

BRIAR CREEK TOWNSHIP

Briar Creek Township Newsletter

Summer 2025 Edition

A Message from the Township Manager

Dear Residents,

As we move through the summer months, I want to thank you for your continued support and engagement in our township. Briar Creek Township remains committed to improving infrastructure, maintaining our rural character, and ensuring transparency in local government.

Your participation is vital—whether it's attending monthly meetings, volunteering at community events, or simply staying informed. We appreciate you!

— Tom Frace, Township Manager

From the Roadmaster's Desk

Summer is our busiest season, and our road crew has been hard at work maintaining 26.3 miles of Township roadways. Here's what we're focusing on for the 2025 Road Maintenance Schedule:

- Seal coating on Municipal Road, Bogart's Hill Road, Knorr Road, and Davis Hill Road
- Grading and drainage improvements in rural areas
- Culvert repairs in multiple locations
- Culvert cleanouts and inlet inspections ahead of heavy summer storms
- Pothole patching throughout the township to improve drivability

- Roadside mowing is ongoing—please be cautious around equipment and keep clear sightlines at your property
- Continued review of accident reports to guide long-term traffic safety and road design improvements

We appreciate your patience and cooperation around work zones. Please remember to report any roadway hazards by calling the Township Office or through our Facebook page.

We take pride in keeping your roads safe and well-maintained.

— **Slade Rauch, Roadmaster**



From the Police Chief's Desk

As your local Police Department, our top priority remains the safety and wellbeing of Briar Creek Township residents. Here are a few important updates:

- **Speed Enforcement:** We've increased patrols in areas with speeding complaints. Please observe posted speed limits—especially in residential and farming areas.
- **Community Safety:** Remember to **lock your vehicles and sheds**, especially at night. We've had a few reports of attempted thefts in rural areas.
- **Scam Awareness:** Be cautious of phone and email scams claiming to be from utility companies or government agencies. If you're unsure, contact the **Police Department** directly.
- **Neighborhood Concerns:** We welcome calls and tips. If something seems suspicious, don't hesitate to report it—we'd rather check and find nothing than miss something important.

Thank you for helping us keep Briar Creek Township safe. We're here to serve.

— **Chief Kristen Cunningham, Briar Creek Township Police Department**



Infrastructure Update: Yost Hollow Road Bridges

Briar Creek Township is moving forward with plans to replace two critical bridges on Yost Hollow Road. The proposed upgrades will improve safety and reliability, especially for emergency vehicles and local traffic.

We have investigated multiple funding sources to help offset the substantial cost of these replacements, including:

- The DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund

- Local Share Account (LSA) grants
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding

✓ **Project Highlights:**

- Replacement of aging bridge structures
- New aluminum structure proposed to reduce long-term maintenance
- Engineering and permitting phases are underway
- Target construction date: 2026–2027, pending funding and permitting approvals

We'll continue to keep residents informed as the project advances.

Ordinance Projects

The Township is actively engaged in reviewing and updating its ordinances to ensure they are clear, up-to-date, and accessible. Current projects include:

- A comprehensive review of all Township ordinances through a codification process
- Reviewing and updating the Township Zoning Ordinance
- Reviewing and updating the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance

Once finalized, all ordinances will be available online for easy access by residents and stakeholders.

Upcoming Township Meetings & Events

- Board of Supervisors Meeting – First Monday of each month @ 6:00 PM
- Planning Commission Meeting – Second Monday of each month @ 6:00 PM

Stay involved—your voice matters!

Stay Informed

Visit our website and follow our Facebook page for all of our community events and announcements:

Website: www.briarcreektwp.org
Facebook: facebook.com/briarcreektownship