#### **TRUSTEES**

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**FISCAL OFFICER** MICHAEL A. PATRIARCA

#### **TRUSTEE MEETINGS**

1st Tuesday -6:00 p.m. Work Session 7:30 p.m. Public Meeting 3rd Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - Work Session 11:00 a.m. - Public Meeting

**Zoning Commission meets the** 2nd Monday of every month **BZA** meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month



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## TRUSTEE NOTES

Planning is under way for the annual Painesville Township St. Patrick's Parade. The parade will once again be held on the Sunday before St. Patrick's Day, March 13. The Parade will start at the Lake County Fairgrounds and proceed west on Mentor Avenue to Hellriegal's Inn. We already have many participants such as the East Side Irish American Club Pipes & Drums, the Painesville Railroad Museum's Collinwood 999 Engine, the Egan Irish Dancers, Stilt Walkers, the American Legion Color Guard, Sub Zero Mission, and more! The Lake County Sheriff's Office will once again provide traffic control during the Parade.

> The Parade will begin promptly at 3:00 pm. Bring the family out and enjoy our Parade!

Organizations that would like to march in the parade can access the application here https://www. painesvilletwp.com/wp-content/ uploads/2022/01/2022-St.-Patricks-Day-Parade-Application-1.pdf, or

call Mike at Town Hall at 440-352-1443. The deadline for submitting applications is March 4.

The Board of Trustees, the Lake County Sheriff, and the County Commissioners recently concluded discussions to renew the Township's three-year contract for police protection. The Trustees were able to utilize a portion of the ARPA funds from the federal government to add two additional deputies to the Painesville Township patrols. This brings the total number of deputies assigned to the Township to eight. This is being done in combination with a temporary grant from the County Commissioners. The Trustees are pleased to continue our partnership with the Sheriff's Office for police protection. Our residents and businesses enjoy police services from one of the best trained and professional police departments in Lake County.

The Hometown Heroes Banner program continues to be very popular. We have filled up all of the available

poles on Mentor Avenue, and most of the available poles on North Ridge Road. The Trustees are working with the utility company to get permission to hang banners on Fairgrounds Road this year. If you are interested in in hanging the picture of a veteran in your family, please access the guidelines and application here. https://www.painesvilletwp.com/ community/hometown-heroes-bannerprogram/

The Trustees hosted the Children's Christmas Party on December 11th. Santa Claus was present and meeting with children the entire time. We had over 250 children, along with their parents come out and have their picture taken with Santa. The children also enjoyed games, prizes, music, and food.

Thank you to the volunteers who put this party on, and to the Lake MetroParks for allowing us to use their Community Center at Township Park.



In the Township March 13 -St. Patrick's Parade

*July 30 –* Family Movie Night August 27 – Family Fun Night

September 17 – Resident Document Shredding Day December 17 -Children's Christmas Party



## FIRE DEPARTMENT

# From the Desk of Fire Chief Frank Huffman

### **Full Time Firefighter Retires**



Firefighter Edward Amiott pulled his last shift as a full-time firefighter/paramedic for Painesville Township Fire Department on October 29, 2021. Ed has been a member of the Department for over 30 years.

Ed was originally hired as a part-time firefighter on March 11, 1988 and became full-time on February 14, 1998. Ed has been highly involved with the Department as a fire investigator and as a Fire Safety Inspector. Over the years, Ed had been the head Fire Investigator for many fires in Painesville Township and has become well known to businesses throughout the Township through his work as a Fire Safety Inspector. Ed has been a member of the Lake County Fire Investigation Unit, the Lake County Fire Prevention Association, and the Northeast Ohio Fire Prevention Association.

The Painesville Township Fire Department wishes to thank Ed for his service and dedication to the department as a full-time Firefighter/Paramedic, as well as, his work as a Fire Safety Inspector and a Fire Investigator.

#### **New Full-Time Hires**

Painesville Township Fire Department would like to congratulate the newest full-time members of the Department. The Department has hired 4 new full-time firefighter/paramedics.

The hiring process for full-time firefighters is very competitive. All candidates are selected from the part-time ranks of the department. The candidates go through an evaluation process that involves a written test based on several fire related textbooks and paramedic protocols. In addition to the written test, the candidates go through a peer review process and are interviewed by the Fire Chief.

The first new hire is Adam Friedel. Adam's first day as a full-time firefighter was December 1st, 2021. Adam was hired to replace firefighter Ed Amiott who retired on October 29, 2021. Adam was first hired as a part-time firefighter on 12/13/2020.

On January 1st, 2022, three additional full-time firefighters were able to be hired utilizing a FEMA SAFER Grant. The SAFER Grant (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) was awarded to Painesville Township to pay the expenses of hiring the additional full-time firefighters for three years. The SAFER grant provides funding directly to the fire department to increase the number of firefighters that will be able to respond in an emergency to help protect the community. Firefighters hired for the positions funded by the SAFER Grant faced the same competitive testing as any other full-time firefighter/paramedic on the department. The firefighter/paramedics hired under the SAFER grant are Zachery Luzius, Joseph Hunt, and Jackson Beers. Joe Hunt started with the department as a parttime firefighter in June of 2014, Zach Luzuis started parttime in June of 2018 and Jack Beers started part-time in December of 2018.

