For over 200 years, people have been calling our community home, and on September 6, 1816, it officially became Jefferson Township. This year we will celebrate and remember our history with stories and facts about “the way it was,” and how we came to be the Jefferson Township we know and love today.

The Armstrong Family -

- Early in the 19th century, William and Amelia Armstrong settled along present-day Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road, building a one-room cabin. They had seven children.
- Around 1812, Amelia, and children Sarah, Ruben and Abraham were killed in an Indian attack. At the same time, three other children, Sample, Sanderson and Mary were kidnapped.
- William decided to leave his young son Robert to care for the home while he searched for his kidnapped children.
- After several years, William tracked down Sample and Sanderson living with an Indian tribe. The boys were returned.
- It was discovered that Mary had been adopted by a family in Canada, and William resigned to give up the search for her.
- After returning home, William, Sample, and Sanderson found the cabin long abandoned. Sadly, the family never heard what happened to Robert.
- Years later, Sample Armstrong became the sole owner of the family homestead and adjacent stone quarry. Sample was gifted two stone carvings by his brother Sanderson. The carvings depicted the original Armstrong pioneer cabin and the words, “Armstrong Place, Since 1812,” the year their father William was given title to the lands.
Those carvings can still be seen on two stone pillars in front of the Armstrong homestead on Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road. The property is still in the family, owned by the great-great grandchildren of William Armstrong.

The information above was referenced from “As It Was in Gahanna and Jefferson Township Franklin County, Ohio,” written by Jean Jarvis in 2005.

In order to become a better local government for our residents and business community, the Jefferson Township Board of Trustees has made a commitment to improve communications and financial transparency within the township.

Visit jeffersontownship.org/government/transparency to view the complete report!

May - Prioritizing Road Maintenance

Last November, Jefferson Township voters approved a 10-year, 2.8 mill road levy, generating $1,162,258 in annual revenue for the repair and maintenance of township roads, operating expenses, and vehicle replacement. For the first year of the levy, your trustees have approved an aggressive maintenance program, totaling $708,566 for crack sealing, resurfacing, and a flexible asphalt overlay. These are three of the four types of maintenance that will generally be seen on Jefferson Township roads; future years may also include reconstruction projects.

Several factors are considered when prioritizing road projects, including the pavement condition, traffic volume, and the type of maintenance and funding necessary to repair the road. Your trustees are committed to addressing the township’s most deteriorated roads, focusing on a preventative maintenance program to extend the life of roads in good condition, and avoiding costly repairs in the future.

Maintenance needs in the township range from preventative maintenance crack-sealing to full reconstruction, which involves removing existing (badly deteriorated) roadways and rebuilding to modern construction standards. Cost for reconstruction varies greatly based on the complexity of the project.

Roads requiring reconstruction will be scheduled based on cost and priority during the ten year period of the levy.

August - Waste Management Contract Renewed for 1 Year

Your trustees recently extended the current contract for trash, recycling and yard waste collection with Waste Management for one year. Effective October 1, 2016, the base rate will be $15.02 per month ($45.06 per quarter) through September 30, 2017.

In order to improve customer experience, Waste Management has provided two new methods of contact for residents who need to:

- establish a new account
- schedule a bulk pickup
- communicate an issue you are experiencing with an existing account (ex. missed pickup)

Your Direct Connection to WM!

Please utilize the contact info below rather than the phone number and website printed on your Waste Management bill.

Email customerservice_MIOHIN@wm.com

Phone 866-797-9018

Visit jeffersontownship.org for more information about waste collection services.

Did You Know?

Jefferson Township residents can schedule the pickup of one bulk item per week at no extra charge.

Bulk pickup items include furniture, carpet, appliances, mattresses and box springs, and lumber products.

To schedule your bulk pickup, use the contact information listed to the left.
Thank you to everyone for helping us celebrate 200 years at our three Bicentennial celebration events this summer! We had a blast at the Summer Kick-off Concert in June, Ice Cream Social in July, and at the Hog Roast in August!

Thank you to our Summer Event Series Sponsors

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Crack Repair

Crack sealing, a procedure in which cracks in the pavement are sealed using a flexible form of asphalt, was performed on a total of 49 township roads in 2016. Larger cracks on some of those roads were hand repaired by the township service crew, including:

- Morrison Farms Drive
- Aspen Ridge Drive
- Hickory Valley Drive
- Birch Creek Drive
- Braden Way
- Cloveview Street
- Willow Brook Crossing Court
- Waterview Court
- Streamview Court
- Rameys Run Court and Drive

These larger defects would not have been repairable using the crack sealing process.

