

# THE YORK TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

A local newsletter to keep our residents informed

Spring and Summer 2011 Volume 1, Number 22

By the Board of Trustees

*Events Happening In York Township, .....*

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## **York Township Spring Clean Up Day.....**

**May 14, 2011 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Have you done your spring cleaning or do you have miscellaneous items to get rid of?

Bring your unwanted items to the collection site.

Dumpsters will be located on Spellman Street - side street east of Fire Station  
*Collection will only be permitted during the supervised hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.*

No paint or oil will be accepted

Township Residents Only

There will be a nominal charge for tires

**NEW THIS YEAR!**

*There will be an Info Shred Truck available from 10 to 2.*

*Items will be shredded on site. Safe. Secure. Get rid of old documents and files safely.*



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## **Memorial Day Parade and Festivities Sunday May 29, 2011**

Bring the family to enjoy the parade and remember our fallen veterans.

*The parade leaves the church parking lot at 3:00 p.m. and goes west to the cemetery.*

*Honor Girl for 2011 will be Rachelle Spence.*

Stop at the Erhart/York Fire Station for a free hot dog,  
and something to drink after the parade.

*Visit with Smokey the Bear & Sparky the Talking Dog.*



Be sure to visit the *Historical One Room Schoolhouse* on Spellman Street.

Open house will be 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Enjoy an ice cream cone at the Historical Society's Ice Cream Social in the Fire Dept.

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## **BUCKEYE HIGH SCHOOL PRE-PROM PROGRAM**



On May 11<sup>th</sup> the students of Buckeye HS will be participating in a mock trial of a driver involved in a drunken driving accident. This continues on from last year's presentation of a Mock Crash for the students to observe. The program is provided through the efforts of the Buckeye Fire Prevention Group consisting of members from Erhart/York Twp., Valley City, and Litchfield Fire Departments in association with the Medina County Courts, Prosecutors Office, and Sherriff's Department.

## TRUSTEE NEWS



*...Submitted by Colene Conley on behalf of the York Twp. Trustees:  
COLENE CONLEY, RICK MONROE, BILL PAVLICK*

*Isn't it wonderful to be able to step outside and feel the warm sun, hear the birds singing and the little frogs in our nearby ponds? The winter was beautiful and the snow plowing was impeccable, but we are all glad it's gone. Soon we will hear the roar of the lawn mowers and motorcycles. We will be planning picnics and campfires. Please make sure you review our Fire Chief's article on Open Burning for the summer months so you have an enjoyable time.*

*The Trustees have been busy planning and working this winter to prepare for spring projects throughout the township. On Good Friday, April 22, the township roads will be reviewed for issues that have occurred during the winter months. If you have a concern that appears abnormal by your residence, please feel free to call in at the township office to report the address. We will make a list and be sure to review it.*

*Wolff Rd. from Columbia Rd. west to Station Rd., finally has made it on the list with the Medina County Engineers for bidding for repairs and repaving. This will be a co-venture of expenditure between the County and the Township. The County will be smoothing out certain areas of the road and addressing a bridge surface. The township will be adjusting an area that floods, occasionally (6800 Wolff). We will then repave and restripe the road. From what the Trustees have been told, the road will be going to bid in mid April-May. Usually it takes several weeks after the bid is awarded for a Contractor to start the repairs mentioned and then the pavement and stripping will be the final product. We want to thank all of our residents on this section of Wolff Rd. for their patience.*

*This fall we were awarded a sidewalk grant to replace 70 year old sidewalks along Rt. 18. This grant is a Community Block Grant and we received approximately \$46,000. Our intent was to completely replace Rt. 18 and Columbia Rd. sidewalks. However, we do not think the grant is sufficient to complete the entire project. We have asked the County Engineer to give us the estimates, upon receipt of those, the Trustees will decide the most cost effective methods for updating the sidewalks and drainage issues that exist with these replacements. Grant monies have to be spent by the end of 2011. Stay tuned.*

