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Chamber Welcome

Welcome to the Columbia Chamber of Commerce Eastern Lorain County Community Guide

Thank you to the many people in Columbia Township, Eaton Township, Grafton Township, Village of Grafton, LaGrange Township, and Village of LaGrange who took time to answer questions and provide information for this, the fifth edition of the area community guide. The guide is designed to be a useful resource about the eastern Lorain County area including information about local governments, schools, social services, clubs, attractions and more.

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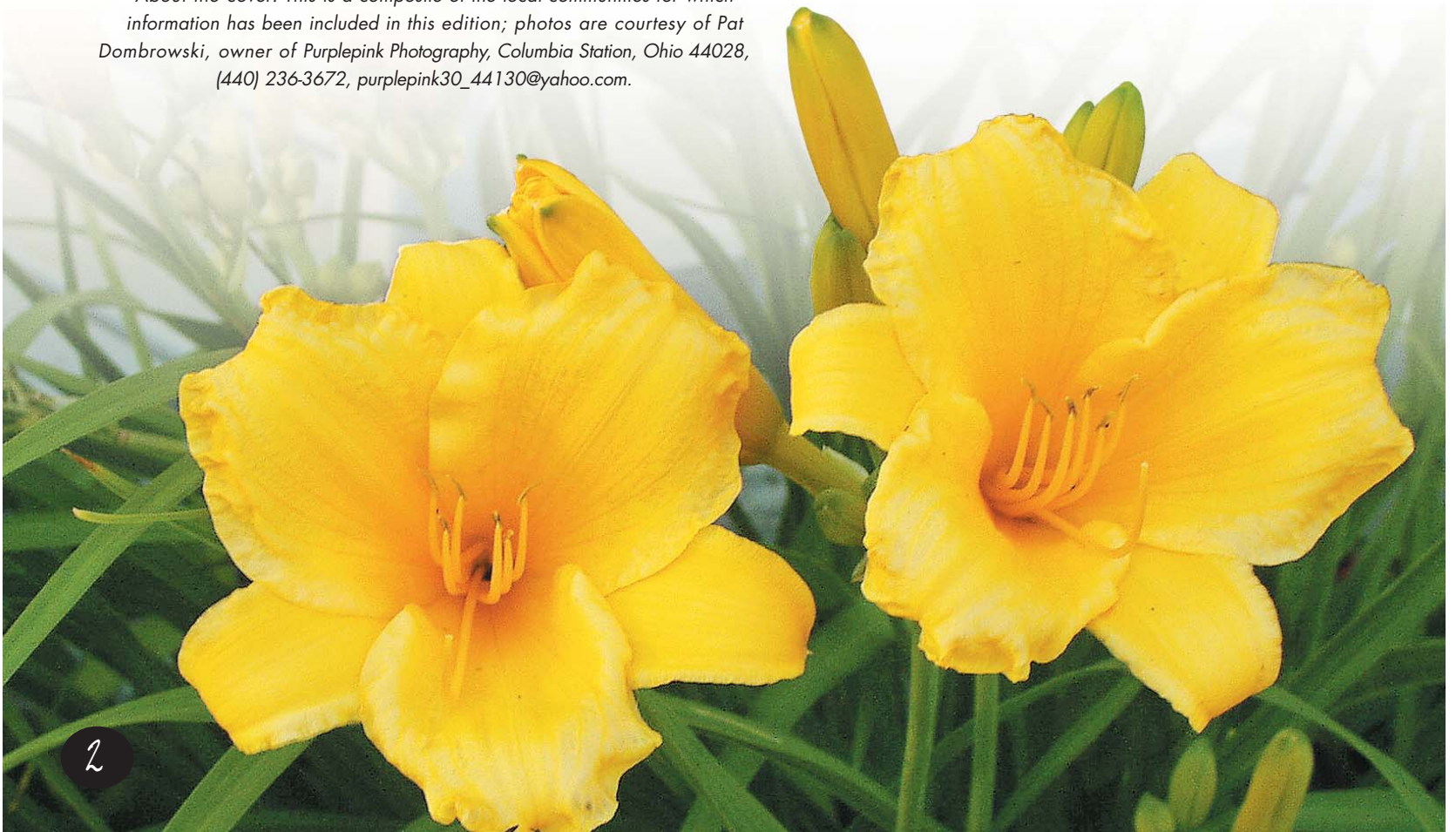
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Columbia Chamber of Commerce

Planning for the Future

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THE COLUMBIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE is planning for the future of the eastern Lorain County area. With the mission of increasing the region's livability by advancing its economic vitality, the Chamber is a partnership of nearly 90 businesses, organizations and coalitions supporting the community and each other. The Chamber provides a platform for businesses to come together to work toward common goals. Guided by the Chamber's Strategic Plan, developed by the board of directors, the Chamber serves as a collective voice to advocate for business issues. Being a member of the Chamber means investing in the future of the area. Being a member of the Chamber is good for business – your business.

The Columbia Chamber of Commerce is a countywide organization representing the business community by providing services, benefits, and leadership for positive growth. We serve all of Lorain County including Columbia Township, Eaton Township, Grafton, LaGrange and surrounding areas.

Funding

The Chamber is a private organization funded primarily by dues paid by member businesses. It is not a government agency and receives no tax dollars.

Membership

Membership is open to all businesses and individuals that maintain a voluntary annual dues investment. Benefits of membership include networking opportunities, community involvement, image enhancement, political advocacy, information access, numerous discounts and benefits, and heightened credibility.

Vision

To be the advocate for business in eastern Lorain County

Mission

To strengthen, enhance and protect business

Values

Leadership, excellence, integrity and innovation

Strategic Objectives:

- Promote a strong local economy
- Provide opportunities for relationship building
- Deliver programs to help businesses grow
- Represent and advocate on behalf of business
- Enhance commerce through community stewardship

Organization

The Chamber is an organization of business leaders who work to improve their community and the area's business climate. A volunteer board of trustees governs the Chamber. The effectiveness of the Chamber is entirely dependent on member support and involvement.

Community Involvement

The Chamber strengthens the community by identifying needs, problems, and opportunities. It then develops programs to solve those problems and satisfy the needs. Committees of volunteers from member firms help the Chamber implement and achieve its goals. The Chamber regularly reviews its programs, goals and results to bring

about a healthier climate in which business and the community grows and prospers.

BELONGING TO THE CHAMBER HAS ITS BENEFITS:

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- Long Term Care Insurance – Ohio Long Term Care Brokers
- Overnight Delivery – DHL Express
- Freight Delivery – CT Logistics
- Employee Wellness Program – Wellness Council of Northern Ohio
- Business 2 Business Discounts
- Free Job Posting on www.columbiastation.com

SERVICES PROVIDED:

- Mailing List – Business & Residential Mailing List, provided on CD in Excel spreadsheet form to members who have advertised in the community guide. Available upon request.
- Membership Plaque – Chamber members receive an attractive membership plaque for display in their place of business.
- Advertising/Sponsorship Opportunities – Listing of business and your website link on the Chamber website, www.columbiastation.com; listing in the Community Guide – more than 11,000 copies distributed by direct mail.
- Referral Center for Products & Services – The Chamber receives numerous calls for business referrals every week. It is the Chamber policy to refer only our members' businesses.
- Chamber News Online – Chamber members may have their business highlighted on our website with a brief description of their business. Please submit all articles to chamber@columbiastation.com
- Affiliations – As a member of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce you are also a member of the NOACC (Northern Ohio Area Chamber of Commerce). As a member, you have access to all programs and services provided by them; www.noacc.org.
- Quarterly meetings for business networking – Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of February, May, August, November, and December. (See calendar on page 28.) Additional meetings will be posted on www.columbiastation.com.

Have questions? Please don't hesitate to contact us at (440) 309-5295, or chamber@columbiastation.com. Additional information can be viewed at www.columbiastation.com.

Join the Chamber Today

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Columbia Township

The History of Columbia Township

Columbia Township was founded in 1807, the first settlement west of the Cuyahoga River. The land was a section of the Western Reserve owned by the Connecticut Land Company. Previously, it had been inhabited by the Native Americans, who fished along the banks of the nearby Rocky River and utilized other rich resources such as chestnuts, deer, and beaver.

In 1805, two years after Ohio became a state, the Federal government made a treaty with the remaining Indian nations. The Treaty of Fort Industry opened the area west of the Cuyahoga to settlement. The Connecticut Land Company structured the land into townships of five square miles with 100 lots of 160 acres.

Residents of Columbia Township are often referred to as "gamblers" because they acquired their land in a lottery system by which all Lorain, Medina, and Huron County acreage was sold. The Bronson and Hoadley families of Waterbury, Connecticut, formed the Waterbury Land Company, made their purchase of \$20,087 on April 4, 1807, and then drew a piece of paper to see which township would be theirs. Township 5, N. Range 15W became their new home.

Bela and Sally Bronson and their baby, Sherlock, were among the township's first settlers. The Bronsons and the rest of their party set out from Connecticut in September 1807. While a large portion of the group spent the winter in Cleveland, the Bronsons, Hoadleys, and eight additional men forged ahead to the new settlement. Sally, the "chief cook and bottle washer" during the long trip, made the journey on an oxen-pulled sled with her baby.

Sally and her family lived under a sled propped against a tree until their cabin was completed. As the township grew, Sally and her husband became the first schoolteachers. Bela Bronson was the township's first clerk. Sally's contributions to the settlement earned her the right to name it. She called it Columbia, in honor of her Connecticut hometown.

The official name of the township is Columbia Township, although it is known as Columbia Station, actually the mailing address of the Columbia Township and some parts of Eaton Township.



Columbia Historical Society



The Bronson House Museum is owned by the Columbia Local School District and maintained by the historical society. Bronson Museum is named after Sally Bronson, the first permanent woman settler in the township and the first schoolteacher. Her daughter and son-in-law, Sally and Willis Beebe, built the house. Sally Bronson lived in the house the last few years of her life until she passed away in 1865.

The society keeps the museum as a house of the 19th-20th century in which a farm family lived for three to four generations. A clock and rocker are said to have come with the original settlers from Waterbury, Connecticut. An addition to the house has the collections of papers, books and artifacts from Columbia Township, which was founded December 7, 1807.

The museum is open the first Sunday in June, July, August and September and on July 4 and other times by appointment. A Christmas open house, with mulled cider and cookies, is held every other year.

A grant from the Lorain County Commissioners, through the Lorain County Historical Society, is being used to record 20th century history of Columbia Township and make either VHS tapes or CD's in honor of Columbia's Bicentennial in 2007.

The Columbia Historical Society meets the second Tuesday from February to June and September to December at 7:30 pm at the Columbia Town Hall or Bronson House Museum.

The Columbia Historical Society officers are Mary Melnyk, president; Sally Stone, vice-president; Jim Hitchcock, secretary; Dave Burnett, treasure; Sharon Waldecker, publicity; Lynn Hantel, corresponding secretary; and Mark Hantel, Webmaster.

Bronson House

P.O. Box 983, 13646 West River Rd., (440) 236-8170 or (440) 236-8935, www.columbiahistoricalsociety.org.

Columbia Township

TODAY AND INTO THE FUTURE, Columbia Township faces many issues and challenges. They include planning for development, both residential and commercial, maintaining zoning, and continually improving services offered by the Columbia fire and road departments. Emphasis is placed on offering the highest level of service to the residents possible, said Dale Rundle, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

The disaster shelter, an addition to the fire station completed in 2004, has become a great asset to the fire department and the community. The trustees support Chief Raymond Anthony's efforts to provide for the continuing education and training of fire department members as well as for the purchase of new, up-to-date equipment. The fire station is currently manned 18 hours per day, from midnight to 6:00 pm. A new rescue squad will be delivered in 2006.

Numerous improvements have been made to the Township Park. They include new fencing, backstops and dugouts on the ball fields and a new pavilion. Decorative security lights were recently installed around the oval walking path. Construction of a new playground was completed in 2005.

