

the record

Township Government Works for all Residents

In January 2004, your Granville Township Trustees committed to publishing a series of newspaper articles and newsletters, as well as holding Open Forums, covering 5 specific areas of Township government activities including:

- Taxation
- Open and Recreational Property Acquisition
- Strategies to Manage Growth and Assist Our Schools
- Partnering and Its Payoffs
- An Overview of Township Government

To date, five issues of The Record have been published, covering the first four areas cited above as well as a recap of those four. *(Note: Past issues of The Record can be viewed on the Township web site at www.granvilletownship.org by clicking on "The Record" button.)*

This sixth issue of The Record is the last in the series and covers an "Overview of Granville Township Government." It will cover the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Zoning Commission, as well as the Recreation Commission, Fire Department, the Roads and Cemeteries Department, and the Union Cemetery Board.

Primary Revenue Source

The primary source of Township revenue is property taxes voted by the voters and levied for specific purposes. Road maintenance levies are paid only by residents of the unincorporated area and provide maintenance funds for approximately 74 lane miles of road. Levies for the Fire Department, the Recreation Commission, cemetery operations, and open space (green space) preservation are voted on and paid by residents of both the incorporated and unincorporated areas of the Township.

The Township contracts with the Granville Recreation Commission, Inc. for the amounts raised by its respective levy. It has a separate board consisting of Village and Township residents to determine how the money is spent to provide services in the Granville community.

The Trustees provide approximately one-quarter of the .4-mill cemetery levy money to the Union Cemetery (the Old Colony Burying Ground) jointly operated by the Township and the Village. The Township uses the remainder of funds for the operation of the Maple Grove and Philipps cemeteries.

Zoning Resolution—Zoning Commission

Article 5 of the Granville Township Zoning Resolution, adopted November 8, 2006, covers "Administration" including the Township Zoning Commission, Zoning Inspector and Board of Zoning Appeals.

The Granville Township Zoning Commission is composed of five members who must reside in the unincorporated area of the township, and are appointed by the Board of Granville Township Trustees. The terms of commission members are of such length and so arranged that the five-year term of one member expires each year.

Commission Duties

The Granville Township Zoning Commission's duties are:

- 1 Initiate proposed amendments to the Township Zoning Resolution.
- 2 Consider and review all proposed amendments to the Township Zoning Resolution and make recommendations to the Board of Township Trustees.
- 3 Review all Planned Unit Developments (PUDs) and make recommendations to the Board of Township Trustees.

Current (2006) members of the Township Zoning Commission include: Chair William Habig; members Robert Erhard, Gayle Mulvey, Thalia Oster, Dan VanNess; Secretary Betty Hullinger; First Alternate Thomas McCullough; and Second Alternate Tara Parsley.

The Township Zoning Commission meets on an ad hoc basis, the time and place of which are published in either the Granville Sentinel or the Newark Advocate, and the Townships website.

Township Government works for

Zoning Inspector

The key individual in the administration of zoning is the Zoning Inspector. Designated by the Board of Township Trustees, the Zoning Inspector administers and enforces the Granville Township Zoning Resolution, on a part-time basis. As the chief administrative and enforcement official, on a part-time basis, the Zoning Inspector is the person that the public will most directly associate with zoning. Warren May, 3210 Raccoon Valley Rd., has been the township's zoning inspector since the inception of zoning in 1967.

The Zoning Inspector may be provided with the assistance of such other persons as the Board of Township Trustees may direct, including a Deputy Zoning Inspector. Duties of the Zoning Inspector or Deputy include:

- 1 Upon submission of an application and payment of the appropriate fees, the issuance of zoning permits authorizing the construction of structures which are in compliance with requirements as set forth in the township's zoning resolution. Copies of the application for zoning permits are submitted to the County Auditor for inclusion on the County Tax Duplicate.
- 2 Upon finding that any of the provisions of the Zoning Resolution are being violated, notify in writing the person responsible for such violation(s), ordering the action necessary to correct such violation.
- 3 Order discontinuance of illegal uses of land, buildings, or structures.
- 4 Order removal of illegal buildings or structures or illegal additions or structural alterations.
- 5 Order discontinuance of any illegal work being done.
- 6 Take any other action authorized by the Zoning Resolution to ensure compliance with or to prevent violation(s) of the resolution. This may include the issuance of and action on zoning and certificate of occupancy permits, and such similar administrative duties as are permissible under the law.

