



Community Newsletter

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MEET OUR NEW FIRE CHIEF!

Hello Ross Township Residents, I would like to introduce myself as the new Fire Chief of Ross Township. My name is Chris Johns and I have proudly served the Ross community for the last thirty years. My career began in 1993 with the Millville Fire Department. I was promoted to Lieutenant in 1999 and retained that rank with the Millville/Ross Township Fire Department merger in 2004. In 2008 I was promoted to Captain and held that position until 2018, when I was promoted to Assistant Chief. I have worked under Chief Steve Miller's command for my entire career and am proud to step into his seat as the Fire Chief.

I hold certifications as a Level 2 Firefighter, Paramedic, Fire Safety Inspector, Fire Instructor, CPR instructor, and Fire Investigator. I received my Associate Degree in Fire Science Technology-Fire Administration from Sinclair Community College in 2011. In 2015, I completed



my Bachelors in Fire Protection Administration at Eastern Kentucky University. I am also a graduate of Class 16 of the Ohio Fire Executive Program and in 2023 became a credentialed fire chief through the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association. I am a member of the Butler County Incident Management Team, Butler County Fire Investigation Team, Butler County Fire Chiefs' Association, and the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association.

My wife Kathy and I have raised our four children in the Ross community, and I am excited to continue my career in Ross Township. I welcome you to stop by either station to see our apparatus, take a tour, or just meet the crew. We love visitors, and we love our community. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the station.

Fire Chief Chris Johns



BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETINGS

For 2024, the Ross Township Board of Trustees regular meetings will be held on the 1st Thursday of each month and work sessions will be conducted on the 3rd Thursday of each month, unless noticed differently. Agendas will be posted on the website at least one day prior

and minutes will be posted after approval. The meetings and work sessions will commence at 6:00 p.m. at the Ross Township Administration Building, 4055 Hamilton Cleves Road. Please refer to www.rosstwp.org for more information.



BUILDING AND ZONING QUESTIONS

If you have concerns about matters related to zoning, building permits, fences, junk vehicles, raising farm animals or the parking of campers, RVs and boats, please call the Butler County Building and Zoning Department at (513) 887-3205. The County oversees all zoning and building code issues for the Township.

CONGRATULATIONS TO RAMM & JEE FOODS!

The Butler County Board of Commissioners has allocated American Rescue Plan Act/State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA/SLFRF) to each township in Butler County to be used for disparate populations within the respective community and to mitigate the needs of the underserved. During the Ross Township Board of Trustees meeting on March 21, 2024, the Board authorized two projects to receive this ARPA/SLFRF Local Community Allocation Plan.

Ross and Morgan Ministries of Butler County (RAMM) has been awarded a total of \$75,000 to provide food and financial assistance for rent, utilities, etc. to families, for food van maintenance and repairs and food pantry physical upgrades. For more information on RAMM, please visit their website at www.rammbutler.org.



JEE Foods has also been awarded a total of \$75,000 for their effort to combat rural food insecurity and food access with the implementation of a Mobile Market to visit low-income communities in Ross Township and distribute recovered fresh produce to residents. Please visit JEE Foods' website at www.jeefoods.org for additional information on the organization.

Ross Township is very fortunate to have these two remarkable volunteer-run nonprofit organizations that work independently and together to serve the needs of the residents in our community. To RAMM and JEE Foods we say "THANK YOU"!

OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS

As per the Butler County Sheriff's Office, the function of the outdoor warning siren is to alert residents to seek shelter and/or to go indoors and turn on the radio and/or TV to become informed. Major uses of the sirens within Butler County are under the following conditions:

- The issuance of a tornado warning by the National Weather Service (NWS).
- An impending enemy attack.
- A chemical emergency in progress.

Ross Township has 3 outdoor warning sirens, which are located on Black Rd., Layhigh Rd. and Mikehill Dr. The outdoor warning sirens are tested on the first Wednesday of each month,

at 12:00 noon. The tests are not conducted when there is the possibility of severe weather on that day.

To ensure that you receive the most timely and current severe weather information, utilize a tone-alerting weather radio that will receive severe weather watches and warnings broadcasted directly from the National Weather Service (NWS) over the NOAA weather radio broadcast system. To best protect yourself, indoor warning tone-alerting weather radios augment the outdoor Butler County sirens to give you an integrated indoor and outdoor warning system.

RUMPKE LARGE ITEM COLLECTION

Did you know that Rumpke will collect one large item from residents each month for both full and limited service plans? Large item collection will occur on your scheduled collection day during the first full week of service each month. Large items include any items too large to fit inside a standard trash bag or trash can like furniture or appliances. Mattresses, box springs and upholstered furniture must be wrapped in plastic prior to collection. Together, one mattress and one box spring are considered one large item.

- Rumpke will not accept bags or cans filled with rocks, dirt or construction debris.
- According to Federal Law, Rumpke is not permitted to accept batteries, tires, liquids, combustible materials or any items identified as hazardous.
- Freon must be properly removed from appliances prior to disposal.

For additional information, please visit www.rumpke.com or call (800) 828-8171.

ROSS RESIDENTS CAN NOW RECYCLE MORE WITH HEFTY RENEW PROGRAM

Rumpke continues to grow the list of items accepted in its recycling programs and has partnered with Hefty to allow customers to recycle even more material.

Residents can recycle even more plastic material than the traditional bottles, jugs, tubs and cups, by purchasing Hefty ReNew bags from local retailers (now available at Kroger, Meijer, Walmart, Target, Menards or Ace Hardware stores). Fill these durable, orange bags with hard-to-recycle plastics like plastic bags, plastic party cups, plastic cutlery, film plastic and Styrofoam. Tie the bag shut and place inside your recycling container. Rumpke will take care of the rest.

As a reminder, only the items accepted in the Hefty ReNew program should be enclosed in a plastic bag. All other recyclables should continue to be placed loose in recycling carts. For more information on what you can recycle, visit www.rumpke.com.

If you would like to learn more about the Hefty ReNew program or request a FREE Hefty ReNew Starter Kit, scan the QR code.



2024 SUMMER ROAD PROJECTS

We will be paving five streets this summer:

1. Herman Rd. from S.R. 128 to U.S. 27
2. Davis Rd.
3. Windy Knoll Dr.
4. Klenk Pl.
5. Lark St. from Cincinnati-Brookville Rd. to Thrush Ave.

We will also be micro-surfacing Mardel Ct.



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ROSS TOWNSHIP CONTACTS

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES:

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Julie Joyce-Smith
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ADMINISTRATOR:

Laurie Kile
W 513-863-2337x111

NON-EMERGENCY:

Police Chief Burton Roberts W 513-863-2337x130

Fire Chief Chris Johns W 513-863-3410x150

Road Superintendant Paul Bulach W 513-863-2337x180

Police Department W 513-863-2337
4055 Hamilton Cleves Rd.

Fire Station #1 W 513-275-1463
2565 Cincinnati-Brookville Rd.

Fire Station #2 W 513-863-3410
1308 Ross Millville Rd.

SCHOOL NUMBERS:

Ross Local Schools

District Offices 513-863-1253

Morgan Elementary 513-738-1986

Elda Elementary 513-738-1972

Ross Intermediate School 513-868-4550

Ross Middle School 513-863-1251

Ross High School 513-863-1252

Private Schools

Stephen T. Badin High School 513-863-3993

St. Joseph Elementary 513-863-8758

St. Peter in Chains 513-863-0685

Queen of Peace Elementary 513-863-8705

OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

Butler County Building & Zoning 513-887-3205

MRAA 513-738-1392

Rumpke 800-828-8171

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