



Trustees...

This is the Spring issue of the Tidbits which means Winter is on its way out and Spring and Summer will be here soon. Spring/Summer looks like it is going to be an exciting time to be living in Thompson. Not only will the annual events be taking place but there will be some exciting revitalization events to watch for.

The annual events in Thompson:

- the Thompson Volunteer Fire Department's Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday March 25
- The Memorial Day Observance on Monday May 28
- Summer Entertainment in the Park, June 12, July 10 and August 14
- The 4th of July event on Wednesday July 4
- The Community Yard Sale on Saturday August 4

Revitalizing Thompson will be:

- The development of the former Crandall Ford Dealership and surrounding property
- The building of the Geauga County Public Library's 6,000 to 8,000 sq. ft. branch and green space
- The development of the Lantern Assisted Living Community at the former high school
- Improvements to the 4 suite apartment on the corner of Madison Rd. and Thompson Rd.
- Improvements at the Thompson Ledge Park

As if this is not enough, the Berkshire Local School District will have a 3.65 mill bond/tax levy on the May 8 primary to build a Pre K – 12 high school building on the Kent State Geauga Campus. This building will support the PRIME initiative which is an innovative methodology to prepare Thompson children for the future. For more information on PRIME go to Berkshireschools.org

Who would have thought all this would be happening in our town?

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. Become involved in making our Township a better place to live.

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



4th of July 2018...

Strike up the band and get ready for another fantastic 4th of July in Thompson! Mark your calendars, July 4th is on a Wednesday this year and the committee is already planning another fun and taste filled day!

This year's theme is "I'm A Yankee Doodle Dandy", floats following this theme will qualify to be judged. Monetary prizes will be awarded for the top three floats, so start your creative wheels spinning!

Raffle tickets will be available pre-sale and the day of the event. Please help support this wonderful event by purchasing your tickets and also a great way to win some CASH! Boby, Lynne and Audrey will all have plenty of tickets available for pre-sale!

Please contact Lynne Leffel 440 983-9369 or Audrey Kerr 440 862-0043 if you would like to help out at the 4th, have a booth or table, or any questions. Text or call is acceptable.

Plan on being part of another memorable 4th in Thompson!

Spring Clean-Up Day...

The Thompson Township Board of Trustees will hold the Annual Spring Clean-Up Day for **THOMPSON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS** on Saturday May 12, 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 (lakeashtabulaecycle@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.*

All Mattresses and Upholstered Items **MUST BE WRAPPED** to avoid the transmission & transferal of bed bugs. (Mattress wraps can be purchased at places like Home Depot or Lowes for \$5-\$7.)

Any resident interested in helping with this event contact Trustee Leffel at 983-9367 or kokeleffel@gmail.com.

Senior Trash Pick-Up Day...

Friday May 11, Thompson Township

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.

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 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.
- ◆ All items for Trash Pick-up **MUST** be Outside of the Home as staff will no longer be able to go inside of seniors' homes.
- ◆ All Mattresses and Upholstered items **MUST BE WRAPPED** to avoid the transmission & transferal of bed bugs. (Mattress wraps can be purchased at places like Home Depot or Lowes for \$5-\$7.)

If the senior cannot be home to sign for items picked up, please have items clearly marked for Thompson Township pick-up.

Thompson Garden Club...

The Thompson Garden Club generally meets the third Wednesday of each month. The purpose of the Club 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 at our meetings. If you have a love of gardening, or want to improve your gardening skills, please consider joining us! Or just come to 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 21: 7:00 PM at Thompson United Methodist Church (TUMC) **Young Living Essential Oils**

Join Betty Newton and Randy Hooper to learn what essential oils are all about. Find out how they can support your mind and every system of your body. You will get to make and take a roller bottle with essential oils. Cost is just \$5.00. And everyone will get an entry for a door prize too. Come and join the fun as we kick off our new gardening year!

Wed, April 18: 7:00 PM at TUMC

Geauga Park District Update/Plant Sale Planning

John Oros, Executive Director of Geauga Park District, will share an update on the Parks. He may include information on controlled burning and invasive plants as well. Following his presentation there will be time for questions/answers.

Mon, May 28: 8:00 AM at TUMC

We will be making small bouquets to honor all of our veterans buried in Maple Grove Cemetery. Anyone is welcome to come and join us this morning. We will teach you to make a small bouquet.

Wed, May 30: 6:00 PM at Montville Community Center Pavilion

Thompson Garden Club's THIRD Annual Salad Supper and Plant Sale & Auction

The public is invited to join Thompson Garden Club members at the Montville Community Center Pavilion for our third Annual Salad Supper and Plant Sale and Auction.

Everyone is welcome. Please come at 6:00 PM and share a salad supper with us. We will provide salads, desserts, beverages and paper products. We will be selling some annual flowers and vegetable plants. Come and get what you need to get that summer garden going.

