Single Hauler for Trash and Recyclables Under Consideration

The Brown Township Board of Trustees has been asked to consider the concept of a single trash hauler for all residences in the unincorporated portion of the township. A representative of the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) has informed the Board that the township is one of only two jurisdictions in Franklin County that does not have a single hauler arrangement. Most jurisdictions take this approach because it provides an opportunity for residents to save money and to incorporate household collection of recyclables. Because this decision has the potential to affect all residents in the unincorporated portion of the township, the Board is seeking input through this survey. We urge your participation.

Several townships have a single hauler arrangement on their own. Most townships in the county are part of one of three consortia—groups of jurisdictions that collectively bid for the services they want. The cost per household for jurisdictions within these groups ranges from $13.75 per household per month to $15.28 per household per month. All provide trash collection, household recycling, and yard waste collection with varying frequencies and some differences in recycling bins and carts. Most communities have unlimited solid waste collection and they all provide for bulk pick-up of large household items. These contracts are typically for three years with options for two one-year extensions.

Enforcement practices are built into the contracts, which are competitively bid.

Before the Board of Trustees takes any action on this concept, the Trustees wish to hear from you—the residents.

Please complete this survey and return it by mailing or dropping off at the Firehouse at 2491 Walker Road before March 15. Survey results will be made available.
Both Franklin County and Brown Township crews are responsible for clearing snow from roads in unincorporated Brown Township. County roads are treated by Franklin County crews and township roads are handled by Brown Township personnel. Streets and roads in Brown Township within the City of Hilliard are handled by Hilliard crews.

The three-person Brown Township crew typically works 12-hour shifts to clear snow from Langton, Carter, Morris, Widener, Cole, Hardwood, Woodsend, Spicewood, Golfview, Darby Knolls, Jerman Lane, and Old Walker roads.

Franklin County has 766 lane miles of roads and streets under its jurisdiction countywide and uses more than 100 “snow fighter” personnel to maintain safe conditions deployed in 12-hour shifts using dump trucks equipped with plows and computerized salt spreaders.

Both the county and the township use plows, road salt, and anti-icing chemicals to keep the roads safe for motorists.

In an effort to combat drifting, Franklin County also erects snow fencing in areas that typically experience high winds. The Franklin County Engineer conducts an annual program in agricultural areas to encourage farmers to leave partial cornstalks to help to prevent snowdrifts.

### Disposal of Animal Carcasses

Occasionally, property owners in Brown Township find animal carcasses on their property or in the adjacent right-of-way and wonder what to do with them.

Franklin County Public Health regulations indicate that burying the carcass is acceptable as long as the carcass is buried under soil at least four feet deep and at least 50 feet from a public or private water system, occupied structure, road, stream, or body of water.

Other lawful methods of disposal include removing it to a licensed municipal solid waste disposal facility, cremation, rendering, and composting. The carcass is not to be left on the premises. The Franklin County Sanitary Landfill is located at 3851 London-Groveport Road, Grove City and will accept animal carcasses for disposal Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. until 3 p.m. and Saturday from 6 a.m. until 9 a.m. Carcasses must be disease-free and transported in heavy bags, if possible. When arriving at the landfill, customers are to notify the cashier that they are hauling dead animals. Vehicles entering the landfill must be tarped and should proceed to the working area of the landfill. Animal carcasses are not accepted at SWACO transfer facilities. For questions, contact SWACO at 614-871-5100.

If the carcass is located on a roadway, Franklin County Public Health advises contacting the Franklin County Engineer, Highway Maintenance Department at 614-525-6034.

Public Health advises that it is acceptable practice for road crews to remove the carcass from the roadway and relocate it to an adjacent public right-of-way (but not in a ditch where it could contribute to pollution of waterways) and cover it with wood chips or lime to aid in the decomposition process and minimize odors.

For more information, contact Jennifer Frazier, R.S., Community Environmental Health Supervisor, Franklin County Public Health at jenniferfrazier@franklincountyohio.gov or 614-525-5852.
Dr. David Honor Stansbery, one of the saviors of Big Darby Creek, died in August 2017. Co-author of *The Freshwater Mussels of Ohio* (OSU-2009), Dr. Stansbery was 91 at the time of his death. He was a native of Upper Sandusky, served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and earned the Ph.D. at The Ohio State University.

He was a professor emeritus at Ohio State, curator of the Ohio State Museum of Natural History, and an educator, author, editor, researcher, ecologist, and malacologist. Malacology is the branch of invertebrate zoology that deals with the study of mollusks. He served on the national board of The Nature Conservancy and as president of the American Malacological Union. He was honored with numerous awards and recognitions for his work to protect the environment and promote biological diversity.

Dr. Stansbery was instrumental in the early efforts to recognize the ecological importance of Big Darby Creek and to protect it from degradation, work that ultimately led to the creek’s designation as a state and national scenic river and designation by The Nature Conservancy in the early 1990s as one of the dozen last great places in the western hemisphere.

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**Public Safety Summary**

Each issue of the Brown Township newsletter contains a quarterly wrap-up of public safety reports and calls in Brown Township.

**Norwich Township Fire Department**

Calls to addresses in Brown Township (including Brown Township addresses within the City of Hilliard):

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**Franklin County Sheriff’s Department**

Calls to addresses in unincorporated Brown Township:

**September 2017**

- **September 11** – breaking and entering of an unoccupied structure, theft of and wrecking of a motorcycle, and flight on foot at an address on Scioto Darby Creek Road.

**October 2017**

- **October 31** – stolen trailer recovered at an address on Roberts Road.

**November 2017**

- **November 4** – criminal damaging of a barn window at an address on Walker Road.
- **November 7** – criminal damaging of a vehicle window and theft of a handgun at an address on Amity Road.

**Hilliard Division of Police**

Non-routine calls to Brown Township addresses within the City of Hilliard:

**September 2017**

No non-routine calls.

**October 2017**

No non-routine calls.

**November 2017**

No non-routine calls.
Township Finances Soon To Be Online

The Brown Township Trustees announce the township’s participation in the OhioCheckbook.com initiative that allows taxpayers to view communities’ spending information in an online portal.

OhioCheckbook.com was launched by the Treasurer of State in December 2014 and puts all state spending information on the internet. The Treasurer’s Office has since worked with townships, villages, school districts, cities, counties, and others across Ohio to post their spending information online, at no cost to the local governments. Brown Township is joining 1,250 other public entities across the state, with many in Franklin County taking part.

The Trustees passed a motion at the December 18, 2017 Board meeting to join OhioCheckbook.com. The site will be launched in early 2018. An announcement will be made on the Brown Township website—BrownTownship.org—when residents can view the township’s spending online.