MESSAGE FROM THE TRUSTEES

We continue to implement improvements for our township’s roadways, parks, cemetery, and economic development. The past recession slowed repairs, but fortunately times are better. We have approved much needed repairs and upgrades as our budget permits. Parks have been enhanced and new parks have been developed. Our road improvement plan is back on schedule, and the developments along the Westerville Road corridor should be completed this spring. These improvements throughout the township help enhance your property’s overall value. The way a neighborhood looks and feels when traveling through it can make all the difference.

As always, it is a pleasure to serve you. We appreciate your support, feedback, and contributions to our great community.

Stew Flaherty, Jan Heichel, Jim Welch, and Fiscal Officer, Wade Estep

ONLINE SURVEY FOR BLENDON RESIDENTS

We believe Blendon Township is a great place to live. We are dedicated to meeting your needs and addressing the issues you care about.

In order to hear directly from our residents, we will be conducting an online survey. We want your input on our community, services, and programs. In the next few weeks each household will receive a postcard about Blendon’s Online Survey. Each postcard will have a unique access code and provide instructions on how to take the survey. Please take a few minutes to complete this confidential questionnaire. Paper surveys will be available upon request. Thank you in advance for letting us know what you need in our community.

OUR SNOW WARRIORS NEED YOUR HELP

With winter upon us, we are grateful for Blendon Township’s dedicated snow warriors. They work day and night during snow storms to keep our streets plowed. However, this requires your assistance too. If the snow is deep enough to require plowing, please park your cars in your driveway. Remember, when Franklin County declares a snow emergency, there is NO parking allowed on the streets.

BLENDON TOWNSHIP’S REPORT CARD

It is always helpful to receive an evaluation from an outside agency. Umbaugh & Associates Certified Public Accountants, one of the largest and most active independent municipal advisors, has given us the following review:

Blendon Township received an “AA” rating based on:

- Strong local economy located within the Columbus Metropolitan Statistical Area
- Strong budget practices, cash reserve levels, and access to liquidity
- Sound management practices
- Growing cash reserves
- Low debt burden with no additional borrowing plans

SUPERIOR RATING FOR OUR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

Congratulations go to Fire Chief Brian Miller and his entire staff! Blendon/Westerville Division of Fire was upgraded to a class 2 rating by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) after an evaluation in 2016. The ISO rates fire departments/districts on a 10-point scale, with class 1 being the highest possible rating and class 10 being the worst. Our Fire Division had held a class 3 rating for about two decades. We want to thank them for their achievement of making Blendon an even safer township.

The Blendon/Westerville Division of Fire is proud to introduce new Fire Engine 112. It has a 2016 Sutphen Monarch cab with a 750-gallon tank and a powerful pump with Class-A fire suppression foam. Crews began training on and operating the new vehicle in late September. Look for the new truck to be on display during Fire Prevention Week Open House at Station 112 (727 E. Schrock Road) this fall.
We wish you a safe and happy New Year!

PRESTIGIOUS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE

Each year the Sunrise Rotary Club of Westerville recognizes an outstanding person in Westerville, Blendon, and Genoa Townships. Congratulations go to our Administrative Assistant, Linda Harter, for receiving the 2016 Service Above Self Award! This prestigious award is presented for faithful service to the community, with significant contributions of time and effort to improve the quality of life for its citizens.

Linda has served Blendon Township for over 12 years. She supports the Township Administrator, Trustees, and the rest of our staff. She also is our Cemetery Administrator and provides care for families throughout the funeral and interment process with great compassion. Thank you, Linda, for all you do for our community!

The photograph below shows Sunrise Rotary club members Mr. Bob Gibson, Mr. Scott Hrabcak, Linda holding her award, and Mr. Paul Kulik.

The above pictures show our Gazebo Ground Breaking Ceremony (from left to right: Administrator Rhoads, Trustees Flaherty, Welch, and Heichel, and Fiscal Officer Estep) and the gazebo in full use after completion.

BLENDON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Our police department is committed to working in partnership with the community to effectively address crime at every level. Citizen involvement is vital. Never hesitate to report suspicious incidents to the police department. The department is staffed with a Chief, a Lieutenant, 1 Sergeant, 2 Detectives (1 full-time and 1 part-time), 8 Patrol Officers, and 1 part-time Officer. These officers patrol the streets of Blendon Township, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The Police Department also provides many other services to the community including:

Online Police Department Daily Activity Blog
Franklin County Sexual Offender Database
Vacation House Watch
Bicycle Registration
Crime Reports
Business Emergency Registration
Women's Self Defense Training
FREE I-Dent-A-Kid Kits
FREE Safe Medication Drop off
FREE Document Shredding
The option to request the radar speed measuring sign on your street
Option to file a Police Report Online
To learn more about these please visit: www.blendontwp.org

TEXT MESSAGE ALERTS FROM THE TRUSTEES

Sign Up for Text Alerts from Blendon Township about up-coming events and other important information. This FREE alert system will notify you of police emergencies, important township news, and much more! Your registration information will be kept private and never be sold or shared. To sign up, please visit www.blendontwp.org.

