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Washington Township . . . Your Community, Your Future

Paramedics and future docs learn from each other

It's a win-win for our EMS patients and for Ohio University (OU) future doctors. The OU Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine has opened its patient simulation labs to Washington Township's Paramedics. It's a state-of-the-art facility on the Ohio University Heritage College campus in Dublin, just minutes from the Fire Department's training center on Eiterman Road.

In exchange for the opportunity for Washington Township Paramedics to practice scenario-based, decision making in a setting that simulates clinical patient assessments, first- and second- year medical students plan to ride with Washington Township Paramedics, observing them as they answer calls for emergency medical services.

The facilities and equipment OU offers through this partnership give Washington Township's first responders training opportunities they could never have otherwise. Seeing the equipment available in the OU labs can easily conjure up images of

a futuristic movie, but the future is here. Computer-controlled manikins can exhibit a seemingly endless combination of "patient" symptoms, which can be altered by instructors in real time, creating an interactive patient evaluation and treatment experience. "We've made four visits to OU's emergency and operating room labs so far and already the exchange of



information and perspectives has been beneficial for both our staff and the OU students," says Fire Department Training Manager John Nichols. Many of the OU students in this program have identified emergency medicine as a concentration area for their

specialization, so they are interested in observing EMS. And our Paramedics don't usually have the chance to be involved in clinical assessments, so we both gain a broader perspective."

"We are fortunate to be able to work with OU. Paramedicine demands that we are always learning about new

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technologies and skills, which in turn makes us better at our work. And I don't think any of our future patients would argue about the value of that."

Symptoms of a heart attack? Call 9-1-1 immediately

If you experience signs of a heart attack or stroke, call 9-1-1 rather than driving yourself or being driven to the hospital or urgent care.

With every passing minute without treatment, your chances of a full recovery diminish.

Paramedics can treat you while you are in transport and will be able to take you to the hospital that is best equipped to address the seriousness of your condition. The closest hospital may not be the best choice.

For men, common symptoms of a heart attack include pain, pressure or discomfort in the chest, and difficulty breathing.

For women, common symptoms of a heart attack are not as obvious and include weakness, shortness of breath, and nausea.

Symptoms of a stroke are similar for men and women and include paralysis or facial droop, headache, weakness in one side of the body, and numbness. By the time these symptoms are evident,



there is limited time for treatment before you could suffer permanent injury or deficit.

Recreation programming changes underway

Over the past several months, Washington Township has strategically reduced recreation program offerings. These reductions are being made due to the transfer of Kaltenbach Park and Community Center to the City of Dublin, as well as realignment of staff towards the Township's primary services of fire, EMS and community safety education. So stay tuned! New programming focused on keeping you and your family safe is coming your way. You can find the recreation programs being offered online at wtwp.com and in this newsletter.

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Kaltenbach Park joins City of Dublin's program offerings

Washington Township is partnering with the City of Dublin to continue to ensure that residents enjoy the best in parks and recreation programming for many years to come.

At their February 10th meeting, Washington Township Trustees approved transferring Kaltenbach Park and Community Center to Dublin, and committed a total of \$500,000 over the next 10 years to help the City acquire additional parkland.

The transfer helps eliminate overlapping services, while residents will still benefit from parks and recreational programming provided by the City of Dublin and Franklin County Metro Parks.

"Residents of Washington Township, which includes the corporate limits of the City of Dublin, will experience a seamless transition," said Township Trustee Denise Franz King.

"Washington Township and the City of Dublin already enjoy a great partnership," she said. "This further solidifies our collaborative relationship while allowing the township to focus on our core services: providing fire and EMS services to Dublin and unincorporated areas of the township."

Official ownership of the nearly 12-acre park and community center is set to take place March 11. Dublin will begin accepting reservations for the shelter

house and community center as early as March 12 for any dates after March 31. Reservations can be made online at dublinohiousa.gov/recreation-services/facility-reservations or by calling City of Dublin Recreation Services at 614-410-4550.



Kids can fish with a firefighter

Fish with us at the Dublin Recreation Center pond. Our firefighters will offer an introductory class for 7-11 year olds which will cover equipment and safety, and give youngsters practice baiting hooks, “reading” bobber activity, and removing fish from hooks.

