



### Trustees...

The Trustees would like to thank resident voters for their passage of the 1 mill Road and Bridge Renewal Levy to be used for the maintenance of Township roads. The passage of this renewal indicates that residents are pleased with the maintenance of the Township's approximately 11 miles of paved roads and 14 miles of dirt/gravel roads. State routes 528, 166 and 86 are maintained by ODOT ; Thompson Rd. and Clay St. are maintained by the Geauga County Engineer. Both are doing a fine job. The Trustees hope residents by now have adjusted to the four way stop at State Routes 86 and 166.

The passage of the Geauga County Public Library's .5 mill bond issue means great things for Geauga County as well as Thompson Township's revitalization of the Town Square. The bond for the County Library building improvements and expansion includes a 6000 square foot branch building in Thompson. The Thompson branch will have all library services, programs, meeting space and regular hours. At this time the location has not been determined but it will be near the Town Square.

The Library's Fun Bus will continue to make library stops at the Community Center from 1-3 p.m. on the following Fridays in 2017, 12/01, 12/08, 12/15 and 12/29. The Community Center will be open at this time. Fun Bus cancellations will be posted on the Thompson Community Facebook.

This Fall 2 projects were completed at the Community Center. Trustee Sirna constructed a maintenance free protective structure for the Community Center's air-conditioning unit. This structure was built to "stand the test of time" and to blend in with the historic architecture. Thanks, Frank and his helper Ross! Heller Brothers Concrete designed, framed and finished a "safe" ramp connecting the Community Center parking lot to the gazebo area. Thanks, Larry Heller and Chris Cardaman! The R.W. Sidley Corporation donated the concrete and the Ohio Township Association's MORE grant supplied the funds for the construction. The Township appreciates the R.W. Sidley Corporation's continuous support and the Ohio Township Association's efforts to reduce risk liability. Site preparation was provided by the Thompson Road Department. Thanks, Joe!

Gauga County Water Resources Department has begun the landscaping at the sewer plant west of the Town Square. This is another welcome addition to the area making happy residents!

On August 18th and 19th the TUMC Drama Group presented the classic by Jane Austen "Pride and Prejudice". It was a delightful production by this local community theater group. In 2018 be sure to take in the Group's summer or winter production. You will not be disappointed.

The Winter holiday season is upon us. This season is a joyous time with family and friends. Unfortunately during this season there are individuals who do not wish to share joy. These individuals choose this time to commit malicious and criminal activities. If you think you are witnessing any such activity the best and easiest thing you can do is get a license plate number and report it to Police Chief Jim Koster (298-1305) or the Trustees.

A highlight of this holiday season is the annual tree decorating and lighting in the gazebo on the Town Square. Santa always makes an appearance, there is caroling, refreshments served by the Thompson Friends of the Library, and "Letters to Santa". Be sure not to miss this event on Sun. Dec. 3rd, 7 pm.

### Trustees (continued)...

Remember, the Trustees meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at the Ledge Park Building at 7 p.m. Attend; voice your opinions and suggestions, become involved in making our township a better place to live. See you at the next meeting!

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



### In 2018...

Be sure to mark your calendars in the New Year for the Township's yearly community events:

Memorial Day Celebration, Mon 5/28 at 11 am

Entertainment in the Park on the Town Square 7 pm Tuesdays 6/12, 7/10 and 8/14

4th of July Celebration on Wed 7/4, parade begins at 11 am

Community Yard Sale, Saturday 8/4

\*\*\*A new event on the Town Square is being planned for the end of summer/early fall 2018. It would be a "Farming" community event. More details in the next Tidbits.

If any resident has a suggestion for a new event come to a Thompson Trustees meeting to offer your suggestion.

### Recycling in Thompson...

Montville Township on December 31 will join other Geauga County Townships in ending their recycle program. The Thompson Trustees wish to continue the recycle program and are pleased with our residents' commitment to recycling. It would be appreciated that residents keep recyclables in the containers. Do not drop off trash, garbage, electronics, TVs, tires or appliances any place at the road garage. Such are residents' responsibility and such drop off will be considered littering. If recyclables are brought to the road garage and the containers are full take the recyclables back home for another day drop off. The best time to drop off according to the Geauga/Trumbull Solid Waste Management District is Tuesday the day after the containers are emptied.

### Tree Lighting...

Sunday, December 3rd at 7 PM.

The Tree Lighting in Thompson will be here before we know it. Thompson/Montville Friends of the Library will be sponsoring Thompson's Annual Community Tree Lighting. Make sure to bundle up. You don't want to miss decorating the tree, singing, Santa's arrival, writing letters to Santa, refreshments and being with your friends and neighbors. The Geauga County Fun Bus will be making a stop weather permitting.



# THOMPSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

P.O. BOX 204

THOMPSON, OHIO 44086

GEAUGA COUNTY

## TRUSTEES:

			<u>PHONE #</u>	<u>TERM ENDS</u>
Chairman:	Erwin Leffel	6171 Sidley Rd., Thompson	983-9367	12/31/2021
	Frank Sirna	16354 Moseley Rd., Thompson	298-3273	12/31/2021
	Al Safick	7950 Madison Rd, Thompson	298-1384	12/31/2019
Fiscal Off.	Cindy Lausin	7177 Ledge Rd, Thompson	298-9813	3/31/2020

## ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS: (5 yr terms)

Chairman:	Dennis Battles	15276 Leroy Center Rd., Thompson	298-3518	4/2020
	Anita Stocker	P.O. Box 189, Thompson	298-3547	4/2019
	Ross McElligott	P.O. Box 172, Thompson	298-3120	4/2021
	Mary Vavpetic	15919 Thompson Rd, Thompson	298-3109	4/2022
Vice Chair:	Bob Lausin	7177 Ledge Rd, Thompson	298-3645	4/2018
Secretary	Nancy Hawley	7900 Plank Rd, Thompson	298-3555	

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: (5 yr terms)

Chairman:	Paul Kucharski	6545 Dewey Rd., Thompson	298-3869	12/2018
Vice Chair:	Bill Reno	15390 Trask Rd., Thompson	298-1478	12/2019
	George Davis	6379 Ledge Rd., Thompson	298-3871	12/2017
	James Schafer	17012 Thompson Rd., Thompson	298-3866	12/2021
	Bonnie Lette	17541 Thompson Rd, Thompson	298-3075	12/2020
Alternate:	Jeff Smith	6956 Dewey Rd, Thompson	440-465-9360	6/2020
	Diane Nells	8281 Plank Rd, Thompson	298-1362	6/2018
Secretary	Nancy Hawley	7900 Plank Rd, Thompson	298-3555	

## ZONING INSPECTOR:

Ken Walsh	15554 Valentine Rd., Thompson	298-1445	(Admin. Bldg)
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## POLICE CHIEF:

Jim Koster	Cell - 440-669-6969	298-1305	(Admin. Bldg)
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## FIRE CHIEF:

Danny Robison	6703 Madison Rd., Thompson	298-3318	(Work)
		298-1405	(Safety Center)

## THOMPSON LEDGES PARK BOARD: (3 yr terms)

Don Arnold	6445 Ledge Rd, Thompson		5/2018
Ross McElligott	P.O. Box 172, Thompson	298-3120	5/2019
Mike Kuehn	6911 Ledge Rd, Thompson		5/2020
Chuck Lausin	7240 Ledge Rd, Thompson	298-3813	5/2019
Britt Townsend	17333 Moseley Rd, Thompson	298-1600	5/2018

## ROAD DEPT.:

Joe LaRosa	Thompson	298-1370	(Road Garage)
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## CEMETERY SEXTON:

Cindy Lausin	7177 Ledge Rd, Thompson	298-9813	(Office)
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## Thompson Garden Club...

IN MEMORIAM :

Over the past several years we have lost a number of long time-members. Thompson Garden Club has recently purchased bricks for these members to be placed around the Gazebo on the Square.

Remembering....

Catharine Binnig of Thompson, 1910-2003, Charter Member since 1949

Mary Miklavcic of Thompson, 1921-2014

Dorothy Lustig of Thompson, 1920-2014

Pat Heller of Montville, 1927-2015

Mary Pirnat of Thompson, 1924-2017

We miss these lovely ladies.

COMING UP:

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 2nd-12:00 noon at Thompson United Methodist Church (TUMC). Garden Club members will be providing a huge variety of very fresh greenery and a potluck lunch. We will also provide instruction for anyone interested in making their own fresh green arrangement that 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 Jan 2018 as the Officers and Planning Committee will be planning out our new year.

Our next regular meeting will be:

Wed, Feb 21st - 7:00 pm, TUMC - Birds, Bees, Flowers & Trees

Val Rhinehart of Lake MetroParks will join us to do a program on "Birds, Bees, Flowers & Trees." Find out what to plant to bring all of the needed pollinators into your gardens. Following the presentation we will have an open forum question & answer period. Val is an expert on almost any garden related topic. So bring on your questions!

For more information call Terri Herbert at 298-1636.

## Thompson Community Facebook...

"Friend or Like" Thompson Township on the Community Facebook page @ Thompson Township Ohio. Get the latest on what's happening and is of interest in Thompson.

If you have any info/announcements you would like posted contact Lynne, Erwin.Leffel@ThompsonOhio.org.



