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Spring 2014

Brown Township Firefighter Profiles

Two veteran firefighters at Brown Township's Station 82 have more than 70 years of firefighting and emergency medical services experience between them—Lt. Vic Lantz with more than 34 years (seven as a volunteer) and Firefighter Larry Cordial with 37 years (nine as a volunteer).

A 21-year resident of Walker Road, Lt. Lantz has served with the Norwich Township Fire Department for the last 23 years, with experience in Madison County before that. Firefighter Cordial has spent his entire career with the Norwich department and has been at Station 82 since it opened in 1999.

Both men have deep roots and connections in the Brown Township community. Firefighter Cordial attended Brown Elementary School through sixth grade while growing up on Alton-Darby Creek Road.

Interviewed together at the Firehouse recently, the men spoke of working in Brown Township out of Station 82 in similar terms—teamwork, camaraderie, friendly atmosphere, personalized service to the residents, familiarity with the people and the area, and “It’s like being part of a big family.”

Lt. Lantz and his wife of 37 years, Christine, are parents of three adult children, Nicholas, Ryan, and Brittany. The Lantzes enjoy motorcycle riding in

good weather and get-togethers with friends.

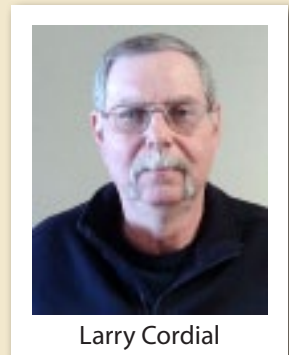
Firefighter Cordial and his wife, Debbie, have been married for 38 years and are the parents of Justin, 23, and Derrick, 21. The Cordials enjoy camping and sports.

Both men are NASCAR fans.

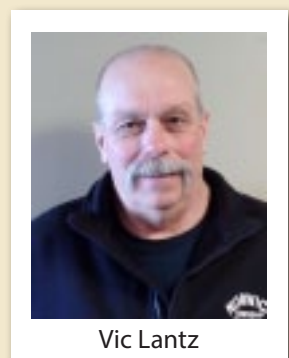
Both also spoke enthusiastically about the community outreach activities in which they are involved. They commented on the ability to reach children through fire prevention training, scouting groups that visit the station, the Timberbrook Fourth of July parade, providing medics at high school games, and providing scholarships at the three high schools. As Firefighter Cordial put it, “Kids are our best audience because they go home and tell their parents what they’ve learned.”

Both also spoke proudly of the services Station 82 provides to Brown Township residents. According to Lt. Lantz, “People should feel comfortable calling us, even if it’s just a bloody nose or a malfunctioning smoke detector. We’re happy to go. That’s what we’re here for.”

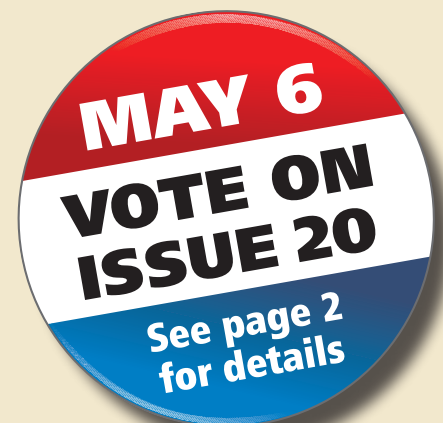
If Lt. Lantz and Firefighter Cordial are an indication of the enthusiasm and professionalism of all 18 firefighters and medics assigned to Station 82, Brown Township is in capable hands.



Larry Cordial



Vic Lantz



ISSUE 20 ON MAY BALLOT

The Brown Township Trustees have placed a fire protection levy on the May 6 ballot. Issue 20, if approved, will raise about \$455,016 a year to support fire and emergency services provided by the Norwich Township Fire Department.

Norwich Fire provides service to Norwich Township, the City of Hilliard, and Brown Township. Service to Brown Township is provided under a contract which requires that the property tax support from the three jurisdictions remain roughly equal. Norwich Township and Hilliard voters approved a similar issue on the ballot last May.

The ballot language reads as seen at right.

Brown Township voters may cast ballots at the Brown Township Hall at 2495 Walker Road between 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on May 6, 2014.

In-person absentee voting will be available at the Franklin County Board of Elections at 280 E. Broad St., Columbus, 43215 on the following schedule:

- Tuesday through Friday, April 1 through April 4—8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Monday, April —8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Tuesday through Friday, April 8 through April 1—8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Monday through Friday, April 14 through May 2—8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Saturday, May 3—8 a.m. to noon

For more information, visit boe@franklincountyohio.gov or call the Franklin County Board of Elections at 614-525-3100.

PROPOSED TAX LEVY (ADDITIONAL)

BROWN TOWNSHIP

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

An additional tax for the benefit of Brown Township for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, or the establishment of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, or the purchase of ambulance equipment, or the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company at a rate not exceeding 5.12 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.512 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2014, first due in calendar year 2015.

