

# BROWN

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Spring 2007

## Rosemary Smith Says Goodbye

After 17 years of service, Rosemary Smith, long time Brown Township Fiscal Officer, announced her resignation effective January 31st, 2007. She indicated that she is moving out of the township. On behalf of the Brown Township Trustees, the Norwich Township Firefighters and all the good folks in Brown Township, we would like to publicly thank Rosemary for her years of unselfish service. Barbara Bloxam will serve the remainder of Rosemary's term and may run for the office in November's election.

### A Heart Felt Thank You From the Board

The trustees would like to thank Rosemary Smith for her 17 years of dedication to the township. She was always there for us. We could give her a call, or stop by her home at any time. Not only was she a valued clerk (fiscal officer), but she was also a friend. She made herself available to the residents of the township on numerous occasions to coordinate the use of the Township Hall and to reserve tables and chairs. Gary, specifically, will miss

her famous Icebox Pudding (bananas, sugar-free vanilla pudding, vanilla wafers and cool whip) that she would make and, on occasion, bring to the trustee meetings.

We wish her well in her new home in West Jefferson.

*Gary Dever, Ron Williams  
and Pam Sayre*

## Meet our Interim Fiscal Officer

Allow me to introduce myself, my name is Barb (Breckenridge) Bloxam and I have lived in the Brown Township community my entire life. I have many fond memories of growing up in this community and feel very fortunate to continue to share my life with my neighbors and friends.

I attended Brown Elementary when it still looked like the Alamo! I also remember plaster falling on our desks when the "junior high" was located in the old high school. We are now building our third high school!

Needless to say, much change has happened over these years.

I am thankful the citizens and leaders of our community have preserved portions of Brown Township so others can enjoy the beauty it has to offer. I also look forward to the future and growth yet to come.

The majority of my work has been spent in the accounting field ranging from private industry, to Hilliard City Schools, to the State of Ohio and now, at the request Rosemary Smith, serving out her term as the Fiscal Officer for Brown Township. I am honored to serve my community and all of you.

If I can be of service, please stop by my office at the firehouse or call me at 876-2133.

# High School Named for Township Resident

The Hilliard City Schools recognizes a long time Brown Township historian. While ground has not yet been broken to start the construction of the newest high school, Hilliard City Schools chose to honor a life-long Brown Township resident Mr. Raymond K. Bradley with the school's name.

The naming process consisted of allowing the community to submit names they felt would be appropriate for the new high school. Over 100 names were presented for consideration. A committee of parents, employees, and a representative of the Board of Education was formed. The committee members presented a list of 5 names to the Board of Ed-

ucation. These were Bradley, Webb, Walker, Reed & Dalton.

A 1937 Hilliard graduate, Mr. Bradley was inducted into the Hilliard Senior Citizen Hall of Fame, served as superintendent of education of the Hilliard United Methodist Church (where he also taught Sunday school), was a founding member of the Darby Creek Association, a member of Kiwanis and a founding member of the Northwest Historical Society. Mr. Bradley, who passed away in October of 1996, also served on the Hilliard Board of Education during the 1950s and was considered the local historian for Brown Township.

Hilliard Bradley High School will be home to the Hilliard Bradley Jaguars. Adopting the mascot from Hilliard Memorial, the middle school that will feed into Hilliard Bradley. The school colors will be royal blue, black and silver. The new high school will open in the fall of 2009. A groundbreaking ceremony for Hilliard Bradley High School is scheduled for 6 p.m., May 7 at the site, on Walker Road just north of Brown Elementary.

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*Contribution by Doug Maggied,  
President of the Hilliard City School  
Board of Education*

# Prairie Oaks Metro Park: Still Changing

In May 2006 the Metro Parks opened a new area at Prairie Oaks Metro Park called Darby Bend Lakes area (2755 Amity Rd.). Visitors to this area are able to enjoy fishing, canoeing or kayaking, hiking the continuation to the Darby Creek Greenway Trail, access the main bridle trail with your horse, or even swimming your dog in a special area among the three quarry lakes. This first year at Darby Bend Lakes brought 136,515 additional visitors to Prairie Oaks.

In addition, a new playground structure was opened at Prairie View picnic area in the main area of the park in July 2006. This new playground includes several slides, a balancing bar, a climbing rock, and climbing rope.

Through a special grant from EPA, expert hydrology studies, and agreed to by Ohio E.P.A, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the Ohio Chapter of The Nature Conservancy,

the Metro Parks in removing part of the levee that borders the Darby Creek and one of the quarry lakes at Darby Bend Lakes area. This levee was originally built to protect quarrying operations from the floodwaters of the Darby Creek. Now that mining is no longer done in this area, the Metro Parks is removing part of the levee in order to improve interaction with Big Darby Creek and its floodplain. By lowering the height of the levee in this area, some of the floodwaters could enter the quarry lake and the floodplain and decrease the scouring power and erosion caused by the floodwaters in this area. The levee removal project is expected to be completed by May 2007.

