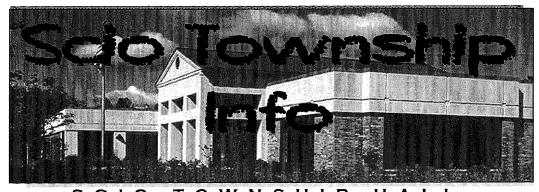
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SCIO TOWNSHIP HALL

Scio Township Fire Department - Always Ready to Serve

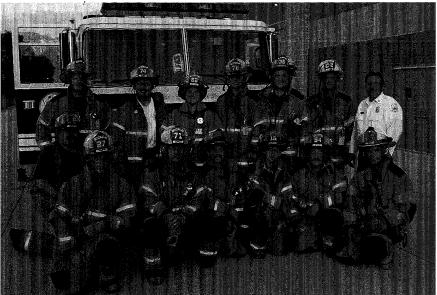


Photo taken at the conclusion of a ladder drill held on Wednesday, July 6, 2005 behind Lowes

n the early morning hours of July 1st 1988, the newly established Scio Township Fire & Rescue Service became operational. At that time Jackson Boulevard was just beginning to take shape, and Scio Township's thirty two square miles contained only seven thousand residents. One full time Fire Chief and twenty-one paidon-call professionals waited at the fire station with anticipation for the first emergency call. At five minutes after twelve, the call came in and the waiting was over. With a great deal of ceremony, twenty two determined individuals scrambled onto the

trucks and sped off. It would be nice to report that the call was a major emergency, but in reality, it was a small grass fire that was ignited by a roman candle following an early 4^{th} of July celebration. The "blaze" was masterfully extinguished with a size 11 fire boot.

Seventeen years and 12,000 alarms have passed since that first call. Residential and commercial developments have radically changed the face of the township. The population and service requests have doubled. Our mission remains constant: to save lives, protect property and prevent hostile fires from starting. In addition to combating fire, we respond to life threatening medical emergencies, automobile accidents and a wide variety of requests for specialized assistance. We share the best, but more often the worst, possible moments in the lives of the people who live and work in Scio Township.

The fire department continually works to meet the needs of the growing township. Our station is now staffed 24 hours a day 365 days a year. Three full time shift commanders work on a rotating schedule, this single coverage is interdependent on voluntary night and week-

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From the Supervisor's Desk

It has been a busy summer so far for the Scio Township Board of Trustees. Some of our recent activities have been the drafting and approval of a Wetlands Ordinance. This Ordinance will provide wetlands protection that goes beyond that which is mandated by the State of Michigan. Our Planning Commission has drafted, and the Board approved a Zoning Ordinance amendment that increases the permeable surface area of all developments, which will increase our water recharge ability as well as provide a greener site. We are also now having Drain Commissioner review of all site plans. Combined, these efforts will help protect, and in some cases improve the environmental quality of our township for all of our residents, businesses, and people that work in our township.

Scio Township has joined an organization called The Washtenaw Urban County. This group will help to identify and seek federal aid for low income Scio residents. The Township Board has also recently drafted and approved a "Living Wage Ordinance". This ordinance assures that people working for Scio Township and major contractors that do work for the township are earning a minimum wage that is set for Washtenaw County, and is based on an amount to stay above the poverty level.

On the development front, our township is faced with many proposals. The Jackson Road Boulevard is coined by some as "The Gold Coast of Washtenaw County". This is going to prompt the Township to make some very carefully thought out decisions. I have confidence that our Planning Commission will handle this with due diligence. One of these decisions is how to allocate our remaining, but diminishing sanitary sewer capacity. To aid in this process we have formed a Sanitary Sewer Allocation Committee to produce a strategy that will handle this challenge with fairness to land owners and developers, and the protection of our residents always in mind. The continuation of the Boulevard to just past Baker Road (known as Phase Three) is a work in process. Our Downtown Development Authority and the Washtenaw County Road Commission are





refining design plans, and obtaining necessary rights-of way. However, federal matching funds for Phase Three are on hold. Members of the DDA are communicating with our Congress People and Senators to try to expedite getting the matching funds. Also, the DDA is in the process of extending it's lifetime to be assured that funds will be raised for Phase Three.

The DDA extension requires the formation of a Downtown Development Authority Development Area Citizens Council. This Council must consist of nine members, each at least eighteen years of age, residing in the DDA area, which is the Jackson Road Corridor. This Council is responsible for acting as an advisory body, and will meet and work directly with the DDA and Township Board in the development of proposed plans to accomplish this life extension. If you live in the Jackson Road Corridor please consider this opportunity to serve your township by volunteering for a position on the Development Area Citizens Council. Please contact me at 734-665-2123, or by email, cnielsen@twp.scio.mi.us, or by mail at 827 N. Zeeb Rd, AA, 48103.

Scio Township is also looking for a township representative for the Washtenaw County Consortium on Solid Waste Management. This group does what the name implies, and works with groups and businesses to help improve their solid waste disposal methods. Interested parties are appreciated and may contact me through one of the previously listed methods.

