



Working Together to Feed our Neighbors

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Matt Habash, CEO of the Mid-Ohio Foodbank,

"We can't wave a magic wand and eliminate hunger, but we can help hungry people in their time of need. By standing with our partner agencies and friends, we are making a difference in the individual lives and investing in the potential and long term viability of our own communities."

The statistics are eye-opening when you fully comprehend the impact and need of families, not only across the state of Ohio, but in our own communities, right here in Union County. In Ohio, **1 of 6 people is at risk of hunger**, meaning that these people are at risk of not knowing where they will get their next meal. This figure means even more when you consider the following:

- 35% of food requests are to support children
 - Senior citizens represent 14% of requests for assistance
 - 57% of people served have had to choose between food & utilities
 - 43% of people have had to choose between food & shelter
- People who once held professional/managerial positions account for 18% of food requests

The Mid-Ohio Foodbank is a distributor of food to the local food pantry networks. The Foodbank provides about 80% of the food that your local food pantries distribute to those in need. The Mid-Ohio Foodbank supported Union County with the following:

- Requests at Food Pantries – **41,653**
 - Children 0 – 17 / **38%**
 - Seniors 60 + / **15%**
 - Food Supplied by Mid-Ohio Foodbank to Union County Partner Agencies – **467,000 pounds**
 - Fresh Produce Supplied by Mid-Ohio Foodbank to Union County Partner Agencies – **83,286 pounds**
- Source: Mid-Ohio Foodbank, 2010

September is Hunger Action Month : To increase awareness about the issues of hunger, Feeding America, the national organization against hunger, has declared September "Hunger Action Month". Mid-Ohio Foodbank is a partner with Feeding America, and reached out to our Allen Township leadership for support. Our Allen Township Trustees have agreed to include Mid-Ohio Foodbank in several of our September events, including Community Day and Fall Clean Up . During both of these days, a representative from the Mid-Ohio Foodbank, along with community volunteers, will collect cans and donations at these two events to satisfy the needs of those at risk of hunger in our community and across Ohio. Please keep these two dates in mind: September 17th & September 24th and bring a canned good or donation to these events. "When Everyone Does a Little, the Foodbank Can Do A Lot"



Mid-Ohio Foodbank

Mid-Ohio Foodbank is dedicated to feeding hungry people by collecting and distributing food and grocery products, educating the community about hunger, advocating for hunger-relief programs, and collaborating with others who address basic human needs.

Community Day Saturday Sept. 17



Thanks to the support of the Trustees and the Fire Department for putting together a great day of fun and community fellowship!!

Saturday SEPTEMBER 17th!!!

This is the day family, friends and community will be coming together to enjoy a meal, play games and have a good wholesome time. This year YOU, will not be asked to bring the food, we just ask for you to bring your family, a few chairs and sit back, relax, enjoy the day and EAT!! Preparations are being made to accommodate everyone in the event of rain. Community Day will be taking place; rain or shine.

This year's Community Day will begin at 5:00 p.m. . The day will start with the dedication of the Poling Cabin. It will be open for you to look around following the ceremony. This year will also mark the 5th Annual Allen

Township Community Day Doubles Cornhole Tournament which is being sponsored by the Allen Township Fire Association. If you have any questions regarding the tournament, contact the Fire Department 642-5536. **There is no entry fee required...PLUS** plaques will be awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd place teams!!

Entertainment for children young and old will be available.

Did we mention we will EAT?? This year we are having a Hog Roast with all of the trimmings...AGAIN, you do not have to do the cooking. In addition, to pulled pork, we will be serving hamburgers & hot dogs.

We will top the meal off with an Ice Cream Social ...the ICE-CREAM will be handmade and there will be toppings available!!

In addition to the great food,

games and fellowship, there will be music and fire truck rides!!

PLUS...The fun won't stop when the sun goes down. There will be an outdoor movie for everyone to enjoy.

Come out bring your family and enjoy a good time!

If you have any questions about Community Day events or wish to lend a hand, please contact the Fire Department 642-5536.



Don't forget to bring a non perishable item to donate to the Food Bank!!



Time to do last minute clean up before cold weather!!

Fall Clean UP Saturday September 24th

Fall Clean Up is set for Saturday, September 24th beginning at 7:00 a.m. and running until 5:00 p.m. at the Allen Township Community Complex. Due to landfill

regulations, we are unable to accept the following items: tires, batteries, appliances containing Freon, rolls of fence wire, wood & yard debris. Metal drums must

have both ends removed. If you have paint cans, the can must either be empty or the paint dried.

