

**Brimfield Township
Celebrating 200 Years
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BRIMFIELD TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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*The Faith United Methodist Church invites you to a free concert and dinner
Sunday May 1, 2016 beginning at 4:30 p.m.*

A MUSICAL MAY DAY

With Special Guests

steve & angelina

*A cross-genre duo that pulls on elements of jazz, blues,
funk, popular music and indie to make a unique sound.*



SUNDAY, MAY 1

4:30-5:30PM

FREE ADMISSION

Doors open at 4PM

Free meal following concert!

Donations gladly accepted to support local and global missions.

**Brimfield Faith United Methodist Church
1235 Tallmadge Road, Brimfield
330-673-7597**



BHS' New Exhibit Opens May 5, 2016

On Thursday May 5, the Brimfield Historical Society & Kelso House Museum will host the opening of its newest exhibit, ***Brimfield Township Celebrates 200 Years: Changes Take Place, But Our Traditions Remain.***



This exhibit will focus on the development of the townships services; it will include photos, memorabilia, artifacts, and interesting personal stories and narratives found while researching our roots.

The exhibit event will be from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m., with a Curator's Talk on the hour. Refreshments and snacks will be served by the Historical Society Board in the McCormick Heritage Room.

Little Free Library Opens Its Doors For All Brimfield Residents

The Little Free Library held its Grand Opening on April 27, 2016 with a ribbon cutting ceremony prior to the Township Trustee Meeting. Thanks to the Field High School HPAC Group as well as to you, the residents, whose generous book donations made this vision a reality!

The Little Free Library is now open in the Brimfield Town Square Park for all to enjoy with the motto:

“Take a Book, Leave a Book”.

Come out and enjoy this great addition to our community!



Brimfield Township has a Little Free Library
and you're invited to use it!



Field High School HPAC Group is excited to introduce "Little Free Library" Charter #36486 on behalf of our neighbors and our community!

The way it works is simple:

- We initially stock the LFL with a variety of good quality books that we hope will interest our neighbors.
- You stop by and take whatever catches your fancy
- You return and leave books to contribute when you can
"Take a Book, Leave a Book"
- LFL is a gift to the community - Please help us protect and cherish it!

Because of communities like ours, the Little Free Library movement has rapidly grown. Many libraries have been installed and thousands of books shared around the country as well as around the world.

Little Free Library's mission is to:

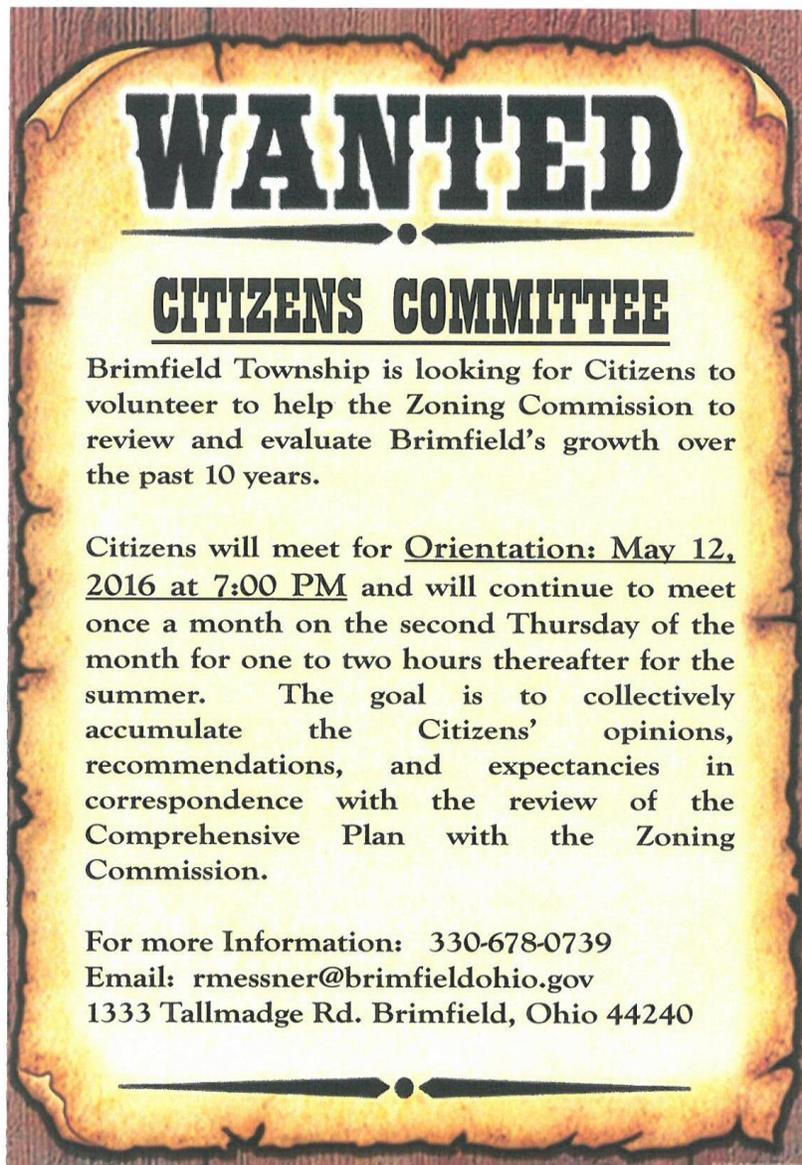
- **Promote literacy and the love of reading** by building free book exchanges worldwide.
- **To build a sense of community** as we share skills, creativity and wisdom across generations.