Board Of Zoning Appeals

The Granville Township Board of Zoning Appeals consists of five members who must be residents of the unincorporated area of the township. They are appointed by the Board of Township Trustees for a term of five (5) years with each term staggered by one year. The powers of the Granville Township Board of Zoning Appeals are very similar to those of the courts. Under the Ohio Revised Code, the Board of Zoning Appeals is given three basic powers:

- 1 Hear and decide appeals
- 2 Authorize variances
- 3 Grant conditional use permits.

Appeals and variances go to the Board of Zoning Appeals only after an applicant is refused a zoning permit by the zoning inspector or deputy inspector. The Board of Zoning Appeals receives and considers applications for conditional use permits. The only recourse to a decision by the Board of Zoning Appeals is to the courts and not the legislative authority (i.e. the Township Trustees), as set forth in the Ohio Revised Code.

Current (2006) members of the Board of Zoning Appeals include: Chair James Larimer; members William Brady, John Gordon, James Murr, Glenn "Terry" White; Secretary Stacy Engle; First Alternate Jonathan Downes; and Second Alternate Leonard Hubert.

The Board of Zoning Appeals meets on an ad hoc basis, the time and place of which are published in either the Granville Sentinel or the Newark Advocate, and the Township's website.

Independent Board

The Recreation Commission is an independent Ohio non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation that is governed by an independent board. This commission is composed of board members who reside in Granville Village and the Township. The trustees contract with this organization to provide community-wide services and encourage this board to operate independently.

Recreation Commission

Organized in 1970 and chartered as a not-for-profit corporation in 1971, the Granville Recreation Commission was created "for the purpose of providing a comprehensive recreation program for the Granville community." It is funded by a one-mill levy.



Wildwood Park

For all Residents (cont.)

The Granville Recreation Commission (more commonly referred to as the Rec Commission or GRC) offers numerous recreational and educational activities to all residents of—and family members of persons who work for—the Granville School District, Granville Village and Granville Township. More than 6,000 people participated in GRC programs and activities in 2005, aided by more than 350 volunteer coaches, referees, chaperones and instructors.

GRC activities and programs cover six primary areas: Team Sports, the Arts, Senior Activities, Education, Recreation and Sports/Fitness. Its web site is: www.granvillerec.org. The GRC also operates Wildwood Park, Raccoon Valley Park, McPeck Lodge and the Community Gardens at Wildwood.

Fire Department

The Granville Township Fire Department's emergency services operation was officially converted from a private volunteer corporation (originally formed in 1885) to a public township function on January 1, 2007. Newly hired Fire Chief Jeff Hussey reported for duty December 4, 2006, to assist with a transition process that had been taking place



Fire Chief Jeff Hussey

The Ohio State University and was a member of the OSU Marching Band. He has 20 years' experience with the Mifflin Township Fire Department where he advanced from firefighter and paramedic to lieutenant, captain and assistant chief. Most recently, he worked 3 ½ years for the Westerville Fire Department. Chief Hussey and his wife have four children, two boys and two girls, ages 3, 10, 13 and 14.

since June 2006. He says that, currently, approximately 50 persons make up the department including four career staff members, 20 intermittently scheduled people, and approximately 25 volunteer members.

A business administration graduate of Franklin University, Chief Hussey also attended

Along with Chief Hussey, the other three career officers are Capt. Rusty Thompson, Lt. Tom Bowman and Lt. Aaron Hall. There are also three volunteer officers, including Capt. Bob Otter, Lt. Casey Curtis, and Lt. Brad Essick. The Chief notes that numerous volunteers have done so for many years.

The volunteer corps includes approximately 10 active members from Denison University, which has a long history with the department.

Chief Hussey notes that the combination of career and intermittently scheduled staff allows for 24/7 staffing. And, because some of the department's intermittently scheduled staff members are EMS and/or firefighters for other areas such as Columbus, Newark and the West Licking Fire District, Granville Township can take advantage of their expertise and experience in how these other departments operate. Hussey adds that the GTFD plans to add three additional full-time career firefighter/paramedics in 2007 to provide even more consistency in scheduling, training and experience, and somewhat reduce the department's dependence on intermittent employees. For example, the department began staffing its "first-out" truck with a full crew of three on a 24/7 basis on January 1, 2007, using one full-time and two intermittent on-duty employees.

