

**TRUSTEES**

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CHUCK HILLIER  
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**TRUSTEE MEETINGS**

1st Tuesday -  
6:00 p.m. Work Session  
7:30 p.m. Public Meeting  
3rd Tuesday -  
9:00 a.m. - Work Session  
11:00 a.m. - Public Meeting

Zoning Commission meets the  
2nd Monday of every month  
BZA meets the 2nd Tuesday  
of every month



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**TRUSTEE NOTES**

*From the Desk of  
Trustee Gabe Cicconetti*

It is hard to believe that we are in the home stretch of 2023! This year has been a very positive one for Painesville Township. We have seen many projects completed, hosted some successful community events, and saw new and existing businesses invest in our community.

Some of the most notable projects we saw completed include building and facility improvements, road replacements, and a sidewalk project. The impressive part about these projects is that many were completed totally or in part using grant money rather than Township taxpayer funds. Additionally, some were completed using in-house labor to help keep costs down. Regarding road projects, Painesville Township had nearly \$1,000,000 in road replacements and repairs done this year with over 30% being covered by an Ohio Public Works Grant that we received! Another project that was completed this year, that we were very excited about, was the sidewalk project on Bowhall Road. This sidewalk connects several neighborhoods and ties into the sidewalk on Madison Avenue. This project came at a cost of about \$240,000 but was paid for by a State of Ohio grant rather than using Township taxpayer dollars. The addition of this sidewalk not only connects neighborhoods but makes it safer to do so.

The Painesville Township Fire Department had some facility improvements that were completed this year at Station 1 on Nye Road and Station 2 on Bowhall Road. At Station 1 there was a new patio deck built at the back of the station replacing an old set of stairs. At Station 2, some dorm space was renovated into a locker room and a full bathroom was expanded and fully renovated. All these improvements were done by the firemen at the station saving the Township tens of thousands in labor costs. We are very lucky and grateful for their hard work.

2023 has also been a successful year for our community events. Our St. Patrick's Parade was one of our best yet featuring many new participants and thousands of spectators! This parade has really grown into a fun, well attended event. We held another outdoor community movie night on a beautiful late July evening. Dozens of families and residents attended, and a great time was had by all. Our 10th Painesville Township Family Fun Day took place in late August and was a marvelous event. We added some new attractions and activities and had a beautiful sunny day that added to the success of the day. In September we hosted our annual resident document shredding sponsored by my fellow Trustees Josh Pennock, Chuck Hillier, Fiscal Officer Mike Patriarca and me. We covered the cost of this event as a way of giving back to the residents. We have one

more event for 2023 which is our Children's Christmas Party hosted at the Painesville Township Park Metropark. Just like the document shredding event, most of the costs of our events are covered by sponsors rather than using taxpayer dollars.

Lastly, Painesville Township has seen some outstanding business growth and investment, including both national businesses, as well as local, small businesses. The new Starbucks project on Mentor Avenue is nearly complete and soon to open. Charley's Cheesesteaks, located next to O'Reilly Auto Parts on Mentor Avenue, is moving along nicely and should be opening in the coming months. The Popeye's Kitchen project should begin work any day now with a target opening of early 2024. Madison Avenue has seen its share of investment by small business owners; what was previously known as Carlone's Ice Cream was purchased and renovated by local husband and wife Jesse & Tasha Malner, becoming Lily's Sweet 22 Ice Cream. If you haven't had a chance to check it out, you should! They made the place look amazing and serve up some great treats. Next door, 1922 Coffee & Brew, who is already a gem in our Township, made some substantial updates and improvements to their interior. The owners, Brian and Lori Richards, knocked down some walls and expanded the dining area into what was once the recently retired tattoo business. The updates really take

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**In the Township**

*November 18 and December 2*  
Residential Curbside Leaf Pickup

*January 2 – January 19, 2024*  
Curbside Christmas Tree Pickup

*December 16*  
Children's Christmas Party



# FIRE DEPARTMENT

## *From the Desk of* **Fire Chief Eric Burchak**

So much has happened since April's newsletter. We have a new fire chief, a new Lieutenant and a few brand new part-time firefighters.

First off, I want to thank Chief Franklin Huffman once again for his leadership, his dedication and most of all, his patience with me. Coming from the City was a bit of a culture shock, both in the department and in the region. I have to say, I absolutely adore Painesville Township and our fire department is nothing short of amazing. What an impressive group of characters we have! We are lucky to have such a skilled and dedicated group of firefighters at the ready. I must also tip my hat to the surrounding communities, Fairport Harbor, Grand River, Painesville City, Perry, etc. They have all been so supportive of my entry into PTFD. I cannot thank them all enough. Lake County has a feel of family and I plan to reciprocate their generosity and kindness.

