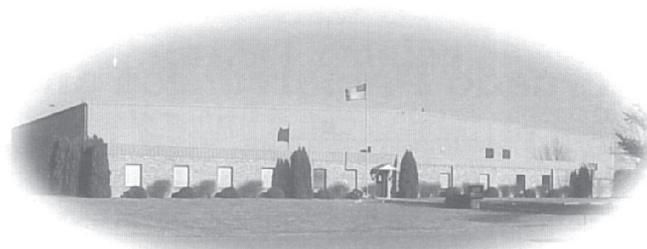


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Sheriff's Office Awarded Traffic Enforcement Grant Again

By Sheriff Walt Wilson

In our effort to decrease alcohol and speed related accidents and fatalities within our County, the Sheriff's Office has once again been awarded federal funding from the Ohio Traffic Safety Office (OTSO) for increased traffic enforcement. The 2012 High Visibility Enforcement Overtime grant will provide 100 percent reimbursement for 700 hours of overtime for stepped-up traffic enforcement. This year's award is for \$28,072.28.

The Sheriff's Office has received this grant for the past three years and it has resulted in over 850 traffic enforcement citations – with over 660 of those resulting in speeding citations.

There are 16 scheduled details throughout the grant period with a majority of them occurring around the various holidays. These details focus on speeding, aggressive driving and OVI enforcement.

The grant begins October 2011 and will end September 2012.

Trustee Notes . . .

Here it is fall again, what a wet summer! As Dover Township trustees, we would like to take this opportunity to explain the township's latest property acquisition as it pertains to our township garage and offices. Prior to 1999 Dover Township had their garage, office, and salt bins at the Donald Street location. It became apparent at that time that the township had outgrown these facilities and needed to either purchase another building or purchase property and build one. The trustees at that time evaluated the township's finances and decided that purchasing the current facility on Progress Street was the best option. The price was within the township's budget and the location was desirable due to talk of an exit ramp off of I-77 in the future. This purchase was made in 1999 and the township office and garage were moved to Progress Street. The Donald Street property was retained for the use of the salt bins and the remainder of that facility was rented out. This move was made with the expectation of finding a more desirable location within the township in the future, and the thought that the Progress Street property would increase in value.

Fast forward to now. The owner of the "old brick yard on Red Hill", aka the Gordon Refrigeration property, approached the trustees to see if we were or knew of anyone interested in purchasing that property. Our conversations led us to enter into an arrangement to trade the Red Hill property for the Donald St. property. After checking with our legal counsel, the Tuscarawas County Prosecutor, and the County Auditor to make sure this would be a legal and ethical transaction, all details were worked out and the transaction was completed. Dover Township is now in the process of beautifying and upgrading the "Red Hill" property and will be moving their equipment there soon. In the future this move will allow us to consolidate all our equipment, bins, and offices to one location. We have also scheduled an auction for Oct 29th at 9:00 am to sell our present facilities at Progress St. This will not be an absolute auction. We have established a minimum bid; if that bid is not met we will not sell. This building with five acres is in a very desirable location and could easily be leased if we have a no sale at this time. We will keep you, as residents, informed on the status of these moves.

Several other items of interest include Election Day and Fracking

Election Day will soon be here, we urge you to exercise your right to vote. One important issue on the November ballot is the Dover Schools Levy. We ask you to research so you can make an informed decision whether Dover should build a new high school in the north end of Dover. If the plan presented is not what you believe to be the best for the school system, consider getting involved. A strong school system is very important to having a strong, productive community. There are also other state issues and local races to be informed about as well.

"Fracking" - a new catchword for Dover Township. Experts tell us it is not a matter of if, but when the oil and gas boom comes to us. Rest assured your trustees are staying informed as to the benefits as well the dangers and concerns this raises. We have attended seminars on the subject and have researched road maintenance agreements. We know there will be substantial impact, both good and bad. It is our job to help minimize the bad and accentuate the good. To the residents that have been contacted or are negotiating a lease for their gas rights, don't be in a hurry and take time to research your options.

As always, feel free to contact any of us with questions or comments you may have.

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Around the Township

John Karl, Steve Miller, and Doug Kendle, the township road supervisor and road crew, have spent a busy spring and summer taking care of the township roads. Five miles of roadways received new chip and seal and 1.2 miles were blacktopped. Patching and repairing on other sections of the roads used approximately 400 ton of blacktop. Culverts were replaced at nine locations and five miles of ditching was completed. In between these projects the approximately 48 miles of roadway sides were mowed two times. As we head into fall and winter, the guys will be completing the third round of mowing and readying the equipment for the inevitable rounds of plowing and salting that will be necessary to keep the roadways cleared and safe for travel.



*We thank Thee, Lord, for quiet upland lawns,
For misty loveliness of autumn dawns,
For gold and russet of the ripened fruit,
For yet another year's fulfillment, Lord,
We thank Thee now. ---Elizabeth Gould*