COVID-19 has undoubtedly changed the way we all conduct our everyday activities. Given the continuing state requirements and the need for general precautions, the Darby Township Trustees have decided to cancel this year’s township Memorial Day parade, church service and cemetery ceremony. This decision was not an easy one to make, and the trustees consulted legal counsel before coming to their decision. These observances have been a part of the township for nearly 30 years, and there is every intention to continue that tradition in 2021. In the meantime, the township will be posting a Memorial Day video on the website of the Logan-Union-Champaign Regional Planning Commission. The posted video features Ohio 86th District (Union and Marion Counties) State Representative Tracy Richardson, who was originally scheduled to be our Memorial Day keynote speaker.

To view the Darby Township Memorial Day video, go to https://www.lucplanning.com/union-county-townships then under “Darby”, click on the “Memorial Day Video” link.

2020 Census information was mailed out earlier this year. If for some reason you have not responded to the Census, it’s not too late. Data collected in the census will inform the distribution of more than $675 billion in federal funds to states and communities each year for things like infrastructure, health care, and food assistance. One example of infrastructure funding is the 1.25 million dollars Union County received last year for bridge replacement and pavement striping. It’s important that we all respond to shape the future of our communities. For every person not counted, Ohio will lose about $1,206 of federal funding in the next decade.

Responding to the 2020 Census
Online: Log on to my2020census.gov
By Phone: Call (844) 330-2020
By Mail: If you have received a form, send to- U.S. Census Bureau National Processing Center 1201 E 10th Street Jeffersonville, IN 47132
Learn more at 2020census.gov
The Darby Township Trustees are offering for sale an antique rolltop desk that has been stored in the township hall office for more years than anyone can remember. All the drawers and rolltop are functional and in good condition. Although this is certainly a part of the township’s history, its origin and age are unknown. The trustees are selling this piece to make room for storage shelves planned for the township office. To view the desk in person and/or place a bid, please contact trustee Jim Scheiderer at (937) 243-0821. Bids will be accepted until June 30th, 2020. The trustees will review the bids at their regular meeting on July 13th.

**Want to Own a Piece of Darby Township History?**

Darby Township will contract with the Union County Engineer this summer to perform biennial routine maintenance and repair to Darby Township roads. The list below includes only selected roads that are the responsibility of the township (most roads in the township are actually maintained by the county).

- Ketch Rd.- chip-seal Darby Township half
- Fladt Rd.- chip-seal portion southwest of State Route 736
- Debolt Rd.- chip-seal from State Route 161 to county line
- Autumn Ridge roads- all will have pavement cracks sealed
- O'Harra Rd.- chip-seal to from State Route 161 to county line
- Hidden Farm Rd.- chip-seal all
- Sam Reed Rd.- chip-seal from State Route 38 to Union Township line

**Save the Date:**

**Township Clean Up Day- Saturday, October 3rd, 2020**

*(more details in September)*
For the past few years, the Darby Township Trustees have been considering the future of the present township building. Constructed in 1981, the building is still structurally sound and completely functional, but the trustees wanted to look at the possibility of increasing its seating capacity and perhaps incorporating kitchen facilities for groups that occasionally rent the building. Preliminary design ideas for a new township hall were developed, and very rough construction estimates were received. After reviewing those initial higher-than-anticipated cost estimates, the trustees decided that taxpayer money was better spent upgrading the present hall at a much lower price.

To eliminate the constant battle with rust stains on all the restroom fixtures, the township contracted with Foust Plumbing and Heating from Plain City to install a metered water softening system, along with new sinks and toilets in the restrooms, including a utility sink. The new water softener and related plumbing was installed in an expanded utility closet that was constructed by trustee Jim Scheiderer and Board of Zoning Appeals chairman Mike Priday.

Replacing the stained and worn carpet in the township hall was next on the agenda. Columbus Epoxy Flooring removed the old carpet and replaced it with a durable epoxy floor in a 3-day process. Plans later this year call for new coats of paint for the township hall and playground shelter house, to be applied by Darby Township painting contractor John Scheiderer.
**Wondering whom to contact with a question in Darby Township?**

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