

**NILE TOWNSHIP OFFICE** **740-858-4777**

**Hours: Monday-Friday 7am to 3pm**

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**NILE TOWNSHIP EMS** **740-858-4776**  
**(for emergencies call 911)**

**NILE TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**STATION 1 (Friendship)** **740-858-4042**

**STATION 2 (Buena Vista)** **740-858-5333**  
**(for emergencies call 911)**

**Trustees:**

Matt Reiser-Chairman

Earl Swords, Jr.-Vice Chairman

Mike Journey-Trustee

**Fiscal Officer:** Chris Norman

**Fire Chief:** Matt Taylor

**Road and Bridge Supervisor:** Barry Davis

**Road and Bridge Laborer:** Job Swords

**Administrative Assistant to the Fiscal Officer:** Tammy Flannery

# Nile Township News

NILE TOWNSHIP, THE HEART OF THE “LITTLE SMOKIES”

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## EVENTS:

### 55 CLUB MEETING

1st Monday of each month  
at noon at the  
community building. New  
members are always  
welcome. Contact Bill  
Tipton for information.

### TRUSTEES’ MEETING SCHEDULE

- March 13th
- April 10th
- May 8th
- June 12th
- July 10th
- August 14th
- September 11th
- October 9th
- November 13th
- December 11th

All meetings begin at 7:00  
pm at the Office of the Nile  
Township Trustees.

Everyone is welcome.

Times and dates are subject  
to change. Changes will be  
posted on our Facebook  
page and the township sign.

## ANNUAL SPRING CLEANUP

The annual Spring Cleanup has been set for  
**Friday, May 3rd and Saturday, May 4th  
from 8 am to 6 pm** at the Township Complex  
located at 12215 US Highway 52. The Spring  
Cleanup will also be held at the Buena Vista  
Fire Department on **Friday, May 3rd from 8  
am to 6 pm. Permits will not be  
required, you must show proof of  
residency at the cleanup site.**



### APPLICABLE RULES:

- **Resident of Nile Township ONLY**
- **No large truck or tractor tires, only automobile and light truck  
tires without the rims will be permitted**
- **No hazardous waste such as paint, solvents, chemicals, etc.**
- **No appliances with Freon**
- **Loose items such as shingles, brush, insulation, etc. must be  
placed in bags or boxes**
- **You will be required to unload your own vehicle. Township will  
only assist, if necessary**

**TOWNSHIP NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGE TO VEHICLES**

**Mark your calendars!**



### TRUSTEES' CORNER



- For updated township information, check out our website at [www.niletownship.org](http://www.niletownship.org) or find us on Facebook at “Nile Township”. As always, should you have any questions, concerns or complaints, please contact the office during business hours.
- Please note that the Township Facebook page is **not** monitored 24/7. If you have an issue that needs to be addressed, please contact the office during business hours. If after hours, please contact one of your trustees.
- In 2023, the “Covid Funds” were used to pave the walking track and parking lots, to purchase and install a new playground structure for the community building, to purchase a pickup truck, a skid steer and trailer for the Road and Bridge Department. We have also ordered a new playground structure to be installed in Buena Vista this spring.
- The 2024 Holiday Schedule for Nile Township:
  - May 27th-Memorial Day
  - June 19th-Juneteenth
  - July 4th-Independence Day
  - September 2nd-Labor Day
  - October 14th-Columbus/Indigenous People Day
  - November 11th– Veterans Day
  - November 28th & 29th-Thanksgiving
  - December 24th & 25th-Christmas
- 2024 Cemetery fees:
  - Grave-\$400 per grave
  - Opening/closing traditional burial-\$500.00
  - Opening/closing cremation burial-\$100.00
  - Foundations-\$60/square foot
  - Veterans Markers-no charge
- 2024 Office Hours
  - Monday-Friday 7am to 3pmOffice may be closed while the Administrative Assistant goes to lunch, runs errands or is on vacation.

**NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: [www.niletwptrustees@gmail.com](mailto:www.niletwptrustees@gmail.com)**

# KID'S CORNER



## FIRE SAFETY WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

- ALARM
- BUILDING
- CRAWL
- DETECTOR
- DRILL
- DROP
- EMERGENCY
- ESCAPE
- EXIT
- EXTINGUISHER
- FLASHLIGHT
- HOME
- LADDER
- PLAN
- PREPARE
- PREVENT
- ROLL
- SIREN
- SMART
- SMOKE
- STOP
- TRUCK
- WINDOWS

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The words appear UP, DOWN, BACKWARDS, and  
DIAGONALLY. Find and circle each word.