FOR THE TAX LEVY

AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

The Brown Township Trustees invite you to an Open House

***Celebrating 15 Years
of Fire & Emergency Medical Service
at Station 82***

Come Join Us

11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. • Saturday, April 12th, 2014
Station 82, Brown Township Firehouse, 2491 Walker Road

Hot Dogs • Popcorn • Demonstrations • Health Checks

Brown Township Spring Flooding

Spring is here, the rains will come, and some flooding will inevitably occur.

Because Brown Township is flat and has a lot of slow-draining soils, heavy rainfall can often cause flooding.

Brown Township is responsible for managing flooding on township roads. The Township will mark high water areas with signs and orange barrels and will clear out blockages in ditches and in any tiles running down the roadside ditches. Township roads are Morris, Carter, Langton, Creek, Widener, and Cole. A resident discovering a flooding problem on one of these roads should call the Brown Township Office at 614-876-2133.

Trustee Gary Dever said also that the township will be happy to try to assist any township resident with a flooding issue, although high water on private property is ultimately the responsibility of the property owner. For example, if it is possible for the property owner to alleviate flooding by correctly tying the property's drainage system into

a roadside ditch or tile, the township would have no objection to such a project.

For flooding on other roads in the township, the responsibility falls to the Franklin County Drainage Engineer (part of the Franklin County Engineer's Office). Residents should call 614-525-3030. This office also does some work with private drainage systems installed through the petition ditch process, according to Jim Ramsey, of the Drainage Engineer's Office.

Trustee Dever also commented on a common problem involving new construction. When a new house is built with a basement or crawl space, sometimes the builder cuts a drain tile and plugs it, rather than rerouting the tile around the building. When this occurs, water builds up in the plugged tile and eventually finds its way into the basement or crawl space, where sump pumps will be insufficient.

Trustee Dever also advised that resi-

dents resist the temptation to make any adjustments to natural drainage swales crossing their properties. Such swales provide a valuable drainage function.

Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District (FSWCD) also plays a role in local stormwater management. FSWCD staff is available to residents to provide technical assistance to deal with flooding issues on private property. Residents should call 614-486-9613 to discuss flooding issues on their property, to request technical assistance, or to register for the Backyard Conservation Workshop to be held on Saturday, May 3 from 9:30 to 11 at the FSWCD offices at 1404 Goodale Boulevard, Suite 100, Grandview Heights. The workshop is free and will provide information on rain barrels, rain gardens, and composting. Also available from FSWCD is the Green Spot Rain Barrel Program, through which households can purchase a reduced-price rain barrel that will allow stormwater to infiltrate into the soil rather than running off over the land.



FYI

For Brown Township zoning information, please call 614-525-3094.

For information on obtaining a building permit in Brown Township, please call 614-525-3166.

Franklin County Regulates Parking

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners has recently updated the requirements for off-street parking in the townships, including Brown, for which the County administers the zoning resolution.

Section 531 of the Franklin County Zoning Resolution includes requirements dealing with parking space size, amount of parking necessary for various uses, where parking should be located on a parcel of land, limitations on parking in residential areas, etc.

For residential uses, the following requirements are in place:

- Zoning approval is needed before construction of a parking facility.
- Parking spaces need to be built to standards set by the Franklin County Engineer.
- A parking space for one vehicle must be a rectangle of no less than 9 feet by 18 feet with additional room to get in and out.

- A parking space may be no closer than three feet to a property line.
- Single-family and two-family dwellings are required to have two parking spaces per dwelling unit.
- In general, commercial vehicles are not allowed in residential districts, except in association with a home occupation.
- Recreational vehicles (including boats, camping trailers, etc.) may not be stored on a residential lot between the street and the house unless they are kept in an enclosed structure.
- Various other standards apply to parking/storing recreational vehicles, including sizes and number of such vehicles allowed on parcels of different sizes.
- Recreational vehicles parked on residential parcels may not be used as dwelling units.
- No more than one inoperable motor vehicle (defined in the Zoning Code) is allowed per dwelling unit and that

vehicle must be completely enclosed within a structure or surrounded by opaque screening so it is not visible from the street.

Other land uses have different requirements. For example, a church or other place of religious assembly is required to have one parking space per 250 square feet of floor area. An elementary school must have two spaces per classroom and one space for each 60 square feet of floor area in the auditorium or assembly hall. A high school must have two spaces per classroom and one for every ten students for which the facility is designed or one space for each 60 square feet of assembly space, whichever is greater.

The Franklin County Zoning Resolution may be viewed at development.franklincountyohio.gov, then click on “Zoning” and “Franklin County Zoning Resolution.”

Questions on the Off-Street Parking, Loading, and Access Drives section or on the Zoning Resolution in general should be directed to 614-525-3094.



Trustees L-R: Greg Ruwe, Gary Dever, Pam Sayre and Joe Martin

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Brown Township Board of Trustees Meeting

When: 3rd Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

Where: 2491 Walker Road, Hilliard, Ohio

For Police, Fire and Medical Emergencies, Dial 911