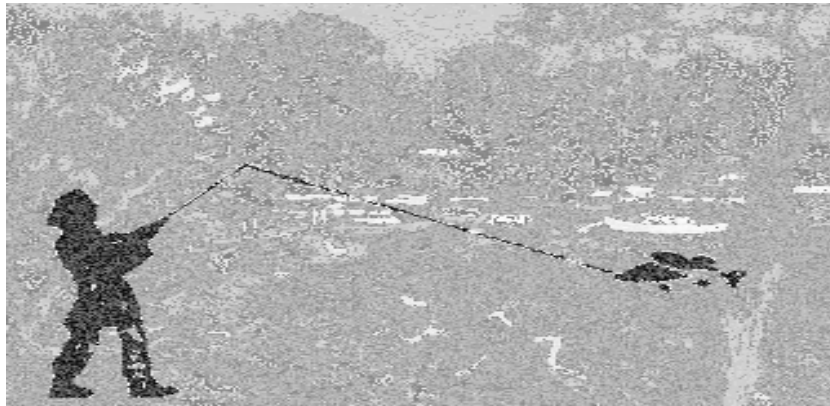


Fireline
Bloom Twp.
Firefighters Association



**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
72nd ANNUAL
BLOOM TOWNSHIP FIREFIGHTERS
MEMORIAL DAY FISH FRY**



Schedule of events: Monday, May 31, 2010

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| 9:00 am | Parade Line up at American Legion on Smith Rd. |
| 10:00 am | Parade starts in Lithopolis |
| 10:45 am | Memorial Ceremony – Lithopolis Cemetary |
| 11:00 am- 5pm | Car Show Lithopolis |
| 11:00 am- 6pm | (or until the fish is gone) Fish fry at the firehouse in Lithopolis |

All members of the fire department will work diligently on Memorial Day to provide our attendees with nearly 4,000 pounds of fish. Proceeds from this endeavor will be used to purchase emergency equipment to enhance our customer service.

From The Desk Of The Fire Chief

Currently all 5 of our neighboring fire departments have implemented billing for emergency medical transports.

This may have an effect on our residents. In the event of simultaneous emergencies, when our medical transport vehicle is already transporting a patient to the hospital, we may rely on neighboring fire departments to transport the second patient. The neighboring department will bill their patient's insurance company. If the patient has outstanding co-pays or does not have insurance, a bill will be sent to the patient.

However, the neighboring departments are applying what is known as "soft billing". Every patient who receives a bill for unpaid balances will receive three bills and at the end of the three-bill cycle the neighboring departments will not pursue any other action.

Unpaid balances will not be sent to a collection agency nor will anything be done to affect a patient's credit rating.

In the event you receive a bill for an emergency medical transport please call 837-5530, so we can assist in resolving this matter.

Currently your Bloom Township Fire department **DOES NOT** bill for emergency medical transports.

Sincerely,

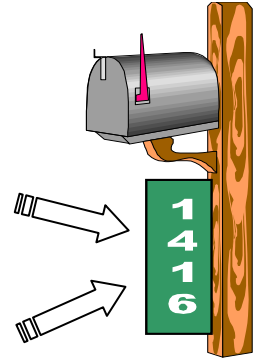
Terry B. Gill, Fire Chief

Check out our Website

Please visit us at www.bloomtwp.org and click the fire department link.



**DOES YOUR
MAILBOX HAVE A
GREEN HOUSE
NUMBER SIGN
THAT IS VISIBLE
AT NIGHT TO A
FAST MOVING
EMERGENCY
VEHICLE?**



PLEASE, WE NEED YOUR HELP

At night it is very difficult to locate residences that do not have any numbers on their mailbox. Each house should have a reflective green 9-1-1 address sign. These signs improve our emergency response time because we can find your house quicker, day or night. The signs and numbers are available at the Fire Station in Lithopolis for only \$10.00. Stop by and pick one up today. Help us reach our goal of a green sign for every house in Bloom Township.

BULK FISH ORDERS

If you would like to pick up bulk fish and take it home from the fish fry the price is \$1 per piece. Please fill out this form and return to the firehouse or email us at bloomfire@sbcglobal.net, prior to the fish fry. On Memorial Day pick up your fish and pay at the time you signified. Please bring a container with you.

BULK FISH ORDER

Name _____

Phone _____

of pieces _____

Time you wish to pick up your fish (Optional) _____

F.D. Rep who received order _____

Thunderstorm/Lightning Facts & Safety Tips

National Lightning Safety Awareness Week: June 20-26, 2010

Thunderstorm/Lightning Facts

Summertime is the peak season for one of the nation's deadliest weather phenomena - lightning.

According to the National Weather Service, the United States has a 10-year average of 44 fatalities annually due to lightning strikes.



Rain shaft - Georgetown, Ohio (Brown County) / 2007 NWS photo

The NWS reports that 34 people died of lightning strikes in 2009. The incidents occurred in 22 states and Puerto Rico. Ohio reported no deaths caused by lightning last year.

