

# THE TOWNSHIP **Scribe**



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## Amlin’s aged infrastructure begs for a new beginning

In 1847, Amlin was platted by Zeloria E. Amlin. The village was named for him after he started a farm at Amlin Station. The memory of the original village is evident today in the short span of Rings Road between Avery and Cosgray Roads, where a few of Amlin’s original homes still stand. Modest and close to the road, these homes were built during a time when traffic was much slower and life without electricity and indoor plumbing was the norm.

A lot has changed in and around Amlin since then. The City of Dublin has grown by leaps and bounds and now surrounds Amlin, creating an “island” of the unincorporated Washington Township that is still treasured by its residents, many of whom have lived in Amlin for decades.

However, changes made in the area surrounding Amlin to accommodate new

developments, combined with Amlin’s aging and or inadequate infrastructure, have affected drainage in the area, creating flooding incidents that are more frequent, are more severe, and last longer.

To gain a broader understanding of the flooding and other issues concerning Amlin residents, the Township Trustees invited resident input through a survey conducted this past April. Based on responses received, Trustees identified the following major areas of concern for Amlin residents, which became the basis for the Amlin Neighborhood Improvement Project: traffic speed, storm water/persistent flooding, alley maintenance, property maintenance, and pedestrian safety.

To address traffic speeds in excess of the posted speed limit, the Township has contracted with the Franklin County [\[continued on page 2\]](#)

## Gene Bostic completes his final term in December

Township Trustee Gene Bostic announced on July 16 that his name will not be on the November ballot for another four-year term. "It's not easy for me to leave. I have loved serving as Trustee and enjoyed every minute of the past 16 years," said Gene.

To talk to Gene, you'd never know he is an octogenarian. He has been active in the Dublin community since 1977, when he moved to the area. In addition to his duties as Township Trustee, he also volunteers at St. Brigid's Church, the Golf Club of Dublin, and American Legion Post 800. Gene is a tireless advocate for the community he serves, especially its senior population. When asked about his time with the Township, Gene is quick to recall many Township and City of Dublin changes that feel, to him, like only a short time ago. "Time flies when you're



having fun," he said. "It's been an honor to support the Township staff in their many accomplishments."

Gene is especially proud of the Fire Department's national accreditation and ISO-1 rating, and it's no wonder. As the Department's Fire Chief from 1985-2002, the Fire Prevention Bureau Chief from 1980-1984, and a Fire Safety Inspector from 1977 to 1980, Gene feels a special connection

to the Fire Department. He understands the business behind the delivery of services that protect and save lives and has known many of the Department's firefighters from the day they were hired to the day they retired.

"Now it's time for me to retire from the Township, for the last time," said Gene.

"We appreciate Gene's tireless dedication to the Township and wish him the best," said Trustee Denise Franz King. "His heart has always been in his work. I believe the Dublin community is better for all he has done and continues to do to make it a better place. Gene's are big shoes to fill. I know I can speak for Trustee Kranstuber when I say we will miss working with him on the Board."

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Sheriff to provide additional patrol time in the Amlin area. For more complex issues like storm water management and pedestrian safety, the Trustees have enlisted the expertise of civil and environmental engineers and city planners.

A request for proposals was issued to firms qualified to study Amlin's land use, transportation, infrastructure, streetscape, and community identity and character. After review of the proposals received on July 16th, the Trustees voted unanimously to hire MKSK Studios, partnering with EMH&T Engineering, to begin Phase I of the two-phase Amlin Neighborhood Improvement Project.

Phase I will involve participation by an advisory committee of community stakeholders who will assist the MKSK

team in refining the improvement plan that will become the basis for Phase II, the implementation of the planned improvements.

Project cost estimates, available grant funding, partnering agency involvement, and resident support are all factors that the Trustees will consider when determining which projects are feasible and within what timeframe each project can be completed.

Phase II will serve as the master plan for improvement projects and will specify the scope and anticipated timelines.

"This project will bring to light many possibilities for Amlin's future. It will be exciting to see how the community's vision for this area is brought to life in a way that will both honor Amlin's history and

promote its viability as a great place to live, now and for years to come," said Trustee Denise Franz King.

Phase I is scheduled to complete by October 21, 2019 when the Trustees will review the findings and make them available to the community on the Township's web site. "Because the scope of Phase II will be born from the site analysis, the Trustees' vision for Amlin, and the advisory committee's input, there is still a lot of information we don't have yet," said Trustee Charles Kranstuber. "But that is exactly what a project like this is designed to do—help identify the scope of the various projects and the resources that will be needed in order to move forward with Amlin improvements."