There are plenty of Bluegill, Bass, and Sunfish in this pond so everyone will have some level of success almost immediately. Don't forget to dress for the weather and wear closed toe shoes.

Pre-registration is required.
To register, go to www.dublinohiousa.gov/recreation.

- Ages: 7-11 years old
- Date: Monday May 4
- Time: 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Location: Dublin Recreation Center



Free CPR certification

Wednesday May 20

6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

@ the Dublin Recreation Center

We offer this free class just once a year! Learn the skills that could help you save the life of one of your family members or friends.

Topics addressed include pediatric and adult CPR, recognizing and relieving a choking victim, recognizing the signs of a heart attack, and using an automatic external defibrillator.

Pre-registration is required
Seating is limited

Must be at least 12 years old to participate

Call 614-652-3920

Child Car Seat Checks

Saturday May 30

by appointment only

@ Township Administration

6200 Eiterman Road, Dublin

Learn from our certified car seat technicians how to properly position and secure your child's car seat in your vehicle so that it provides the maximum amount of protection in the event of a collision.

Call 614-652-3920

Appointments last about 30 minutes



Grow your own vegetables

Washington Township residents may rent a community garden plot at Amlin Crossing Park, located at the corner of Cosgray and Rings Roads. Plots are 12' X 14' and are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. The annual plot fee is \$30 plus a \$20 deposit. The plot fee is non-refundable but the deposit is refundable if gardeners remove all plant and non-plant debris from their plots

by November 15 and have completed their volunteer commitment.

To apply for a garden plot, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 614-652-3922 between 1-5 p.m. For more information about the program, go to www.wtwp.com and click on Parks and Recreation, then Community Garden.



Be prepared for unexpected power outages

Spring is just around the corner and, with it, comes the increased risk of severe thunderstorms. Sometimes these storms can be damaging enough to interrupt power in our homes, and create a host of inconveniences. Does your family have a plan for such a situation? It was only a few years ago when so many in Central Ohio were without power for several days.

Predicting when these severe storms will occur is impossible, but preparing for them isn't. Make an emergency supplies kit. Include a first aid kit, candles, matches, essential medications, canned/nonperishable foods, manual can opener; water (one gallon per

person, per day for at least three days), protective clothing, radio and flashlight, and extra batteries. Radios and flashlights that can be charged manually are readily available now and especially good for emergencies because they don't ever need batteries.

Some of these radios even have a port from which you can charge a cell phone. Portable power packs are also useful for recharging cell phones.

For a complete list of supplies you might want to include in your supplies kit, check out our Emergency Preparedness Guide. Request one at 614-652-3920 or download it from our web site, wtwp.com

Bike helmet fitting offered on weekdays

Beginning in March, Washington Township will offer bicycle helmet fitting at 6200 Eiterman Road, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

To ensure that helmets are the proper size and are adjusted to provide the protection for which they are designed, the person who will wear the helmet must be present for the fitting.

If you or a family member enjoys bicycling, roller blading, skateboarding, longboarding or any other sport that involves wheels, a helmet is a necessity. A properly sized and adjusted helmet is snug, yet comfortable. With the wide selection of styles and features available today, it's easy to find one that will suit your preferences. As a general rule, the more you are willing to spend, the more choices you have for helmet shape, amount of ventilation, and fit adjustments.



Bring your bicycle helmet to us for a free fit consultation.

Be safe Be seen

When you are bicycling, walking, running, or doing anything that puts you near road traffic, use as many strategies as you can to make yourself visible to drivers. Use reflective helmet stickers, neon jacket or vests, clothing and shoes with reflective features, flags, headlights, flashing rear lights...the more the merrier, no matter what the time of day.

And even after you become your version of a neon sign, remember that drivers have many distractions, some they can't control, and some they create. Other drivers, unexpected noises, sun glare, phone calls, texting (it's illegal while driving in Dublin), eating, and even thoughts about work, deadlines, family or a recent tragedy, can take

a driver's mind off their driving long enough to create a dangerous situation for bicyclists, runners, pedestrians, even fire trucks and medics!

the Fire Department employs to improve firefighters' chances of being seen by passing drivers, but it doesn't guarantee it!