I would be remiss if I did not recognize new Lieutenant William Whalen. His hard work and dedication has paid off. He scored number one on our promotional test and has been elevated for his efforts. He has proven to be a valuable asset to PTFD. I also would like to welcome two of our new, and very ambitious, part-time firefighters. Sean Turchon and Jacob Brueggeman. Sean has hit the ground running and has impressed us at every turn. Jacob starts this month and I expect no less from him. I am always seeking new members for our fire department; hiring residents of Painesville Township is the ultimate goal. If you are interested in a career as a PTFD firefighter, I will put you on the right track and turn you into a "smoke eater".

As I hope you were all aware, we hosted three "community appreciation day" events at your three fire stations. I trust at the time of this publication, they were all a big hit and provided the community with some insight into our operations. I must thank all our sponsors that allowed me to pull this off. I am very mindful of Township dollars and these events had zero impact on our budget due to the generous donations. All our sponsors are listed on our Painesville Township Fire Facebook page, and I encourage you to access the page to view them and support them as they supported us.

As fall approaches, there will be yard cleanup and the dreaded leaf raking. Please do not burn yard waste. The Township will provide yard waste collection including

leaves. Although in some cases we do have some separation between our properties, other parts of the Township can be congested. Burning leaves, or any materials, is not only illegal but could adversely impact your neighbor's health and well-being. We all want to enjoy our homes and yards. Let us not infringe on others when cleaning our yards. In addition, hot embers and sparks can be carried by the wind and ignite nearby structures and vegetation.

Fall will also usher in the end of summer and the cool temperatures. Be sure to have your heating system serviced by a licensed professional so that you'll avoid breakdowns and be comfortable all winter long. Additionally, if you have wood burning appliances as your source of heat or to augment your primary source, please have your chimneys and flues inspected and cleaned if necessary. Chimney service is fairly inexpensive, but can save your home or your life. Chimney fires are stubborn to extinguish and usually result in heavy damage to the home.

Wood burning fires, gas appliances, automobiles and electric generators all produce deadly carbon monoxide. I implore you all to install at least one carbon monoxide detector in your sleeping areas. I would prefer you to install more if able. Also be certain to check your smoke detector batteries on November 5th coinciding with the time change. I will be partnering with the American Red Cross in the near future to bring "operation sound the alarm" to the Township. This program will provide free smoke alarms to all residents who request them. We will even come to your home and install them.

My ultimate goal here as the Chief of the Painesville Township Fire Department is to prevent injuries and fires. This includes injuries to our firefighters which can be accomplished through training and best practices and to prevent injuries and property loss with our residents. This can be accomplished with a robust fire prevention program, smoke detector installations and education. I need your commitment as well; together we can have the safest community in Lake County.

Lastly, I have an open-door policy for all our firefighters and of course, all of you. Please do not hesitate to contact me with your concerns, thoughts, and ideas. I welcome all perspectives and will consider all viewpoints. I appreciate being accepted into the Township family.

Thank you and be well,  
Chief Eric Burchak



# ROAD SERVICE DEPARTMENT

## *From the Desk of Service Director Bill Thompson*

The brush, leaf and yard waste drop-off area is open on Wednesdays from 7:30 am until 3:00 pm and on Saturdays from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. The drop-off site is at our Service Department yard located at 558 Fairport Nursery Road. This service is for Painesville Township residents only. Yard service contractors are not permitted.

We will once again have two residential curbside leaf collections. Saturday, November 18th and Saturday, December 2nd. Please have your bagged leaves at the curb by 7:30 a.m. No plastic bags or loose piles will be picked up.

During the month of November, the leaf drop-off area will be open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and also on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 P.M. The brush drop area will close for the season on Saturday, December 2nd and will open for the 2024 season in early April. More details will be available in our spring newsletter.

All public roads within Painesville Township with concrete curbs were swept two times over the summer with over five tons of debris collected! Street sweeping is provided through the Lake County Stormwater Management Department in an effort to keep debris out of our public storm sewers.

Have you noticed the decorative stamped concrete along Mentor Avenue has a new shine? Our crews seal the stamped concrete every other year and this year we used 185 gallons of sealer.

Our crews cut a lot of grass! Each week we mow Blish cemetery, Town Hall, Station 1, Station 2, Station 3, the Service Garage, Crislip Park, Cicconetti Park, Hadden Park, four cul-de-sac islands and the open area at Fairfield Road and Stratford Road intersection. We also take care of the landscaping and mulch at each of these locations in addition to the landscaping and mulch at the bus shelters on Mentor Avenue.