Upcoming improvements planned for the park are the asphaltting of all park roadways and walkways, as well as the area behind the fire station. New basketball hoops will be installed, the tennis courts

resurfaced and the gazebo renovated. In the future, a Veteran's Memorial is planned for the park.

Road department responsibilities include maintaining the Township Park, the cemeteries, and ditching and paving township roads. Three large snow removal trucks and two smaller trucks are used to keep the roads safe during the winter months. Chipping services are offered to the residents during the first week of every even month. Service Director Robert Rundle initiates improvements with the trustees, often based on feedback from the residents.

Work continues on the development of the new township cemetery located on Royalton Road. With the first section opened in 2004, twenty percent of the 600 lots are already sold. Two more sections are planned for the future. A sitting area for reflection will be built near the pond that will include a flagpole. The trustees' goal, Rundle said, is to make attractive cemetery lots available to the residents at a reasonable cost.

Looking to future zoning needs, the Columbia Township Comprehensive Plan is currently under review. Through the public hearing process, the Comprehensive Plan will reflect the citizens' vision for the future of Columbia Township.

The Board of Trustees will continue to strive to give residents the best way of life possible for their tax dollars, according to Trustee Rundle.

Columbia Township-Government

Population – 7,782 (approximately)

Town Hall – 25496 Royalton Rd., Columbia Station, Ohio 44028

Phone – (440) 236-8802

Fax – (440) 236-8801

E-mail – columbiatwp@alltel.net

Office Hours – Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Office in lower level of Town Hall

Elected Positions

Office Title	Incumbent	Elected	Term	Date Expires
Trustee	Ed Neiger	2005	4 year	12/31/09
Trustee	John W. Pojman	2005	4 year	12/31/09
Trustee	Dale F. Rundle	2003	4 year	12/31/07
Clerk	Mary Lou Berger	2003	4 year	3/31/08

Appointed Positions

Office Title	Incumbent
Secretary	Rita Plata
Fire Chief	Raymond Anthony
Zoning Inspector	Robert Eichenberg
Road Foreman	Robert Rundle

Trustee Meetings – 1st & 3rd Monday each month at Town Hall – 7:30 pm

Zoning Commission – 1st Thursday of each month at Town Hall – 6:30 pm

Zoning Board of Appeals – 4th Monday of each month at Town Hall – 6:30 pm



Columbia Township

Columbia Events & Recreation



PARKS

Columbia Township Park – corner of West River Rd. and State Rt. 82. Next door to fire station, which is located at 25540 Royalton Rd., Columbia Station, Ohio 44028.

Area – 27.1 acres

Amenities – eight ball fields, two tennis courts, two basketball courts, a Pee Wee football field, sand volleyball court, paved quarter-mile walking track, playground complex, gazebo and seven pavilions with grills and electricity, and restrooms

Columbia Township Park (Undeveloped) – State Route 82, just west of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, which is located at 25801 Royalton Rd., Columbia Station, Ohio 44028.

Area – 32 acres

Amenities planned or in progress – 3.5 acre cemetery, soccer field, decorative ponds, walking park

EVENTS

Columbia Homecoming Festival – Columbia Township Park, corner of West River Rd. and State Rt. 82.

Dates – Last weekend in June

Sponsored by – Columbia Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 428, Columbia Station, Ohio 44028, (440) 309-5295

Website – www.columbiastation.com

Kiwanis Engine Show & Swap Meet – Columbia Township Park, corner of West River Rd. and State Rt. 82.

Dates – 2nd weekend in June

Sponsored by – Kiwanis Club of Columbia Station, P.O. Box 481, Columbia Station, Ohio 44028, (440) 236-5901. Contact: Sheila Jadud.

Columbia Township Fire Dept. Car, Truck & Bike Show – Columbia Township Park, corner of West River Rd. and State Rt. 82.

Dates – 3rd Saturday in August

Sponsored by – Columbia Township Fire Department, P.O. Box 819, Columbia Station, Ohio 44028, (440) 236-8812 (6:00 am-6:00 pm).

Fine Arts & Authors Fest – Columbia Branch Library, 13824 West River Rd., Columbia Station, Ohio 44028.

Dates – 4th Saturday in June

Sponsored by – Columbia Branch Library and Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc., (440) 236-8751

Website – www.lorain.lib.oh.us



Fast Facts

Columbia Township

from 2000 census

Columbia Township is one of three townships in Ohio named Columbia. The other two are located in Meigs and Hamilton County.

Population – 6,912
Latitude – 41.324N
Longitude – 81.92W
Square miles (land) – 25.33
Population per square mile – 272.93
Male – 3,508
Female – 3,404
Average age (years) – 37.63
Median household income – \$58,675
Total housing units – 2,452

Owner-occupied housing units – 2,162
Average number of household members – 2.89
Renter-occupied housing units – 226
Average number of household members – 2.26
Median value of home – \$160,100
Population 25 and older – 4,613
Preschool & kindergarten – 265
Grades 1-12 – 1,369
College – 256

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Columbia Township

Safety Services

Location – 25540 Royalton Rd.
Non-emergency – (440) 236-8812
Fire Chief – Raymond Anthony
Number of years in department – 30
Assistant Chief – Mike Reyes

Emergency – 9-1-1 or (440) 323-1414
In-Station Hours – 12 am-6 pm

Other personnel – EMS Coordinator, Kevin Barnard; Lieutenants, Craig Heidinger, Dave Cox and Robert Rundle.

Staff – All part-time, includes 9 paramedics, 6 advanced EMT's, 16 basic EMT's, 35 firefighters. Some staff members fill multiple positions.

County shared services – Dive-Search-and Rescue and county bomb squad.

Number of vehicles – 2 engines, 1 tanker, 1 grass-fire truck and 2 advance life-support rescue squads.

Community programs – Fire Safety Week (includes visits, education and demonstrations at area schools and preschools plus a poster contest); offers, for a small charge, reflective address signs, provides free smoke detectors; tours of fire department; provides fire-safety programs for local service organizations. CPR and First Aid classes.

Fund-raisers – Annual Pancake Breakfast.

POLICE PROTECTION

Lorain County Sheriff's Department – for an emergency, dial 9-1-1; non-emergency number (440)-323-3710.

Ohio State Highway Patrol – for an emergency, dial 9-1-1; non-emergency number (440)-365-5045.

Columbia Clubs & Organizations

Columbia Academic Boosters – Columbia High School, Kim Campbell – (440) 236-5001

Columbia Athletic Boosters – Columbia High School, Chris Erskine – (440) 236-5001 (meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:30 pm)

Columbia Band Boosters – Columbia High School, Kriste Mott – (440) 236-5020 (meets 1st Monday of the month, 7:00 pm in HS band room)

Columbia Chamber of Commerce – P.O. Box 428, President-Debra Rose – (440) 309-5295 www.columbiastation.com

Columbia Firemen's Association – P.O. Box 819, President-James Wright Jr. – (440)-236-8812 (meets 3rd Monday of the month – 7:30 pm at fire station)

Columbia Garden Club – Carolee Zenthovich, contact (440) 236-6070

Columbia Historical Society – P.O. Box 983, President-Mary Melnyk – (440) 236-8170 or 236-8935 (meets 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:30 pm at Columbia Town Hall or Bronson House)

Columbia Homecoming Committee – P.O. Box 428. Events contact-Debra Rose – (440) 309-5295. Concession contact-James Wright Sr. – (440) 748-2183 (festival is held the last weekend in June)

Columbia Ministerial Association – President-Father Charles Ryba – (440) 236-5095. Members: Columbia Baptist Church, Columbia United Methodist Church, Hosanna Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, New Like Wesleyan Church, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. Meets 1st Thursday of month at various churches – 9:30 am

Columbia Schools Endowment Fund – Administration Center, Alice Rheaume – (440) 236-5008

Columbia Schools PTA – Copopa Elementary, Jennifer Miller – (440) 236-5020

Columbia Senior Citizens – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 25801 Royalton Rd., Virginia Bycznski – (440) 238-4817. Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesday – 11:30 am

Fraternal Order of Eagles – 27201 Royalton Rd. – (440) 236-6453. Men meet 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month – 7:00 pm; women meet 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month – 7:00 pm

Friends of the Columbia Library – Columbia Branch Library, 13824 W. River Rd. President-Ed Kovach – (440) 236-8060. Meets 3rd Tuesday of even-numbered months – 7:00 pm. Sponsors programs and raises funds for the library

Kiwanis Club of Columbia Station – P.O. Box 481, Columbia Station, Ohio President-Sheila Jadud – (440) 236-5901. Meets 2nd & 4th Thursday of month at Columbia Town Hall at 6:30 pm

North Eaton American Legion – 34501 E. Royalton Rd. – (440) 748-2131. Meets 1st Wednesday of the month – 8:00 pm

Thrivant Financial for Lutherans – Hosanna Lutheran Church, 13485 W. River Rd. Contact Ethel Schiemann – (440) 236-5448 or (440) 236-8900, www.hosannalutheranchurch.com

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post #9340 – 25742 Royalton Rd. Commander-Dave Carroll – (440) 236-8111. Meets 2nd Thursday of the month, 7:00 pm at post

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Grafton Township

The History of Grafton Township



Grafton Township, formerly Grafton Center, is located in Lorain County, Ohio. The intersection at State Route 83 and State Route 303 is posted as Belden, which is within Grafton Township.

In 1816 Daniel Nesbett and John Sibley cleared some land and built a very small shack for themselves. They returned to Stockbridge, Mass. for the winter. However, they traveled back in the spring of 1817. This was essentially the beginning of the community we are today. Since those early times, Grafton Township has changed dramatically, turning into an agricultural and residential area with a growing community of small businesses.

Our township still retains its rural character, with our annual Old Fashion Day celebration, Memorial Day parade and ceremony, active 4-H and children's sports programs, and regular pancake breakfasts for the Grafton Township Fire Department.

Information provided by www.beldenhistoricalsociety.org

Grafton Township-Government

Population – 2,050 (approximately)

City Hall – 17109 Avon Belden Rd., Grafton, Ohio 44044

Phone – (440) 926-2830

Office Hours – Not Available

Elected Positions

Office Title	Incumbent	Elected	Term	Date Expires
Trustee	Thomas M. Geise	2005	4 year	12/31/09
Trustee	Michael T. Podulka	2005	4 year	12/31/09
Trustee	Jean Haight	2003	4 year	12/31/07
Clerk	Mary Rose Dangelo	2003	4 year	3/31/08

Appointed Positions

Office Title	Incumbent
Fire Chief	Bob Richards
Zoning Inspector	Tom Steigerwald
Road Foreman	Frank Raksi

Trustee Meetings – 2nd Tuesday each month at Township Hall – 7:30 pm

Zoning Commission – 3rd Tuesday of each month as needed

Zoning Board of Appeals – 4th Tuesday of each month at Township Hall – 7:00 pm





Grafton Township

from 2000 census

- Population** – 2,722
- Latitude** – 41.248N
- Longitude** – 82.044W
- Square miles (land)** – 25.44
- Population per square mile** – 107.02
- Male** – 1,409
- Female** – 1,313
- Average age (years)** – 35.80
- Median household income** – \$62,589
- Total housing units** – 912
- Owner-occupied housing units** – 820
- Average number of household members** – 2.99
- Renter-occupied housing units** – 67
- Average number of household members** – 3.39
- Median value of home** – \$167,100
- Population 25 and older** – 1,769
- Preschool & kindergarten** – 118
- Grades 1-12** – 482
- College** – 95

Information from www.epodunk.com website

Grafton Township Clubs & Organizations



Belden Flames – Auxiliary to the Grafton Township Fire Department – 17109 St. Rt. 83, Grafton, Ohio 44044.
Email: beldenflames@earthlink.net

Belden Historical Society – 35939 St. Rt. 303, Grafton, Ohio 44044. Contact Bob Flickinger (440) 926-2680.
<http://leehisey.homestead.com/BeldenHistoricalSociety.html>



Indian Hollow Reservation

Parsons Rd., Grafton, Ohio 44044 (440) 458-5121

Indian Hollow is actually made up of four separate tracts of land that will one day be linked by trails; Sheldon Woods is the only part presently open to the public. But there's plenty to do right here. Sheldon Woods is made up of 180 acres of mostly wooded land bisected by the eastern branch of the Black River. The facilities are all on the southern side of the river—two picnic shelters, a playground, and soccer field and restroom facilities—while the quarries and trails are on the northern side.

