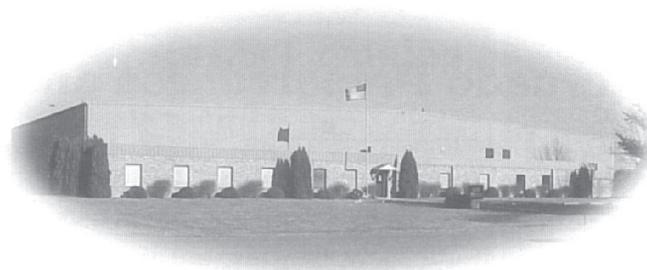


Dover Township *News*



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6:00 p.m. at Twp. Hall*

Trustee Notes . . .

A thankful heart at this time of year, especially that despite property damage, no major injuries occurred from the tornado that affected part of our township. Many residents and neighbors assisted with cleanup and also a thank you to the road crew for their work in the cleanup process. We urge all residents to review their emergency preparedness plans. Discussion is underway to add an additional tornado siren in the Pleasant Hill area. We continue to work to keep the roads safe and make improvements throughout the township. Preparations have begun to have equipment and supplies ready for snow removal and keeping township roads safe for winter weather travel. We encourage you to take time to look for ways to do a kind deed and help a neighbor in need. Enjoy the upcoming holiday season.

Get Instant Updates Regarding Latest Scams

By Sheriff Walt Wilson

The Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office would like to inform the public about a new way to receive information regarding the latest scams. The Ohio Attorney General's Office has introduced a new scam widget that allows citizens to receive instant updates regarding fraudulent activity targeting hardworking, law-biding citizens. This widget can be downloaded at www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/ConsumerSummit. Citizens can also access it at www.co.tuscarawas.oh.us/sheriff under scams and frauds.

We know that con artists will use any means for their illicit gains. By receiving warnings concerning the latest scams, the public will be better informed and hopefully will be less likely to fall prey to these scams.

If you believe you have been the victim of a scam or a fraud, please contact the Sheriff's Office at 330-339-2000. Citizens can also contact the Ohio Attorney General's Office at 800-282-0515 or at www.SpeakOutOhio.gov.

TORNADO INFORMATION AND SAFETY TIPS FROM THE DOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The recent tornado that struck the Crooked Run & Pleasant Hill area of Dover Township has caused concern and raised questions about tornado safety. It is apparent that three tornadoes, two confirmed and one unconfirmed, have caused damage in this same area since 1969. The 1969 incident caused damage in a very limited area, and according to witnesses of the aftereffects, it is quite likely that this incident was a brief tornado touchdown; the other two touchdowns are well documented. It is unknown whether the topography of the valley and the surrounding area contributes to weather patterns that spawn tornado activity in this area, but given three incidences over forty-odd years in the same area, it seems prudent to take reasonable proactive measures. Dover Township has tried to place warning sirens in logical positions that will cover more densely populated areas and they will continue to look to the future as areas develop and populations increase in certain locations. At this time it would require more than thirty sirens to completely cover all of Dover Township. Presently the trustees are looking at adding an additional outdoor warning siren in the Pleasant Hill area to improve warning for residents in this vicinity. Keep in mind, sirens are provided to warn people who are outdoors and should not be expected to be clearly heard inside buildings. The purpose is to get those who are outside to seek shelter.

While the sirens are sounded once a year for the state-wide test, and occasionally for a very brief period during maintenance, the only other time you will hear the siren is during a tornado warning. If either an official NOAA warning has been transmitted or local authorities have made the discretionary decision, based upon sound information, that there is reason to believe a tornado is or will be in the vicinity the siren will be sounded. If a tornado "watch" is issued for your area, it means that a tornado is "possible." If a tornado "warning" is issued, it means that a tornado has actually been spotted, or is strongly indicated on radar, and it is time to go to a safe shelter immediately. The tornado sirens are only sounded to indicate a "warning".

Now is a good time to review the types of things to think about to be prepared if a tornado strikes. One of the most important things you can do to prevent being injured in a tornado is to be ALERT to the onset of severe weather. Most deaths and injuries happen to people who are unaware. Those who ignore the weather may not perceive the danger.

If you don't regularly watch or listen to the weather report, but strange clouds start moving in and the weather begins to look stormy, turn to the local radio or television

station to get the weather forecast. Residents may want to consider purchasing a "NOAA weather radio", but should be aware that it is still vital to pay attention to current weather conditions and take reasonable precautions. The two tornadoes that recently struck Dover Township offered little or no warning other than severe weather conditions occurring just prior to the touchdowns.

The following are possible warning signs, some or all of these signs may occur prior to a tornado-

- A sickly greenish or greenish black color to the sky
- Sudden strong and unusual winds which either abruptly change directions or seem to be coming from two directions
- If there is a watch or warning posted, then the fall of hail should be considered as a real danger sign
- A strange quiet that occurs within or shortly after the thunderstorm, perhaps with a dramatic clearing accompanying the stillness
- Clouds moving by very fast, especially in a rotating pattern or converging toward one area of the sky
- A sound a little like a waterfall or rushing air at first, but turning into a roar as it comes closer, however, there is not always a characteristic sound associated with a tornado
- Debris dropping from the sky
- An obvious "funnel-shaped" cloud that is rotating, or debris such as branches or leaves being pulled upwards, even if no funnel cloud is visible
- Aftereffects of a tornado can be trees and other damage that seems to radiate in different directions- wind incidents, micro-bursts and similar activity will tend to leave damage patterns generally in one direction.