*The township park is coming along nicely. We are coordinating with the State of Ohio to replace a road culvert on Columbia Rd./Spellman Rd. that will enable the township to enclose the drainage ditch along the new parking lot of the park. We will be expanding the parking area then and grading and planting grass to join with the fire station lot. We are working to add a temporary washroom facility and trash receptacles. The heavy duty picnic tables for the enjoyment of our residents have been added under the pavilion. We are shopping for outdoor grills to use in grilling steaks, chops and burgers, soon. Our hopes are to complete and have a PARK DEDICATION MID SUMMER. LOOK FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT ON OUR TOWNSHIP SIGN (RT. 18)*

*Last but not least, if you have not had a chance to view our new addition of township offices, please plan on attending the Memorial Day Parade and Luncheon, after the parade. We have remodeled our main meeting room with beautiful cabinets for storage for the fire safety training supplies and have made a new desk that is used by the Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Fire Officials, and the Zoning Boards and Commissions members. We would love for you to come and join us and visit your township facility.*

*As always, please feel free to contact Colene, Rick, or Bill, if you have any issues or concerns. We are your grassroots government at work and we are your neighbors. Enjoy your summer and be safe.*

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**Welcome To New Board Members.....**

Christine Barnes has been appointed a seat on the Zoning Board of Appeals.  
Marilyn Pendolino has been appointed as alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals.  
Richard Hill has been appointed a seat on the Zoning Commission.  
Changing faces and new ideas help us grow as a community.

**Thank You to Those Who Served Previously....**

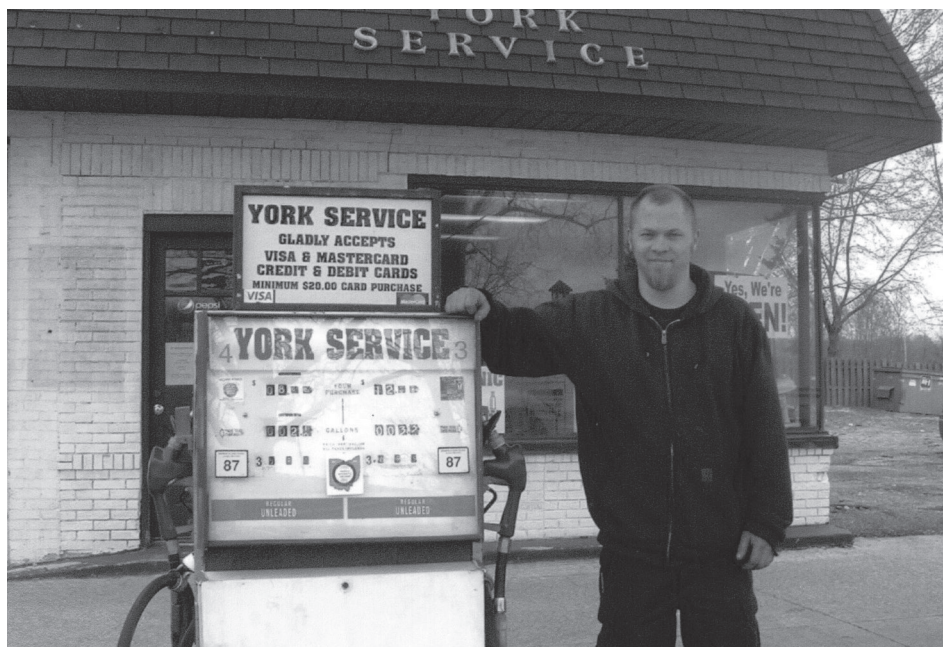
William Schultz has retired from Township service in December 2010.  
William has served on the Board of Appeals for 30 plus years  
Thank you for all of your years of dedication. We will miss you.



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**Also welcome to York Twp. to the new owner of the York Service Station , Todd Miller is from Hinckley, Ohio and has taken ownership of the station in February 2011. The station will continue to sell gas and also offer repairs on domestic & foreign vehicles.**



*We also thank previous owner Dan Boyes for his 28 years of serving the community and wish him a "Happy Retirement "*

**By DONALD J. STEWART, MS, RS**  
Medina County Health Department

Over time, we tend to accumulate many chemical products such as paints, solvents, household cleaners, pesticides, herbicides, and used motor oil. These items are household hazardous wastes and need to be disposed of safely. Most importantly, **DO NOT** bury, burn, or pour these materials onto the ground surface, into a stream or creek, or down a storm drain. They can pollute the environment through contamination of surface or ground waters or create toxic fumes. Paints, if still liquid, can be left to harden by taking the lid off the can, and then put in the trash. Use cat litter in containers of solvents, paint thinner, turpentine, varnish, or strippers to absorb them, and then they also can go in the trash