Charlie Nielsen Supervisor, Scio Township

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end shifts staffed by on-call members. To become a firefighter for Scio Township, each individual must pass a basic instruction class. The essentials of fire fighting are discussed and then applied in practical evolutions, two nights a week for six months. After successfully completing a final exam that includes a written and physical demonstration of the student's knowledge, they are certified as Fire Fighters. In addition to this certification, many choose to pursue an additional six months of study to become Emergency Medical Technicians. However, the learning process does not stop when the ink dries on their certifications. Each member must attend a specified number of continuing education hours in order to ensure that their skills remain current.

Since the roman candle incident, the fire department has handled many major emergencies. The fire fighters still possess the same enthusiasm and commitment evident at the first call. They will sacrifice countless hours of sleep and personal leisure time to answer the call for assistance in our community.

Carl A. Ferch Scio Township Fire Chief



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Scio Board Contracts for Household Recycling Drop-Off Days First Recycling Day will be Saturday, September 17th

On July 19th Scio Township executed a contract with Recycle Ann Arbor, Inc. (RAA) to provide attended monthly household recycling for materials dropped off at the Township Hall.

RAA will operate the monthly events and they will be held on the third Saturday of each month, starting September 17th.

To ensure that recyclable materials get to the right bins, the events will be staffed by RAA workers and Township volunteers. So look out for our volunteers (Trustees Ream and Dries) every Saturday morning.

Additionally, the September 17 2005 and May 20 2006 events will be "Annual Cleanup" events running from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. On these days Scio households can drop off items like computers, TVs, and used tires, for a small fee.

A calendar of recycling drop-off dates is shown below, and we will publish reminders of these dates in our future newsletters.

Household recyclable materials include the following items:

- Items in the household "paper stream" such as home, school and office paper, letter mail, magazines and catalogs, soft cover books, phone books; boxboard; newspapers; milk cartons and juice boxes;
- ♦ Items in the household "container steam", such as #1/#2 plastic bottles, glass bottles and jars aluminum and steel food cans, aluminum foil and trays, small household scrap metal, empty aerosol cans; milk cartons and juice boxes.
- Flattened Corrugated Cardboard
- Hardcover books
- Textiles, including paired shoes
- Household and auto batteries
- Stvrofoam
- Motor Oil and Oil Filters
- #2 and #4 plastic grocery bags

Note that the items above can be dropped on all the scheduled event days.

Event Date	Event Time	Materials Accepted
Saturday, 9/17/2005	9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	Household recyclables and Annual Cleanup items.
Saturday, 10/15/2005	8:00 AM to Noon	Household Recyclables only.
Saturday, 11/19/2005	8:00 AM to Noon	Household Recyclables only.
Saturday, 12/17/2005	8:00 AM to Noon	Household Recyclables only.
Saturday, 1/21/2006	8:00 AM to Noon	Household Recyclables only.
Saturday, 2/18/2006	8:00 AM to Noon	Household Recyclables only.
Saturday, 3/18/2006	8:00 AM to Noon	Household Recyclables only.
Saturday, 4/15/2006	8:00 AM to Noon	Household Recyclables only.
Saturday, 5/20/2006	9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	Household recyclables and Annual Cleanup items.
Saturday, 6/17/2006	8:00 AM to Noon	Household Recyclables only.
Saturday, 7/15/2006	8:00 AM to Noon	Household Recyclables only.
Saturday, 8/19/2006	8:00 AM to Noon	Household Recyclables only.

Annual Cleanup September 17, 2005 and May 20, 2006.

Annual Cleanup items include the following items. (Please note the cost to drop off these items, and please be prepared to pay when you drop them off, in cash or by

Annual Cleanup Item	Per Item Drop-Off Fee
1. Monitors and TVs	\$10 up to 25" \$20 for larger sizes and all floor models
2. Computers, printers, scanners, stereo equipment, other electronics. Freestanding floor models will be charged at \$20 each.	\$5
Desktop System: Monitor, computer, printer, keyboard, mouse, cables	\$20
4. Freon Appliances: Refrigerators, air conditioners, dehumidifiers	\$25
5. Passenger Car Tires (up to 16:")	\$3 off rim \$7 on rim
Light Truck Tires (16" and up)	\$15 off rim \$19 on rim
6. CDs and 3.5" floppy disks	\$1 per dozen
7. Audio/Video Tapes	\$2 per dozen
8. Antifreeze	\$1.00 per gal
9.Propane Tanks (20#-Grill size.	\$5
(1 or 2 lb. Tanks)	\$1
10.Fluorescent Tubes, Ea**	\$1

Note that Annual Cleanup items described above can be dropped off on all the scheduled event days.

Vox Populi Let the voice of the citizens of Scio be heard!

We have an immediate need for citizen members on the

Solid Waste Management Committee

We have an ongoing need for members on the

- Transportation Advisory Committee
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

We have a periodic need for members of the

- Board of Review
- Downtown Development Authority
- ♦ Economic Development Corporation
- Planning Commission
- Zoning Board of Appeals

Interested citizens of the Township should submit a letter describing their interest in and qualifications for membership in any of the above groups to;

Townshipboard@twp.scio.mi.us or

Scio Township Board Volunteer Center 827 N. Zeeb Rd. Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103

TAXES! TAXES!