Our firefighters wear high-visibility jackets or vests whenever they're on the scene of an emergency that is on or near a roadway. It is one strategy

For example, in 2010, one of our firefighters, who was on the scene of a disabled car on the berm of Interstate Route 270, was injured by a car that collided with the disabled car. Luckily, after a few months of recovery, he was able to return to work.

So wear your neon and reflective gear and remember how vulnerable you are to anyone in a motor vehicle whose attention could be diverted. Ride, walk, skate,

run....defensively.

Household hazardous waste collected April 18

The Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) will hold a collection for household hazardous waste at Ashland, Inc. (5200 Blazer Parkway) in Dublin, on April 18, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: Latex paint will not be accepted. This product, once dried, is not considered hazardous and can be disposed of in the trash. Latex paint will dry if exposed to the air. Simply leave the lid off the paint until it dries or use a paint hardener, available in hardware stores.

BUSINESSES

To inquire about the disposal of hazardous materials at a commercially licensed facility, call 614-294-1300

PERMANENT DROP OFF SITE

645 East 8th Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43201
(corner of E. 8th and Essex Ave.)

Hours are:

Wednesday 12pm-6pm
Thursday 9am-5pm
Friday 12pm-6pm
closed holidays

Phone-614-294-1300

Residents can bring their old lawn chemicals, paints strippers, acids, insecticides, etc for environmentally safe disposal.



JUNIOR SPORTS CAMP

Boys and girls ages 4-7 years old will have a blast while they learn about sports in this fun-oriented program! Each day, campers will learn about a different sport and play a fun game in an innovative format. Feel free to join us on Friday of each session for an Olympic “closing” medal and rewards ceremony. All campers will receive a medal! For more information, contact Aaron Bally at 614-505-6532 or ABally@JumpStartSports.com.

Register online at jumpstartsports.com

Age:/Time: 4-7 9:00 a.m. - noon

Cost: \$100 or register online at www.jumpstartsports.com for \$90 plus a nominal convenience fee (includes team shirt and trophy) – must register through JumpStart Sports

Location: Homestead Park, 4675 Cosgray Road

Session 1: June 22-26

Session 2: July 27-31



Touch & Stuff a Truck

Saturday August 8

10 a.m. - noon

**The Homestead Park
4675 Cosgray Road**

Touch, climb in, get close to and size up fire and medic trucks, police cruisers, semi trucks, tractors and more!

Help us stuff our truck with cans of food for Central Ohio Food Banks. Bring all the food you can. Thank you in advance for your generous food contributions.

Summer Entertainment at Homestead Park

It's fun for the whole family at The Homestead Amphitheater on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, performances will be in the Lakeside Pavilion.



June 11 Madcap Puppets

Dare to enter a world of enchanting stories with Alvis and Sydney, two kids attempting to unlock the secrets of their uncle's mysterious clock shop. Each time they climb through his magical grandfather clock, they are swept away to a land of exciting stories - each more heart-pounding than the last. But these adventures may trap them in the clock forever! In order to escape, they will need help from the audience! Stories include: The Frog Prince (Germany), Sanji and the Tigers (India), and The Feathered Ogre (Italy).

June 25 Mike Hemmelgarn, Ventriloquist

It's comedy, juggling, and ventriloquism with a splash of magic. Audience participation is a highlight of every performance. Will you be one of the lucky ones who becomes a "human puppet?"



July 9 Jon Petz, Magician

Jon Petz has performed throughout the United States, Australia, and Europe. His energetic personality and unique style combining comedy, magic and illusion captivates audiences of all ages. Jon has been called "the most exciting family entertainer" by the Columbus Dispatch. If you come, expect an interactive performance.

July 23 The Shazzbots

Rocking and rocketing through the spaceways in their interstellar Winnebago, The Shazzbots bring cool, quirky kids rock music to all the children of the cosmos! Join them as they jet from planet to planet laughing, learning, and getting into all kinds of shenanigans...all the while teaching kids about the joys of music.



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4675 Cosgray Road

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Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m M-F

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The Homestead Park

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5468 Cosgray Road, Dublin, Ohio 43016

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4675 Cosgray Road

Hilliard, Ohio 43026

(614) 652-3921

Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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