To see if herbicides and pesticides can be disposed of in the trash, **READ** the product label. The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) **MAY** accept small quantities of these materials. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) can be contacted for information on how to dispose of large quantities of herbicides and pesticides. You can find these agencies listed under "State Government" in your phone book or by visiting the ODA or Ohio EPA websites at <http://www.ohioagriculture.gov/> or

<http://www.epa.state.oh.us/>

Used motor oil should be recycled and **NEVER** disposed of by dumping it on the ground or down sewers or drains. Contact the Ohio EPA for a recycling center near you, or the Medina County Central Processing Facility on Lake Road in Westfield Township at 1 800-968-7273 for more information on waste-oil disposal

If you have mercury, it requires special handling and disposal measures. Mercury is highly toxic and can be easily absorbed through your skin. You should remember two important things: **DON'T TOUCH MERCURY** and **DON'T THROW MERCURY IN THE TRASH**. Contact the Ohio EPA for a list of recyclers or for other information about proper mercury disposal

For several years, the Medina County Solid Waste District has accepted many of the items listed above for disposal. Each year, the District has recycling and collection days. At little or no cost, items such as appliances, paints, oil, batteries, antifreeze, tires, pesticides, herbicides, and other potentially toxic materials can be dropped off at its facility in Westfield Township or other county locations. The Solid Waste District can be reached at 1-800-968-7273 or visit its website [www.sanitaryengineer.co.medina.oh.us/cpf](http://www.sanitaryengineer.co.medina.oh.us/cpf) for more information on collection dates, items that will or will not be accepted, and any costs involved.

Additional information is also available by calling the Medina County Health Department, Environmental Health Division at 330-723-9523, toll-free at 1-888-723-9688, by emailing [env@medinahealth.org](mailto:env@medinahealth.org), or by going to our website,

<http://www.medinahealth.org/>.

## Fire Department Update



### OPEN BURNING GUIDELINES FROM THE OHIO FIRE CODE AND EPA Ken Barrett, Fire Chief

Each year when the air turns warmer and the flowers begin to bloom, we think of cleaning our yards up by collecting and burning leaves, twigs, and branches. The Fire Department receives complaints each year about open burning from residents. We arrive and begin to educate people on the rules pertaining to open burning in our area. Because so many people are unfamiliar with these guidelines we would like to go over them with you. The Ohio Fire Code Section 307 states you may open burn according to the following guidelines:

1. Size of fire is 3' by 3' by 2' in height. You may go to a bonfire 5' by 5' by 5' with Fire Chief permission.
2. You can burn only *natural wood products* that are untreated, unpainted, unstained. **NO** plywood, paneling, other building materials, Wolmanized wood, etc...
3. The fire must be 25' from all structures and other combustibles. Bonfires must be 50' from the same.
4. The fire must be attended at all times.
5. You must have a method of extinguishment at the fire side.
6. The fire must not produce any offensive or objectionable smoke.

For Agricultural burning including lot clearing, fence row clearing, etc... EPA guidelines state the burn pile must be 1000' from all structures. Beginning in April 2008 you **must also have written permission from EPA** to perform these types of open burning.

Further info can be found at [www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/general/openburning.html](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/general/openburning.html) and at the State Fire Marshal's website.

### Erhart/York Firefighters Association News

The Erhart/ York Township Fire Association hosts fundraisers such as the Swiss Steak Dinner and A night At The Races and this year a Photo Promotion throughout the year to assist the Fire Dept in acquiring new equipment.

*Mark your Calendars for the following events.....*

May 29, 2011 Free hot dogs and chips to the public after the parade at the Fire house.

October 8, 2011 Annual Swiss Steak Dinner The best around!!! Held at the Fire Station  
“Don’t miss the great homemade pies and desserts.”

*Thanks to everyone for supporting the Fire Association in our past endeavors.  
Hope to see you at the above events.*



## **Erhart / York Fire Dept Responds to 231 Calls in 2010**

The Erhart/ York Township Fire Department responded to two hundred thirty 911 calls for help in 2010. This is an decrease from the number of calls in 2009.

