

Franklin Township Newsletter

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NEW TOWNSHIP WEBSITE

Franklin-Township.net

Franklin Township Informational Meeting

Monday, October 5th, 2026

7:00 pm at 5380 State Route 95

The Franklin Township Board of Trustees would like to invite you to an informational meeting to discuss Issues on the fall ballot. On the November 3rd ballot, Franklin Township has 3 Issues to vote on. These issues include:

Morrow County Zoning

The Franklin Township Trustees have asked the Morrow County Commissioners to place County Zoning on the ballot this fall for Franklin Township. A "YES" Vote will adopt County Zoning for Franklin Township. You can read about the rules and regulations on the Morrow County Zoning Website. You can get to the link through the Township's new website Franklin-Township.net. Several in the Township have expressed the need for zoning regulations. The Trustees are giving you this opportunity to vote for zoning in Franklin Township. We will have a representative from the Morrow County Zoning office present to answer questions on zoning.

Additional 1.5 mill Fire Levy

Currently there is a 1.5 mill levy that generates \$62,453 per year for fire protection for Franklin Township. The Mt. Gilead Fire Department and Johnsville Fire Department, both of whom now contract with us have increased their coverage rate from \$49,000 to \$102,000 and \$32,000 to \$60,500 respectively. We need another 1.5 mill levy to cover this increased cost. The new Levy will generate the necessary \$102,000 per year. We will have the Fire Chief from both departments present to answer questions on these increased contracts.

New Development at 95/71

WXZ Development Inc. on behalf of Circle K Inc. plans to build a 5200 sf convenience store and fueling station at the northwest corner of SR 95 and I 71. The 10.63 acre site as proposed would include a 6.7 acre fueling station with a convenience store and in store cafe. The fueling station would have fourteen pumps for cars and five fueling stations for trucks and higher capacity vehicles that need high speed diesel. The cafe as proposed would include Circle K's latest made to order food menu. The convenience store would also include its Circle K market with fresh produce and daily food necessities. As proposed the store and fueling stations would operate 24 hours a day.

In addition to the Circle K store and fueling station the development would include the creation of two out parcels for future development. The additional parcels are programmed for additional retail, service and restaurant uses. In consultation with Franklin Township and Morrow County, WXZ and Circle K have agreed to restrict the uses for these additional properties to uses that are complimentary to the Circle K store and in keeping with community standards.

As part of our proposed development WXZ is also requesting the 10.63 acre site be considered a Revitalization District within the Ohio Revised Code to allow for the sale of liquor (as well as beer and wine). Circle K would sell beer and wine 7 days a week for take out only similar to other gas station and truck stops on the interchange. We will have a representative from WXZ Development Inc. to answer any questions on this potential project.

Township Meetings

Township Meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7pm in the Township building at 5380 State Route 95.
Public welcome!

Franklin Township Trustees
5155 Twp Rd 117
Mt. Gilead, OH 43338

Current Resident or

2026 Township Road Work

This year's road projects included the following:

Chip and sealing TR 96, TR 119, TR 118 and TR 122 at a cost of \$75,849.

We received grant funding to pave 1.1 mile of TR 178 this fall.

Cemeteries

Bryn Zion Cemetery is jointly operated by Franklin, Gilead and Congress Townships. Lots are available to Franklin Township residents for \$400. Lots for other County residents are \$800 and \$1200 for non-residents. Contact Bill Kempton for lots at 740-501-6114.

North Fork Cemetery is jointly operated by Franklin, Perry and Middlebury Townships. Lots are available to Franklin Township residents for \$400 and \$500 for non-residents. The fee for opening and closing graves is \$500 (\$100 more for weekends). Contact Clint Furnice for lots 419-210-0561.