## Firefighter fundraiser makes veteran Honor Flights possible

Washington Township Fire Department firefighters Charles Cattrell and Lieutenant Mike Harlor had been talking about it for about three years. Ever since Cattrell served as an Honor Flight Columbus guardian in 2014, he wanted to organize a fundraiser for the non-profit organization whose mission is to honor senior veterans with an all-expense-paid trip to Washington D.C. to see the memorial of the war in which they fought.

"Honor Flight Columbus charters Southwest and American Airlines planes to make the trips. Each flight accommodates an average of 90 veterans and 53 guardians and guardians pay for their own flight and trip expenses," said Honor Flight Columbus Inc. Executive Director Peter MacKenzie.

"To date, Honor Flight Columbus Inc. has helped 5305 veterans (97 flights) make the journey to Washington D.C. Nationally, Honor Flight has made it possible for more than 200,000 veterans to make the trip," said MacKenzie. "For many, it was their first and only time."

Cattrell's and Harlor's interest in the Honor Flight mission, coupled with the fact that several of Washington Township's firefighters currently serve or have served in the armed forces, provided the impetus for the firefighters' Local 3036 first annual Blooming Baskets sale in 2018. They were very happy to be able to donate the proceeds of \$10,500 from the sale to Honor Flight and set a goal of \$25,000 which represents 40% of the \$65,000 cost of one round trip Honor Flight to DC. This past May, they nearly reached their goal, raising \$16,500 for the non-profit.

In 2018, Lieutenant Harlor accompanied his father-in-law, Craig Hedges, who served in Vietnam from 1968-1970. Hedges' service ended in an injury for which he earned a purple heart. "The trip to DC with the veterans is an incredibly humbling experience. The pride, the patriotism, and the support the vets received was an amazing thing to witness," said Harlor. "The stories shared, the laughs, the tears, and all the memories made on this day with Craig will be something I will never forget."

Will there be another Blooming Baskets sale in May 2020 to benefit Honor Flight? Cattrell and Harlor plan on it.

## Discolored water possible during hydrant maintenance

From September 30th through November 4th, the Fire Department will perform annual fall maintenance on the City's 3,138 public water hydrants (identified by green bases and green caps). Water will be pumped from the hydrant barrels to prevent damage and or inoperability, which can occur if water is left in the barrel and freezes during winter months.

A select number of hydrants will also be flushed during this time. During flushing, particles of rust and other debris can dislodge, causing water to discolor for a brief period. If you experience water discoloration, run your faucets until the water clears.

Hydrants with white bases and green caps are privately owned. Maintenance of these hydrants is the responsibility of the association that owns the hydrant(s).

To ensure that hydrants on your street are accessible for maintenance and fire emergencies, please maintain a three-foot clearance around them and remove anything that interferes with its visibility from the street.

Questions about fire hydrant maintenance may be directed to Fire Marshal Mike Altomare at 614-652-3934.

## Fire department awarded \$15K grant for stair chairs

Washington Township Fire Department received a grant from Firehouse Subs in the amount of \$15,742 for the purchase of four stair chairs, one for each of the Township's four medic vehicles.

Designed especially for EMS, the new stair chairs will help paramedics move patients more easily and safely from their homes to a medic. Narrow hallways, tight turns, and stairs will no longer be obstacles for paramedics, thanks to the chair's many features. It has a track system which allows for continuous contact between the stairs and the chair, making for a smoother ride and reducing paramedic fatigue and back strain. Other chair features that will improve patient and paramedic safety are extendable hand-holds, patient head and foot rests, and locking wheel brakes.



## Firefighters prepare for the worst with K-9 Officer and Finn

Dublin Police K-9 Officer Justin Chappelear and canine Officer Finn have been together since November 2017, when Finn became Chappelear's partner. To say they have a strong bond would be an understatement.

They live together, work together, and are constantly training together. "The training



never stops," said Chappelear. "Every day, I work with Finn to reinforce what he knows so his responses are predictable and immediate." Police work can be dangerous, so there is no room for error, hesitation, or anything less than peak performance. Among the tasks Finn is trained to perform are crowd control, criminal apprehension, tracking, and searching for evidence/articles and narcotics.

Finn relies on Chappelear's leadership, so much so, that alternative plans must be made for Finn's safety and security in the event that Finn and Chappelear are separated. Because firefighters are often on emergency scenes with the Police Department, Chappelear held a recent training session with all of Washington Township's firefighters to familiarize them with the features of his response vehicle that support Finn's safety, and what to do should they need to redirect, restrain, transport, extricate, or administer emergency medical care for Finn

without Chappelear's help. Firefighters also learned about the specialized gear that a K-9 officer wears which is important, should paramedics need to use it or remove it in order to treat Chappelear.