The fire station houses two medic vehicles, two fire engines, a rescue engine, a 93-foot ladder platform truck, a 1,800-gallon tanker truck, a 4x4 grass truck and a utility/pickup truck used to transport volunteers and supplement manpower on the EMS units. A technical specifications document will be drawn up this year for a new heavy rescue vehicle that will probably be ordered in 2008. The department covers a roughly 72-square-mile area that includes the Village of Granville, Granville Township and, by contract, most of McKean Township and the northern portion of Union Township. Approximately 75 percent of the department's runs are EMS and 25 percent are fire emergencies, percentages that are pretty typical nationwide. In order to fulfill its mission of timely response to emergency



Fire Chief Jeff Hussey, Lt. Tom Bowman, FF Brian Johnson



...s, FF Adam Gottfried

calls, the former private corporation department asked the township trustees to place an additional 2.5-mill levy on the November 2005 ballot. The voters overwhelmingly passed this levy. The money from the total 4.8 mills of fire levies pays for the operation of the department and is being used to provide 24-hour-a-day staffing, 7 days a

week with paramedic/firefighters. Volunteer members of the department supplement the initial response by on-duty career personnel.

While the department continues to evolve, its mission of providing emergency services to the community remains the same. Members of the community who are interested in volunteering time as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and firefighters are encouraged to stop by the station to obtain information.



The Township maintains 74 lane miles of road

Roads and Cemeteries

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the maintenance of approximately 74 lane miles of township roads located outside of the Village. The County and the State are responsible for the County roads and State highways within the township. A list of roads by responsibility is available on the Township web site.

Frank Annarino is the Granville Township Superintendent of Roads and Cemeteries, a position he has held for the past three years.



Prior to that, Annarino was employed by the Village of Granville Service Department for six years, and by the City of Heath for two years. He and his wife, Bethany, have one daughter.

Annarino's six-person staff includes Asst. Superintendent Travis Binckley, Equipment Operator Tim Giles; Josh Butt, Zach Huhn, Ralph Meisenhelder, and Customer Service Representative Laura Main. Annarino notes that the three greatest challenges for the Roads Department are snow removal, tree maintenance and asphalt repair.

Maintenance includes the patching and crack sealing of roads, as well as the periodic repaving of the roads. The township also maintains the roadside ditches that carry water away from the road surface, and subsurface and culverts up to 36 inches in diameter under the roads. During the winter, the township removes snow from the township roadways.

Most roads in the township have a right of way and the township is responsible for the trees located within this area, as well as for placing traffic signs in accordance with the Ohio Uniform Traffic Marking system. The township also picks up dead deer along township roads within the right of way. The Village, the



Entrance gate to Old Colony Burying Ground



Philipp's Cemetery



Cemeteries Dept. staff enter Maple Grove Cemetery to cut grass

County, and the State are responsible for deer along their respective roads.

The township Roads Department owns 10 vehicles including 4 dump trucks, 2 pick-up trucks, 2 tractors, a backhoe and a mini-excavator. Operation of the township roads department is funded by:

- 1 5.05 mills of property tax paid only by the township residents living outside the Village of Granville
- 2 a portion of the state gasoline tax as authorized by the state legislature (the Village receives its own gasoline tax from the state)
- 3 a portion of motor vehicle license fees on cars registered in the township outside of the Village; again as authorized by the state legislature. The trustees may also use a portion of the township's general fund monies for road maintenance.

New roadways in the township are typically constructed by developers to serve their subdivisions. When a subdivision plat is approved by the County Commissioners, they also approve the proposed roadway(s) for public use. After the roadway(s) has/have been completed to the standards of the Licking County Engineer, the developer can petition the County Commissioners for acceptance for public maintenance. Once accepted for public maintenance, roads become the township's responsibility.

The township roads department may be reached via a recorder at 740.587.0229.

Annarino's department is also responsible for the Township's Cemeteries, including everything from gravesite resurveying work to gravesite sales and grave digging.

Union Cemetery Board

The three-member Union Cemetery Board oversees the maintenance, preservation and restoration of the Old Colony Burying Ground. The Township, Village and Granville Ohio Historical Society each appoint a member to this board.

- Old Colony Burying Ground located on the east side of south Main Street is a Union Cemetery maintained by Granville Township and the Village of Granville. The settlers of Granville marked the Burying Ground on the town plat before they left New England in 1805. Ground was broken for the first burial in the spring of 1806. By the mid-1800s, there had been more than 2000 interments. Veterans of five different wars are buried in Old Colony. Preservation and restoration work began in the summer of 1992. The Board of Granville Township Trustees granted the initial funds for restoration of the gravestones from its Opera House settlement fund.