## Wolf Sanctuary...

For those not aware, a wolf sanctuary is planned for property on Thompson Road, less than a half mile east of the square. While this is legal and within regulations, it is still of great concern. For those that would like more information regarding the non-profit organization (My Pack of Wolves) that is planning to move 15 - 18 "wolf dogs" into town visit their website at: www.mypackofwolvessanctuary.org. Attend a trustee's meeting, voice your concerns, and be more involved in your community.

## 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.

## Grace Lutheran Church...

8091 Plank Rd. (Rt. 86), Thompson, (440)298-3822  
Rev. Howard Davis, Pastor

Come celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

December. 24th

Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:00 pm

## Thompson Twp Community Center...

(aka TTCC, Community Center or Old Town Hall)

RENTAL:

The Community Center (TTCC) is available for private party rental and/or programming.

The rental fees are \$75 for residents, \$125 for non-residents with a \$100 refundable security deposit. For more information check out www.ThompsonOhio.org or call 298-9813.

Need a space for up to 49 people for a class, meeting or group activity? The TTCC is ADA accessible, has a kitchenette, air conditioning, tables and comfortable chairs. These kinds of events are welcomed and individualized arrangements can be made, call 298-9813.

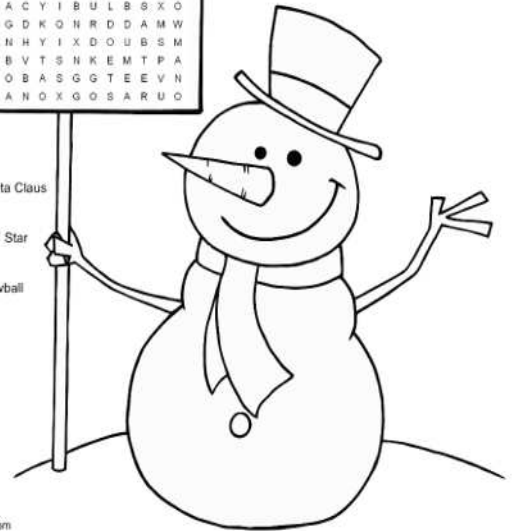


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Snowman Wreath Santa Claus

Reindeer Lights Bulbs Star

Candy Stockings Snowball



www.kidscanhavefun.com

## Thompson Photos...

The Trustees are inviting you to submit your photos of Thompson new or old. A description of the photo's content is needed with your photo. The photos will be placed for viewing in the Community Center throughout 2018 during Township events. Mail your photos to Thompson Township Trustees, P.O. Box 204, Thompson, OH 44086 (Attn. Photos).





## Christmas Tree Lighting

December 3rd 7PM

### Fire Department...

It seems that winter is finally here. If you have not already done so, have your chimney cleaned prior to using your woodstove, fireplace, furnace, pellet stove, etc. Fires which start in the chimney can quickly spread to adjacent walls, attics and the remainder of your home. Often, these fires remain undiscovered prior to breaching the chimney. Also, remember to check and change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

As we begin to plow and clear snow from our driveways, remember to make sure that your driveway is wide enough for our trucks. Be sure that your address is easy to see from the roadway and visible from both directions of travel. Should you need an address sign, reflective signs are available at the fire station for \$20, stop in any Tuesday evening to get yours.



Respectfully,  
Dorothy Battles  
Assistant Chief

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### Road Department News...

Winter weather is here and with that comes salting and plowing the roads. To keep the ditches flowing, please keep your ditches free of debris. Ditch debris buildup can stop water flow causing backups and erosion. When plowing your driveway do not push the snow across the road into the ditches. When the snow thaws, the water dams up and flows into the road causing more erosion. Use caution and drive safely on the snowy road. Keep a safe distance when coming upon plow trucks. If you have any questions about our roads, the Thompson Road Department can be reached at (440) 298-1370 or [ThompsonRd@windstream.net](mailto:ThompsonRd@windstream.net). Make it a safe, happy and healthy winter.



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### Thompson Police Department...

The Thompson Twp. Police would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season. In addition you are reminded to be prepared for seasonal driving and preparedness for the coldness in both vehicle and home during stormy weather conditions. Earlier in November, a large marijuana growing facility was found to be operating in our township. Tips to the DEA lead to one of the largest "busts" in Ohio. Through the cooperation of Federal, State, and local law enforcement, those individuals were arrested.

Reminder: Watch for unusual or suspicious activity. Report this to us or the county sheriff. There are many vacant homes, barns, trailers, and other structures where illegal activity may occur. Remember, with a small part-time department, we try to provide assistance to our residents. Please contact us or the sheriff by calling 440-286-1234 our dispatch center.

In an emergency call: 911

James F. Koster  
Chief of Police