**REMINDERS FOR EMERGENCIES**

- When you have an emergency at night, please turn your porch light on to help us locate your residence.
- If you use your cell phone to report an emergency, please call 740-354-7566 instead of 911.
- If you live on Upper Twin Creek, please advise 911 if you are closer to SR 125 or US 52, as this will speed up response time.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM**

- We encourage everyone to continue using the Neighborhood Watch Program.
- If you see anything suspicious, please call the Sheriff's Department at 740-354-7566.

**INFORMATION**

- Did you know that the Trustees' office has several pamphlets available FREE to the public? Stop in and pick some up today.
- We have the following pamphlets: Scenic Scioto Heritage Trail, Shawnee State Park, Shawnee State Forest and maps of Scioto County.
- We also have information on carbon monoxide, smoke detectors, wildfires, Ohio's fire laws, Ohio's burning regulations and AirEvac memberships.

**NILE TOWNSHIP EMS SERVICES**

The Board of Trustees are pleased to announce that EMT-Ohio will continue providing full-time emergency medical services to Nile Township residents in 2024.

Nile Township will have squad coverage 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The service will continue to be stationed in our current EMS building allowing them to respond efficiently and effectively to any calls within the township.

These services will be provided under the current tax levy and residents will not see any tax increase as a result of this improved service.

As with our previous operations, no township resident will have to pay any out-of-pocket costs associated with any services provided.

Residents will still be able to call 740-858-4776 for non-emergency calls or 911 for emergency services. You may also stop in the station for blood pressure checks or any health emergencies.





## JOIN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Nile Township VOLUNTEER Fire Department is made up of residents of Nile Township that VOLUNTEER their time serving the community.

However in recent times, we have seen the number of volunteers decline. This problem is NOT an isolated issue in Nile Township, but is a problem state wide. The Division of the State Fire Marshal has been studying this problem and is currently working on ways to address the issue.



There are a few misconceptions about joining the department that should be addressed:

1. I don't have the time:

⇒ The department is strictly voluntary. We all have multiple jobs and family life. Rarely does it happen that everyone in the department has the spare time. However, the more people we have on the roster the better our chances of appropriately responding to a call.

2. I'm too old:

⇒ The AVERAGE age of a volunteer firefighter in the State of Ohio is 54. That's the AVERAGE.

3. It costs too much:

⇒ All of the training and equipment is provided to you at NO charge. All that we are asking for is a few hours of your time.

If you have thought about joining the department, now is the time to step up and help out! We are in need of help and would love to have you come check us out. We are all part of this township, working together to keep it safe.

Please feel free to stop by Station 1 on US 52 in Stout or Station 2 on US 52 in Buena Vista and talk to one of us. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 7pm.

You can also, call the Fire Chief at 740-858-4042 and he'd be happy to get you an application. You may also print an application from our website at [www.niletownship.org](http://www.niletownship.org) under the forms tab at the bottom of the homepage.



## Shawnee State Park and Forest Cleanup March 25-30, 2024



Select the day that is best for you, your club, troop, business or friends. Treat spring fever by spending time in a beautiful forest, cleaning up and recycling litter. You will learn what items can be recycled and how to start a recycling center for your home, office, church or club.

## SPONSORS

- Shawnee State Park & Forest
- Shawnee Lodge US Hotels and Resorts
- Friends of Shawnee State Park
- Adams County Travel & Visitors Bureau
- Friends of Scioto Brush Creek, Inc.
- Boy Scouts of America
- Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland
- OSU Extension, Adams & Scioto County 4-H
- Shawnee State University
- Shawnee Nature Club
- Scioto County Common Pleas Work Release
- North Country Trail Association
- Buckeye Trail Association
- Nile Township Trustees
- Adams Brown Recycling
- Adams and Scioto County Soil and Water Conservation Districts

For more information contact Jenny Richards at 740-858-6652. Pick the time that is best for your group between 9am and 8pm, Monday through Saturday. Safety gloves and garbage bags will be provided by Lawrence-Scioto SWMD Recycling and Litter Prevention and will be available for pick up at Shawnee State Park Office before 5 pm.

PLEASE WEAR STURDY SHOES AND DRESS FOR THE WEATHER!

**RECYCLING INFORMATION**

The recycling dumpsters are provided to Nile Township by Lawrence Scioto Solid Waste Management District (LSSWMD).

The dumpsters are scheduled to be emptied every Tuesday.

**Please do your part by following these guidelines:**

1. **ONLY** place recyclable items in the dumpsters. Acceptable items are listed on Rumpke's website at [www.rumpke.com](http://www.rumpke.com).
2. Break down all boxes before placing in dumpsters.
3. If the dumpsters are already full, please **DO NOT** leave your items around the outside or on top of the dumpsters.
4. Please **DO NOT** leave your unwanted toys, household items, books, etc. by the dumpsters or anywhere on the township complex.