Resurfacing (mill/fill)

In resurfacing, the top 1.5 inches of asphalt are milled off and a new layer is overlaid on the road. This maintenance technique is ideal for roads that have been built to modern standards, such as those in the majority of township subdivisions. The following roads were resurfaced:

- Blacklick Ridge Blvd *
- Chatuqay Way *
- Creek Hollow Road *
- Fox Chase Drive
- Fox Lake Drive
- Fox Hall Road
- Havens Road *
- Kesegs Way
- Shull Road *
- Stonewyck Drive
- Unbridled Way
- Wyatt Way
* Indicates segment of the road

Flexible Asphalt Overlay

This maintenance technique involves overlaying a flexible asphalt over the existing pavement, followed by a chip seal (asphalt and stone) application within a few years. The township previously utilized this technique on Dixon Road in 2013 and 2015, and the applications have been successful in extending the life of the road.

Havens Road between Mann Road and Keltonhurst Drive, and between Waggoner Road and Dixon Road was approved for overlay and the treatment is scheduled for October or November.

Ohio Public Works Grant

Havens Road between Keltonhurst Drive and Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road has additional concerns beyond pavement conditions that need addressed. The township applied for grant funding from the Ohio Public Works Commission to address, among other issues, the road profile, width, s-curve, and the intersection at Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road. Grant awards will be announced in late December.

Don’t Let Leaves Leave Your Lawn

Fall is the season of vibrant colors, rich aromas, comfort foods, and layered clothing. Days grow shorter and leaves begin to show hues of reds, oranges, and yellows before finally making their way onto your lawn. What was once sought after for that perfect fall photo is now layered across your yard for you to manage.

One of the most popular management options is to rake leaves into a pile, and then watch helplessly as kids and the wind scatter the leaves everywhere before you can bag them. Burning leaves pollutes our air, while raking them to the curb can inadvertently send them down storm drains and into our creeks and ponds. But just leaving them on the lawn blocks air and sunlight from reaching turf, and can cause disease or smother grass. Don’t want the hassle of raking? There’s another way!

Deep tree roots do a great job of retrieving trace elements from the soil. You can recycle these nutrients by simply mulching your leaves with your mower. Microbes and worms help break down leaf material, adding important organic matter and nutrients to your turf. Returning lawn clippings and leaf material to your lawn can reduce the need to fertilize by up to 30% at no cost to you!

Try mowing leaf material often to ensure that a half-inch of grass is still visible. Mulched leaves will decompose and disappear by spring, and your lawn will green up nicely.

Article originally published by Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District 10/21/2015

Remember
No Touch - No Disturb Open Spaces
Open spaces are not a good home for yard waste.
Bag or bundle yard waste for curbside collection on pickup day.
Come Soon: Boehnke Nature Preserve

Explore nature close to home

Longtime township resident Phyllis Boehnke passed away in 2011, donating her home and 20 acres of wooded oasis to Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks. Seizing an opportunity to share the land with our residents, the township signed a lease agreement with Metro Parks for the property located on Clark State Road, for $1 per year.

Years of planning and three Eagle Scout projects later, the park is nearing completion, and is set to open in spring 2017.

“He loved the woods and the Rocky Fork Creek along Clark State Road, where she and her husband built their home,” said Trustee Mike Rowan.

“She wanted to protect that land from development and share it with our community. We’ve decided to keep it as natural as possible so that everyone can enjoy it, just as she did.”

Grass and dirt trails weave through a meadow and woods, and a meandering creek invites play.

The township extends a huge thank you to three Eagle Scouts for their hard work in readying this park for the public.

Luke Hess took on the monumental task of constructing a parking lot from scratch, as well as clearing out scrub from around the entrance to the property, and building a sign for posting rules and announcements.

Brian Foresi tackled an impressive demolition project, tearing down a dilapidated and unsafe barn.

Will Mignery used his creativity to design and construct the park’s first trail system. By design, the trails are simple and natural, and wearing boots is highly encouraged!

Steve Miller Memorial

In February of this year, Jefferson Township lost a loyal friend in Steve Miller. Ever since calling this community home in 1983, Steve was dedicated to preserving the characteristics that truly make Jefferson Township an exceptional place to live.

He served as Jefferson Township Trustee from 1986 to 1997, and on the board of the Jefferson Water and Sewer District since 2002.

Steve was instrumental in forming the District in 1987 to provide water and sewer service to the residents of the township. The ability to provide this service to our residents has enabled the township to protect its borders from annexation, promote smart growth, and preserve our natural resources and rural character. Jefferson Township would not be what it is today if not for his foresight and commitment over the past 30 years.

