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## Township Neighborhood Watch Up and Running

Brown Township's new Neighborhood Watch program is having a positive effect on crime in the township, based on recent statistics.

Instituted in late 2010, after a rash of break-ins prompted a township-wide meeting with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, the Neighborhood Watch is organized and functioning.

Deputy Sheriff Zach Scott (now Sheriff Scott) and Deputy Sheriff Michael D'Errico spoke to the meeting of about 100 township residents on November 18, 2010. The deputies emphasized the importance of neighbors watching out for neighbors, calling the Sheriff's Office in the event of any suspicious activity, and exchanging contact information with neighbors.

For Brown Township, the deputies suggested one coordinator and captains for individual streets. The coordinator would recruit captains who would then urge their neighbors to become involved. Many township residents have been contacted and about 300 households are being notified of crime or suspicious events through the Neighborhood Watch program.

In the first year, the coordinator's primary focus has been to expand membership and enlist captains, sometimes as many as three per street.

At newsletter deadline, the following

streets had been organized with one or more captains: Abbey Chase, Adams Court, Alton-Darby Creek, Amity, Carter, Cole, Darby Knolls, Davis, Golfview Place, Hardwood, Hubbard, Jerman, Jones, Morris, Patterson, Roberts, Spicewood, Hardwood, and Woodsend.

Neighborhood Watch members who live on streets without captains are receiving information directly from the coordinator until a captain can be found. These include Elliott, Feder, Langton, Scioto-Darby Creek, and Walker.

A few streets remain to be organized.

Residents are urged to become involved and, if possible, to volunteer to become a captain.

Captains are important, according to the coordinator, because they know their street members best and members feel comfortable sharing information with the captain who then can involve the coordinator and/or the Sheriff's Office, as appropriate.

The coordinator receives crime alerts in several ways:

- [www.crimereports.com](http://www.crimereports.com) This website is available to all residents to view. Residents can sign up to receive email alerts and are encouraged to do so. Brown Township crime information is maintained by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office.

- Direct communication from the Sheriff's Office by phone or email.
- Communication from captains and residents.

To assure that those coming into the township know that Brown Township has an organized Neighborhood

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# Open Space Advisory Council Gathers Stream Restoration Data

The Big Darby Accord Open Space Advisory Council (OSAC) gathered stream restoration project data from throughout the Big Darby Accord area for the first time. Below is an excerpt from the 2010 Big Darby Open Space Advisory Council Annual Summary, released July 22, 2011.

## Summary of Stream Restoration Projects in the Big Darby Accord Area<sup>2,3</sup>

Project Name	Organization	Average Channel Length (ft.)	Acres	Total Cost <sup>1</sup>	Year Completed
Clover Groff Run, Rockford Homes	Rockford Homes	1923	5.2	NP	2006
Clover Groff Run, Skilken	Hilliard	NP	NP	NP	NP
Clover Groff Run, upstream Latham Park	Hilliard	NP	NP	NP	2011
Clover Groff Run, Latham Park	Hilliard	2000	6	\$424,420	NP
Clover Groff Run, Franks Park to Roberts Road	Columbus	6505	18	\$1,517,120	In process
Clover Groff Run, Roberts Road to Spindler Road	Columbus	6082	15	\$1,800,025	2011
Clover Groff Run, Broad Street to confluence	Columbus	NP	31	\$2,526,000	NP
Hamilton Run, Roberts Road	Franklin County Engineer	4960	49.53	\$2,460,300	NP
Big Darby Creek and Hellbranch Run stream restoration	Metro Parks	3387	69	\$1,567,540	NP
Battelle Darby Creek Metro Park, Pleasant Township	Metro Parks	3387	68	\$1,528,004	2009
Pleasant Valley Quarry stream and wetland restoration	Metro Parks	400	157	\$1,109,712	2008
Pleasant Valley Quarry connectivity	Metro Parks	NP	70	NP	NP
Prairie Oaks Quarry connectivity	Metro Parks	NP	70	NP	NP

<sup>1</sup> The accounting of what is included in total cost varies by reporting organization.