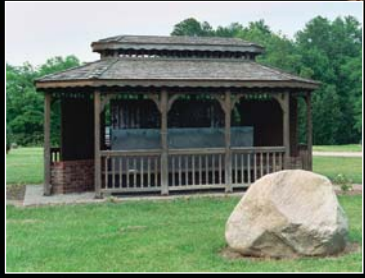
Walking, running or biking the trail is probably the most popular activity at Indian Hollow. Almost two miles in length, you can pick it up either at the trail head by the restroom facilities or at Route 57 at the Grafton city entrance. The trail is unique in the park system because it is the only one where mountain bikes are allowed due to its rugged sandstone base. This base is also what made it a prime location for the old quarries, traces of which can still be seen at the northwestern end.

Information from www.loraincountymetroparks.com website



Grafton Village

The History of Grafton Village



Grafton, today a community of some 2,302 residents, was settled in 1817 by Jonathan and Grindall Rawson. Like many of the area's earliest settlers, the Rawsons migrated from the western part of Massachusetts. Their first living quarters was a log cabin on a hill overlooking Willow Park on Main Street. A few years later, a homestead was built a short distance away.

In 1818 the Rawson brothers and Nathaniel Boughton erected a sawmill near the homestead and in 1826 built a gristmill in the same area.

The community's growth began in 1846 after the Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati Railroad finalized plans for the construction of a railroad that crossed Jonathan Rawson's property. The area was chosen because the nearby Black River could supply water for the steam locomotives. The railroad agreed to lay the tracks and build a station if Rawson would help develop the town. The town became known as Rawsonville until 1877, when the name Grafton was officially accepted.

The first store in Grafton came into being the fall following the completion of the C.C. & C. Railroad. Hand & Sawtell began the operation of a general merchandise business in the building formerly occupied by Nader's Restaurant, which was destroyed by fire in the late 1990's.

During this period, stone quarries opened nearby and brought many German, Irish and Polish workers into the community. To meet the needs of the railroad and quarry operations, false-front stores, hotels, dry-goods stores and saloons sprang up on Main Street.

By the early 1870's, approximately 25 commercial structures had been built, and the town was bustling with activity.

Two large hotels were located near the railroad station, and many "tales" have been told through the years of outlaws having stayed in them.

Four churches were operating in Grafton before the turn of the century: Assumption Catholic Church, The Congregational, The Methodist Episcopal, and The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Immaculate Conception was the first Catholic church formed between Cleveland and Sandusky. It was organized in 1840, and in 1867 the present church building was erected at a cost of \$10,000, using stone from the local quarries. The church is listed on the National Historic Register.

INFORMATION FROM WWW.JKWEBTEST.COM/GRAFTON/HISTORY.HTM

Grafton Village-Government

Population – 3,344 (approximately)

Village Hall – 960 Main Street, Grafton, Ohio 44044

Phone – (440) 926-2401

Fax – (440) 926-9018

Office Hours – Monday-Friday 8:00 am-4:30 pm

Elected Positions

Office Title	Incumbent	Elected	Term	Date Expires
Mayor	Shari Szczepanski	2003	4 year	12/31/07
Clerk/Treasurer	Linda S. Bales	2003	4 year	12/31/07
Council At Large	Thomas M. Smith	2005	4 year	12/31/09
1st Ward Council	Albert Ed. Seiler, Sr.	2005	4 year	12/31/09
2nd Ward Council	Randal L. Moore	2005	4 year	12/31/09
3rd Ward Council	John F. Lescher	2003	4 year	12/31/07
4th Ward Council	Daniel P. Spencer	2003	4 year	12/31/07

Appointed Positions

Office Title	Incumbent
Law Director	Richard Lillie
Administrator	Rick Kowalski
Prosecutor	Joy Grunda
Utility Clerk	Barbara Nixon
Secretary	Lori Ford
Fire Chief	John Cutter
Police Chief	Lonnie Carroll
Street Dept Supt.	Greg Kendle
Sewer Dept. Supt	Hobart Wells
Electric Dept. Supt	Danny Byrd
Building Inspector	Gerald L. Klein
Electric Inspector	Ken Miller

Council Meetings – 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month at Village Hall – 7:30 pm

Planning & Zoning Commission – 3rd Tuesday of each month as needed

Zoning Board of Appeals – 1st Tuesday of each month

Safety Services- Grafton Village

FIRE & RESCUE

Location – 1013 Chestnut Street, Grafton, Ohio 44044

Emergency – 9-1-1 or (440) 926-2851

Non-emergency – (440) 926-2075

Fire Chief – John Cutter

Number of years in department – 40+

Assistant Chief – Larry Wildenheim

Other personnel – EMS Coordinator Kathy Justy, Captains, Dave Widenheim

Staff – all part-time, includes 3 advanced EMT's, 12 basic EMT's, and 21 firefighters. Some staff members fill multiple positions.

County-shared services – Dive-Search-and-Rescue and county bomb squad.

Number of vehicles – 4 engines, 1 grass-fire truck and 2 advance life-support rescue squads.

Community programs – Fire Safety Week (includes visits, education and demonstrations at area schools and preschools when requested), CPR and future First Aid classes. Tour of fire station upon request for local residents and organizations.

Fundraisers – Grafton Village Firemen's Festival held every Memorial Day weekend.

POLICE PROTECTION

Grafton Village Police – for an emergency, dial 9-1-1; non-emergency number (440) 926-2261

Fast Facts

Village of Grafton

from 2000 census

Population – 2,302
Latitude – 41.272N
Longitude – 82.054W
Square miles (land) – 4.51
Population per square mile – 509.95
Male – 1,113
Female – 1,189
Average age (years) – 35.17
Median household income – \$52,446
Total housing units – 841
Owner-occupied housing units – 681
Average number of household members – 2.93
Renter-occupied housing units – 135
Average number of household members – 1.93
Median value of home – \$119,300
Population 25 and older – 1,389
Preschool & kindergarten – 73
Grades 1-12 – 486
College – 85

Information from www.epodunk.com website

Village of Grafton – Events

Memorial Day Parade & Firemen's Festival – Memorial Day Weekend, Willow Park

Trash-to-Treasure village-wide garage sale – 2nd Saturday in June

4th of July Parade – July 4th

4th of July Fireworks – Dusk at Willow Park

Halloween Parade – Last Sunday in October

Village of Grafton – Parks

North Park and Community Center – Located off of Novak Rd. and Elm St. This park offers a picnic shelter, which can be reserved, new restrooms, new playground equipment, a basketball court and a baseball diamond. The community room, which is available for rentals, is located in North Park, as well as fire station #2.

Willow Park Pavilion – Willow Park is located on Main St. at the southeast corner of the village. The park has two picnic shelters, which can be reserved, new restrooms, new playground equipment, as well as a baseball diamond. The park is host to the Grafton Volunteer Firemen's Festival every Memorial Day weekend.

Reservoir Park – Reservoir Park is located across the street from Willow Park on South Main Street. The Village is developing forty-nine areas of parkland. Reservoir Park includes the village's reservoir and four new baseball diamonds.

Water Tower Park – Located by the water tower on Main St. This park will offer an area with benches and a walkway in which engraved bricks can be placed. To learn more about this program visit www.villageofgrafton.org website.

Lorain County Metro Parks Trail – Located behind Grafton Lanes on Main St., to a trail owned and maintained by the Metro Park System. This trail leads to Indian Hollow Metro Park on Parson Rd.

Pavilions are available to rent by calling (440) 926-2401

Village of Grafton – Clubs & Organizations

Grafton Hot Stove League – P.O. Box 52, Grafton, Ohio 44044

Grafton Midview Kiwanis – P.O. Box 231 Grafton, Ohio 44044

V.F.W. Post 3341 – 781 Huron St., Grafton, Ohio 44044, (440) 926-3341

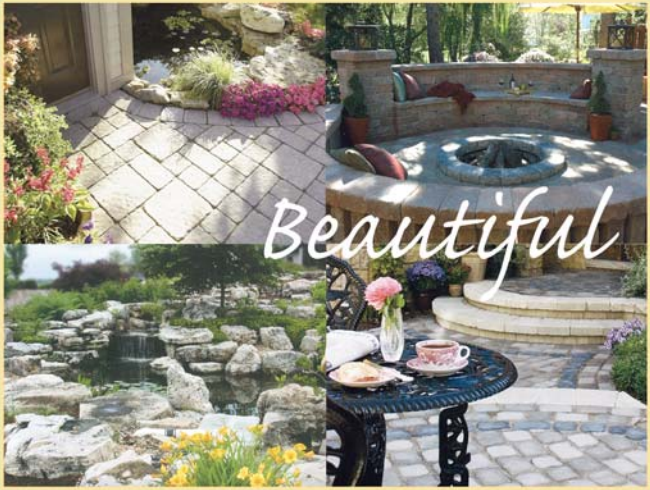
Midview Women's Club – Ann Bittner, contact (440) 355-5979

Midview Soccer Association – P.O. Box 214 Grafton, Ohio 44044, Michele Stump, contact (440) 458-6992 www.midview.soccer.net





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LaGrange Township

About LaGrange Township

LaGrange Township is located in south central Lorain County at the intersections of State Route 301 and State Route 303. The township provides services to the 5,972 residents living in LaGrange Township. Approximately 1,815 of these residents reside inside the Village of LaGrange, which is located in the center of LaGrange Township.

The township operates under Ohio Township Law and is governed by three elected trustees who serve four-year terms of office. The elected township clerk manages all finances of the township.

The township spends the largest portion of its budget on the fire and EMS division which serves both residents of the township and village. Revenues are also used to maintain and operate township roads, cemeteries and parks.

The LaGrange Township Trustees welcome you to their homepage and invite you browse the web site for more information. We hope that it will provide useful information about the township's services and activities.

Information from www.lagrangeohio.net

LaGrange Township-Government

Population – 3,826 (approximately)

Town Hall – 353 South Center Street, LaGrange, Ohio 44050

Mailing Address – P.O. Box 565, LaGrange, Ohio 44050

Phone – (440) 355-6071

Fax – (440) 355-6081

E-mail – Township@LaGrangeOhio.net

Website – www.lagrangeohio.net

Office Hours – Not available

Elected Positions

Office Title	Incumbent	Elected	Date Term	Expires
Trustee	Gary Burnett	2005	4 year	12/31/09
Trustee	Rita Canfield	2005	4 year	12/31/09
Trustee	Barbara M. Harper	2003	4 year	12/31/07
Clerk	Roberta M. Dove	2003	4 year	3/31/08

Appointed Positions

Office Title	Incumbent
Fire Chief	James Rader
Zoning Inspector	Vince Sigmund
Road Foreman	Dave French

Trustee Meetings – 2nd & 4th Monday each month at LaGrange Municipal Bldg. – 7:30 pm

Zoning Commission – 3rd Monday of each month at LaGrange Municipal Bldg. – 7:30 pm

Zoning Board of Appeals – As necessary.

Park Board – 1st & 3rd Tuesday at LaGrange Municipal Bldg. – 7:30 pm

Municipal Building – 355 South Center Street, LaGrange, OH 44050



Safety Services-LaGrange Township & Village

FIRE & RESCUE

Location – 129 Public Square, LaGrange, Ohio 44050

Emergency – 9-1-1 or (440) 355-6868

Non-emergency – (440) 355-6868

In-Station Hours – Monday-Friday from 6 am-6 pm

Saturday from 7 am-4 pm

Fire Chief – James Rader

Number of years in department – 12

Assistant Chief – Dan Jackson

Other Personnel – EMS Asst. Chief Cliff Balka, Captains; Dan Opfer, Lieutenants; Gary Schnell, Scott Jackson, Al Rourke, Gerry Tinney, Gerry Norton.