In memory of Steve and in gratitude for his dedication to this township, a memorial gazebo is planned for Boehnke Nature Preserve, set to open spring 2017.

Donations Accepted

If you are interested in donating to the memorial project, please contact Kelly Kiener at 614-304-0133 or kkiener@jeffersontownship.org
How old are your smoke alarms? The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) requires smoke alarms be replaced at least every 10 years. What does that mean for you? It means check the manufacture date on the bottom or side of all smoke alarms in your home, and replace them ten years from that date. You should also maintain your smoke alarms by testing them once a month and replacing the batteries twice a year. If one smoke alarm starts chirping, it’s a good idea to change the batteries in all of your alarms. Don’t neglect hardwired smoke alarms, they also contain batteries that need to be tested and replaced regularly.

Some new smoke alarms come with sealed-in lithium batteries that are projected to last the ten-year lifespan of the alarm. These smoke alarms are designed to eliminate the worry about battery replacement, and are especially good for elderly homeowners. You should still test this type of smoke alarm monthly to ensure the battery is working properly.

TEACH YOUR KIDS FIRE SAFETY! HELP THEM PRACTICE!

- If your clothes catch on fire, STOP, DROP, cover your face, and ROLL until the fire is out.
- If you see smoke, GET LOW and GO... crawl fast and low under smoke.
- GET OUT and STAY OUT! Know two ways out and have a safe meeting place outside. Call 9-1-1
- Know your address and know your phone number.

Remember
Daylight Savings Time Ends
Sunday, Nov. 6
Turn your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday night.
Test your smoke alarm batteries.

Township Transitions from CodeRED to ALERT Franklin County for Emergency Notifications

This January 2017, Jefferson Township will begin using ALERT Franklin County to keep residents, staff, and emergency personnel safe and informed with quick and reliable emergency notifications and public service announcements.

Emergency and weather alerts will no longer be sent via CodeRED in 2017. Residents currently subscribed to CodeRED notifications will need to re-register for ALERT Franklin County.

Jefferson Township will use ALERT Franklin County to notify residents about a variety of events, ranging from severe weather, fire, floods, and other emergencies, to more routine announcements, such as road closures and maintenance. Messages will be sent to residents via their preferred method of contact - cell phone, text, home phone, or email - to ensure real-time access to potentially lifesaving information.

“We have a commitment to ensure public safety, community awareness, and emergency response,” said Fire Chief Brad Shull. “To uphold this, when critical information and public service announcements are available, we need to reach our residents as quickly and reliably as possible.” Sign up today!

Residents are encouraged to register now to receive these alerts. You can register online at alertfranklincounty.org or call 614-304-0133 to request a registration form via US mail.
A good question to ask yourself when determining if you need a permit for your home improvement project is:

Is it larger than 3’ x 3’?

If the answer is yes, you probably need a permit. Decks, paver patios, fences, pergolas, pools and pool accessories, driveway replacements, home additions, and interior remodeling are all examples of projects that require residents to obtain an Other Compliance Permit through the Jefferson Township zoning and building department.

“The zoning resolution and permitting process benefits all residents of Jefferson Township by protecting property values and neighborhoods, and by ensuring that our community remains exceptional,” said Zoning Administrator Charles McCroskey.

The Application Process

Our zoning and building staff pride themselves on making the permitting process as seamless as possible. Staff are always willing to help determine if a project is allowed under the zoning resolution, and with ensuring that the proper documentation is in place to move forward with construction.

To apply for an Other Compliance Permit, you will need the following:

- Application → available online at jeffersontownship.org
- Site plan drawn to scale → more about this below
- Payment → we accept check and money order

Site Plans Drawn to Scale

If you’re planning to expand your deck or patio, or install a do-it-yourself fence, a site plan may sound daunting. We’re here to help.

Check the closing documents for your house - many will include the site plan. If you can’t locate one, contact our zoning and building department, we may have it on file. For many small projects, an accurately measured sketch on the existing site plan will suffice for your compliance permit.

If you live in a subdivision, make sure you include a letter of project approval from your HOA with your Other Compliance Permit application.

Some of the regulations involved with home occupations include:
- No alterations to the appearance of the home that would cause it to differ from a residential character
- No more than one non-resident employee
- No equipment or processes which create noise, vibration, glare, fumes, odors, or electrical interference
- No signs or outside storage of any kind related to the home occupation

Some home occupations that do not meet the above criteria may be allowed with a Conditional Use Permit approved by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Questions?

Contact our zoning and building department Monday-Thursday 9-5 and Friday 9-1 at 614-855-4265.

Visit jeffersontownship.org to view and download permits.
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