<sup>2</sup> The information provided in this table are estimates based on information received by the reporting organization.

<sup>3</sup> NP indicates information was not provided by the reporting organization.

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Watch program, signs have been placed at 30 locations throughout the township. The objective is to assure that would-be criminals are aware that residents are organized and watching.

The coordinator and captains' contact information is not publicly available, for security purposes. The best way to get involved is to email the coordinator at brown.twp.blockwatchcoordinat

tor.1@gmail.com. If you do not have access to email, contact one of the Trustees who will put you in touch with the coordinator. To report suspicious activity to the Sheriff's Office, residents are advised to call 525-3333. As always, use 911 in the event of an emergency.

The coordinator reports that crime in the township is down significantly from 2009 and 2010, largely due to the

success of the Neighborhood Watch program.

Anyone with suggestions or comments on the Brown Township Neighborhood Watch program is urged to email the coordinator or call the Trustees.

*Information provided by Brown Township Neighborhood Watch Coordinator*

# Stormwater Management Program Public Meetings Set

Franklin County and its townships are partners in a stormwater permit issued by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. The permit is intended to help assure that stormwater runoff from roads and properties is not carrying pollutants into the waterways.

A requirement of the permit is a Stormwater Management Plan outlining measures to protect water quality by reducing pollutants. The Plan, prepared by Franklin County and the townships, contains six categories of control measures, including one dealing with illicit discharges – that is, material other than rainwater that may find its way into ditches and storm sewers.

A significant source of illicit discharges is household sewage treatment systems, both septic systems and aerators. Failing systems can result in a public health nuisance from contaminated waterways or drinking water supplies.

Franklin County Public Health and Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District are hosting community meet-

ings this fall to discuss illicit discharge detection and elimination with the property owners and residents of unincorporated Franklin County. The meetings will also cover requirements of the permit, future requirements of homeowners with failed or failing systems, current problems in stormwater quality, and the need for water quality improvement.

Residents are invited to attend the most convenient of the meetings listed to the right.

For more information, visit [www.my-fcph.org](http://www.my-fcph.org) and click on NPDES Phase II Storm Water Permit under Popular Links. To report a failing system, call 614-525-4787.

You may also contact Mary Ann Brouillette at Franklin Soil and Water at 614-486-9613 or [mbrouillette@franklinswcd.org](mailto:mbrouillette@franklinswcd.org)

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*Information provided by Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District.*

Thursday, September 29 at 7 p.m.  
Madison Township  
Community Center  
4575 Madison Lane  
Groveport 43125

Thursday, October 6 at 7 p.m.  
Washington Township  
Administration Building  
6200 Eiterman Road  
Dublin 43016

Wednesday, October 19 at 7 p.m.  
Blendon Township Senior Center  
6330 S. Hempstead Road  
Westerville 43081

## Hilliard Comprehensive Plan Update Draft Available for Review

The draft Hilliard Comprehensive Plan Update is available on the City of Hilliard's website for review and comment.

Go to [www.hilliardohio.gov](http://www.hilliardohio.gov) and look for "Quick Links" at the bottom of the home page. Click on "Draft Comprehensive Plan."

If you do not have computer access or wish to speak to Hilliard officials about the draft, contact Clyde (Butch) Seidle at 334-2443 or John Talentino at 334-2444. Email questions/comments can be addressed to [cseidle@hilliardohio.gov](mailto:cseidle@hilliardohio.gov) or [jtalentino@hilliardohio.gov](mailto:jtalentino@hilliardohio.gov).

The update is expected to be acted on by Hilliard City Council in the coming months.



## Want to be Added to Our Mailing List or Have a Change of Address?

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.
- To have your newsletter addressed in your name instead of “Brown Township Neighbor,” please visit <http://www.Brown.Twp.Franklin.oh.us/newsletters.htm>.



*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: 3rd Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m.**

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

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