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Driving to hospital may be the worst thing you can do

If you or a loved one ever experience symptoms of a serious medical condition, driving yourself to the hospital or urgent care could be the worst thing you can do.

Symptoms of a stroke or heart attack, for example, can be far more serious than they appear, giving sufferers the false impression that they have time before their condition worsens. However, changes can occur in seconds. Rather than driving to get help, call 9-1-1 so paramedics can assess your condition and begin necessary treatment that can continue all the way to the hospital.

While in route, paramedics will monitor your condition and any changes in your status will be addressed immediately. You will be transported to the local hospital of your choice

or paramedics can recommend a hospital based on your medical needs. While all Central Ohio hospitals are well equipped and prepared to address medical emergencies, some



have advanced capabilities for specific conditions such as heart/stroke, neurology, and trauma.

Give yourself the best chance for survival and full recovery by getting care as quickly as possible. Mere seconds can mean the difference

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between a good and a poor outcome. Don't risk your life or the life of a loved one. Call 9-1-1 rather than driving yourself or a loved one to the hospital.

Rescuers urge residents to respect the river

Whether you are in it for fitness, a nature fix, or friendship, the lure of water draws people of all ages to fishing, canoeing, kayaking, tubing, and other recreational activities. The Scioto River's proximity to Dublin makes it a popular spot for residents to enjoy water sports of all sorts. What could

possibly get in the way of a nice day on the river? Quite often, trouble begins when a person's skill level and respect for the water are overshadowed by their enthusiasm. Lacking experience, the proper equipment or sound judgment, their well-intended fun rapidly succumbs to turbulence, fast current, and strong undertow.

"Capsized boats, stranded kayakers, injuries from jumping off rock ledges, and other water-related emergencies are more common than you might think in Dublin," says Dalan Zartman, a certified water rescue technician instructor and firefighter/paramedic.

"In addition to the Scioto River, Dublin has many ponds and Indian

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Run Falls, all places from which we receive calls for help. So we train extensively for many types of water-related emergencies. But having the knowledge, experience, and specialized equipment to tackle even the most difficult rescue scenarios doesn't guarantee that our efforts will be successful. It depends on so many variables," Zartman explains, "including how long the person has been in water, their age, medical conditions, body type, and their ability



Rescuers assemble a movable control point that allows them to maintain their location in the river and reach the victim before they pass.

to stave off hypothermia by minimizing movement of their arms and legs, which helps maintain ample blood flow to their vital organs."

Rescue efforts can also be made even more challenging by the high speed and volume of water flow. Washington Township's boat is designed to perform within specific conditions. If the speed of the water exceeds the capacity of the watercraft's motor, rescuers cannot operate safely or effectively.

Viable river access points are another important factor in rescue success. Firefighters prefer entry points downstream from their victim because it is the fastest and most reliable way to reach them.

Don't let your eagerness for outdoor excitement cloud your judgement. Minimize your risk of injury, especially in rivers following periods of high rainfall, which are common in Ohio's spring and fall seasons. Before you venture out into the water, make sure you:

- are a proficient swimmer, even if you aren't planning to swim. This also applies to everyone who is with you.
- take a buddy with you. It will improve your chances of having a way to get help, should the need arise.
- take your cell phone with you in a waterproof bag, preferably one that floats.
- are skilled in the activity you plan to do. To become familiar with equipment, techniques, and safety considerations, take part in group excursions, led by trained and/or certified professionals. Outdoor Pursuits (www.outdoor-pursuits.org), a local outdoor recreation club, offers a wide selection of recreation classes and trips on backpacking, boating, cycling camping, hiking, and rock climbing.
- are aware of your surroundings. Stay oriented to your position on the river so you are prepared to provide details that will help rescuers find you.

2016 By the Numbers

**Emergency calls increased 7.95%
from 2015**

1476 Fire/Rescue calls

3881 EMS calls

2581 Fire safety inspections

4742 Fire safety violations

664 CPR certifications

1281 CPR trained

350 Child car seats fitted

Close the door on gateway painkillers

The opiate epidemic isn't selective. It has its claws in every community, ignoring age, race, socioeconomic status and other factors that some once believed would protect them from its ugly reality.