The calls were broke down as follows;

7 structure fires	3 Miscellaneous fires
1 grass/brush fires	121 EMS calls
29 motor vehicle accidents	17 false alarms
2 hazardous conditions calls	

The Department is comprised of over forty very dedicated individuals who serve York Township and surrounding communities with pride and dedication. The Department has EMT's , paramedics and Firefighters that respond to all types of medical and fire emergencies. They train every Monday evening starting at 6:30 p.m. and also attend special training throughout the year to be able to give the best service to the residents of the community.

Help is always needed...if you are interested in becoming a member of this fine department contact Chief Ken Barrett at 330-725-4641.

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### ***ERHART FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM***

Our Erhart Fire Dept Relay for Life Team has been busy all year getting ready for the Medina Relay For Life at the Medina County Fair grounds on June 11 & 12, 2011.

Members have been at local grocers and neighboring Fire Dept. breakfasts selling raffle tickets for an extra large easter basket any child would love to receive.

The group has participated in the Relay for Life Chili Cook Off this year

The members are also busy selling golf balls for the annual Golf Ball Drop to be held at the Medina Co. Fairgrounds on June 11, 2011. Prizes include a 40' Phillips flat screen tv, a Charbroil Grill with a \$50.00 meat certificate to Keller's Meats, a Kobe E Reader and many other prizes.

Golf Balls are for sale \$5.00 each or three for \$10.00. You can purchase golf balls from the team by calling Dan at 330 722-6942.

*Thank you to everyone for your support!!!*



## From the Fiscal Officer... Beverly Fry

Now that we have completed another year, let's review the 2010 Annual Report. As a reminder, we operate with various funds for the different "uses" within our township. Our funds are the General and Special Revenue which is comprised of Motor Vehicle, Gasoline Tax, Road & Bridge, Cemetery, Zoning, Fire Fund (Levy), Permissive Motor Vehicle, Fire/Rescue and Miscellaneous Special Revenue.



The first few are self-explanatory. The Permissive Motor Vehicle is that additional license plate tax we all pay. The Fire/Rescue is the reimbursement from insurance companies on our rescue run billings. The Miscellaneous Special Revenue is comprised of donations and grants to the township for various projects.

There are a few things to show over the last three years for our General Fund. On the revenue side the major categories are:

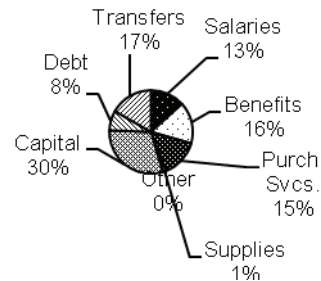
	2010	2009	2008
Property Taxes	\$93,115	\$92,631	\$84,711
Personal Property Taxes	2,466	2,457	2,337
Local Gov't	60,185	59,714	70,312
Interest	1,547	3,015	36,359
Estate Tax	30,731	18,954	26,643
Totals	\$188,044	\$176,771	\$220,362
Inc. or (Dec.) from Prior Year	<b>\$11,273</b>	<b>(\$43,591)</b>	<b>(\$57,746)</b>

As you can see, our General Fund revenues increased slightly because of a larger Estate Tax payment. As we all know, it is a revenue stream out of our control for obvious reasons. The tax revenues remained fairly constant. The Local Government funds are set in law as to what we and other local governments will receive from the state. As we have heard from Governor Kasich's budget proposal, we can expect to receive 25% less in 2011. That translates to an approximate \$7,500 decrease for us this year because the state budget begins July 1<sup>st</sup> while ours begins January 1<sup>st</sup>. The Governor's proposal has another 25% decrease in 2012 for an approximate \$15,000 loss. The interest rate is as low as it can get without being at 0%!

On the expenditure side for General Fund, the categories remained fairly constant with the exception of capital outlay and transfers. The increase in benefits was due to an increase in the health insurance premium. The increase in capital outlay was due to the office addition. The transfers were higher to cover the Cemetery and Zoning expenditures as well as a \$41,250 advance to the ODNR Grant until the funds were received and returned to General Fund.

