

Winners of Chili Cookoff!



**Kathy & John Zackasee,
Jasmine Pagan, Lori
Zackasee and Matt Desantis**

The Coitsville Ladies Auxiliary has had a busy year with two major fund raisers; a chili cook-off in September and their annual bake sale on election day. Both were a huge success.

They had 17 contestants who competed for the "best" recipe. The 1st prize winner was Jasmine Pagan with her spicy chili. Second place was Kathy and John Zackasee. Winner of the 50/50 was Lori Zackasee.

The group has a total of 23 members and President, Geri Marino is asking all those interested in joining, contact her at 330-536-6420.

Watch for more information to come on the "Cream Chicken over Biscuits Dinner" in Spring of 2019.

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Road Department

Road Projects moved to 2019

Paving projects were set for late summer/fall for two of our township roads; John White and Galluppi. Unfortunately, the unusual amount of rain we experienced this fall put these two projects on hold until next spring. Grant monies have been awarded to the township and the bidding process has been completed for the paving of both roads. Additionally, a turnaround will be added for emergency vehicles at the end of Galluppi along with correcting some drainage problems along this road.

The township has also applied for OPWC (Ohio Public Works Commission) District 6 monies to pave Houston Road east of South Hubbard. The competition for these grants is steep as we will be competing against townships in Mahoning and Trumbull Counties.

The township road department and crews from ODOT worked together to correct a drainage problem in front of the Coitsville Memorial Park on the corner of Begala Rd. and US Rt. 422.

This summer, ODOT paved State Route 616 from County Line Road to Robinson Road. ODOT has also began to repair the concrete along the edges of US Rt. 422, with the intent to complete this project next year.



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Fall 2018

Dear Coitsville Residents,

On November 9, the first light snow fell on Coitsville Twp. The beautiful fall leaves will soon be completely gone, and the holiday season will be here soon. Then the long winter months start. Each season brings with it, its own challenges. The township has been busy preparing for the snow and ice that will soon come. The salt has been ordered, the snow plows and trucks are in good repair and our safety vehicles, police, and fire, have been serviced and are ready to respond.

A few weeks ago, the township learned that "The Purple Cat" has received a large donation of \$750,000 from the Mahoning Valley Hospital Foundation. This money will be used towards the construction of a swimming pool, barn for an equestrian program and cabins to be used for camping by their clientele. These facilities will be placed on 30 acres of Farmer Casey's Ranch and will include special amenities such as handicapped rooms and padding near the pond. **Director, Jim Sutman from the Purple Cat will be at our 6:00 pm Board of Trustee Meeting on November 19, 2018 to discuss the project and answer any questions residents may have.**

By now most residents know that the Coitsville Fire Levy passed by a huge margin, 63% to 37%. This was our first levy for the fire department since 1995. Chief Brown and the fire fighters thank the Coitsville community for the wide support received.

We are hoping to see you on December 5 for our annual Tree Lighting and Christmas Party. Santa will arrive promptly by fire truck and police at 6:45 at the Coitsville Townhall. There will be music and refreshments and Santa will have gifts for the children.

Your Township Administration,



Phyllis, Jerry, Christeen and Bob

COITSVILLE TOWNSHIP INFORMATION AVENUES

In addition to the Coitsville Reader that comes out twice a year, in the spring and again in the fall, we have added two new forms of social media to keep our residents informed on "what is happening in Coitsville". On September 10, 2018, our newly developed website www.coitsvilletwp.org was published.

Visit the website to get information about Coitsville's Fire, Police, Recycling, Road, and Zoning Departments. The "Contact Us" Page includes townhall rental forms and contact information for the township. There is also a History Page. The Coitsville Reader is now also available on the website. If you prefer not to receive a hard copy of the Reader in the mail, please let us know.

Necessary forms and information for obtaining a zoning permit for building projects, are available to download from the zoning page. Road closures and projects will be posted along with recycling information and the minutes from the monthly Board of Trustee meetings.

Additionally, township events are posted and made public on [Coitsville Township Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/coitsvilletwp) account. The Coitsville Township Facebook page does not friend anyone but, you can be a follower of the page.



Fire Department



Chief George D. Brown

Fire Department Looks to Future

The Fire Department would like to "THANK" the residents of our community for supporting the passage of the 2-mill levy. Because of the passing of the levy the department will begin to make improvements to safety needs and create a strategic plan for the next five years.