Staff – all part-time, includes paramedics, advanced EMT's, basic EMT's, and 23 firefighters. Some staff members fill multiple positions.

County-shared services – Dive-Search-and Rescue and county bomb squad.

Number of vehicles – 3 engines, 1 tanker, 2 grass-fire trucks, 2 advance life-support rescue squads, 1 rescue truck.

Community programs – Safety Town (includes visits, education and demonstrations at area schools and preschools), provides fire-safety programs for local service organizations, CPR and AED classes.

POLICE PROTECTION-TOWNSHIP

Lorain County Sheriff's Department – for an emergency, dial 9-1-1; non-emergency number (440) 323-3710.

Ohio State Highway Patrol – for an emergency, dial 9-1-1; non-emergency number (440) 365-5045

POLICE PROTECTION-VILLAGE

LaGrange Police Department – for an emergency, dial 9-1-1; non-emergency number (440) 355-4469



LaGrange Township

from 2000 census

Population – 5,972
Latitude – 41.2404N
Longitude – 82.131W
Square miles (land) - 25.69
Population per square mile – 232.43
Male – 2,974
Female – 2,998
Average age (years) – 34.07
Median household income – \$53,528
Total housing units – 2,452

Owner-occupied housing units – 1,766
Average number of household members – 3.07
Renter-occupied housing units – 258
Average number of household members – 2.31
Median value of home – \$134,000
Population 25 and older – 3,753
Preschool & kindergarten – 200
Grades 1-12 – 1,337
College – 216

Information from www.epodunk.com website



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LaGrange Village

A Friendly, Growing Community Nestled in Lorain County

Welcome to LaGrange, Ohio, a growing, rural community located in LaGrange Township in Lorain County. Just ten miles south of Elyria, and about 35 miles southwest of Cleveland, Ohio, LaGrange has seen a growth spurt because of its proximity to Cleveland and Elyria and its location six miles south of the I-480 spur (U.S. Route 20). LaGrange is approximately 20 minutes from Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, and 35 minutes from downtown Cleveland. Interstate 71 is located 20 minutes south (via State Route 301) or east (via State Route 303).

INFRASTRUCTURE: The Village of LaGrange recently completed the construction of a new, \$2.3 million wastewater disposal plant. This brings the village in line with Environmental Protection Agency guidelines and increases our capacity for future growth.

LaGrange residents recently approved a 2.7 mill replacement levy for the purpose of constructing a new water tower. The new tower will be located between Factory Street and North Main Street, behind the Methodist Church and the new fire station. Construction will begin in late July and the tower should be completed by the spring of 2005, with painting completed by the fall of 2005. Environmental Protection Agency regulations pertaining to storage capacity will soon be met and water pressure will be what we all expect.

The village has been on an aggressive schedule to resurface streets and replace old water lines simultaneously. Railroad, Pleasant, Church, Forest, Harmon, and part of Union Street have been completed. Factory, West, East Prospect and West Prospect are next in line. Dill Court will be resurfaced in conjunction with the new development at the end of that street.

SO WELCOME TO LAGRANGE, OHIO...Many challenges await us, but we will strive to retain the rural flavor of our community. After all, LaGrange means "The Farm" in French. If you have any questions or suggestions for village officials, contact us at Village@LaGrangeOhio.net.

Information from www.lagrangeohio.net

LaGrange Village-Government

Population – 1,199 (approximately)
Town Hall – 366 South Center St., LaGrange, Ohio 44050
Mailing Address – P.O. Box 597, LaGrange, Ohio 44040
Phone – (440) 355-5555
Fax – (440) 355-5250
E-mail – Village@LaGrangeOhio.net
Website – www.lagrangeohio.net
Office Hours – Monday-Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Elected Positions

Office Title	Incumbent	Elected Term	Date Expires
Mayor	Kim E. Strauss	2003 4 year	12/31/07
Clerk/Treasurer	Rita K. Ruot	2003 4 year	3/31/08
Council Member	Gregg Dill	2003 4 year	12/31/07
Council Member	Curtis A. Karpinski (appt)	2005 4 year	12/31/07
Council Member	Richard Honer	2005 4 year	12/31/09
Council Member	Gary R. Kincannon	2005 4 year	12/31/09
Council Member	Barry R. Price	2005 4 year	12/31/09
Council Member	Faith M. Petruna	2005 4 year	12/31/09

Appointed Positions

Office Title	Incumbent
Village Administrator	Walt Surkey
Office Assistant	Sherri Gall
Zoning Clerk	Linda Lowery
Chief of Police	Daniel Moore
Fire Chief	LaGrange Township-James Rader
Zoning Inspector	Ron Harmon
Road Foreman	Chris Secrist

Council Meetings – 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month at Municipal Bldg. – 7:30 pm

Zoning Commission – 1st Thursday of each month at Municipal Bldg. – 7:00 pm

Zoning Board of Appeals – As needed

Park & Recreation Board – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at Municipal Bldg. – 7:00 pm

Municipal Building – 355 South Center Street, LaGrange, Ohio 44050



Village of LaGrange from 2000 census

The community was named for the estate of the Marquis de Lafayette, a French soldier and statesman who supported colonists during the American Revolution.

Population – 1,815
Latitude – 41.324N
Longitude – 81.92W
Square miles (land) – 1.76
Population per square mile – 1,031.91
Male – 883
Female – 932
Average age (years) – 32.26
Median household income – \$50,750
Total housing units – 662
Owner-occupied housing units – 463
Average number of household members – 3.13
Renter-occupied housing units – 163
Average number of household members – 2.39
Median value of home – \$136,200
Population 25 and older – 1,048
Preschool & kindergarten – 95
Grades 1-12 – 429
College – 60

Information from www.epodunk.com website

LaGrange - Clubs & Organizations

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

LaGrange Hot Stove – Ed Piazza (440) 926-2112

LaGrange Youth Soccer – Jackie Terrell (440) 355-4499

Keystone Youth Football – Duane Enderby (440) 355-4513

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

LaGrange Lion's Club – (440) 355-LIONS

LaGrange Civic Improvement League – Peg Yunker
(440) 355-5686

LaGrange Historical Society – Dorothy Buswell (440) 355-4567

Friends of LaGrange Community Park –

P.O. Box 137, LaGrange, Ohio 44050, President Chuck Stephens.

Contact (440) 355-6515 www.FriendsOfThePark.org



LaGrange Community Park

The LaGrange Community Park is a joint venture of LaGrange Township and the Village of LaGrange. At this time, the two entities have completed all work without asking for additional taxes. Using current monies and Nature Works Grants, as well as donated labor, has been cost-effective but slow. Progress will continue to be slow if we expand the park in this fashion, especially with the question marks associated with the State of Ohio's budget. Please be patient!



Thanks to the Village of LaGrange, the park now has an additional 1,000 feet of road with a cul-de-sac. This completes the total park roadway of 1,800 feet. In the future the cul-de-sac will be replaced with parking areas for the second baseball complex and the football fields. The village has also facilitated the completion of seven soccer fields, varying in size from U-7 to high school! The developers of the Durham Ridge subdivision constructed the new road and soccer complex. The work was completed in exchange for six acres of parkland owned by the Village of LaGrange inside of the Durham Ridge subdivision.



Because of overwhelming support by volunteers and contributions by local organizations, all five softball/baseball diamonds were completed this spring. Original plans called for two diamonds to be completely finished. The park is looking great thanks to the village's hiring of two part-time summer employees who have put in a large number of hours working in the park. The Village of LaGrange also used its recycling grant to supply the park with new waste receptacles.

The park board is now an independent entity, submitting a budget to the village and township governments. They will continue to do work on the long-range plan. The constructing of the concession stand/restroom/storage facility in the center of the ball field complex is now complete and is one of the nicest facilities in Lorain County. A tremendous amount of volunteer work went into the concession stand. The park board is particularly sensitive to all demographic segments of the township and village, so the construction of walking trails throughout the park has been completed with volunteer's efforts. In order for the park phases to continue to be developed, the LaGrange Township Trustees will have to ask for a small levy in the future. If you like what you see now, please consider voting for a future levy so that the park can be completed in a timely fashion.

LaGrange Events

Safety Town: Late June. For children entering kindergarten. Registration and minimal fee required. Call (440) 355-5555 for details.

Trick or Treat: "Halloween" Trick or Treat is held on October 31 between the hours of 6-7:30 pm.

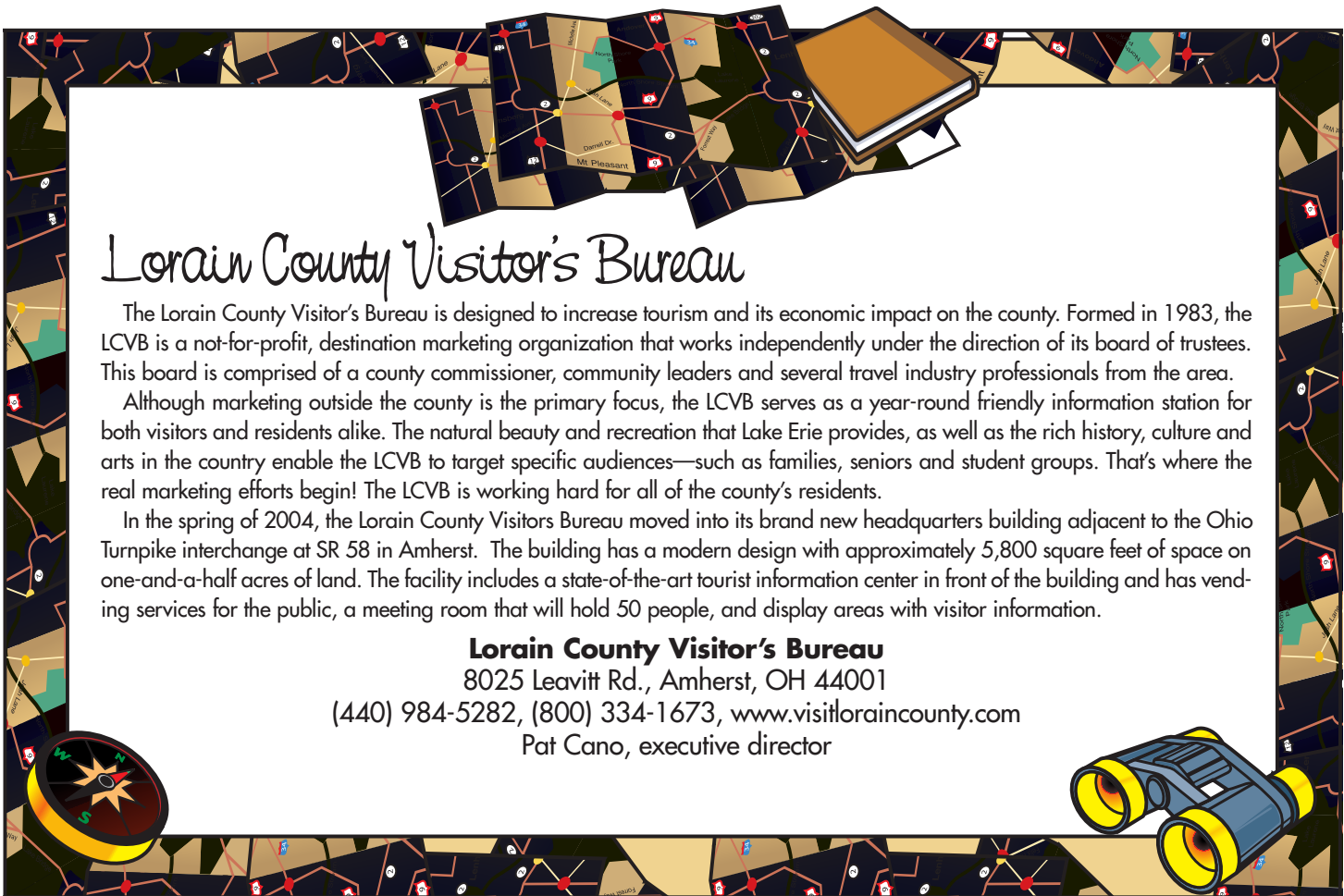
Veterans Day: November 11. Service at Veteran's Memorial at Vet's Park on West Main Street.