There are also scene-related factors to consider when working with a K-9 Officer. Chappelear explained the importance of maintaining the physical integrity of the emergency scene so Finn can do his best work. "In addition to scent, Finn tracks on the principle of crushed or disturbed earth or vegetation," said Chappelear. "So, if the Fire Department arrives first on the emergency scene and can establish a perimeter to minimize any disturbance of the area, it will facilitate Finn's successful search of the area."

"Because the Police and Fire Department are often on emergency scenes together, we know we will need to count on each other for things that may be beyond the scope of our normal duties," said Fire Chief Alec O'Connell. "But that's the kind of relationship we have. We plan and train as a team."

## JOIN THE BRIDGE!

Dublin Bridges advocates for children, seniors, and neighbors. Our advocates identify specific needs, then we alert the community through email and social media, and the community fills the needs. We have helped hundreds of Dublin residents in need receive food, clothing, eye exams, school fees, furniture, backpacks, undergarments, shoes, dental visits, jackets and more.

Want to help? Sign up at  
[www.neighborhoodbridges.org/dublin-oh](http://www.neighborhoodbridges.org/dublin-oh)

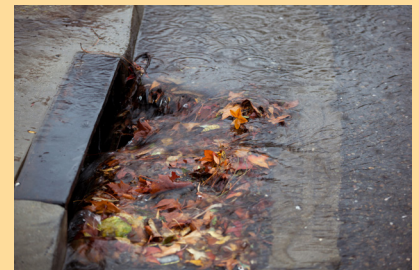


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## Only rain down the storm drain

Storm drains connect directly to streams and rivers. Keep everything except water from entering storm drains. Even natural material like leaves and grass clippings can have harmful effects on aquatic ecosystems.



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## Partnership with Ohio University helps improve patient care for Central Ohioans

The Washington Township Fire Department and the Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine are partners in improving the quality of medical care for Central Ohioans.

By sharing staff, equipment and facilities, Heritage College and Washington Township are able to expand the scope of their training programs for future doctors, nurses, physician assistants and Township paramedics.

At Heritage College's Dublin campus, Washington Township paramedics are able to utilize a state-of-the-art EMS lab, where Pat, a high-tech robotic patient, provides a life-like patient treatment experience. Pat can breathe, sweat, bleed, react to medications, and even verbally respond to questions. Pat presents symptoms and can provide real-time, life-like responses to treatments. "Pat has enhanced our training, overall, and especially in helping our paramedics master our recently adopted EMS protocol," said EMS Manager Troy Elmore. "Having realistic training in a low-risk environment is a luxury for us."

Training opportunities at Washington Township take Heritage College students on the road, where they ride with paramedics on emergency calls to get a first-hand view of emergency medicine under "field" conditions. There is an element of unpredictability in all emergency medical care but, in the field, there are variables such as patient accessibility, location, position, and injuries, as well as weather and other potentially life-threatening hazards to both patients and first responders that can impact if, how, and when paramedics can deliver care.

"A patient could be trapped in a vehicle under downed power lines, in an attic



Photos courtesy of the Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine

in cardiac arrest, or in a trench, covered with hundreds of pounds of soil," said Paramedic John Nichols. "We've got to get our patients out of danger, stabilized, and deliver them to the hospital. We aren't working in a sterile environment and often don't have the best lighting or temperatures. When medical students see the variety of unpredictable and dangerous situations in which we work, they gain a better understanding of the factors that impact delivery of field emergency medicine."

Washington Township also has assisted with Heritage College programs for both health professions students and highschoolers in the region, including Disaster Day and Medical Academy.

Disaster Day is a hands-on, scenario-based mass casualty training that introduces medical students from the Heritage

College and physician assistant students from OHIO's College of Health Sciences and Professions to emergency scene management and communications, triage techniques, and disaster scene safety.

Medical Academy is a Heritage College career exploration camp for high school juniors and seniors. Washington Township was among several organizations that assisted the medical school in the presentation of one of the camp's activities, an emergency response simulation.

"It's a great partnership we have with Washington Township," said Bill Burke, D.O., Dean of the Heritage College, Dublin. "In addition to improving our students' educational experience, it has more closely connected us to the community in which many of our students will begin their medical careers."

## Fire safety poster contest

**Third graders** enrolled in Dublin City Schools, Washington Elementary (Hilliard Schools), St. Brigid's, Tree of Life, or homeschooled in Dublin or Washington Township are invited to enter the Washington Township fire safety poster contest.