Preserving History: The Cabin Project

If you have been following the “Cabin Project”, you may know the cabin is taking shape and is due to be completed in time for Community Day. **To kick off Community Day the cabin dedication will be at 5:00 p.m..** The cabin is a result of dedication, love and hard work of several volunteers from the Allen Township Community. A piece of history has made its way back home, where it will be treasured for many years.

The cabin was originally built around 1840 by an early settler of Allen Township, James Poling. Therefore, the cabin has been dubbed the “Poling Cabin”. Many descendants of James’ currently reside in Allen Township and the surrounding area.

Many generations of the Poling family were either born or eventually lived in the cabin. The cabin was originally located on St. Rt. 245 within a mile of the Township Complex.

Eventually the cabin was removed and reconstructed in Marysville to become a rental property along with other similar structures. The property was later purchased by a local Corporation and was scheduled for demolition.

Following the news of the demolition the Board of Trustees was approached by a resident. The resident explained the history behind one of the cabins and felt it was important to preserve local history. The business was more than happy to donate the cabin to the Township. The wheels were in motion.

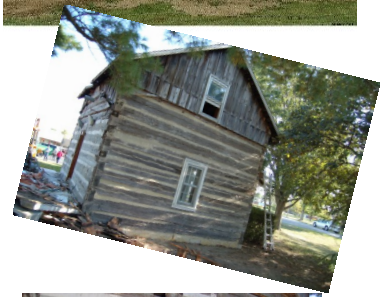
A group of volunteers were assembled and they carefully took the cabin apart, one log at a time. Each log was inspected and numbered, then stored at the Township until further plans could come together.

After many drawings, permits and a final site location, plans were in place to recon-

struct the Poling Cabin. For over a year a group of volunteers have taken time out of their busy schedules to bring form to the task at hand.

Eventually, the cabin group would like to furnish the cabin in an 1840’s fashion to mimic what a cabin of that era would look like. In addition, historical information will be found in the cabin and be viewable during times set by the Board. It is the hopes of the volunteers that everyone would enjoy, appreciate and revere the history behind the structure and to be proud of a Community who chose to preserve a piece of that history.

If you have items you would like to donate to the task or history you would like to submit, please contact Andrew See at 937-642-1234.



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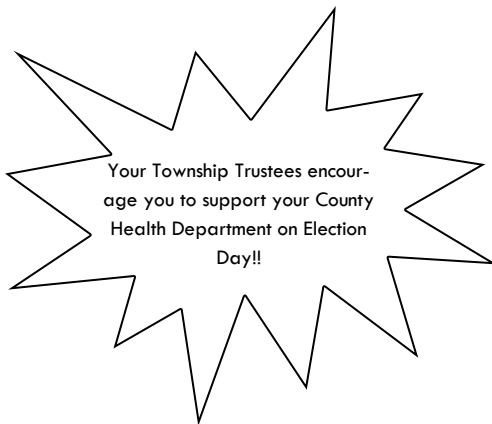
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OR CURRENT RESIDENT

From the Desk of Your Fire Chief



Please share in our Congratulations to Firefighter/Paramedic Ryan Heckel for being promoted to Full Time Status!

Dear Resident:

I hope you have stayed safe and cool during the warm summer. I am truly looking forward to seeing you at Community Day this year.

I want to touch base on where we are currently with our funding. If you have been following previous newsletters, you are aware of the tax structure changes made in 2004 which had caused a great deal of concern and created hurdles for entities such as ours.

During the 2011 State of Ohio budget process, through the

critical efforts of various organizations, Ohio recognized the importance of the TFP (Tangible Personal Property) funding. Therefore, Ohio developed a "reliance factor" based on the revenue lost due to the tax structure changes in 2004. All local governments lost a portion of their revenue, however, the State has agreed at this time that entities such as ours will lose no more than 6% over a 3 year period. Although this is a significant loss, the loss is better than what the previous law had provided.

Providing there are no further

significant changes to affect the funding, at this time, the Fire Department is stable and can maintain the current level of service.

If you would like to discuss any of this information any further, my door is always open and I will be more than happy to address any questions you may have.

I sincerely appreciate your dedication and support you have shown to the Fire Department.

Yours Truly,

Rod Goddard, Fire Chief