Check out the LFL story at www.littlefreelibrary.org. We hope to see you soon!
Our sister community Suffield Township also now has a Little Free Library located by the fire station.

NOW OPEN:
BRIMFIELD TOWN SQUARE - TOWN HALL PARK
1333 Tallmadge Rd.
Just drive or walk by to check it out!

Volunteers Wanted for Zoning Commission Citizens Committee - Orientation Meeting May 12, 2016

The Zoning Commission is seeking volunteers to join the Citizens Committee. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend the Orientation on May 12, 2016.



BOARD OF Trustees' MEETING

BOARD OF Trustees' April 2016 MEETINGS

There are 2 **Board of Trustees** meetings this month:

May 11 at 3 p.m. and May 25 at 3 p.m.

All meetings are held in the Community Room at the Township Administration Office, 1333 Tallmadge Rd. in Brimfield.

The Zoning Commission meets the second (2nd) Thursday of every month at **7:00 p.m.** The May 12 meeting is for the Zoning Commission Citizen Committee Orientation.

The Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) meets the third (3rd) Wednesday of every month at **7:15 p.m. – May 18.**

All meetings are held in the Community Room at the Brimfield Township Administration Building, 1333 Tallmadge Road in Brimfield.



Young At Heart Club Luncheon/Game Day Friday, May 13, 2016

The Young At Heart Club is having a luncheon/game day beginning at noon on Friday, May 13, 2016 at the Faith United Methodist Church in Brimfield.

The cost is \$5.00 per person for non-members, no charge for Young At Heart Club members.

Reservations are required by calling Marie Amato at 330-673-9653.



Field High School Class of 1976 Holding 40 Year Reunion

The Field High School Class of 1976 is hosting a 40 year class reunion on August 20, 2016. They need help locating classmates for future communications. If you are interested in helping locate them, please email: fieldhs1976@yahoo.com.

Portage County's Home Improvement Loan Program

Portage County is offering the Home Improvement Program to Portage County homeowners who are current on their property taxes and whose home's appraised value is less than \$175,000.00. These loans can be used for home repairs, remodeling, property upgrades and other permanent projects.

To help fund these loans, Portage County deposited a portion of its funds with the following banks:

Portage Community Bank – 330-296-8090

Hometown Bank – 330-673-9827

Middlefield Banking Company – 330-274-0881

There is no limit regarding a borrower's income but borrowers must apply and qualify for this loan at these participating banks. If a homeowner qualifies, the interest rate will be discounted 3% below what the bank normally offers for the first five (5) years of the loan. After 5 years, rates return to market.

Individual loans are available from \$1,500.00 up to \$40,000.00, subject to bank approval.

These loans are "first come, first serve" so if interested or need more information, please contact any of the above banks or the Portage County Treasurer's Office at 330-297-3586.