Opiate abuse often begins in the most innocent of ways, as a prescription to opiate-based pain medication. Aptly named the "gateway drug," opiate painkillers serve as the door through which users can become abusers once they can no longer refill their prescription and seek other sources to satisfy their addiction.

Sometimes that source is in their parent's, grandparent's, and friend's medicine cabinets, kitchen drawers, bedside tables, and even in plain sight on counter tops. When these sources are exhausted, drug abusers often replace prescription opiates for a relatively inexpensive and widely available street opiate...heroin.

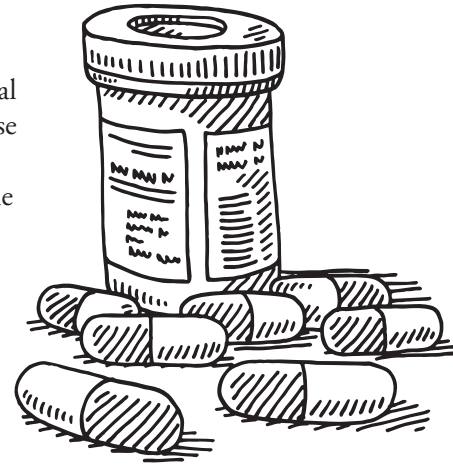
It's not uncommon for heroin to be laced with other substances like Fentanyl, a synthetic opioid that is 50-100 times more potent than morphine. Laced doses are far more likely to cause death as addicts don't always know how much Fentanyl has been added or take into account its strength.

Do what you can to reduce the availability of painkillers to those for whom they are not intended. If possible, make

opiate-based painkillers your last resort for managing pain. If you or someone in your home fills a prescription for painkillers, keep track of them at all times, then safely dispose of any unused portion at the Dublin Justice Center (6565 Commerce Parkway).

If you suspect that a friend or loved one is addicted to heroin or painkillers, get them help. Even if they realize they need help, the social stigma associated with addiction can prevent some from taking action.

In Dublin, Syntero Inc. provides outpatient mental health and substance abuse counseling for children, adolescents, adults and the elderly. Prevention and education services are also offered for youth and adults. For more information on these services call 614-889-5722 or visit www.syntero.org



Trashed phones contain over \$60 million in gold and/or silver

For most of us, electronic devices have become part of everyday life. Cell phones, coffee makers, home thermostats, speakers, microwaves, televisions, keyboards and mice, PDAs, and gaming devices are just a few of the millions of products sold today that contain electronics. The continuous advances in technology and features which render older models "obsolete," coupled with our inability to repair them when they fail, results in 9.4 million tons of electronic or e-waste, including more than 350,000 cell phones, thrown away each year in the United States.

Fortunately, there is an alternative to the landfill as the permanent resting place for these devices, many of which contain valuable and/or toxic metals (such as lead), that can be recovered if recycled. Only about 12.5% of all e-waste is recycled. You can help change this, which will extend the life of Franklin County's landfill and recover valuable resources.

Take your unwanted electronic devices to the Dublin Service Center, at 6555 Shier Rings Road, Monday-Friday, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

For a list of items that are accepted at this location, go to <http://dublinohiousa.gov/living/its-greener-in-dublin/>

CRT monitors and tube televisions will not be accepted at the Dublin Service Center. However, for a fee, you have these items recycled at Accurate I.T. Recycling Services, 3854 Fisher Road, Columbus, Ohio 43228. CRT monitors are \$3 and tube televisions are \$1 per inch.



**Daylight Savings Time
begins March 12**

Hydrant flushing begins May 15

The City of Dublin contracts with the Washington Township Fire Department to flush and pump all of the City's 3097 hydrants in the spring, inspect them for leaks in the fall, and flow test 10% of these hydrants in the summer. Spring flushing removes rust and other debris that may collect in hydrants. Pumping keeps the hydrant barrel dry when not in use, which helps prevent internal corrosion and makes any internal leaks obvious to firefighters when they check them in the fall. If not repaired and pumped dry before winter, a leaky hydrant can freeze, leaving it inoperable. Flow testing ensures that there is ample pressure or flow at the hydrant. A hydrant that meets water pressure standards will have enough flow to provide the water volume needed for firefighting.