**To enter, create a poster** which includes the following message, **"Not every hero wears a cape. PLAN and PRACTICE your ESCAPE!"** Posters will be evaluated based on: (1) creativity incorporating the theme into the poster design, (2) effectiveness at catching the readers' attention.

**Prizes will be awarded** for the first place and runner up entries from each school and from among all homeschooled students. Award recipients and their family members will be invited to an awards ceremony.

**Get started now!** Use one 12" X 18" sheet of paper and any medium you desire (pencils, crayons, paint, chalk, etc.) to create a cool, one-of-a-kind poster design that attracts attention and conveys your message. Supply your own paper or get some from your third grade teacher or at 6200 Eiterman Road beginning Sept. 13, 2019.

Entries must be submitted at the entrant's school or at 6200 Eiterman Road by 4 p.m. Sept. 26, 2019 and must have the following legible information on the poster's reverse side to be eligible: Student's first and last name, school name (or home address, if homeschooled), teacher's name (or parent's name, if homeschooled).



## Community Education Classes

### American Red Cross® Babysitting

This course covers the skills needed to provide care for children and infants safely and responsibly. Topics include leadership, considerations for starting your own babysitting business, personal and child safety, and techniques for encouraging youth cooperation and contentment. Please bring a lunch to class.

Ages:	11-15	
Date:	Friday, October 11	Register by October 4
	Saturday, November 9	Register by November 2
	Saturday, January 11	Register by January 4
Time:	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	
Location:	Township Administration, 6200 Eiterman Road	
Fee:	\$45 (Township/Dublin residents)	
	\$50 (non-residents)	

### CPR for Healthcare Provider Certification

Specifically for those who work in the healthcare field, this course covers: recognizing life-threatening emergencies, performing CPR, using an AED, and assisting a choking victim. Upon successful course completion, participants will receive proof of certification from The American Heart Association.

Ages:	18 and older	
Date:	Wednesday, November 13	Register by November 6
Time:	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	
Location:	Township Administration, 6200 Eiterman Road	
Fee:	\$35 (Township/Dublin residents)	
	\$45 (non-residents)	

### Infant CPR for New and Expecting Parents/Grandparents

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. Our certified car seat technician will offer tips on securing your child's car seat.

Ages:	18 & older	
Date:	Wednesday October 16	Register by October 9
Time:	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	
Location:	Township Administration, 6200 Eiterman Road	
Fee:	\$10 (Township/Dublin residents)	
	\$15 (non-residents)	

### Toy Drive to Benefit Firefighters 4 Kids

#### December 1-22

We're collecting new, unwrapped toys at our four fire stations for Firefighters 4 Kids. Drop your donations off any time between December 1st and the 22nd at 6255 Shier Rings Rd., 4497 Hard Rd., 5825 Brand Rd., and 5750 Blazer Parkway (in the water tower!). Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

### Cookies 4 Your Kindness

#### December 14, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. @ Station 91

Supporting the Firefighters 4 Kids Toy Drive is easy and sweet! Drive through the equipment bay at Fire Station 91 (6255 Shier Rings Rd.) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on December 14 and get a fresh-baked cookie while firefighters unload your donations.

## Download the app PulsePoint

Are you trained to administer CPR and willing to help someone suffering from cardiac arrest?

Download the free PulsePoint app to receive notification if/when a person (within 1/4 mile of your location and in a public place) is in cardiac arrest.

### Until Help Arrives

If you are ever involved in or witness a traumatic accident, will you know what to do until the ambulance arrives? Would you be prepared to help save someone's life? This course will guide you through each step: how to recognize that there is a problem, how to assess the surroundings so you can act safely, what information is most important to share on your 911 call, and the care you can administer until law enforcement and or fire/EMS arrive. Washington Township Fire Department Battalion Chief Mike Riebel and 911 emergency Dispatcher (for Northwest Regional Emergency Communications Center) Stephanie Skipworth present this class in a format that includes lecture, demonstrations and hands-on skills practice.

Ages: 13 & older (Parent/guardian must register and attend with 13-16 year olds)  
Date: Tuesday, September 17  
Register by September 13  
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Location: 6200 Eiterman Rd.  
Fee: free



# FIRE STATION OPEN HOUSE

**OCT. 6, 2019 • 1-4 PM**

Fire Trucks  
Fire Station Tours  
Demonstrations  
Activities




**Station 91**  
6255 Shier Rings Rd

**Station 92**  
4497 Hard Rd

**Station 93**  
5825 Brand Rd

**Station 95**  
5750 Blazer Pkwy

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SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER  
TOOTHPASTE & TOOTHBRUSHES  
PANCAKE MIX  
CEREAL

Bring your donations to any of the Township's four fire stations on October 6th. Please, no bulk portions. Thank you!

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