	2010	2009	2008
Salaries	\$58,201	\$58,024	\$57,241
Benefits	71,188	69,050	63,966
Purchased Services	65,075	54,257	59,180
Supplies	5,226	1,576	2,103
Other	450	300	215
Capital Outlay	132,401	30,116	7,300
Debt	33,899	33,899	33,899
Transfers	73,250	32,500	9,000
Totals	439,690	\$279,722	\$232,904
Chg. From Prior Year	<b>\$159,968</b>	<b>\$46,818</b>	<b>\$11,212</b>

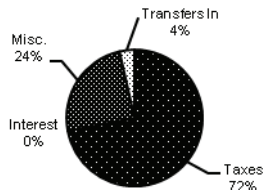
2010 General Fund Expenses



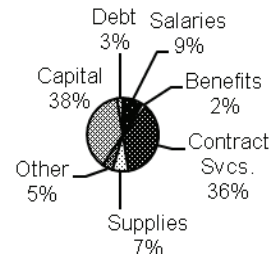
All of our other funds fall under Special Revenue. On the revenue side, we saw a slight increase in the property taxes. There was a small decrease in the miscellaneous category which covers Cemetery, Zoning and the Rescue Run fees as well as grant funds received in 2010 from 2009 due to the amount of grants received.

On the expenditure side for the Special Revenue Funds, the increase from 2009 to 2010 was mainly seen in the capital outlay category. That was largely because of the new ambulance and other fire equipment. The other categories only changed slightly.

2010 Special Revenue Fund Revenues



2010 Special Revenue Fund Expenses



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### Zoning Permit Information

Spring and summer is the busiest time of the year for building. If you are planning to build, remodel or install a pool please remember to check with the Township Zoning Office “before” you begin construction.

Even small projects may require a permit.



*Any home business requires a home occupation certificate. If you are contemplating a home business please contact the office to discuss the matter.*

The Township Office is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Stop in or call 330 722-0185

### Property Maintenance

It’s time to take a serious look at all the structures on your property that may need to be painted, power washed, reroofed, or even adding driveway stone and doing some weed trimming. Let’s all work together to keep York Township’s residences, garages and accessory buildings and their landscapes looking their best by keeping them maintained this summer.

## The York Township Historical Society News

*Paul Peyton, President*

The York Township Historical Society meets on the second Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at the one room schoolhouse at 6547 Spellman St..

There are door prizes and refreshments at each meeting.

Come join the fun and learn about our township and our heritage.

For more information call Paul 330 722-0535 or Don 330 723-1005.

*Visit us at our up coming events.....*

May 9<sup>th</sup> Sheriff Neil Hassinger will share the history of the Sheriff Dept.

May 30<sup>th</sup> Ice Cream Social at the Memorial Day Parade. The old school house will be open. Come browse see some of Yorks history