Remember that although tornadoes usually move from southwest to northeast, they have been known to move in other directions.

Encourage your family members to plan for their own safety in many different locations. It is important to make decisions about the safest places well BEFORE you ever have to go to them. The following are things to consider in planning for tornado preparedness:

Places of shelter include your basement, away from the west and south walls. Hiding under a heavy work-table or under the stairs will protect the family from crumbling walls, chimneys, and large airborne debris falling into the cellar. A family in Alabama area survived when a hutch toppled

and was held up by the dining room table they were under. If there is little or no warning, get on the floor, facedown, or duck into the bathroom or a closet, as the walls are close together and may provide "box-like" protection. Getting into the bathtub may be a good idea. The extra framing that it takes to put a bathroom together may make a big difference. If there is no downstairs bathroom and the closets are all packed with "stuff," a hall may be the best shelter. Put as many walls as you can between yourself and the tornado.

If you are in a building other than your home, the things you need to consider are-

- Go to interior rooms and halls on the lowest floor
- Stay away from glass enclosed places or areas with wide-span roofs such as auditoriums, theaters, and warehouses
- Crouch down and cover your head
- Deaths have occurred in large, single story department stores. They have occurred inside the building when the roof or wide span brick walls collapsed. A corner would be safer than the middle of the wall. A bathroom, closet, office, or maintenance room with short walls would be the safest area, especially if it was on the north or east side of the building.

While for years we in Ohio thought in terms of a "tornado season", no such patterns seem to exist anymore because of the recent changes in weather patterns. The very best thing to do is to plan ahead, talk with and go over safety considerations with your family, have tornado "drills", and stay alert and aware when threatening weather occurs.

Stay Safe!

TUSCARAWAS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWS

Tuscarawas Soil and Water Conservation District has relocated. Our new office is located within the Dover Township building at 2201 Progress Street, Suite B, Dover, Ohio 44622. Our phone number remains the same (330) 339-7976.

The 67th Tuscarawas Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 4, 2010 at St. John's Church in Dover (409 N. Wooster Ave.). Events for the evening will include election of Supervisors, dinner, presentation of awards and Dr. James Tew speaking on Bee Keeping. Voting for Supervisors will take place from 6:00 to 7:00 pm with the results announced at the meeting. Tickets are \$10.00 per person. Please call for more information. Hope you can join us.....

Norma Johnson Center News

2011 Memberships now Available - Memberships are from October through September. By giving to this fund you are helping to support NJC's mission of "promoting the conservation and preservation of natural resources through education community outreach and personal experience." Various levels are available. Go to www.normajohnsoncenter.com for more information.

Upcoming Activities

Santa's Workshop—November 20, 2010

Open to children 5 years old and older. Each child must be registered and workshop is limited to 30 participants. \$35 fee is due upon registration. Participants can make the following presents:

- Bird House
- Sew a rice therapeutic neck rest
- Paint a Garden Stone
- Create a stamped photo frame
- Tye Dye a pillow case
- Roll Beeswax candles and create table napkins

Celebrate the Season - held at the Red Barn on Conservation Drive - December 18, 2010, 1:00 to 5:00

Petting Zoo, Winter Hike, Story Time, Santa Requests, Craft tables

Homeschool Wednesday

On the second Wednesday of each month from 9 to 11, the NJC will offer a free conservation topic to the homeschooled community. Pre-registration is required. Next session will be November 10, 2010. Please call the office for details. 330.339.7976

Planning Ahead for 2011

February 12, Winter Hike from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Meet at Picnic Shelter

March 12, Woodcock Walk at dusk. Meet at Picnic Shelter
April 9, Eagle Watch from 9:00 to 12:00. Meet at Brandywine Center

April 23, Earth Day Clean Up from 9:00 to 12:00. Meet at Yellow Pole Barn

April 23, Make and Take your own Rain Barrel Workshop 1:00 to 4:00 PM, \$55/barrel, Program in Yellow Pole Barn



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Pumpkin Dip

8 oz. cream cheese, softened

2 c. powdered sugar

15 oz. can pumpkin pie mix

1 tsp. cinnamon

½ tsp. ginger



Combine cream cheese and powdered sugar.

Mix well, then add remaining ingredients.

Chill. Delicious with your favorite ginger, molasses, or spice cookies, or try with apple slices or graham crackers.

TOWNSHIP ZONING INFORMATION

Dover Township is zoned. Please be aware that changes or additions to your property need to meet all zoning requirements. More information is available from the Township Zoning Inspector, Hubert Egler. He is at the township office on Mondays from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Save time and money; please obtain any needed permits prior to starting your projects.

Dining with Diabetes at the Holidays

Dining with Diabetes is a nutrition education program and cooking school for people with diabetes and their family members or caregivers. Each session includes a lesson about diabetes management and food planning, food demonstrations and tasting, and a guest speaker.

Dining with Diabetes is presented by local Ohio State University Extension staff, Chris Kendle and Linda Krupa, both Registered Dietitians, and Susan Morris, Registered Dietitian and Certified Diabetes Educator.

This series of meetings will be held November 29, December 6, and December 13, 2010, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the Broadway United Methodist Church, 120 Church Avenue SE, New Philadelphia. Cost is \$18 per person or \$30 per couple (person with diabetes and spouse or another caregiver) - this covers three sessions, materials, food sampling, and a 3 month reunion class. Registration deadline is November 22, 2010.

For questions or to register, call Tuscarawas County's Office of OSU Extension at 330-339-2337.