Of the 34 lightning-strike fatalities:

- All incidents occurred outside
- 28 were male; six female
- Nine were either in a yard or field
- Seven deaths occurred on or near water

Lightning Safety Week, promoted by the National Weather Service, is conducted each year during the last full week of June. The purpose of the week is to help safeguard people from the hazards of lightning and to lower deaths and injuries caused by lightning strikes.

Just remember: ***When thunder roars, go indoors!***

Watch for Developing Thunderstorms -

Thunderstorms are most likely to develop on spring or summer days but can occur year round. As the sun heats the air, pockets of warmer air start to rise and cumulus clouds form. Continued heating can cause these clouds to grow vertically into towering cumulus clouds, often the first sign of a developing thunderstorm.

For more info on weather related safety go to

www.weathersafety.ohio.gov/



Swimming Pool and Spa Safety Starts with You!

Recreational time at public and residential swimming pools and spas is a favorite activity for children and adults all over the country. Whether enjoying pool time with family and friends, exercising, playing water sports, or learning to swim, everyone needs to be mindful of the potential for incidents and drownings in pools and spas.

Each year, nearly 300 children under the age of five drown in residential and public pools and spas. Submersion incidents requiring emergency-room treatment or hospitalization number in the thousands and many victims experience permanent disability, including brain damage.



Few people know of the hidden dangers from drain or suction entrapments. Drains with broken, missing, or faulty covers can entrap hair, the body, limbs, jewelry and clothing, or cause disembowelment/evisceration.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is the lead agency in implementing and enforcing the P&SSAct. CPSC is working with other safety groups in the pool and spa safety community to encourage the use of layers of protection--such as fencing around pools, constant supervision, and requiring anti-entrapment drain covers and other safety devices.

For more information, go to www.poolsafety.org

Open Burning

What does the Ohio EPA consider open burning? Isn't it harmless?

Open burning is any set outdoor fire that does not vent to a chimney or stack. Some studies indicate that even small camp fires burning clean wood can emit harmful chemicals. Burning "unclean" materials can be even more hazardous. For example, when you burn refuse in burn barrels or open piles, the potential cost to your health, your home, your neighbors and your environment far exceeds the price of adequate collection services. Protect yourself, your neighbors and your wallet by knowing what you can burn and where.

Is there anything I need to do before I burn outdoors?

There are some instances when Ohio EPA does not need to be notified or provide approval of open burning activities. However, you may have an obligation to notify or get permission from Ohio EPA before burning materials outside depending on the materials burned, the location of the burn, and the activity associated with the burn. Ohio EPA has developed a notification form that you can use to help make sure you are in compliance with legal notification requirements. Ohio EPA has also developed a form for requesting permission to conduct open burning when permission is required by law. You will find more information at <http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/general/openburning.aspx> about open burning, your responsibilities, and helpful contact information if you need guidance or clarifications of what the requirements are in your area.

Why is open burning a problem?

Open burning can release many kinds of toxic fumes. Leaves and plant materials send aloft millions of spores when they catch fire, causing many people with allergies to have difficulty breathing. The pollutants released by open burning also make it more difficult to meet health-based air quality standards, especially in or near large cities. The gases released by open burning can also corrode metal siding and damage paint on buildings.

Health Concerns

Burning household waste produces many toxic chemicals and is one of the largest known sources of dioxin in the nation. Other air pollutants from open burning include particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, lead and mercury. These pollutants have been linked to several health problems, including asthma, respiratory illnesses, nervous system damage, kidney and liver damage, and reproductive or developmental disorders.

Where is open burning allowed?

To see a general summary of areas where open burning is permitted, go to www.epa.ohio.gov/portals/27/general/openburningtable.pdf.

For more complete information, including special allowances for firefighter training, disposal of certain ignitable or explosive materials, and recognized horticultural, silvicultural, range, or wildlife management practices please be sure to consult the open burning regulations found in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-19

What open burning is never allowed?

Under Ohio law, these materials may not be burned anywhere in the state at any time:

- Garbage, any wastes created in the process of handling, preparing, cooking or consuming food;
- materials containing rubber, grease and asphalt or made from petroleum, such as tires, cars and auto parts, plastics or plastic-coated wire; and
- dead animals.

Other restrictions:

- Open burning is not allowed when air pollution warnings, alerts or emergencies are in effect.
- Fires cannot obscure visibility for roadways, railroad tracks or air fields
- No wastes generated off the premises may be burned. For example, a tree trimming contractor may not haul branches and limbs to another site to burn.

Does Ohio EPA ever allow exceptions to the rules?

Under certain circumstances, yes. However, to burn a prohibited material or set a fire in a restricted area, you must receive written permission from Ohio EPA before you begin burning. This may take two weeks.

What happens if I'm caught illegally open burning?

Ohio EPA has the authority to enforce the state's open burning laws. Violations can result in substantial penalties. If you have any questions, or would like to report a suspected open burning incident, contact your Ohio EPA district office or your local air pollution control agency. Ohio EPA is represented by five district offices and nine local air agencies