This year, spring flushing will take place daily from May 15 through June 12, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. During this period, residents may experience brief periods of low water pressure and or water discoloration. These conditions will be temporary. If discoloration



Green hydrants are City-owned.



Green and white hydrants are privately-owned.

occurs, residents are advised to run cold water for several minutes until it clears. This should also be done prior to washing laundry to avoid stains on clothing.

Only hydrants with green barrels are City-owned and therefore, maintained by the fire department. Hydrants with white barrels are privately-owned. Owners of these hydrants are responsible for their maintenance and repair.

If you have questions about hydrant maintenance or wish to report an issue with one in your neighborhood, call the City of Dublin at (614) 410-4711.

Child car seat fittings by appointment

We can help you install your child car seat. Select the day and time that is best for you at wtwp.com. If you can't make it to an appointment or need help right away, take a look at our online video for instructions on how to (1) adjust and secure a seat base, (2) adjust a five-point harness, and (3) secure a seat using your vehicle's belt and latch system.

**front facing
rear facing
convertible
latch system
booster seat**

Household hazardous waste collected April 22

Clear your garage and basement of all the half-full, years-old, I-don't-need-this-anymore stuff that cannot be thrown away with your household waste. Pesticides, herbicides, solvents, paint strippers, fluorescent light bulbs, antifreeze, motor oil, and pool chemicals are among the items the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) will accept from residents at Ashland, Inc. (5200 Blazer Parkway) in Dublin, on April 22, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Get the complete list of household hazardous materials that will be accepted at swaco.org/residents.

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 at hardware stores.

BUSINESSES

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

If you can't make it to the April 22nd collection, SWACO offers a permanent drop off location.

PERMANENT DROP OFF SITE
645 East 8th Avenue
(Corner of E. 8th and Essex Ave.)

Hours:

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

Closed holidays

Phone-614-294-1300

Learn the ropes at the Citizen Fire Academy

Feel the force of a charged fire hose, the ferocity of fire, and the shearing power of hydraulic cutters strong enough to dismantle an automobile.

As a student of the Citizen Fire Academy, you'll get a feel (literally!) for many aspects of a professional firefighter/paramedic's job.

The eight-session academy will begin August 24. Seven of the eight sessions will be offered on Thursdays from 6 p.m.-9 p.m.: August 24, 31, September 7, 14, 21, 28, and October 5. One Saturday session, on Sept. 30, will be held from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Led by firefighters, paramedics and certified rescue technicians, the curriculum combines demonstrations, hands-on experiences, and classroom lectures. "Past students have shared how much they've learned. They

graduate with a better understanding of our capabilities as emergency service providers but also get to know



Battalion Chief Tom Harris prepares Citizen Fire Academy students for their first rappelling experience from the fourth story of the department's training tower.

the people behind the operations," said Training Manager Jamie Ross.

Please join us! Apply by August 1st at wtwp.com.

Focus is long-term sustainability for fire department

To ensure a sustainable future for the Township, Trustees Bostic, Franz King, and Kranstuber will focus on three main goals in 2017. Targeting operations and policy, these goals have the potential to directly impact the Township's financial viability and will support the continuation of the quality emergency services and educational programs that Dublin residents value.

1. Work with partners, including the City of Dublin and the Ohio General Assembly, to educate stakeholders about the impact of tax increment financing on Fire Department operations and the challenge of meeting increased demand for emergency services without the corresponding revenue to support it.
2. Boost revenue by
 - (a) developing and implementing a cost recovery policy and fee schedule for programs and services,
 - (b) contracting with Franklin County to manage township zoning services, and
 - (c) leveraging cooperative and or volume purchasing opportunities.
3. Improve IT support efficiency and effectiveness by transferring day-to-day support services from off-site, contracted personnel to an on-site staff member.



FIREFIGHTERS FIGHT HUNGER

During the month of April, firefighters will be collecting unexpired canned, dried and boxed food in support of the MidOhio Food Bank. We thank you for any donations you are able to make at our four fire stations.

