



Chippewa Township Newsletter

LITHIUM-ION BATTERY SAFETY BY CHIEF JOYCE FORRER

Lithium-ion batteries are changing the game when it comes to powering devices and equipment used daily. The list includes smartphones, laptops, tablets, eReaders, smart watches, home power storage, golf and utility carts, Bluetooth headphones, hoverboards, e-scooters and e-bikes, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys, drones, cordless blowers, cars, and much more.

Damaged or unstable batteries and improper charging, storage, or disposal can cause the batteries to overheat, leading to an explosive, aggressive fire that spreads rapidly, can reignite, and is challenging to extinguish.

Warning signs to look for.

Heat: It's entirely normal for batteries to generate some heat when charging or in use. But if your device's lithium-ion battery feels extremely hot to the touch, there's a chance it's defective and at risk of starting a fire.

Swelling: When a lithium battery fails, another common sign is battery swelling. If your battery looks swollen, stop using it immediately. Signs include any lump or bulge, or leakage from the device.

Noise: Failing batteries have been reported to make a hissing or crackling sound.

Odor: Strong or unusual odor coming from the device.

Smoke: This one is a little more obvious. But if your device is smoking, a fire has already started.

If your device is showing any of the above warning signs, take the following steps:

- Immediately turn off the device and unplug it from the power source. Call 911.
- If you can, slowly move the device to a safe, isolated area away from anything flammable.

Do not touch the device with your bare skin. If feasible, use tongs or heat-resistant gloves.

Precautions you can take to help prevent lithium battery fires.

Follow instructions. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for storage, use, charging, and maintenance.

Avoid knock-offs. Replace batteries and chargers with components



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specifically designed and approved for your device. Only use the charging cord that came with the device.

Watch where you charge. Do not charge your device next to combustibles or flammable surfaces, such as under a pillow or on your bed.

Unplug your device. Do not keep charging the device or battery after it is fully charged.

Store batteries properly. Lithium-ion batteries should always be stored in a cool, dry place and out of direct sunlight. Do not leave a battery charging unattended in the event that the battery is damaged and can become unstable, thus overheating.

Inspect for damage. Regularly inspect your device and batteries for the warning signs listed above.

Battery Disposal

- Do not place lithium-ion batteries in the trash.

- Recycling is always the best option. Take the batteries to a recycling location.
- Do not put discarded batteries in piles.

If you have concerns about one of your devices, you can check the *Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) recalls website*. (<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls>) The government regulatory organization oversees product safety and lists active recalls on its website. Enter “lithium” in the search

bar to see a list of products organized by specific brands and manufacturers.

Hoverboard Fire



Laptop Fire



PROJECT LIFESAVER BY CAPTAIN DOUG HUNTER

“We are very grateful for a \$1000.00 donation that was recently received from a Chippewa township resident.”

The Wayne County Sheriff’s Office has recently partnered with Project Lifesaver to help locate individuals with cognitive disabilities, like memory loss, that have strayed from their place of residence. We want to be proactive,” Capt.

Doug Hunter of the Wayne County Sheriff’s Office, said “We don’t want to wait until a tragedy occurs to implement this program.”

With project lifesaver, a special electronic bracelet containing a radio transmitter is worn by the at risk individual. If the person goes missing, their caregiver contacts the Sheriff’s office and a deputy will respond with a special radio receiver that will allow the deputy to quickly locate the missing person. The use of this equipment will greatly reduce the amount of time needed to locate the individual.

Deputy Trent Hankins who is assigned to Chippewa Township, is one of six deputies who have received special training on the use of the device.

The bracelet is waterproof and designed to be difficult for the wearer to remove. The bracelet is not a GPS device and it cannot be monitored remotely. We only respond with the radio receiver when we are contacted by the caregiver about their missing loved one.

The Sheriff’s Office works with civic groups and other organizations to help spread the word about the program. “Currently we have two people in Chippewa Township who are wearing the \$345.00 device and both of these persons have a history of wandering. While we are hopeful these persons do not go missing, we are also confident of our ability to locate them quickly if they do.” Hunter said.

Across the county, the majority of the client’s transmitters have been purchased by their families but in some cases the transmitters have been paid for via donations. “We are very grateful for a \$1000.00 donation that was recently received from a Chippewa township resident. Individuals who wish to learn more about project lifesaver can contact Captain Doug Hunter at 330-287-5758 or

projectlifesaver@wcsOhio.org

WAYNE COUNTY ENGINEER PROJECTS BY SCOTT A. MILLER, P.E., P.S.

We are planning on three projects in Chippewa Twp. this year:

1. Black Diamond Bridge replacement over Chippewa Creek. Started on Monday, March 13. Bridge will be closed for 90 days. The existing single span steel truss bridge will be replaced with a three span prestressed box beam bridge with composite concrete deck on concrete abutments.
2. Galehouse Road Bridge over Silver Creek. Replace existing steel beams and deck with galvanized steel beams and decking. Please provide us a three week window when we can construct the new bridge superstructure.
3. Large Culvert Replacement on Valley View Road. This is a large culvert owned by the township but will be replaced following the Wayne County Engineer Large Culvert Policy. The township will purchase all materials and the county engineer's office will remove and replace the existing large culvert. The timing of this project will be determined by Chippewa Twp.



ROAD DEPT. NEWS

BY MATT CARVER

Road Superintendent Matt Carver (left), Blake Busson (center) and Assistant Road Superintendent Jeff Williams (right)

Chippewa Township would like to introduce you to our newest employee on the road department, Blake Busson he is a lifelong township resident. He is a great asset to our staff.

Jeff Williams was promoted to Assistant Road Superintendent. He is a great asset to the road department and the township.

The township will be spraying for mosquitoes on a as needed basis. Please contact the township and let us know if you have a problem with mosquitoes. Please leave your name, address and your phone number.

If you are on a township road and need a driveway pipe or yard pipe, please contact Matt Carver and he will walk you through the process. The road crew will be out to inspect your project and let you know what materials you will need. You will be required to purchase a permit from the township office (cash or check only). You are responsible for purchasing any materials and the pipe you will need for your project. Once the pipe is delivered to you, please notify the township. The township will install your pipe, it will take few days after they call OUPS to mark any lines.

Please contact Matt Carver at 330-658-8249 with any questions or problems. If you have an Emergency after our normal hours or weekends, call 9-1-1 or 330-658-9911 (dispatch) for trees down across roads, stop signs down, flooding on our township road, we are on call 24/7.



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ZONING NEWS

BY JEREMY PORTER

Spring is in the air! With better weather comes fun projects from new fences to new homes! We love to see our residents improving their properties and enjoying them! Be sure you get the appropriate zoning permits for your project. If you are thinking about a project and have questions about what would be required in relation to zoning, feel free to email or call me and discuss. I will do my best to help you accomplish your goals!

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Get involved! I encourage all of our residence to get involved and learn more about zoning and what is going on in our township. The zoning office is open every Wednesday from 6pm - 7pm. Typically there is a Board of Zoning Appeals meeting on the third Monday of each month. Lastly the Zoning Commission meets periodically throughout the year. These meeting dates can be found on our website or at the monthly trustee meeting.

Not happy with a property in the township? We have a complaint form that can be filled out to have a property issue addressed. I will be happy to review the property and your complaint with you. You can find this form at the township office. Your name will not be given out to the property owner.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer!

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