At 7:00 PM we will have an auction. Garden Club members will have perennials from their gardens that they have divided. Perennials are often expensive to buy. But at our auction you can get some great bargains. And since these plants have been growing in local soil they will have no problem adapting to your landscape.

Be sure to check the next issue (June) of Thompson Tidbits. We have regular meetings during the summer but also have some "extra" daytime outings planned: Fairport Marine Museum & Lighthouse, a trip on the Good Time III, a visit to Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens plus our July 4th Flower Show (non-members, teens and children can enter). Come and have some FUN with us!

Contact Terri Herbert at 298-1636 or Diana Klima at 298-9810 for additional information on any of our meetings or activities.

Please "Like" us on Facebook!

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...

Our normal Services Sunday morning:
Sunday School at 9:00 am, Worship at 10:30 am
www.GraceThompson.org

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

Thompson Twp Community Center...

(aka TTCC, Community Center or Old Town Hall)

The Community Center (aka Town Hall) is being used for many kinds of activities and it is wonderful to see life and light back into the building. Rentals help to pay for the overhead costs of sewer, electricity, HVAC, water (conditioning), cleaning products and supplies. The building could be used for meetings, classes, get-togethers, or other activities during the week. To discuss your ideas contact Cindy 298-9813, Lynne 983-9369 or a Township Trustee.

Ledge Grange...

We are looking forward to spring and better weather! I'm sure all of you are too!

We meet the 4th Sunday of the month at 5:00 at the Methodist Church. We would love to have you join us. We need more members.

The purpose of Grange is to help improve our community and make it a better place. We are looking forward to assisting with Memorial Day Services which we have always done.

One of the fun things about being in Grange is entering our contests which include Art, Photography, Writing, Sewing, Needlework, Crafts, signing for the deaf, and talent.

If you would like to know more, call Vic (440-478-0093) or Mabel (440-478-0094).

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.



Tai Chi for Health...

Thompson Township Community Center (TTCC) located on the Square...For eight weeks (April 9 to May 30), Lynne Leffel, Sr.Trainer will be teaching Tai Chi for Health programs by Dr. Paul Lam. These programs are designed to be safe, effective, mindful movement exercises based on traditional Tai Chi forms and Tai Chi principles. They are appropriate and safe for almost everyone. For more information, call/text Lynne 440-983-9369 & check out ww.taichiforhealthinstitute.org.

Mondays 9-9:45 a.m.

Wednesdays 9-9:45 & 10-10:45 a.m.
Donations to TTCC

Summer Entertainment 2018...

The Summer Entertainment Committee 2018 and the Thompson Volunteer Fire Department Association will be presenting three nights of entertainment on the 2nd Tuesday of June, July and August in the Park on the Square. The performances will be from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. There will be refreshment fundraisers provided by community non-profit organizations. The refreshments are on a donation basis.

6/12 - Nia Covington - Vocalist; Pop, Jazz, Standards and R & B Genres; Refreshments by donation: United Methodist Women, "It's a Pie Party"

7/10 - The Great Geauga Fair Band - Ohio's only volunteer county fair band; Refreshments by donation: TBD

8/14 - Fort Huntsburg Band - Classic Traditional Country; Refreshments by donation: Thompson Garden Club

Summer Entertainment in the Park on the Square events are possible through the continuing generosity of community residents, friends and local businesses. Please consider donating to this wonderful community activity. Contact Lynne at 440-983-9369 or elzleffel@gmail.com for information.

Thompson United Methodist Church...

Sunday School at 9:00am; Worship at 10:00am, and a time of fellowship following the worship service. We have nursery available during the service for children birth through 3 years of age and Kid Kare for Pre-K to 5th Grade.

Spring Youth Group Schedule - Tuesdays at 7:00pm - 8:30pm
March 6 & 20, April 3 & 17, May 1 & 15

Pastors Bible Study - Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

The community is invited to our Holy Week services: Palm Sunday Worship March 25th at 10:00am. Our Holy Thursday communion service March 29th at 7:00pm and Good Friday March 30th, we will host a walk-through "stations of the cross" from 5:00pm until 8:00pm. Everyone is welcome to come anytime from 5-8 for this event. Easter Sunday April 1st, Sunrise Service at 7:00am at the Thompson Ledges Park followed by breakfast at the church, 9:00am Sunday School for all ages and Easter Sunday Worship at 10:00am. Easter is a wonderful time to bring your family and celebrate the Resurrection of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

April 15th, Women's Sunday 10:00am service with special guest speaker Western Reserve District Superintendent Rev. Sandra Snode.

TBA date in May for our Annual Church Auction. The proceeds will be used towards children ministries. Please contact the church office for more information and/or questions.

Memorial Day May 28th, the TUMC Women annual plant sale.