Station 91, 6255 Shier Rings Road

Station 92, 4497 Hard Road

Station 93, 5825 Brand Road

Station 95, 5750 Blazer Parkway

**DRIVE-THRU
COLLECTION EVENT**

Saturday April 8

9 a.m. to noon @ Fire Station 91

We'll unload your donations!

Please note: Donations that have passed their expiration date must be discarded.

If your business, community group or youth club is looking for a community service project, consider organizing a collection.

Safety Education Classes

Register at wtwp.com



Free CPR Certification Class Wednesday May 24 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

@ the Dublin Community Recreation Center

Beginning April 1st, residents can register for our annual, complimentary CPR with AED certification class on May 24 at the Dublin Community Recreation Center, from 6-9 p.m.

Participants must be at least 12 years old by the class date. To accommodate the maximum number of people in the space we have available, we won't have tables or chairs available so please wear comfortable clothes suitable for activities on the floor.

CPR certification cards will be issued at the end of the class to all who fulfill the minimum course requirements: (1) participation in the entire class and (2) satisfactory completion of the CPR skills test, administered at the end of the course.

Registration opens April 1st
Space is limited

Storytime at the Fire Station

We'll read a story, meet Sparky, our big furry fire safety mascot, and take a short tour of the fire station. Pre-registration is required as space is limited. Parents/guardians must accompany children.

Ages: 3-5

Date/Location: May 12 Station 95, 5750 Blazer Pkwy

Register by May 8

June 9 Station 91, 6255 Shier Rings Rd.

Register by June 5

July 14 Station 93, 5825 Brand Rd.

Register by July 10

August 11 Station 92, 4497 Hard Rd.

Register by August 7

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Fee: no fee, registration required at wtwp.com



Safe Summer

Bring your family, friends, youth group, or neighborhood play group to a morning of fun!

- Tour Sparky's fire safety house.
- Watch a dive team demonstration in the recreation center pond (11 a.m.).
- Get your bicycle helmet checked for size and fit.
- Climb inside a fire and medic truck.

Ages: all

Date: Friday, June 16

Times: 10:00 a.m. - noon

Location: Dublin Community Recreation Center Parking Lot

Fee: Free

Red Cross Babysitting

Students will learn the skills needed to safely and responsibly provide care for children and infants. Course topics include leadership skills, considerations for starting your own babysitting business, personal and child safety, and techniques for encouraging youth cooperation and contentment.

Ages: 11-15
Date: Thursday, March 30 *Register by March 23*
Thursday, June 8 *Register by June 1*
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Location: Township Administration, 6200 Eiterman Road
Fee: \$45 (Township/Dublin residents)
\$50 (non-residents)

P.A.S.S. the Fire Extinguisher

Learn about the different types of fire extinguishers, where they should be kept in your home and then practice the steps of operating a fire extinguisher on a live fire (generated and controlled using our special training equipment).

Ages: 16 & older
Date: Thursday, May 11 *Register by May 8*
Time: 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Location: Township Administration, 6200 Eiterman Road
Fee: \$10 (Township/Dublin residents)
\$15 (non-residents)



Family Fire Safety

Learn great ways to keep your family safe, develop fire escape plans, and keep your home free from hazards. Tour Sparky's Safety House and learn what to do in the event of a fire.

Ages: Families with children 5 & up
Date: Tuesday, June 13 *Register by June 7*
Times: 4:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m. or 5:30 p.m.
Location: Township Administration, 6200 Eiterman Road
Fee: Free (Township/Dublin residents)
\$10 per family (non-residents)

Infant CPR

If you are expecting or adopting a child, have a newborn at home, or will be babysitting your new grandchild, this class is for you! React quickly with the knowledge and skills that can help a baby if they are choking or need CPR. It's not the kind of thing most parents want to think about, but we think you'll find that it is an hour well spent.

Ages: 18 & older
Date: Wednesday, April 19 *Register by April 12*
Time: 5:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m.
Location: Township Administration, 6200 Eiterman Road
Fee: \$7 (Township/Dublin residents)
\$15 (non-residents)



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