help enhance and grow the program. For further information please call the Geauga county Department on Aging at 440-279-2130.

**Tai Chi** for Health ([tchi.org](http://tchi.org))  
Classes... Thompson Township  
Community Center (TTCC) 6741  
Madison Rd.

NEW CLASS, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
- 10:30-11:30 am. Registration re-  
quested

Ongoing Classes: Monday and  
Wednesday 9 -10 am

Call /text 440-983-9369 or email  
[elzleffel@gmail.com](mailto:elzleffel@gmail.com)