*Coming by June of 2007* there will be the opening of two more areas at Prairie Oaks.

- **Beaver Lake area** (8921 Lucas Rd.) is another quarry lake that

will be accessible to the public for fishing and other outdoor activities. There will be a small parking lot off of Lucas Road and an unimproved trail around the lake.

- The **Upper Darby Canoe Access area** located at 4275 Amity Rd. will allow visitors to safely access the Darby Creek for canoeing or kayaking. A small parking lot will allow visitors to park their vehicle while they enjoy their time on the creek.

Prairie Oaks Metro Park offers a variety of nature education programs throughout the year and is open daily 6:30 am until dark. For more information, see [www.metroparks.net](http://www.metroparks.net) or call Prairie Oaks Metro Parks at: 614-879-0020.

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*Contribution by Leslie Phillips  
Assistant Park Manager  
Prairie Oaks Metro Parks*

# Cell Phones and 911

Many people are opting to change their phone service from a traditional phone line coming into their residence to a cell phone. It is important for you, the customer, to verify with your provider how your cell phone operates when you dial 911.

With a traditional phone line, the Enhanced 911 service provides the dispatcher with the address and phone number you are calling from as well as additional information on their screen about emergency service providers. When you make a call from a cell phone, there is a signal sent through the air to a tower and the phone call is then made via a wireless/computer/cable connection.

The primary answering point (for 911) for the cell phone may not be in the same city or county which you are calling from, which is the case for Central Ohio. If you utilize

the cell phone from your residence, it is important for you to know who your local providers of emergency services are, this way you can specifically ask for that agency when you make a 911 call on your cell phone.

If you travel, try to maintain an awareness of street names and numbers, this way you can be as specific as possible, should you have to make a call for assistance. When you 'dial 911' from a cell phone, you will most likely be transferred to the appropriate agency, do not hang up while this call is being transferred.

Remember, to stay calm when you 'dial 911', speak clearly and remain on the line and answer all questions.

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*Contribution by Captain Vince Papa of the Norwich Township Fire Department*

# New Fire Engine Arrives

The Norwich Township Fire Department has taken delivery of a 2007 Sutphen Custom engine that will be stationed in Brown Township at Station 82, 2491 Walker Rd. The new engine is paramedic capable and also has new technology in the form of a compressed air foam system to assist in extinguishing fires.

On March 22nd, a ceremony was held at Station 82 to dedicate the new engine and bless it for the safety of both the firefighters and the Townships residents. Norwich Township Fire Department Chaplain Brad Kochis conducted the ceremony.

The new engine goes into service

mid April. Please feel free to stop by Station 82, 2491 Walker Rd., and see the new engine.

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*Contribution by By Mike Hull of the Norwich Township Fire Department*



# Free CPR Training Offered

The Norwich Township Fire Department is offering Free CPR classes to all Hilliard, Norwich Township, Brown Township, and Hilliard City School Residents. The free course offered is the American Heart Association's Friends & Family course.

The class will teach each participant the basic skills needed to assist a person of any age with relieving an obstructed airway, as well as the necessary steps in performing CPR in the event of a cardiac arrest. The class is administered on the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 6:30-9:00PM throughout the year. This course is not a certification course but will teach you all of the necessary steps, in a relaxed environment, to help save a life in the event of an emergency.

Certified courses are also offered by the Norwich Township Fire Department on the 1st Wednesday of each month for a fee. Certified courses offered include: American Heart Association "Heartsaver" Course (\$25/person), and American Heart Association "Healthcare Provider Renewal" Course (\$35/person).

All Classes are held at Norwich Township Fire Station 81, located at 4164 Avery Rd. To register for a course please call Mildred Brooks at 614-876-7694 M-F between 8AM-4PM. If you need more information regarding these courses please contact Jeff Woodward at 614-876-7694.

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*Contribution by Jeff Woodward of the Norwich Township Fire Department*

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Please use any of the following:

- Fill out the **name, address, additions and corrections form** on the Brown Township website under “Newsletters”
- **Call** the Township Fiscal Officer (614-876-2133)
- Via **fax** to the Township Office (614-876-2421)
- Or by **mail** to the return address above.



*Clockwise from left: Gary Dever, Ronald Williams, Pamela Sayre and Barbara Bloxam*

### **Brown Township Administration Office**

2491 Walker Road, Hilliard, Ohio 43026..... 876-2133

### **Website**

[www.brown.twp.franklin.oh.us](http://www.brown.twp.franklin.oh.us)

### **Fiscal Officer**

Barbara Bloxam ..... 876-2133

### **Trustees**

Mr. Gary Dever ..... 876-4768

Mr. Ronald Williams ..... 876-6118

Mrs. Pamela Sayre ..... 878-0199

### **Norwich Fire Department**

David Long, Chief..... 876-5367

### **Brown Township Board of Trustees Meeting**

**When: 2nd and 4th Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m.**

**Where: 2491 Walker Road, Hilliard, Ohio**

**For Police, Fire and Medical Emergencies, Dial 911**