File of Life Program packets are available at the Brimfield Township Administration Office, 1333 Tallmadge Rd. at the Town Hall in Brimfield from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

This really can be life-saving tool for you and your loved ones!



File of Life Program

Every second counts in an emergency - and what medical personnel DON'T know about your health history may hurt you!

The File of Life is an easy, FREE way to ensure that first responders have a quick record of your medical history/conditions and medications in the event you are unable to provide it yourself.

How Does it Work?

Medical and emergency workers are trained to look for the File of Life sticker and information sleeve on your refrigerator. If you or your loved ones don't have a File of Life, here is how you can get one:

- Request a kit by calling Family & Community Services MAP Program at (330) 297-8770.
- The kit will contain:
 - a refrigerator form and magnetic sleeve
 - notification sticker
- The kits are provided FREE of charge thanks to our partnership with Home Instead Senior Care

Fill out the refrigerator form with your most up-to-date medical information. We recommend using a pencil so that changes can be made easily.

Place the **completed form** in its magnetic **sleeve** and attach it to an obvious place on the outside of your refrigerator.

Place a File of Life **sticker** at the **entrance to your house** to notify emergency workers that you have a completed form.

KEEP MEDICAL HISTORY UP TO DATE - REVIEW / UPDATE IT EVERY 6 MONTHS. Your information will be of no use if it is not current and accurate. **Updating this information can mean the difference between life and death!**

Need a replacement FILE OF LIFE form?

Family & Community Services MAP Program at (330) 297-8770.



File of Life Program is sponsored by:
Home Instead Senior Care
215 West Garfield Rd., Suite 270
Aurora, OH 44202

(330) 995 1522 (Aurora) or (330) 297-1700 (Ravenna/Kent)

RSVP

Lead With Experience



Family & Community Services, Inc.

Medication Assistance Program

Family & Community Services offer the Medication Assistance Program (MAP) to assist qualifying people of all ages whose prescription medication costs are a creating a financial hardship apply for free of low-cost prescription medications.



Medication Assistance Program



The Medication Assistance Program, MAP, assists qualifying persons *of any age* whose prescription medication costs are creating a financial hardship to apply for free or low-cost prescription medications.

You will be asked to bring the following:

- Prescription medication bottles and/or samples (a list will not work)
- Physician names, addresses and phone/fax numbers
- Photo i.d.
- Social Security number
- Proof of income
- Current health insurance cards

MAP also connects individuals with assistance in applying for Medicare Part D & in choosing a Medicare prescription drug plan during open enrollment.

Call our office today to set up an appointment.

(330) 297-7027 x332 or 330-297-8770

mapvolunteers@fcsohio.org

MAP is grateful for support from the following funders:



Family & Community Services Inc. also have volunteer opportunities for anyone over the age of 55.

RSVP

Lead With Experience

The volunteer possibilities with RSVP, a program of Family & Community Services, are endless! RSVP engages anyone 55 & better willing to give their time in meaningful volunteer service to strengthen the well being of both self and the local community. Volunteer placements are based on individual interests and skills, little to no experience needed as we offer on-site training to our volunteers.

There is something for YOU so get involved and become an RSVP volunteer today!!

What our volunteers do:

- Assist someone in accessing healthy resources
- Become a Coach for the Matter of Balance Program
- Serve hot meals and provide emergency food services
- Provide transportation to someone in need
- Be a companion to someone who needs a friend
- Help our local non-profits with fundraising efforts
- Serve as the lead for a one time community project

... and LOVING every second as an RSVP volunteer!!

“Volunteering is like tossing a pebble in water. The ripples just keep going and going.”

RSVP Volunteer with Family & Community Services, Inc.



RSVP Program of F&CS

1244 Lauren Crest Street, SW

Hartsville, Ohio 44632

Phone: (330) 877-2495 Fax: (330) 877-2559

Crystal Shanley, Program Coordinator

cshanley@fcsOhio.org

Get Involved!