The Village of Granville provides maintenance of the grounds; the Granville Rotary Club constructed the storage building; the Granville Kiwanis Club provided work tools; the Granville Foundation provided funding for landscaping of the grounds; and Felumlee Monument Company has provided equipment and expertise. Restoration work is being performed by volunteers with guidance from professional cemetery restorationists, and continues to this day.

Other Cemeteries in Granville

- **Maple Grove Cemetery** was opened in 1864 because the Old Colony Burying Ground had reached capacity. It is owned and operated by the Granville Township Trustees. Many of Maple Grove's early monuments came from the DeBow Brother's Marble Works. The first automobile funeral was in July 1913. The first power mowers were used in 1920. During 2006, there were 45 burials, 28 burials rights sold, 26 marker foundations poured, 1 deed transfer and 1 grave repurchased in Maple Grove. The cemetery is open during daylight hours each day of the year.
- **Philipps Cemetery** is a 5-acre cemetery operated by Granville Township located in the Welsh Hills in the northeast quadrant of Granville Township on the west side of Philipps Road. Samuel J. Philipps gave the land for this cemetery, and the first burial was the child of Simon James. Approximately 130 interments have taken place in Philipps Cemetery. The Cemetery is not taking new burials.
- **Denison University Cemetery** is located on the college campus and operated by the University.
- **Welsh Hills Cemetery**, located along Welsh Hills Road, is operated by a private cemetery association.

Series Conclusion

Your Granville Township Trustees hope that these newsletters and newspaper articles covering Granville Township government have been helpful and informative to area residents. As always, we welcome your input and questions on Township issues, and ask that you please call or e-mail us at the numbers provided.

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2007 Zoning Commission



Gayle Mulvey has been a member of the Zoning Commission since 2003, and a Granville resident since 1991. A 1982 graduate of Denison University with a BA in Sociology/Anthropology, Mulvey is the Area Trainer for the Columbus stores of PETSMART, and has been a dog trainer for many years. She also teaches classes for

the Granville Recreation Center and recently has begun private training in the Licking County area. Gayle and her husband, Tom, have three children, Kara, 17, Gwen, 15, and Ian, 11.

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Thalia Oster has been on the Township Zoning Commission since January 2005. She has lived in Granville Township for the past 16 1/2 years—the first six in the Village, and the remainder, outside its limits. A 1979 graduate of Hiram College with a Bachelor's in psychology, Thalia earned a JD degree from Cleveland-

Marshall Law School in 1983. She and her physician husband, Jeff, have three children, two girls—both in college—and a boy. Thalia owns and operates MyFootShop.com, an Internet-based retail store for foot and ankle products that is located next door to her husband's podiatry practice.

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Bill Habig has been a member of the Zoning Commission since November 2005, assuming the chairmanship in April 2006. A Cincinnati native, Bill was employed by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for 39 years, serving as Executive Director for nearly 35 years, and overseeing a staff of 70 and a budget of \$8

million. Bill holds a B.S.C.E. degree in civil engineering from the University of Detroit, and an M.S.C.E. degree in analytical planning from Northwestern University where he completed all coursework for the doctorate degree.

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Robert Erhard first served as a member of the Granville Township Zoning Commission from 1996-1999 and was chair from 1997-98. He returned to the Commission in 2004. An attorney with Morrow & Erhard Co., LPA, in Newark, since 1977, Erhard focuses his practice on the areas of natural resources, low-income

housing, real estate, corporate, commercial, estate planning and probate, and other regulatory and administrative law matters. A 1972 graduate of Denison University, he earned his J.D. from Capital University Law School in 1977.

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Dan Van Ness has been a member of the Zoning Commission for 10 years, and is a former Commission chair. He has been a Granville resident his entire life, except for the four years when he was a student at The Ohio State University where he earned a BS degree in Agriculture. Dan's parents and grandparents were also Granville residents. He and his wife, Jennifer—who is from Fletcher, Ohio—have five children, Kristen 19, Kurt 16, Kate 14, Kyle 10, and Kevin 7. Van Ness is one of only a few full-time farmers left in Granville Township.