It's that time again. Tax year 2005 began July 1st. Bills were mailed by July 8, 2005 to the address of record as of June 20th. If you are suppose to receive your tax bill and it has not arrived in the mail, PLEASE call our offices and we will verify our records, print another bill and re-mail. They are also available on our web site www.twp.scio.mi.us. There are two differences this summer, the County is now collecting one third of its operating levy as mandated by the State of Michigan and you received the notice of the Township's Wetland Inventory Map and Ordinance. This was also a requirement by the State of Michigan's ordinance. Please call with any questions.

Just a reminder, we do not accept "postmarks" as date of payment. I must have your payment in house by September 14, 2005 to avoid interest of 1% being added on September 15th. Interest continues to accrue at 1% on the first of each month thereafter until taxes are paid.

Donna E. Palmer, Township Treasurer



In grateful recognition for her 30+ years of service to Scio Township, Gay Konschuh was presented with a copy of the state resolution honoring her that was sponsored by Pam Byrnes. Supervisor Charlie Nielsen and Kathleen Knol, Township Clerk made the presentation on behalf of the township and all its residents.

August Meetings

8-Noon DDA **Planning** 13**–**7: 30pm Commission 9-7:00pm Board of Trustees 16-No meeting Board of Trustees 18-7:00pm Zoning Board of Appeals 22-7:30pm **Planning** Commission 25-7:30pm **DDA Roads**

September Meetings

5	Labor Day—
	Office Closed.
12–Noon	DDA
12 – 7: 30pm	Planning
	Commission
13 – 7:00pm	Board of
	Trustees
15 – 7:00pm	Zoning Board
	of Appeals
26 – 7:30pm	Planning
	Commission
28 – 7:00pm	Board of
	Trustees
29- Noon	DDA Roads

October Meetings

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11–Noon	DDA
10 7: 30pm	Planning
	Commission
11 – 7:00pm	Board of
	Trustees
18 – 7:00pm	Board of
	Trustees
20 – 7:00pm	Zoning Board
of	Appeals
24 – 7:30pm	Planning
	Commission
27-Noon	DDA Roads

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The Land Preservation Commission Begins Its Work

In November of 2004, Proposal J (see box) secured the vote of fully three out of four voters in Scio Township. In the ordinance adopted by the Scio Township Board which established the procedures for implementing Proposal J, the "Land Preservation Commission means the commission formed pursuant to this Ordinance to advise the Township Board in the selection of property for protection".

The Scio Township Board appointed the following seven members to the Scio Township Land Preservation Commission (Scio LPC). The commissioners are listed by length of their appointment as well as the ordinance-defined role which they fulfill.

For 3 year terms:

Leslie Desmond (at large)
Bruce Manny (agricultural landowner)
Charles Ream (Board of Trustees)

For 2 year terms:

Allison Arscott (at large)
Deaver Armstrong (botanist/zoologist)
Kathy Knol (Board of Trustees)
Irwin Martin (at large)

The Scio LPC is assisted by consultant Barry Lonik. The Commission has now met five times. Bruce Manny was elected chair of the Commission, with Deaver Armstrong elected as vice-chair and Irwin Martin elected as Secretary. The Commissioners are committed to fulfilling the following mission, "To permanently preserve farmland, open space, wildlife habitat, scenic views, and protect drinking water sources and the water quality of rivers and streams, and provide new parks, recreational opportunities and trails by analyzing and recommending land for preservation by Scio Township."

The Scio LPC is working hard to finalize the criteria by which it will evaluate farmland and open space for preservation by the township. Upon completion of these criteria, the LPC will announce its interest in reviewing applications for farmland and open space for preservation. The Commission meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 4:00 PM at the Township Hall. Meetings are open to the public.

Proposal J

PROPOSAL TO PERMANENTLY PRESERVE FARM-LAND AND OPEN SPACE THROUGHOUT THE TOWNSHIP BY PROVIDING FUNDING FOR THE VOLUNTARY PURCHASE OF LAND.

Shall the Township of Scio permanently preserve farmland, open space, wildlife habitat, scenic views,

and protect drinking water sources and the water quality of rivers and streams, and provide new parks, recreational opportunities and trails by funding the voluntary purchase of land or interests in land throughout the Township, and enable the Township to take advantage of matching funds in the City of Ann Arbor and elsewhere, by increasing the authorized millage for ad valorem taxes for the Township of Scio by 0.5 mills (\$.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for the ten fiscal years 2004 through 2014, inclusive. In the first year the estimated revenue will be \$575,000.

Irwin Martin, Secretary, Scio LPC

East Delhi Bridge

The Road Commission wants to replace the 130-year-old, wrought iron bridge with a two-lane cement structure because of funding constraints.

The East Delhi Bridge Conservancy is working to save the bridge and raise local funds towards it's Rehabilitation. To donate via the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation: www.aaacf.org Click on" How to Give" then the "Donate Now." button.

Complete the form, including "East Delhi Bridge Fund" in the "Designation" area. Thanks!

Scott Hedberg





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- David Nacht, Trustee
- Charles Ream, Trustee

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