Christmas On the Square: Early December. Join us for the lighting of the Christmas lights and for the decorating of our tree. Refreshments are served!

Information from www.lagrangeohio.net website

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Lorain County Visitor's Bureau

The Lorain County Visitor's Bureau is designed to increase tourism and its economic impact on the county. Formed in 1983, the LCVB is a not-for-profit, destination marketing organization that works independently under the direction of its board of trustees. This board is comprised of a county commissioner, community leaders and several travel industry professionals from the area.

Although marketing outside the county is the primary focus, the LCVB serves as a year-round friendly information station for both visitors and residents alike. The natural beauty and recreation that Lake Erie provides, as well as the rich history, culture and arts in the country enable the LCVB to target specific audiences—such as families, seniors and student groups. That's where the real marketing efforts begin! The LCVB is working hard for all of the county's residents.

In the spring of 2004, the Lorain County Visitors Bureau moved into its brand new headquarters building adjacent to the Ohio Turnpike interchange at SR 58 in Amherst. The building has a modern design with approximately 5,800 square feet of space on one-and-a-half acres of land. The facility includes a state-of-the-art tourist information center in front of the building and has vending services for the public, a meeting room that will hold 50 people, and display areas with visitor information.

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Lorain County Government

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County Administration Building – (440) 329-5000

County Commissioners – Lorain County Administration Bldg., 226 Middle Ave., Elyria, OH 44035, (440) 329-5111

Betty C. Blair (D) – 12/31/10

Ted Kalo (D) – 1/2/09

Lori Kokoski (D) – 1/1/09

Auditor – Mark R. Stewart (D) – 3/2/11

Recorder – Judith Nedwick (D) (440) 329-5148 – 12/31/08

Treasurer – Daniel J. Talarek (D) (440) 329-5787– 9/2/09

Sheriff – Phil Stammitti (D) (440) 329-3702 – 12/31/08

Engineer – Kenneth P. Carney, Sr. (D) (440) 329-5586 – 12/31/08

Coroner – Paul M. Matus (R) (440) 774-7300 – 12/31/08

Prosecuting Attorney – Dennis P. Will (D) (440) 329-5375 – 12/31/08

Clerk of Court – Ronald L. Nabakowski (D) (440) 329-5540 – 12/31/08

Judge of the Probate Court – Frank J. Horvath (D) (440) 329-5175 – 2/8/09

Judge of Court of Common Pleas – 225 Court Street, P.O. Box 749, Elyria, Ohio 44036 (440) 329-5539

Mark A. Betleski (D) – 1/2/11

Christopher R. Rothgery (D) – 12/31/10

Raymond J. Ewers (D) – 12/31/12

James M. Burge (D) – 1/4/13

Edward M. Zaleski (D) – 1/1/13

Jim Miraldi (D) – 1/5/13

Judge of Domestic Relations – (440) 329-5000

David A. Basinski (D) (440) 329-5365 – 1/3/13

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Eaton Township

Facts About Eaton Township



Eaton Township is located in north central Ohio, 15 miles south of Lake Erie, and approximately 25 minutes from downtown Cleveland. The township is located in Lorain County, with Columbia Township to the east, Carlisle Township to the west, and Grafton Township to the south. The cities of Elyria and North Ridgeville are to the north.

Eaton Township is an unincorporated area of Lorain County consisting of about 23.3 square miles with 25.07 miles of road. Eaton Township is in a transitional stage of switching from a farm-based community to a residential, large home site suburban community. Eaton Township has easy accessibility, via State Routes 10, 57, 82, 83, 301 and Interstates 71 and 480, to the cultural centers of nearby Cleveland, Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, and some of the world's most prestigious hospitals. Three malls are within fifteen minutes of Eaton Township: Westfield Mall in Elyria, Great Northern Mall, and South Park Mall. The surrounding state routes also make Eaton Township an attractive area for potential commercial and light industrial development.

Although there are no local taxes paid by Eaton Township residents, there is a 2.5 mill assessment for homeowners for fire protection and EMS services approved by voters as outside millage.

Information from www.eatontownship.org

Eaton Township-Government

Population – 8500 (approximately)

Town Hall – 12043 Avon Belden Rd., Grafton, Ohio 44044

Phone – (440) 748-2236

Fax – (440) 748-1928

E-mail – eatontownship@glwb.net

Website – www.eatontownship.org

Office Hours – Monday: 8:00 am-4:00 pm, Tuesday & Thursday: 11:30 am-5:30 pm, Wednesdays: 10:00 am-4:00 pm, Fridays: 9:00 am-1:00 pm.

Elected Positions

Office Title	Incumbent	Elected	Term	Date Expires
Trustee	Doug Edwards	2005	4 year	12/31/09
Trustee	Linda D. Morrison	2005	4 year	12/31/09
Trustee	Gary L. McCort	2003	4 year	12/31/07
Clerk	Linda Spitzer	2003	4 year	3/31/08

Appointed Positions

Office Title	Incumbent
Secretary	Sue Miller
Fire Chief	Phillip Slack
Zoning Inspector	Robert Zavesky
Road Foreman	Randy Houston

Trustee Meetings – 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month at Town Hall – 8:00 pm

Zoning Commission – 1st Wednesday of each month at Town Hall – 7:00 pm

Zoning Board of Appeals – 2nd Tuesday of each month at Town Hall – 7:00 pm





Eaton Township

Parks and Recreation

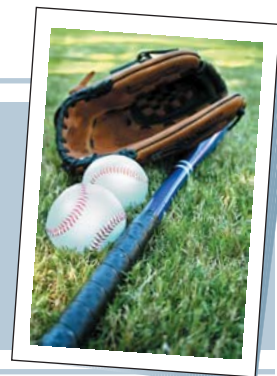
Eaton Township Community Park – Located on Royalton Road with a playground, basketball facilities, a baseball field, and a 1/2 mile walking trail. Equipment monies have been set aside in the township budget for further park improvements down the road. A volunteer park board oversees the park maintenance and recommends policies and suggestions for the park's improvement for the benefit of all residents

Margaret Peak Nature Preserve – Eaton Township has received a gift from Margaret L. Peak of approximately 98 acres of land located on Butternut Ridge Rd., to be named the Margaret Peak Nature Preserve. It is Mrs. Peak's wish to establish and maintain a nature preserve on this farmland for the residents of the township to enjoy and get away from the hectic pace of everyday life. Mrs. Peak desires to preserve in Lorain County for future generations an area devoted to its natural setting. It is the intention of Mrs. Peak and the Eaton Township Trustees that the premises be allowed to grow as much as is possible in its natural state and limit buildings, construction and hard-top surfaces to those which are absolutely necessary to allow visitors to the area and to maintain the premises.

Information from www.eatontownship.org website

Eaton Township-Youth Organizations

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Chamber Meeting Dates - 2007 and 2008

2007

- 2/21/07** – Columbia VFW Hall
 - 6-7 pm – Dinner & Networking
 - 7 pm – Meeting
 - 7:30 pm – MSDS Presentation
- 5/16/07** – Columbia VFW Hall
 - 6-7 pm – Dinner & Networking
 - 7 pm – Meeting
 - 7:30 pm – Speaker
- Last Weekend in June** – Columbia Homecoming Fest.
Columbia Township Park
- 8/15/07** – Columbia VFW Hall
 - 6-7 pm - Dinner & Networking
 - 7 pm – Meeting
 - 7:30 pm – Speaker
- 11/20/07** – Columbia Townhall
 - 7 pm – Networking & Holiday Celebration
 - 7:30 pm – Meeting/Nominations for 2008

- 12/19/07** – Columbia Townhall
 - 7 pm – Networking
 - 7:30 pm – Meeting/Elections for 2008

2008

- 2/20/08** – Columbia VFW Hall
 - 6-7 pm – Dinner & Networking
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Elected Positions

Office Title	Incumbent	Elected	Term	Date Expires
Board Member	Henry R. Bigler	2005	4 years	12/31/09
Board Member	Cheryl Blazek	2005	4 years	12/31/09
Board Member	Rick D. Malone	2005	4 years	12/31/09
Board Member	TBA			
Board Member	Patrick L. Palmer	2003	4 years	12/31/07

Appointed Positions

Office Title		
Treasurer	Mark Hullman	(440) 236-5008
Transportation Sup.	Richard Bauder	(440) 236-8222

Board Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of the month, held in cafeteria of Columbia High School – 7:00 pm

Board Work Sessions: 1st Wednesday of the month, held in Administration Center – 7:00 pm

Schools:

Copopa Elementary School – 14168 West River Rd., Columbia Station, Ohio 44028

Phone: (440) 236-5020

Fax: (440) 236-1220

Principal: Vincent Ketterer

Email: kettererv@columbia.k12.oh.us

Columbia Middle School – 13646 West River Rd., Columbia Station, Ohio 44028

Phone: (440) 236-5741

Fax: (440) 236-9274

Principal: James Cottom

Email: cottomj@columbia.k12.oh.us

Columbia High School – 14168 West River Rd., Columbia Station, Ohio 44028

Phone: (440) 236-5001

Fax: (440) 236-3081

Principal: Graig Bansek

Email: bansekg@columbia.k12.oh.us

From the Columbia Local Schools Superintendent:

The Columbia Local School District currently serves approximately 1,150 students. Those students are divided among three buildings that are configured from kindergarten to fourth grade (Copopa Elementary), fifth to eighth grade (Columbia Middle School) and grades nine through twelve (Columbia High School).

Although the district is rated as Effective, with each of the three buildings being rated from Effective to Excellent, we have adopted a model of continuous improvement to continue to push for better service to students and families.

Currently, there is a very public initiative to improve our facilities, which could improve not only renovated structures but provide a new facility as well. Technology has been upgraded and expanded greatly in the past two years and will continue to be one of many priorities.

Columbia's size continues to be a big advantage to our students as they become familiar with teachers in small classes, and each building develops a closeness that resembles a feeling of family. This personal attention is valuable and makes a difference, but it doesn't mean that our goals are any less complex than larger districts. The Columbia Schools are currently developing an expanded resource base known as a "Learning Community," to provide teachers with support internally. New textbook and materials studies are becoming a priority for our curriculum and significant efforts to support early reading development is in place and moving forward.

The Columbia Schools has a caring and dedicated staff that makes the final difference in the lives of the children who attend our schools. This starts with our bus drivers who greet kids with a friendly smile in the morning, to our aides and teachers that provide valuable services. The final connections are that our teaching staff, in collaboration with parents and the local community, provides a supportive environment for students to grow academically.

This community is what makes the schools what they are, and for that we are thankful. If you want to get more involved with the schools through volunteerism, or just want an update on what important improvements we are working on in the future, please call us with your questions, comments, commendations or concerns.