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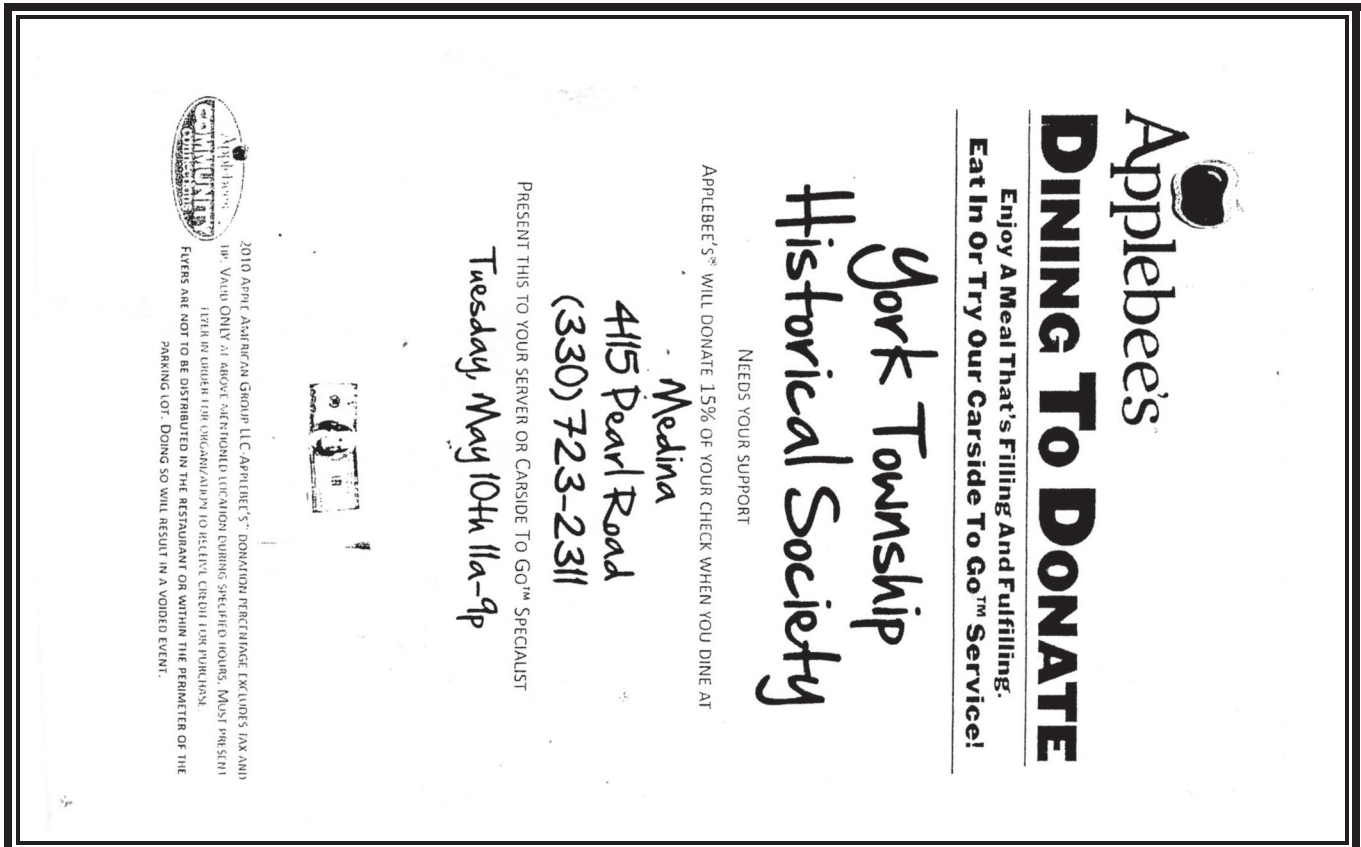
### Dining to Donate at Applebee's

Bring the following flyer to Applebee's, dine on the listed date and Applebee's will donate 15% of the monies sold accompanied with a flyer to the Historical Society! Be sure to bring the flyer!!!!

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The flyer is enclosed in a double-line border. At the top right is the Applebee's logo, a stylized apple with a bite taken out of it. Below the logo, the word "Applebee's" is written in a serif font. Underneath that, "DINING TO DONATE" is written in large, bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. To the left of this, in a smaller font, is the text "Enjoy A Meal That's Filling And Fulfilling. Eat In Or Try Our Carside To Go™ Service!". In the center, the words "York Township Historical Society" are written in a large, elegant, cursive script. To the left of this, in a smaller, plain font, is "NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT". Below that, the address "4115 Pearl Road" and phone number "(330) 723-2311" are listed. At the bottom, it says "PRESENT THIS TO YOUR SERVER OR CARSIDE TO GO™ SPECIALIST" and "Tuesday, May 10th 11a-9p". On the left side, there is a small circular logo for the York Township Historical Society and a small graphic of a checkbook. At the very bottom left, there is fine print regarding the donation policy.


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*York Township  
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TIP. VALID ONLY AT ABOVE MENTIONED LOCATION DURING SCHEDULED HOURS. MUST PRESENT  
FLYER IN ORDER FOR ORGANIZATION TO RECEIVE CREDIT FOR PURCHASE.  
FLYERS ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN THE RESTAURANT OR WITHIN THE PERIMETER OF THE  
PARKING LOT. DOING SO WILL RESULT IN A VOIDED EVENT.

## **Roadside Mowing:**

The tractor/mower will be out on our township roadways in early summer. Please check your open ditches and see that any bottles or large items are removed. Many items can be propelled when hit by a mower. We want everyone to be safety conscious while maintaining the site visibility.

Anyone having wood left in the road right away from the Ohio Edison tree trimming, please make sure this is removed for the springtime mowing so the mowers can effectively mow the ditches.

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