The department would like to thank the newest full-time firefighters for their efforts and hard work in going through the hiring process. We wish them a long and safe career.



## Did you know?

Our community is enjoying a housing boom with new neighborhoods being built throughout the Township. New neighborhoods that have been built recently, or are still being built, include Kallay Farms, Asbury Pointe, and the Meadows at Fairway Pines. While our Township is over 200 years old, many of the "neighborhoods" have been built during the last 30 years. Here is when some of the more recent developments were started:

- Briarwood Farms 1997
- Heatherstone Phase 2 1998
- Tiber Creek 1999
- Whitmore 2000
- Lake Terrace Phase 1 2001
- Lake Erie Shores Phase 1 2002
- Bellmore 2003
- Grand Haven Court 2003

### ROAD SERVICE DEPARTMENT

# From the Desk of Service Director Bill Thompson

In 2021 the Service Department accepted brush, leaves and yard waste from over 3,700 residents on Saturdays and over 2,600 residents on Wednesdays. This resulted in 508 loads of brush hauled away and 110 loads of leaves.

115 Christmas trees were picked up and chipped in January. All of the yard waste and Christmas trees are taken to local nurseries to be recycled. Trees that were not collected before the January snowstorm will be picked up over the next several weeks.

The brush, leaf, and yard waste drop off area will open for the 2022 season on Wednesday, March 30th and remain open on Wednesdays and Saturdays through November. Hours are Wednesdays from 7:30 am until 3:00 pm and Saturdays from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

This service is for Painesville Township residents only and proof of residence may be required. Yard waste from commercial contractors is not accepted.

The residential curbside brush pickup will be on Monday June 6th.
All brush must be tied in bundles and placed at the curb by 7:30 am.
Loose brush and leaves will not be picked up.

The 2022 road paving program will include pavement milling and asphalt replacement on the following roadways:

Florence Avenue, Adelaide Avenue, Allen Avenue, Chatham Drive and a portion of both Tradewinds Cove and Pebble Beach Cove. Work should begin in late spring.

The Service Department has been training on the use of a new GapVax trailer mounted sewer jet that will be used for storm sewer and culvert cleaning and maintenance. This equipment was purchased using ARPA funds and replaces our 1996 sewer jet. A sewer inspection camera is included with this equipment to assist with identifying existing and potential pipe obstructions.

Our snowplows are out clearing snow. The Township Service Department plows the snow on 215 Township roads. The Lake County Engineer's Office plows the snow on county roads. ODOT plows State Route 84, Mentor Avenue, and North Ridge Road. Please remember two important safety concerns when it comes to snow on the roads.

• There is **no parking** on any Township Road when snow exceeds 2 inches. Please do not park cars on the road anytime it snows. Our snow plow trucks need a wide berth to clear the roads.

• Give the snow plow trucks plenty of room when they are coming down the road. They are not only trying to avoid oncoming cars, they are trying to avoid obstacles on the other side of the road also.



The Lake County Utilities Department is doing a water line replacement project on Mantle Road. The water line is 50 years old and has frequent breaks. The entire project, including a partial repaving of Mantle Road will be complete by the end of June.

## A Little History about Township Hall

Prior to 1968, the Administration of Painesville Township was first run out of an office in the Cleveland Trust Bank Building in downtown Painesville, and then from a small rented office on Palmer Road. That same year, the Trustees built an addition on to Station One on Nye Road that gave the Township Administration three small offices. Years of constant growth in the Township saw this space get filled with various boxes of records. We started storing records in the basement and attic of the Fire Station.

The Trustees meetings, as well as those of the Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) were held in the living room of Station One. When a large crowd of people were expected, the fire trucks were moved out of the bay of the garage and the meetings were held there. Facilities for handicapped were non-existent, and the building could not be remodeled to accommodate the needs of modern business meetings.

In 1994 the Trustees purchased the lot next to Station One and two years later began construction of a four thousand square foot Township Hall and Administration Building.

The building has a meeting room that can hold up to 104 people, plus offices for the Administrator, Office Manager, Director of Zoning and Planning, and an office for the Trustees and Fiscal Officer. Your Town Hall is ADA compliant. Additionally, plenty of storage room is included. (That was in 1996. Our record room is full and we are currently converting our records to a digital format.)

This facility will continue to serve the residents for years to come. The Township Trustees invite our residents and businesses to attend meetings and participate in your government.



## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

The Board of Trustees is planning for a full slate of Painesville Township Community Events in 2022. As always, our community events are free to the public, as we depend on sponsorships and donations to fund these events. Here are the great, family-oriented community events this year.

- March 13 St. Patrick's Parade at 3:00 pm
- July 30 Family Movie Night at Sunset
- August 27 Family Fun Day 11:00 am to 4:00 pm
- September 17 Resident Document Shredding Day 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

December 17 – Children's Christmas Party

If you would like to receive our newsletter by email, please go to our website at www.painesvilletwp.com and sign up. There is a box in the lower left corner of the main page to enter your email address. You can also download the Painesville Township app to receive immediate updates about activities in the Township.