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Elected Positions

Office Title	Incumbent	Elected	Term	Date Expires
Board Member	Ronald Shaw	2005	4 years	12/31/09
Board Member	Ronald M. Sheldon	2005	4 years	12/31/09
Board Member	Dennis J. Walter	2005	4 years	12/31/09
Board Member	Deborah R. Melda	2003	4 years	12/31/07
Board Member	Patricia A. Wakefield	2003	4 years	12/31/07

Appointed Positions

Office Title

Treasurer	Beverly Fry	(440) 355-5131
Transportation Sup.	Linda Albrecht	(440)

Board Meetings: 3rd Monday of the month, held in cafeteria of Keystone Middle School - 7:30 pm



Schools:

Keystone High School - 301 West Liberty St., LaGrange, OH 44050

Phone: (440) 355-5132

Principal:

Email:

Keystone Middle School - 301 West Liberty St., LaGrange, OH 44050

Phone: (440) 355-5133

Principal:

Email:

Penfield Elementary - 40908 State Route 18, Wellington, OH 44090

Phone: (440) 647-4588

Principal:

Email:

West Carlisle Elementary - 12079 LaGrange Rd., LaGrange, OH 44050

Phone: (440) 458-4371

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MIDVIEW

Administration Center: 1010 Vivian Dr., Grafton, Ohio 44044

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Superintendent: Howard Dulmage, (440) 926-3737

Elected Positions

Office Title	Incumbent	Elected	Term	Date Expires
Board Member	James S. Barnhart	2005	4 years	12/31/09
Board Member	Robert L. Callaway	2005	4 years	12/31/09
Board Member	David A. Zunis	2005	4 years	12/31/09
Board Member	Gary F. Wilson	2003	4 years	12/31/07
Board Member	William G. Goodspeed	2003	4 years	12/31/07

Appointed Positions

Office Title

Treasurer	Floyd Parsson	440) 926-3785
Bus Garage-Admin. Asst.	Sue Anielski	(440) 748-2125

Board Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of the month, held at East Elementary - 6:30 pm

Schools:

Midview High School

38199 Capel Rd.

Grafton, Ohio 44044

Phone: (440) 748-2124

Fax: (440) 748-5277

Principal: Susan Bobla

Email: sbobol@leeca.org

Midview Middle School

3788 Capel Rd.

Grafton, Ohio 44044

Phone: (440) 748-2122

Fax: (440) 748-0131

Principal: Scott Goggin

Email: sgoggi@leeca.org

North Elementary School

13070 Durkee Rd.

Grafton, Ohio 44044

Phone: (440) 748-6869

Principal: Audrey Fountain

Email: afount@leeca.org

West Elementary School

13070 Durkee Rd.

Grafton, Ohio 44044

Phone: (440) 748-2305

Principal: Patricia Hamilton

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East Elementary School

13070 Durkee Rd.

Grafton, Ohio 44044

Phone: (440) 748-1851

Principal: Chuck Laubacher

Email: clauba@leeca.org

Olmsted Falls City Schools



Administration Center: 26937 Bagley Rd., Olmsted Falls, Ohio 44138
Phone: (440) 427-6000 • **Website:** www.ofcs.k12.oh.us
Superintendent: Dr. Todd F. Hoadley, (440) 427-6000 ofall_supt@leeca.org

Elected Positions

Office Title	Incumbent	Elected	Term	Date Expires
Board Member	Frank J. Pedicini	appt 2005	4 years	12/31/07
Board Member	James A. Weisbarth	2003	4 years	12/31/07
Board Member	Joseph P Bertrand	2005	4 years	12/31/09
Board Member	Rhonda McCrone	2005	4 years	12/31/09
Board Member	Micelle M. Theriot	2005	4 years	12/31/09

Appointed Positions

Office Title	Incumbent	Phone
Treasurer	Dale Weber	(440) 427-6000
Transportation Sup.	Tim Atkinson	(440) 427-6004

Board Meetings: 3rd Thursday of the month



Schools:

Olmsted Falls High School

26939 Bagley Rd.
 Olmsted Falls, Ohio 44138
 Phone: (440) 427-6100
 Principal: Robert Trapp
 Email: rtrapp@leeca.org

Olmsted Falls Middle School

27045 Bagley Rd.
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 Principal: Neil Roseberry
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In addition, a variety of electives and college-prep courses are available. Through special articulation agreements with colleges and trade schools, many JVS students graduate with industry certifications and college credits.

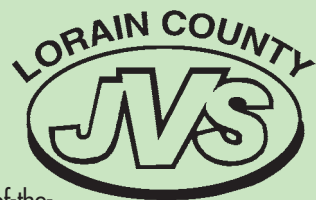
More than four thousand adults are enrolled in vocational-technical or special interest classes through the JVS Adult Career Center. The Adult Career Center also specialized in the development of customized training classes for business and industry.

The JVS, located in Oberlin, encompasses 10 acres under one roof, making it one of the largest vocational schools in the state of Ohio. The JVS philosophy emphasizes strengthening work ethics and linking skilled individuals with business and industry through job placement. The JVS consistently places over 90 percent of its graduates in the workforce upon graduation.

Please feel free to call the JVS Superintendent's Office with questions. You may also email the JVS at info@lcjvs.com

Lorain County JVS

15181 State Route 58, Oberlin, Ohio 44074
 (440) 774-1051 (Oberlin-Elyria) • (440) 986-6601 (Lorain) • www.lcjvs.com



Strongsville City Schools

Administration Center: 13200 Pearl Rd., Strongsville, Ohio 44136

Phone: (440) 572-700

Website: www.strongnet.org

Superintendent: James Gray, (440) 572-7010 gray@strongnet.org

Elected Positions

Office Title	Incumbent	Elected	Term	Date Expires
Board Member	Wayne J. Belock	2003	4 years	12/31/07
Board Member	Ruth A. Brickley	2003	4 years	12/31/07
Board Member	David M. Gusman	2003	4 years	12/31/07
Board Member	David R. Frazee	2005	4 years	12/31/09
Board Member	Jennifer A. Sinisgalli	2005	4 years	12/31/09

Appointed Positions

Office Title	Incumbent	Phone
Treasurer	William Parkison	(440) 572-7021
Transportation Sup.	Marty Austin	(440) 572-7060

Board Meetings: Meets twice a month. Check www.strongnet.org for schedule.



Schools:

ALLEN ELEMENTARY

16400 Park Lane Dr.
Strongsville, Ohio 44136
Phone: (440) 572-7130
Principal: Todd Clifford
Email: Clifford@strongnet.org

CHAPMAN ELEMENTARY

13883 Drake Rd.
Strongsville, Ohio 44136
Phone: (440) 572-7140
Principal: Joseph Uher
Email: uher@strongnet.org

DRAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

20566 Albion Rd.
Strongsville, Ohio 44136
Phone: (440) 572-7150
Principal: Darrell Hykes
Email: hykes@strongnet.org

KINSNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

19091 Waterford Pkwy.
Strongsville, Ohio 44136
Phone: (440) 572-7120
Principal: John Krupinski
Email: krupinski@strongnet.org

MURASKI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

20270 Royalton Rd.
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Principal: Cameron Ryba
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9306 Priem Rd.
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Principal: Kesh Boodheshwar
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13548 Whitney Rd.
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ZELLERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

18199 Cook Ave.
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11109 Webster Rd.
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20025 Lunn Rd.
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Principal: Karen Hollo
Email: hollo@strongnet.org



Strongsville City Schools Superintendent's Message...

The Strongsville City Schools have a strong tradition of providing high-quality educational services, programs and leadership. On behalf of the Board of Education I urge you to look at the wide array of educational programs and services available to support the cost-effective delivery of education in our area. The record of achievement by our employees and students is among the highest in the area, while our costs remain among the lowest in the county.

Our success reflects the input and hard work of many partnerships. Please take a few moments to review our website to see the many stories that reflect the compassion, caring and dedication of our community and district to education. The pictures and the "numbers" show we are truly a District of Excellence.

In an environment of increasing accountability and competition, the Strongsville City Schools remain committed to meeting the challenges of improving student achievement and providing opportunities for life-long learning and skill development. Finally, we encourage you to get involved in your public school district. Ultimately, it is the strength and vision of each community that drives their level of educational success.

Working together, we are making a difference!

With an eye toward continued success, I am sincerely,

James Gray
Superintendent

Information from: www.strongnet.org

Area Colleges

LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Lorain County Community College is one of Lorain County's best assets. Since 1963, over 250,000 residents have benefited from the educational programs and services offered by the college.

LCCC is Ohio's top-ranked community college. LCCC has received the state of Ohio's highest quality rating for educational institutions by achieving the Tier 3 Achievement of Excellence. And in 2002, LCCC enrolled a record number of students in over 30 credit programs, along with over 2,000 students in our innovative University Partnership program.

LCCC offers a combination of programs and services that are not available from any other educational institution in the state:

- The only community college in the state that offers a University Partnership program. The University Partnership enables people to earn bachelor's and master's degrees from any of several Ohio universities without leaving the LCCC campus.
- One of the first campuses to offer EnterpriseOhio's SkillsMAX program, which includes employee assessment, certification and training tools to match job applicants to specific positions. Today, LCCC is the only college in the area that offers this outstanding program, and one of only ten campuses statewide.

- The first college in the state to build an Advanced Technologies Center for business and industry.

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- One of the first community colleges to integrate academic, continuing education, and training resources into a seamless delivery process.

- The largest provider of e-learning programs in northern Ohio.

- A national leader in Six Sigma training and certification.

- The only community college in the state certified to provide category one continuing education for physicians through the Lorain County Physician/Community College CME Consortium.

For more information about Lorain County Community College, call 800-995-LCCC (5222), e-mail info@lorainccc.edu, or write:

Lorain County Community College

1005 Abbe Road

Elyria, OH 44035-1691

Information from www.lorainccc.edu website



Spotlight on Area Businesses

Health Innovations, Ann P. South, ND, CNHP

Natural medicine came into recognition back in the early to mid 1900's. The American School of Naturopathy, founded by Dr. Benedict Lust, began the education system for the early naturopathic doctors, the first class graduating in 1902. Even though there were more than 20 naturopathic colleges and over 10,000 practitioners by the 1930's, these colleges began to decline due to a lack of funding. Presently a resurgence of interest in natural medicine has come about due in part to the increase in information provided on the subject. How does one find a practitioner? The yellow pages contains a listing for naturopaths.

Naturopathic doctors are trained in anatomy, physiology, biochemistry, herbology, nutrition, counseling and iridology. Further studies in homeopathy, Bach remedies and various energy therapies augment the tool box of the naturopath. The underlying belief in natural medicine is that the body has the ability to heal itself given the correct environment, including changes in one's diet, lifestyle and emotional state.

Natural methods are used to reach a homeostasis, or balance, in the body which is the ultimate goal of client and practitioner. If one accepts and follows a natural program faithfully and works to achieve this balance, the result can be a complete elimination of

symptoms. If, however, one chooses to revert back to the detrimental habits that brought about this illness, then a return of symptoms will follow.

Taking a brief health history and then educating a client on natural methods and how they can make improvements in themselves by following specific recommendations is part of the consultation process. One must be willing to move past the label of disease and embrace a new-found freedom of good health. Part of the healing process is maintaining a positive attitude in addition to getting the proper amount of sleep, exercise, water intake, and daily nutrients. Every person requires different amounts of each of these elements to maintain a healthy mind and body.

There are many who wait until they are quite ill to start making changes in their habits, and it will take them a little longer to make a full recovery. There is no wealth greater than that of health, and this can be accomplished by putting forth the willpower to commit to a new lifestyle of change.



Dr. Ann P. South, ND, CNHP

OBERLIN COLLEGE

Oberlin College, founded in 1833, is an independent coeducational institution. It comprises two divisions, the College of Arts and Sciences, with about 2,200 students, and the Conservatory of Music, with about 600 enrolled. Oberlin offers Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Music degree programs, as well as a combined five-year program leading to both degrees. Selected master's degree programs are offered in the conservatory, and starting in June of 2007, a Masters in Education program will also be offered.

The presence of the College of Arts and Sciences and the Conservatory of Music on one campus is rare and enriching. Students in the college and conservatory share residences and dining facilities as part of a single academic community. Most conservatory students take academic work in the College of Arts and Sciences, and each year more than one-third of the college students take applied music or courses in the conservatory.

Oberlin's size, residential character, diversity and selectivity provide an atmosphere highly conducive to intellectual and personal growth. Its faculty of teacher-scholars has traditionally emphasized both academic achievement and individual development. Oberlin students participate in a wide variety of extracurricular activities on the campus.

Oberlin College is highly selective and dedicated to recruiting students from diverse backgrounds. Oberlin was the first truly co-educational college in the United States, as well as an early leader in educating black students.