Badger News...

Ledgemont PTC is looking for donations for their annual Auction Contact Sarah Sidley at sidley3297@gmail.com Show your support at the Auction on 4/20/18. Doors open at 6; drawing at 8, Jungle Terry will be there to entertain children.

2/22 - 6PM - PRIME meeting at Ledgemont Elementary
3/14 - 6:30PM - PRIME meeting at Burton Public Library
4/9 - 6PM - Board Meeting at Montville Community Center

Ledgemont Elementary's new STEM club is busy learning, creating and designing and problem solving. Check out some photos of their latest projects which was posted (2/12/18) on facebook, Thompson Township Ohio.

July 4th Band...

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

Thompson Yard Sale 2018...

The Thompson Yard Sale will be held again. It's spring and time to start 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 4 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 Tidbits.

Thanks to...

MorningStar Meadow, Dan and Diane Garey, for donating the Christmas tree at the Gazebo and the live pine wreaths that adorned the Administration Building and TTCC this past Holiday Season.

John Carter, Gary and Kathy Tepley for decorating the light posts and placing the wreath on the veteran's monument. The Friends of Thompson Library for coordinating the "Tree Lighting Event", supplying the hot cocoa and cookies. Joe LaRosa and Trustee Kok Leffel for putting the tree up and lights on. Jim Rudesill leading the caroling. The Thompson Township Volunteer Fire Department for bringing Santa and providing 2nd floor TTCC safety presence. Santa for lighting the tree and giving candy canes to all the children. Community volunteers Dada and Amy Gabrovsek, Alison Leanza, Marie, Nicole and Rachel Cindric and Chase Leffel for creating Santa's Workshop. The Thompson Police Department for providing safety. Everyone who came out to enjoy the festivities!

St. Patrick Church...

We welcome all to join us at St. Patrick Church (16550 Rock Creek Rd., Thompson) for these upcoming events:

St. Patrick Dinner & Reverse Raffle – Sat. March 17: Doors open at 5:00 pm. Dinner at 6:00 pm. Raffle begins at 7:00 pm. Appetizers, traditional corned beef dinner, soft drinks and one Main Board ticket for \$30. Beer and wine available for sale. Main Board prize \$1,250. Side boards available. Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Tickets on sale now.

Easter Mass Celebrations: Easter Vigil Mass (Sat. March 31) at 7:30 pm. Easter Sunday (April 1) Masses at 9:30 am and 11:30 am. Come celebrate our Risen Lord!

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





Fire Department...

2018 is on pace to be a record-breaking year. The department ran a record forty-four calls in the month of January. While most of our responses continue to be related to medical emergencies, we have also had two structure fires and numerous chimney fires this year. Please remember to use properly sized extension cords and make sure that your chimneys are clean and intact.



Construction of the department's new engine remains on schedule. We will soon be visiting the manufacturer for any last-minute construction changes and then final inspection. We expect to take delivery of this new truck mid to late June.

The department would like to welcome its newest member, township resident, Tony Crino. Tony is a paramedic and will complete his fire training soon.

As winter continues, make sure that your driveways are plowed wide enough for our equipment and be sure that your address is visible from the roadway.

The Thompson Fire Department will hold an Easter Egg Hunt at 2:00 PM on March 25th at the Thompson United Methodist Church, ages up to 10 years old.

Respectfully,
Dorothy Battles
Assistant Chief

Thompson Police Department...

This year's winter has been one of coldest months on record. Here in Thompson it has been very difficult on health and home related problems such as; electrical, heat, chimney fires, and other misc. weather related issues. Your police department has been involved in many of these issues as well as drug related deaths.



We are looking forward to spring showers and flowers and turning our concerns to seasonal driving hazards. We want you to get going to driving toward a safe summer.

Driving in spring has its dangers, with winter behind us we need to understand there are hazards not just icy and snow covered roads. Winter has left our roads with pot holes, aftermath of salt and gravel effects, softening of road base, etc. Your vehicles may need wheel adjustments, wiper blades, new oil changes, etc. You now need to prepare for rainy days and flooding where big puddles of water on roadways can cause slippery roads and reduce your car's handling and increasing stopping distance sometimes referred to hydroplaning.

Spring brings out bicycles, children, and animals. Yet, this is a great season for getting things done. Thompson Police Department, though not full time, are here to help and assist you. If we are not available, call the Geauga County Sheriff's Office for additional assistance.

Sincerely,
Chief James F. Koster

Memorial Day Observance...

Around 7 a.m. on Memorial Day "a little known" ceremony takes place at Maple Grove Cemetery. It is a truly heart-warming, awesome, respectful service by the American Legion Riders from Post 112 Madison.

Thompson Township's Memorial Day Observance will begin at 11 a.m. on Monday May 28. 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 (Bring your own lawn chair.)