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Tom McCullough, First Alternate, has served as an alternate on the Granville Township Zoning Commission since 2002. Director of government affairs for Embarq Corp., Tom holds degrees from Franklin University and The Ohio State University. He and his wife, Deb, have a son.

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Tara Parsley, Second Alternate, has been a member of the Zoning Commission since 2003 and a Granville resident since 1993. Parsley works in the Granville School District and at Riverside Methodist Hospitals as a Physical Therapist. She graduated from Denison University with a B.A. in Communications (1987); The Ohio

State University with a Master's in Health, Recreation and Physical Education (1990), and New York University with a degree in Physical Therapy (1993). She and her husband Bob have three children, ages 11, 9 and 8.

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2007 Board Of Zoning Appeals



Bill Brady has been a member of the Granville Township Board of Zoning Appeals for more than 30 years and a Township resident since 1961, when he moved from Akron to take a job with Owens Corning. Bill retired in 1996 as a research associate (senior engineer) after 35 years with the company. He holds

a Masters in Chemical Engineering from the University of Toledo, and a Bachelor's degree from Kent State. Bill and his wife, Jane, have three grown children, two daughters and one son.

1349 James Road, Granville, OH 43023-9253, (740) 587-1688



Jim Larimer was appointed to the Township Board of Zoning Appeals in 2001, and has served as chair since 2003. A 50-plus-year Granville resident, Larimer owns a safety equipment business in Newark. He is a 1969 graduate of Denison University and a U.S. Marine Corps veteran. Larimer and his wife,

Mary, are the parents of Mary (age 24) and William (age 16). In his leisure time, Larimer enjoys golf, reading and his two Labrador retrievers, Eddie and Emma.

166 Joy Lane, Granville, OH 43023-1034, (740) 587-4037



John S. Gordon was appointed to a five-year term on the Board of Zoning Appeals in January 2002. A life-long resident of Granville, Gordon graduated from Granville High School and Ohio University. He has been employed by Englefield Oil Company for the last 20 years, and currently serves as vice president

overseeing construction and environmental issues. John and his wife, Janet, have two children, Katie, a senior at Elon University, and Shannon, a freshman at Radford University.

25 Brecon Circle, Granville, OH 43023-1000, (740) 587-3468



Jim Murr is a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. A commercial Realtor and MAI appraiser, he has lived in SW Granville Township since 1993. Jim and his wife, Suzy, moved to Granville as empty nesters. Their two adult children live in Cincinnati, and Manhattan.

Interested in gardening and the outdoors, they are both members of the Licking Land Trust, and Suzy is a member of the Granville Garden Club.

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Glenn A. "Terry" White was appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals 14 years ago. A Granville resident for 63 years, White is a partner in the Newark law firm of Morrow, Gordon, and Byrd. He holds a B.A. from DePauw University, and a J.D. from George Washington University School of Law. Terry's practice areas include insurance defense, condominiums, probate, product liability, personal injury, trials and appeals, real estate, and zoning. He and his wife, Frederica, have two grown children.

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Jonathan Downes, First Alternate, has been a Board of Zoning Appeals alternate for three years. A partner in the Columbus firm of Downes, Hurst & Fishel, he is certified by the Ohio State Bar Association as a Specialist in Labor and Employment Law, and has extensive experience in collective bargaining, arbitration, litigation,

administrative matters, civil rights, and civil service law. He holds a law degree from Case Western Reserve University, and a BS from Virginia Tech. Jonathan and his wife, Marcia, have lived in Granville for 22 years. They have two children in college and one who is married and holds a Masters degree.

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Leonard J. Hubert, Second Alternate, has served on the Board since 2003. He is president of L Hubert & Associates, LLC, a consulting service firm that specializes in community and public relations and governmental affairs. He earned Bachelor's and Master's of Science degrees from Alabama A & M University. Leonard and his

wife, Gail have 2 children, Jonathan, 9, and Jordyn, 7, and they enjoy fishing and family time at home.

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Zoning Inspector



Warren May moved to Granville in 1963 to work for the U.S. Air Force. He has been Granville Township Zoning Inspector since October 1967. A graduate of the University of Michigan with a Bachelor's degree in engineering, Warren has 3 grown sons. He notes that, in his job, he doesn't make judgments, but simply enforces "the book,"

the Granville Township Zoning Resolution adopted November 8, 2006 (effective December 8, 2006). When legal issues arise, he consults with the county prosecutor's office for an opinion.

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