Oberlin College Admissions

101 N. Professor St., Oberlin, Ohio 44074
(440) 775-8411

Information from the www.oberlin.edu website

TIFFIN UNIVERSITY *at Elyria*

Tiffin University at Elyria is conveniently located five minutes off of Interstate 90 on North Abbe Rd in Elyria. The building was renovated in 1995 and includes three comfortable classrooms with state-of-the-art instructional equipment. There is also a resource room with web-based computers and office equipment that can be utilized by students twenty-four hours a day. Tiffin University at Elyria offers two Fast Track degree completion programs:

- Bachelor of Business Administration
- Bachelor of Criminal Justice

Both programs are tailored toward busy adult lives. Students take only one class at a time and meet only one night a week. This allows them to concentrate on each subject area without getting too bogged down. Classes are accelerated and last from five to six weeks. Students can complete the entire program in as little as 22 months.

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1. Contact the Elyria Academic Center at (800) 968-6446, ext. 3191. Our advisors can answer all of your questions about the program.
2. Complete the FAST TRACK Accelerated Degree Completion application and compose a statement of purpose at <http://www.tiffin.edu/apply/>
3. Request your official transcripts from all the colleges or universities you have attended and mail to:

Tiffin University
FAST TRACK PROGRAM – Elyria
155 Miami Street, Tiffin, OH 44883

4. Once we have the official transcript and your application, we will start the evaluation process that will assess your courses and provide you with a report itemizing the number of credits that transferred.

5. Next, your academic advisor will contact you in order to meet with you to discuss your evaluation, financial aid, and the program.

Tiffin University at Elyria

1230 N. Abbe Rd., Elyria 44035
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Information from www.tiffin.edu website

BALDWIN-WALLACE COLLEGE

Baldwin-Wallace College is a private, liberal arts based Methodist-related college offering bachelor's and master's degrees, certificates and professional education programs located in Berea, Ohio. Our location, a residential community just 20 minutes from Cleveland, Ohio, facilitates our ability to provide liberal arts learning and practical career preparation. In addition to our main campus, B-W East in Beachwood, Ohio, offers evening and Saturday classes for bachelor's and master's degrees in business, professional development and executive education.

When founded in 1845, Baldwin-Wallace was one of the first colleges in Ohio to admit students without regard to race or gender. That spirit of inclusiveness has flourished and evolved into a personalized approach to education: one that stresses individual growth as students learn to learn, respond to new ideas, adapt to new situations and prepare for the certainty of change.

Small college, big opportunity

B-W students take initiative, supported by many opportunities to succeed including mentors, access to local leaders, and a location that allows access to internships and field experiences for almost every interest.

Baldwin-Wallace College today

After over a century and a half, B-W is still characterized by leadership and innovation. The liberal arts remain at the center of the academic program, but they are augmented by opportunities to explore career options and develop professional skills.

Baldwin-Wallace College

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Information from www.bw.edu website

Healthcare Services

EMH Regional Health Care System, Inc.

The EMH Regional Healthcare System was founded in 1908 and today is a 438-bed, hospital system with campuses in Elyria, Amherst, and Avon Ohio. For nearly a century, the EMH Regional Healthcare System has been the leader in shaping healthcare delivery for Lorain County and Greater Western Cuyahoga County residents.

Information from: www.emh-healthcare.org website

St. John West Shore

At St. John West Shore, every room is private, allowing for maximum patient comfort while providing quality adult and pediatric medical/surgical specialties.

In 2004, the SJWS Emergency Department re-opened with a \$10-million state-of-the-art renovation to better serve the community. To provide more comprehensive care for infants and mothers, we are now licensed as a Level II nursery. And we have plans in 2006 to pursue a designation as a Level III trauma center. With this designation, we will be able to treat a greater variety and severity of injuries in our emergency room. We expanded our geographic reach in late 2004 with the opening of the Westshore Primary Care Health & Wellness Center in Avon.

In 2006, St. John West Shore Hospital also welcomed the opening of the Center for Sleep Disorders as well as adding a 12-bed medical unit to treat acutely ill patients.

The hospital is also proudly celebrating in 2006 its 25th Anniversary, marking a legacy as a provider of exceptional healthcare. For a complete list of 25th Anniversary activities, please contact the Marketing Office at 440-827-5148.

As one of the area's youngest hospitals, St. John West Shore has plenty of room to grow, while remaining committed to faith in patient care and excellence.

Information from: www.sjws.net website

Southwest General Health Center

Southwest General Health Center is a private, not-for-profit, 340-bed facility serving southwestern Cuyahoga, eastern Lorain and northern Medina counties. Founded in 1920 by citizens of the surrounding communities, Southwest General has a rich history of community partnership and a deep commitment to providing a healthy future for the patients, families and communities it serves.

The health center offers a full range of services with an eye toward excellence and individual attention. This is perhaps best expressed in Southwest General's mission statement:

Health is our Business; Quality is our Focus; Compassion is our Way.

Information from: www.swgeneral.com website

Allen Medical Center

Allen Medical Center is a 25-bed Critical Access Hospital located in Oberlin, Ohio, in southern Lorain County. AMC offers Subacute Care, Surgical Services, Rehabilitation, Diagnostic Services, and state-of-the-art Emergency Services.

The hospital has a 96 year history of caring for the community and the out-

HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

ALLEN MEDICAL CENTER

200 West Lorain St., Oberlin, Ohio 44074

Phone: (440) 775-1211

Website: www.ehealthconnection.com

CLEVELAND CLINIC STRONGSVILLE FAMILY HEALTH & SURGERY CENTER

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Website: www.clevelandclinic.org/fhc/locations/strong.html

EMH REGIONAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS, INC.

630 E. River St., Elyria 44035

Phone: (440) 329-7500

Website: www.emh-healthcare.org

EMH REGIONAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, INC.

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Phone: (440) 988-6800

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH CENTER

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Website: www.sjws.net



look for its future is strong. Designation as a Critical Access Hospital by the Ohio Department of Health and a 75 year lease agreement (through the year 2075) with Oberlin College for the facility mean that Allen is here to stay.

Allen Medical Center is managed by Community Health Partners in Lorain, which is part of Catholic Healthcare Partners, the largest healthcare network in Ohio. Community Health Partners works directly with University Hospitals of Cleveland to provide advanced care in Lorain County for cardiac, cancer, and neonatal patients. Through these networks the very best in highly specialized care is available to Allen patients.

All told, more than 14,000 individuals utilize Allen Medical Center each year. Patients come from across Lorain, Cuyahoga and neighboring counties. Special populations served include the rural poor, over 600 elderly residents at area nursing homes and 2,900 students at Oberlin College.

Allen Medical Center is dedicated to improving the health of the community by providing local access to high quality healthcare, education, and coordination of highly specialized medical services.

Information from: www.ehealthconnection.com website



Human Services

ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE, COUNSELING/TREATMENT

Lorain County Alcohol & Drug Abuse Service – (440) 323-6122,
323-0860

CHILDREN/YOUTH

Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Lorain County – (440) 277-6541
Boys & Girls Club of Lorain County – (440) 775-2582
Boy Scouts of America, Heart of Ohio Council – 1-800-334-5910
Girl Scouts of Erie Shores – 1-800-222-6119
Junior Achievement of Lorain County, Inc. – (440) 329-3313
Lorain County Children's Services – (440) 329-5340
Oberlin Early Childhood Center – (440) 774-8193
Salvation Army, Elyria – (440) 323-2026
YWCA, Elyria – (440) 322-6308

CHILDREN/FAMILY COUNSELING SERVICES

Children's Developmental Center – (440) 984-2315 or
1-800-852-8632
Farwest Center – (440) 988-4900
Lincoln Counseling Center – (440) 324-6113

COMMUNITY SERVICES

American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter – (440) 324-2929
Catholic Charities Services of Lorain County – (440) 366-1106
Cityview Center Neighborhood House Assoc. of Lorain County, Inc. – (440) 233-8768
Elyria Neighborhood Ctr, Neighborhood House Assoc., of Lorain County, Inc. – (440) 323-7847
Faith House – (440) 277-4430
First Call for Help – 1-800-499-8817
Home Energy Assistance Program – 1-800-282-0880
LifeShare Community Blood Services – 1-866-644-5433
Linden School – (440) 284-9724
Lorain County Habitat for Humanity, Inc. – (440) 322-2355
Lorain County Labor Agency – (440) 282-7401
Legal Aid Society of Lorain County – 1-800-444-7348
Lorain County Job & Family Services – 1-800-808-2991
Lorain County Urban League – (440) 323-3364
MADD – 1-800-691-MADD
North Ridgeville Community Care – (440) 353-9716
Salvation Army – (440) 323-2026
Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio –
(440) 960-2265
United Way of Greater Lorain County, Inc. – (440) 324-2898
W.G. Nord Community Mental Health Center – 1-800-888-6161

DISABLED/HANDICAP SERVICE

Easter Seal Society of Lorain & Huron County – (440) 277-7337
Elyria City Health Department – (440) 323-7595
Epilepsy Foundation of Northeast Ohio – (216) 579-1330
Goodwill Industries, Inc. – (440) 244-3174
Community Services for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing of Lorain County – (440) 277-4602
LEAP (Linking Employment Abilities & Potential) –
(440) 324-3444



Lucy Idol Center for the Handicapped – (440) 967-6724
Lorain County Aids Task Force (Elyria Health Dept) –
(440) 323-7595

Lorain City Health Dept. – (440) 246-6836
Lorain County General Health District – (440) 322-6367
Lorain County Board of Mental Health – (440) 324-2020
Lorain County Board of Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities – (440) 329-3734
National Federation of the Blind of Lorain County –
(440) 324-4218

Rehabilitation Services Commission Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation – 1-800-635-7194
Vocational Guidance Service – (440) 322-1123

FAMILY

Cornerstone Pregnancy Services – (440) 284-1010
Birthright of Lorain County, Inc. – (440) 322-4652
Family Planning Services of Lorain County, Inc. – (440) 322-7526
Family Service Association of Lorain County – (440) 277-1800
Genesis Battered Woman Shelter c/o Center for Children & Youth Services – (440) 323-3400
Lorain County Right To Life, Inc. – (440) 322-0076

VETERANS SERVICES

The Vet Clinic, American Red Cross – (440) 324-2929
Veterans Administration Regional Office – 1-800-827-1000

SENIOR SERVICES

AARP – 1-800-523-5800
Alzheimer's Association of Cleveland Area Chapter –
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American Cancer Society – 1-888-227-2211
American Red Cross – (440) 324-2929
Arthritis Foundation – 1-800-245-2275
Easter Seals Society – (440) 277-7337
Elyria United Methodist Village & Day-Away – (440) 284-9158
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Golden Buckeye Discount Card – (440) 326-4800
Lorain County Office On Aging – (440) 326-4800
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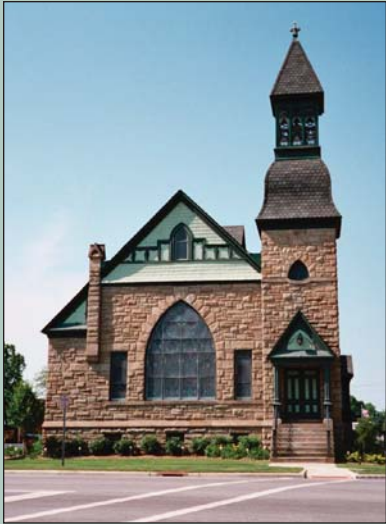
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- Clearview Church**
23963 Royalton Rd., Columbia Station
(440) 236-3950
- Columbia Baptist Church**
25514 Royalton Rd., Columbia Station
(440) 236-8206
- Columbia United Methodist Church**
25453 Royalton Rd., Columbia Station
(440) 236-8822
- Hosanna Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod**
13485 W. River Rd., Columbia Station
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- Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall**
24000 Royalton Rd., Columbia Station
(440) 236-5900
- New Life Wesleyan Church**
11149 W. River Rd., Columbia Station
(440) 236-8600
- Lighthouse Bible Church**
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Grafton (44044)