Free Community Dinner



Faith United Methodist Church Free Community Dinner Monday, May 23

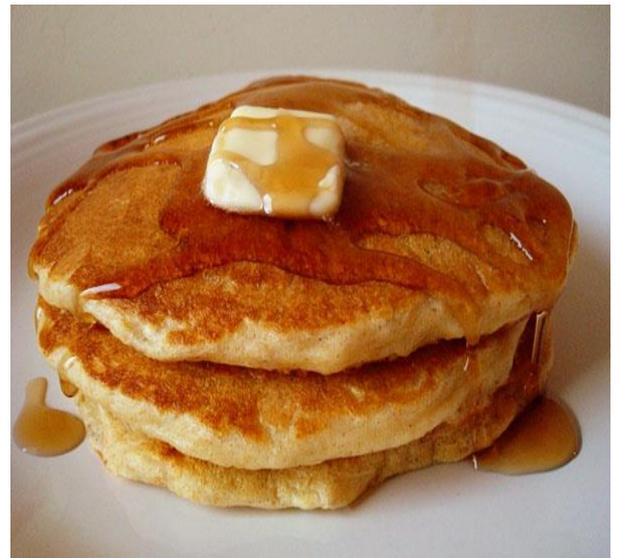
The Faith United Methodist Church in Brimfield offers a free community meal to all residents the 4th Monday of every month. This month it will be May 23 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Again, everyone is welcome!

Lion's Club Hosting Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast

The Brimfield Lion's Club is hosting their annual Pancake Breakfast this Memorial Day, May 30 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Faith United Methodist Church in Brimfield.

The cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$ 3.00 for children 12 and under.



Come out for a delicious breakfast then join us for the annual Memorial Day Service at Restland Cemetery beginning at 11:30 a.m.



Brimfield Township Annual Memorial Day Service May 30

We invite all residents to join us for our annual Memorial Day Service at Restland Cemetery, May 30.

We will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the War Memorial. You can attend the Pancake Breakfast at Faith United Methodist Church, then come join us to honor those who sacrificed so much for our freedom!

Hope to see you there!



The Battle for Brimfield Civil War Reenactment June 3 – 5, 2016



The Brimfield Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a civil war reenactment to commemorate the township's 200th birthday.

This program is free and everyone is invited to attend.

There will be two (2) battles on Saturday, June 4 at 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and one battle on Sunday, January 5 at 1:00 p.m.

You can tour the camps and talk to the reenactors to see what camp life was like 150 years ago.

The event will take place on the Schipper property behind Speedway on Route 43 in Brimfield.

Ohio **Chautauqua** will be held June 7 – 11. For more information please contact the Brimfield Historical Society at 330-673-1058.

HISTORY PUTS ON A SHOW

OHIO Chautauqua

Presented By **Ohio HUMANITIES**
SHARING THE HUMAN STORY

JUNE 7-11 ★ BRIMFIELD
BRIMFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY GROUNDS

Live ON STAGE!

MARY SHELLEY
JUNE 7

THEODORE ROOSEVELT
JUNE 8

DIAN FOSSEY
JUNE 9

CHIEF CORNSTALK
JUNE 10

MARIE CURIE
JUNE 11

Free!

Performances begin at 7:00 p.m.
Live music at 6:00 p.m.

OTHER TOUR STOPS

HAMILTON June 14-18	GALLIPOLIS June 21-25	ROSSFORD June 28-July 2
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More Brimfield Township 200 Year Celebration Events Scheduled

To celebrate our Township's 200 Year Birthday, these are the latest events we have scheduled for all our residents to enjoy.



**All-American
Pot-Luck
Picnic In The
Park
Sat. July 16**



Brimfield Township is hosting an All-American Pot-Luck Picnic on Saturday, July 16, 2016 starting at 4 p.m. Any and all residents are invited to attend. This is a pot-luck event so please bring a dish to share.

A band will provide music. Tables, chairs, tents, cupcakes and bottled water will be provided.

The picnic will be held in the Town Square Park, 1333 Tallmadge Road.

Come out and enjoy your park, visit with your neighbors, and enjoy the day! We look forward to seeing you!



**Lion's Club Cemetery Walk &
Ice Cream Social August 14,
2016**



The Lion's Club is having a Cemetery Walk at Restland Cemetery with an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 14, 2016 from 1p.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information please contact Jill Reitz at 330-931-8028.



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Kent, OH 44240

330-678-0739

Website: www.brimfieldohio.gov

Email: jmiller@brimfieldohio.gov

You can also find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Brimfield-Township-Ohio/20539156947635>