The fire department had one of its engines that did not pass the annual pump test. We had applied for a Federal Grant to replace it. After we were turned-

down, we immediately looked for a solution. I am pleased to say that we found a used truck in Wooster Township that would temporarily get us through.

We have added three new members since the Spring Newsletter, we want to welcome Matthew Smith, Josh Flynn and Ethan Grismore (not pictured) to the department. We continue to look for additional members. If you have an interest in serving your community as a firefighter, contact us!

Pride and Ownership is key to having a good fire department; knowing your past helps you plan the future. The department would like to host a breakfast for all past members of the Fire Department. If you have served the Fire Department in the past and would be interested in attending a breakfast, please contact Sonja Gilliam at 330-536-6420. We will then contact you when we set the date. Come see your former friends and firefighters and share stories about the history of the department.

The fire department received a grant from the Bureau of Workers Compensation that supplied a new turnout gear washer and new hoods and gloves for the firefighters. This \$11,100.00 grant was given due to the high risk of cancer found nationally in firefighters and is intended to help us reduce the causes of skin cancer.

In closing, I would encourage you to stop by the fire department on Tuesday evenings around 6:00 p.m. to see what the department offers. Again, thank you for the strong support for the fire department by passing our levy by 63%!

Respectfully, Chief George D. Brown, OFE



New Hired Firefighters



Matthew Smith



Joshua Flynn

Coitsville Twp Fire Department Open House Held on October 14



Police Department

From the Desk of Chief Michael Morris

The Coitsville Police Department has hired three new part-time officers. Many of our officers receive their initial training at the police academy at Youngstown State University and Kent State University. Likewise, several of our officers have military backgrounds, including Captain Keith Brown and Officer Bryan Granchie who are our training officers along with myself. We are proud of this fact, as we know that we are attracting young men of good character and integrity.

Once hired, our officers undergo more extensive training from the department that includes:

- ✓ Shadowing veteran officers in the department.
- ✓ Viewing and discussion training tapes depicting various scenarios they may encounter.
- ✓ Attend online webinar training offered through OPOTA, where they receive certification for successful completion.

Residents be assured that our officers are patrolling our roads 24/7, traveling on an average over 6,000 patrol miles on a monthly basis.

Safety tip from your police chief! Deer are being spotted all over the township. It is mating season and they are on the move. Often 3 to 4 deer will cross the road at night and they do not slow down for vehicles. The damage to your vehicle can be extensive! Please watch for the deer that are inhabiting our community when traveling over back roads as well as the highways.



Chief Michael Morris



Anthony Lucas

My name is Anthony Lucas, I was born and raised in Struthers. Being from a law enforcement family, my father is a retired Mahoning County Sheriff's Detective, and my uncle is currently employed on the Youngstown Police Department's Vice Squad, I came to realize that my true passion is in the law enforcement field. I attended the Youngstown State University's Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy in the Spring of 2013.

I am currently employed as a Deputy through the Mahoning County Sheriff's Office. I have 5 years of service and experience as a law enforcement officer.

I am both honored and excited to be the newest addition to the Coitsville Township Police Department. Thank you for the amazing opportunity to protect your community.



John Shaughnessy

My name is John Shaughnessy. I am a class of 2011 graduate from Canfield High School. Coming out of high school I joined the United States Air Force Reserves. After basic training I was working full time at the Youngstown Air Reserve Station as a Security Forces member.

During that time, I was deployed to the Middle East for 7 months tour of duty. Upon returning from deployment I attended the police academy at Kent State University. I later became hired in Coitsville township and already love the area and the people of the township. I appreciate the opportunity to serve you.



Dwaine Craig II

My name is Dwaine Craig, I was born in Long Beach, California in 1976 and later moved to Fresno, California where I was raised. I am the eldest of 4 siblings and I am happily married and the father of 8 children and 1 grandchild on the way. I served in the United States Air Force.

Always wanting to be a Police Officer, in 2005, I entered the Fresno City Police Academy where I graduated with honors. I have been a peace officer in California and Nevada.

After arriving in Ohio, I attended Youngstown State University Police Academy. Upon graduation was commissioned with the Coitsville Police Department. I'm looking forward to having a long fulfilling career serving the residents of Coitsville.