

Significant Dates in the History of Copley Township

- 1655 - According to legend, battle of Fort Island between Erie and Iroquois Indian tribes.
- 1807 - (May 28) Gardiner Greene received title to 16,531 acres of land for \$26,087 from the Connecticut Land Company.
- 1814 - (August 8) Jonah Turner purchased 321 acres in the Stony Ridge area along State Route 18, becoming Copley's first permanent resident.
- 1819 - (July 15) Citizens of Copley Township met and elected the first officers to govern the newly created area.
- 1820 - First industry in area - distillery and sawmill.
- 1829 - First organized Temperance Society in the State of Ohio formed in Copley.
- 1831 - (August 31) Elizabeth and Gardiner Greene 'do hereby remise, release and forever quit claim unto the said citizens of the Township of Copley and their successors, heirs and assigns, all my right and title of dower in and to the above described premises.' Said premises being two acres of land now, Copley Circle.
- 1832 - (December 4) First post office.
- 1837 - Stage coach service offered to Copley for trips from Massillon to Cleveland.
- 1840 - Copley Township became a part of Summit County.
- 1843 - Copley's first church, 'First Congregational Society of Copley Township' . . . now the site of Copley United Methodist Church.
- 1861 - Civil War broke out.
- 1891 - Copley Board of Education formed.
- 1891 - Train service to Copley begins. Copley Depot was built.
- 1902 - Town Hall - still standing at the southeast corner of Copley Circle.
- 1904 - Copley's first centralized school and current Town Hall.
- 1937 - Volunteer Fire Department formed.
- 1947 - Copley Historical Society formed.
- 1960 - Northeastern section of Township voted to separate and form the Village of Fairlawn within the Township.
- 1970 - Police Districts formed. Police began sixteen-hour shifts during the day and early evening.
- 1973 - Police Department began 24-hour patrols.
- 1980 - (January 1) Village of Fairlawn became a city and seceded from Copley Township.
- 1982 - (December) Political boundaries of Copley and Fairlawn officially separated.
- 1986 - Copley Fire Department began joint operations with Bath Township.
- 1992 - Copley Fire Department manned 24 hours.
- 2001- 1891 Depot placed on the Federal Register of Historic Places.
- 2003 - Copley's first park, Copley Community Park and Copley Depot were dedicated to the community.
- 2006 - First modern roundabout in Northeast Ohio built in Copley.
- 2009- 1904 Bell Tower at the current Town Hall was restored.
- 2014 - Copley began a joint dispatch operation with the cities of Barberton and Norton called Southwest Summit Communications (SWSCOM).
- 2016 - Wolf Creek Watershed Conservancy District formation petitioned to Summit Common Pleas Court by Copley and the cities of Barberton and Norton.
- 2016- Community and Economic Development Department formed.
- 2017- Property Maintenance Code adopted.
- 2017- Copley Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) formed.