As part of our roadway maintenance program we use a rubber sealant to seal the cracks in both asphalt and concrete roads. This year we have sealed cracks on over 50 roads using over 20,000 pounds of sealant.

Painesville Township was awarded a \$350,000.00 grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission for road repairs in 2024. The grant will be used for repairs and resurfacing of Dorothea Drive, Hawk Ridge Court and Copperfield Court. More information will be provided to residents affected by this project early next year.

As we start thinking about the winter plowing season, now is a good time to give your mailbox a "tune-up." Check to see if your post is sturdy and tamp the ground around it to prevent wobble. Replace missing screws and nails and make sure the door closes securely. Mailbox shields are available for purchase through the Service Department for \$82.75 and includes installation. Call 440-352-2661 for details.

During snow events, any hills maintained by Painesville Township are given priority and may be plowed and salted more often than other subdivision roads. Not all roads in Painesville Township are maintained by our Service Department. A list of roads maintained by the Lake County Engineer's Office and the Ohio Department of Transportation can be found on our website at [www.painesvilletwp.com](http://www.painesvilletwp.com) under the Service Department tab. Sidewalks are only plowed after all of the roads are taken care of and only certain sidewalks are plowed. That list includes: Mentor Avenue, Fairfield Road (west side only), South Doan Avenue, Fairgrounds Road, Buckeye Road, Madison Avenue, Bowhall and Hale Road.

The curbside Christmas tree collection will be January 2nd through January 19th. Please placed your tree at the curb and remove all lights, decorations and tree stands. Weather conditions may delay this pickup but all trees placed at the curb will be picked up. Call 440-352-2661 with any questions.

With the constant rising costs of postage and printing, we are shifting toward the digital delivery of the newsletter. Not only will this save money, it also allows us to get more information to you, in a much timelier manner. Please sign up for electronic delivery of the newsletter directly to your email on our website at [www.painesvilletwp.com](http://www.painesvilletwp.com).

The Township also has an app available for both iOS and Android users to deliver immediate updates and activities in the Township.

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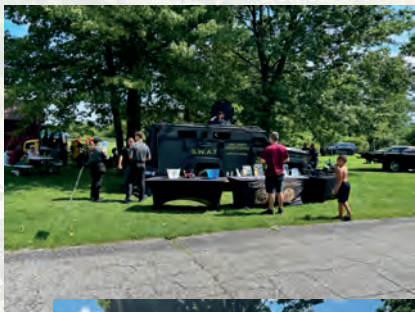




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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

The annual Family Fun Day took place on August 26, with sunny skies and a day full of family entertainment. This event is made possible by our generous sponsors. Mark your calendars for next year's Fun Day, slated for August 24!



The annual Children's Christmas Party is scheduled for December 16 at Painesville Township Park. The event is free to attend, however families will need to register in advance. This event books up quickly, so watch Facebook and your inbox for dates to register!

## TRUSTEE NOTES cont.

their facility to another level and look outstanding. Lastly, moving down just a couple doors is the little plaza at the corner of Madison Ave and Park Road. This plaza was purchased by Painesville Township resident Terry King who has invested substantial resources in updating and improving the building. This plaza is now fully occupied by successful local small businesses, the majority of which are owned and operated by Painesville Township Residents. The final business I want to mention is Morris Chiropractic, which occupies the old bank building on the corner of Normandy and Mentor Ave. They have made an extensive investment into improvements and expanding this facility. It is simply amazing the transformation this old building has had. Stop in and see! This is just a sample of the improvements and investments we have seen in our Township

this year. There is much more I could share but only have so much space but want to make sure that all businesses know how much we appreciate the opportunity they see in our community. A thriving business community is important to the success of a Township like ours. We cannot express how great it is to see so many business owners investing in Painesville Township!

In closing, all of us at Painesville Township Hall are thrilled with the wonderful things that have happened this year and look forward to a great 2024. We are an outstanding community because of our employees, residents, and businesses. Thank you to everyone that continues to help make our Township so outstanding. Have a great Holiday season and enjoy the rest of the year.

Gabe Cicconetti

*The Township Hall Meeting Room is now available for non-profit and charitable groups to use free of charge. The room can be reserved by calling Township Hall at 440-352-1443, or sending an email to [kmuro@painesvilletwp.com](mailto:kmuro@painesvilletwp.com). The room must be reserved a minimum of seven days before the event. Ask for Karen. The room is not available for private parties.*