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1033 Elm St., Grafton
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973 Mechanic St., Grafton
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								RES. & AGRI.	IND., COMM. & MINERAL	
21	CARLISLE TWP/KEYSTONE LSD	13.49	7.28	50.21	2.45		73.43	47.117126	50.481097	21
22	MIDVIEW LSD	13.49	7.28	46.87	2.45		70.09	48.062886	49.011280	22
25	COLUMBIA TWP/COLUMBIA LSD	13.49	8.74	54.83	2.45		79.51	54.241050	56.285487	25
26	OLMSTED FALLS CSD	13.49	8.74	89.70	2.40		114.33	62.939365	74.266566	26
27	STRONGSVILLE CSD	13.49	8.74	74.90	2.40		99.53	54.916712	62.026585	27
28	EATON TWP/MIDVIEW LSD	13.49	6.80	46.87	2.45		69.61	47.729521	48.566029	28
29	COLUMBIA LSD	13.49	6.80	54.83	2.45		77.57	54.159585	55.715094	29
30	ELYRIA CITY/MIDVIEW LSD	13.49	4.88	46.87	2.45	3.38	71.07	49.577675	50.243625	30
32	KEYSTONE LSD	13.49	7.78	50.21	2.45		73.93	47.969945	51.059684	32
34	ELYRIA CITY/MIDVIEW LSD	13.49		46.87	2.45	5.20	68.01	46.840625	47.434742	34
35	GRAFTON TWP/MIDVIEW LSD	13.49	8.76	46.87	2.45		71.57	49.684626	50.408829	35
36	GRAFTON VILL/MIDVIEW LSD	13.49		46.87	2.45	5.76	68.57	47.012471	47.777146	36
40	LAGRANGE TWP/KEYSTONE LSD	13.49	7.28	50.21	2.45		73.43	47.459836	50.748776	40
41	LAGRANGE VILL/KEYSTONE LSD	13.49	3.75	50.21	2.45	8.93	78.83	50.106036	54.313040	41
70	ELYRIA CITY/KEYSTONE LSD	13.49		50.21	2.45	4.78	70.93	45.474865	48.484559	70

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 Emergency Service1-800-440-6111

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 GTE1-800-483-4600

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 Grafton Utility Company(440) 926-1093

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(440) 245-3535

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 Grafton Cable1-800-582-7551

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 Lorain, street addresses44052, 44053, 44055
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 South Lorain, P.O. Boxes44055
 Wellington44090

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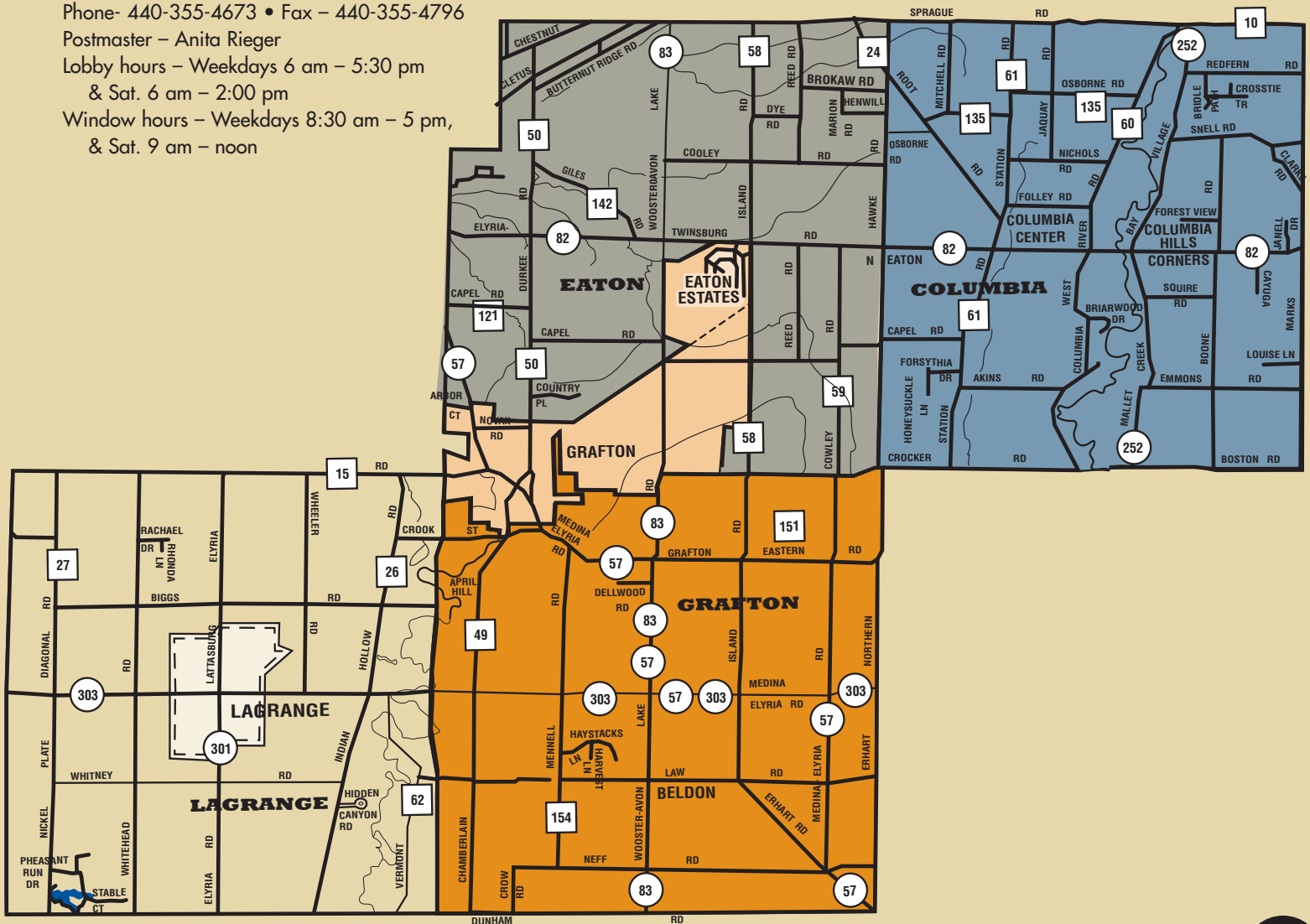
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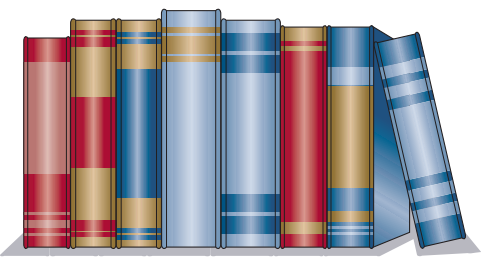
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Columbia Branch Library

The Lorain Public Library System's Columbia Branch Library is where learning never ends for all ages. The Columbia Branch, located at 13824 West River Road, North, Columbia Station, is where people check out books, read magazines and newspapers, use reference materials, listen to CDs, or use computers to explore the world – all with help from a skilled staff.

Visit the library and see for yourself what this 7,500-square-foot facility has to offer. At the library, Columbia Township residents can choose from more than 22,900 books; 95 magazine subscriptions; four newspaper subscriptions; and 6,100 DVDs, videos, compact discs, and books on audiocassettes and compact discs.

The Columbia Branch also has six networked computers with free access to the Internet, unique databases and other resources. Library patrons can enjoy the convenience of two stand-up computers with the Library Catalog for quick browsing of library materials and placing requests.

Since the Lorain Public Library System is a member of CLEVNET – the nation's largest resource-sharing network – library patrons have access to the library materials collections of more than 30 CLEVNET libraries and 2.6 million titles.

The Lorain Public Library System's Columbia Branch Library is also a wonderful place for children. The children's area is filled with a fine collection of children's books, puzzles, manipulative toys and games. It is a great spot for preschoolers to spend time with their parents or caregivers.

Programs for children are planned throughout the year. Some of these offerings include Preschool Story Time (for three-and-a-half to five-year olds), a Summer Reading Program, and special craft activities sponsored by the Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Call or stop by the library for a list of upcoming programs.

For even greater convenience, library patrons can use the library's web site (www.lorain.lib.oh.us) to order books that can be sent to the Columbia Branch for pick-up. Patrons may also check their library card to see what items they have checked out, due date, requested items and information on fines. Library hours and programs are posted on the site as well.

Another valuable feature of the Columbia Branch is a multipurpose meeting room that can accommodate 70 people; the room also can be divided into two rooms to seat 35 each. The room is primarily used for library programs, but when not being used for such purposes, community groups may request to reserve it for non-profit use. Groups interested in using the meeting room should call or stop by the Columbia Branch for more information and a meeting room application form.

Throughout the years, the library has received valuable help from its "Friends" groups. The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc., a non-profit organization, meets regularly and sponsors programs and fund-raisers, including three book sales per year. The Junior Friends is an active group for youth in fifth grade and up. New members are always welcome in both groups, and information can be obtained through the library.

Columbia Branch Library, 13824 West River Rd., N., (440) 236-8751, fax (440) 236-8956, www.lorain.lib.oh.us; hours: Mon./Wed./Thu., noon-8 pm; Tue., 10 a.m.-8 pm; Fri., noon-6 pm; Sat., 10 am-2 pm (closed Sat., June-Aug).



Grafton - Midview Public Library

In the early half of the 1940s, Harriet Spitzer spearheaded efforts to organize a free public library to serve the Grafton area. The Grafton-Midview Public Library was chartered as a school district library in 1944. The library was first housed on the second floor of Grafton School on Elm Street, followed by a later move to the first floor of the school. In 1971, the library relocated to a vacated bank building down the street and around the corner at 983 Main Street – purchase price: \$1.00! In 1991, a new addition, with a renovation of the existing building, expanded the library's total square footage from 2,078 to 11,873.

The Grafton-Midview Public Library, one of seven independent public libraries in Lorain County, is located in the southeastern section of the county in northeastern, Ohio. Its service area includes approximately 18,000 residents in Grafton Village, Grafton Township, Eaton Township, and Carlisle Township.

The Grafton-Midview Public Library has been automated since 1991 with software from The Library Corporation (TLC). In 1997, the library upgraded to TLC's Library. Solution application, the online public access catalog, is available at the website. The library's Internet service provider is OPLIN, the Ohio Public Library Information Network that provides Internet access via T-1 lines in all 250 public libraries/library systems in Ohio.

Information from www.graftonpl.lib.oh.us



Keystone LaGrange Community Library – Elyria Public Library System



The Elyria Public Library System is one hundred thirty-five years old! That's a noble birthday for any institution, especially a public library. It took the foresight and vision of one man's hope for his community to grow and thrive. In 1864, Charles Arthur Ely, son of Heman Ely founder of Elyria, died and left a portion of his will to establish a public library.

We think Mr. Ely would be pleased to see that his investment and foresight for his community has grown to include four locations plus a bookmobile! The library service area includes the Elyria School District and the Keystone-LaGrange School District. Currently, the system has a collection of more than 375,000 library materials that include books, magazines, and newspapers. Audio-visual materials include fiction and non-fiction videos—VHS or DVD format—plus an extensive foreign film collection and music CDs from alternative to country, and gospel to movie soundtracks. In addition we have fiction and non-fiction books on tape or CD.

There are movie nights at the West River Library, book discussion groups, curriculum helps for home-schoolers, vocational and college information, Homework Help, Books-by-Mail for those who qualify, and free computer classes. Every week there are special programs for children, teens and adults. Our Project: READ program is an adult literacy program—an accredited affiliate of Pro-Literacy America. Sign up to improve your literacy skills or volunteer to be a tutor.

We have computers for you to use with free Internet access, that includes free computer access to other northeast Ohio libraries' catalogs through CLEVNET.

Most of all, we have highly trained and skilled individuals—librarians and other staff members available to help you find all the information you ever needed or wanted! We're just a phone call or email away. Check the website or stop in at your favorite Elyria Public Library System location.

In 1987 the Keystone School District and the Village of Lagrange requested to be officially defined as part of the library's service area along with the Elyria School District.

Information from www.elyria.lib.oh.us

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