FREE Rumpke Recycle Containers, Lids, and Yard Waste Stickers available at our Administrative Office
6350 Hempstead Road

YARD WASTE

The before and after pictures below show the corner property located on Harbin Drive that the Trustees purchased from Vine Brook Properties in 2013. It was the site of a badly burned vacant home right at an entrance to the township. It was an eye-sore and safety concern for the neighborhood.
## BLENDON TOWNSHIP FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF NOVEMBER, 30, 2016

### Wade L. Estep
Fiscal Officer

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### A YEAR IN REVIEW

We thought you might find it interesting to see some information from our department leaders’ annual reports. It demonstrates how the things they take care of make Blendon Township a better place to live.

**BLENDON SERVICE DEPARTMENT**

Our service department is run by three full time employees. Many times, these men work through the night clearing snow and ice from our township roads. A few of their many responsibilities include:

- 26 square mile area for snow and ice removal
- 26 square mile area for mosquito fogging (four applications)
- 21 township roads repaired or repaved in 2016
- 12 township roads’ curbs, gutters, and sewer lids replaced in 2016
- 400 tons of salt stored for roads this winter. Three snow plow trucks maintained and are ready for service
- 158 graves prepared

**BLENDON CEMETARY**

- Funerals 158 in 2016
- Grave Site Sales and Service $308,400

**BLENDON CODE ENFORCEMENT**

The objective of Blendon Township’s Enforcement Codes is to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods. The codes regulate the exterior areas of residential and commercial properties. The majority of violations are complaint based. Below is a list of closed cases for 2016.

- Grass/High Weeds 217
- Trash Storage 168
- Parking Facilities 23
- Inoperable Vehicles 12
- Trash Service Disputes 8
- Garbage 7
- Shrubbery/Hedges 6
- Roofs/Drainage 5
- Signs & Billboard Regulations 5
- Accessory Structures 5
- Diseased/Dead Trees 9
- Exterior Doors 4
- Stagnant Water 4
- Fences/Swimming Pools 4
- RV’s, Boats, Trailers 2

The photograph below shows Code Enforcement Officer, Branch Wayt, busy working for you.
**Board of Trustees:**

Jan Heichel, Chairman  
JHeichel@blendontwp.org  
(614) 890-0650

Jim Welch, Vice Chairman  
Jim.Welch@blendontwp.org  
(614) 306-8080

Stew Flaherty, Trustee  
SFlaherty@blendontwp.org  
(614) 882-1270

Fiscal Officer:  
Wade Estep  
Wade.Estep@blendontwp.org  
(614) 882-1270

Administrator:  
Bryan Rhoads  
Bryan.Rhoads@blendontwp.org  
(614) 839-2013

Township Offices:  
Linda Harter, Cemetery Administrator  
LHarter@blendontwp.org  
(614) 882-1270  
(614) 882-2215 (cemetery office)

Police Department:  
John Belford, Police Chief  
JBelford@blendontwp.org  
Emergency 911  
Dispatcher (614) 889-9494  
Office (614) 882-8500

Fire Department:  
Brian Miller, Fire Chief  
Brian.Miller@westerville.org  
Emergency 911  
Office (614) 901-6600

Road/Service Department:  
John Giamarco, Service Director  
JGiamarco@blendontwp.org  
(614) 882-2673

Senior Center:  
Charel Bowman, Interim Director  
Cbowman@blendontwp.org  
(614) 882-1260

Blendon Twp. Code Enforcement:  
Branch Wayt, Property Maintenance Inspector  
bwayt@blendontwp.org  
Office (614)356-9752

**Important Dates to Remember**

**Board of Trustees Meetings**  
6330 Hempstead Road, 6:30 p.m.  
January 25th  
February 8th and 22nd  
March 8th and 22nd

**Blendon’s Senior’s Giant Garage Sale**  
6330 Hempstead Road  
Friday, March 31st 9:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.  
Saturday, April 1st 9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

**FREE Egg Hunt & Breakfast with the Easter Bunny**  
6330 Hempstead Road  
Saturday, April 8th 9:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.  
Reservations Required (614) 882-1260

**FREE Document Shredding, Safe Medication & Tire Disposal Day**  
6330 Hempstead Road  
Saturday, April 22 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

**Other Important Phone Numbers:**

**American Electric Power**  
(800) 277-2177

**Columbia Gas Company**  
(800) 344-4077 customer service/emergency (including gas odor emergency)

**Blendon Township Zoning**  
(614) 839-2013

**Franklin County Building Permits**  
(614) 525-3166

**Aqua Ohio Water Company**  
(877) 987-2782 or (614) 882-6586

**Rumpke Waste Removal**  
(800) 828-8171

**Franklin County Public Health:**

- For public health inquiries (614) 525-3160
- http://myfcph.org/npdes or (614) 525-4787, For reporting failing Sewage Systems polluting the ground surface or draining into waterways.
- Report Emergency Spills: Ohio EPA 24-Hour Hotline (800) 282-9378
- Report any other water pollution to Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District (614) 486-9613
- Environmental Crimes Task Force of Central OH www.itsacrime.org or (614) 871-5322, For reporting illegal dumping of paint, oil, or other solid waste into a stream, storm drain or any other body of water.