LSSWMD can remove our dumpsters due to misuse and/or abuse. Therefore, we need everyone to do their part in utilizing the dumpsters properly.



**NOTICE**



The dumpster located at the community building is **NOT** for public use. We have had several instances where individuals have put their personal garbage in it. It is for the township offices and the community building.

***Violators may be charged by the Sheriff's Department.***

There are several sanitation companies that provide residential service in our township. Please contact one them for residential service.

**SPRING BURNING SEASON**

It's important to know that during the months of March, April and May outside burning is **NOT PERMITTED** from 6 am to 6 pm. This ban includes burning of yard waste, trash and debris, **even in a proper burn barrel**. However, you ARE permitted to burn during the evening hours of 6 pm to 6 am. Why is this, you ask?

1. Although we typically associate spring with rain, the trees, leaves and underbrush are typically extremely dry from the long, cold winter.
2. Relative humidity increases in the evening. With the absence of the sun, the moisture levels in the air increases, helping to reduce the chance of fire spread.
3. Winds die down in the evening. Although not always true, typically once the sun sets and the air temperature stabilizes, the winds die down as well, also reducing fire spread.
4. It's dark and embers are easier to see. This one is self-explanatory, if a fire was to escape, it is much easier to see the fire spread and get an earlier jump on extinguishing.

When it comes to spring fire season, just remember don't burn anything, until after dark. ALWAYS have a water hose nearby while burning. Also keep a watch on special fire weather statements. There may be additional burn bans in place during Red Flag Weather Days (when fire threats are imminent). Also, as you drive back and forth to town give a glance at the Smokey Bear sign at Forestry Headquarters on US 52. This sign is changed daily, as fire weather changes.

Materials NEVER to be burned at any time or place in Ohio:

- Food waste
- Dead Animals
- Materials containing rubber, grease, asphalt, or made from petroleum

Other restrictions:

- Fires must be more than 1000 feet from neighbor's inhabited building
- No burning when air pollution alert, warning or emergency is in effect
- Fire/smoke cannot obscure visibility on roadway
- No waste generated off the premises may be burned

Furthermore, this law also applies during the months of October and November.

# COMMUNITY BUILDING

The community building is available to rent to Nile Township residents **ONLY**. If you wish to rent the building, contact the township office. The cost to rent the building is \$75.

The township will send you a rental agreement along with instructions and payment deadline. The rental agreement **must** be signed by the resident and returned with payment. We accept cash, checks or money orders.

On the day of rental, we will unlock the building at 9am and lock it back at 9pm. **Renter must complete the following prior to leaving the building:**

- Hang chairs back up
- Clean all tables, counters, microwave, stove top, high chairs, used dishes and coffee pot
- Check bathrooms and clean any messes
- Remove all items from the refrigerator and freezer
- Empty all trash cans and replace bags including kitchen and bathrooms
- Sweep and mop floors including kitchen and bathrooms
- Vacuum rugs

All cleaning supplies and trash bags are located under the kitchen sink.

If you make a reservation and no longer need it, please call the township to cancel.

Reservations for 2025 will begin the middle of September 2024.

You can check for available dates on our website ([www.niletownship.org](http://www.niletownship.org)). Click on the community building calendar on the home page.

**FUNERAL DINNERS**-The cost to rent the building for a funeral dinner is \$25. The building may only be reserved for a funeral dinner if either of the following applies:

1. The funeral dinner is for a resident of Nile Township.
2. The funeral dinner is for a burial in either Friendship, McKendree or Worley's Run Cemetery.

The Rental Agreement must be signed and the payment must be made prior to using the building.

# WALKING TRACK

The walking track will be busy as the warm weather returns! If you use the track to walk your dog, please keep your dog on a leash.

It seems we have an ongoing issue where dog owners are not cleaning up after their dogs.

Please be courteous and clean up after your dog.

**Reminder-there is a pet waste station located along the walking track behind the fire station.**



# TOWNSHIP SIGN

The LED sign located at the township complex is available to rent for \$10 per day.

Should you be interested in wishing someone a happy birthday, congratulations on graduation, etc. please contact the township office.

Payment must be made prior to placing your message on the sign.



Friendship Park will soon be open for the season.

We accept reservations for Shelter A which is located nearest the bathrooms. There is not a charge to reserve Shelter A and reservations are accepted for Saturdays and Sundays **ONLY**. Shelter A is the only one that has electrical outlets. You may contact the township office for availability.

Shelter B (by the parking lot) and Shelter C (by US 52) are always first come, first serve.

