

# BROWN TOWNSHIP

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## Guidelines for Flying Drones

You have probably already seen a strange-looking object gliding or hovering through the sky in your neighborhood. It is likely a drone and its presence can be distracting, even concerning.

Many stores offered them during the holiday shopping season, promising that they would be easy and fun to fly. If you received one, you probably did not receive all the information you need. Some can be flown indoors, but many are too large.

What are the restrictions and requirements for drones to fly outdoors? I will point out a few of the major ones and provide information to research the rest. The following applies to “model aircraft” drones:

- If the drone is between .55 pounds and 55 pounds, it must be registered with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Once registered, the assigned number must be visible on the drone.
- The drone must be flown in direct line of sight, meaning that you cannot fly the drone looking through goggles or watching it on a handheld monitor. You must be able to see the drone from the ground at all times it is in flight.
- You must operate the drone safely. It should not endanger persons or property on the ground and should not be flown from a moving vehicle.
- The drone must give way to manned aircraft in every instance.



- If operating within five miles of an airport, you must notify the airport operator and the control tower, if a tower exists.
- Violation of these rules may result in penalties for careless or reckless operation.

For more information on how to register or operate your drone in accordance with federal guidelines, go to [www.faa.gov](http://www.faa.gov) and search for Unmanned Aircraft Systems. To register, click on the Register Your UAS icon.

Requirements differ for drones weighing more than 55 pounds or those for commercial or public use. Go to [www.faa.gov](http://www.faa.gov) for regulations on these as well.

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*Provided by Sgt. Samuel Byrd,  
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## A Message from Outgoing Sheriff Zach Scott

Over the past five years, I have experienced a great deal of cooperation and support from you, the residents of Franklin County. Together, we have accomplished goals that will continue prioritizing the safety of every citizen.

I have been blessed to have a long and accomplished career spanning over thirty years with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. I've had the chance to serve in a lot of Divisions and work alongside the great men and women of this agency. The last five and a half years, serving as Sheriff, have been the highlight of my career.

We are building a new jail facility

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## Corrections

The Fall 2016 issue of the Brown Township newsletter featured an article on the Brown Township Neighborhood Watch program. Two errors in the article need to be corrected:

In addition to the streets mentioned in the Fall 2016 newsletter, the following streets are also organized with Neighborhood Watch captains—Feder Road and Walker Road.

The website listed in the Fall 2016 newsletter is incorrect. The correct website to use for crime information is [communitycrimemap.com](http://communitycrimemap.com)

We apologize for these errors.

# BARBARA HOOVER

Given her enthusiasm for sky diving, it is perhaps not surprising that Barbara Hoover would buy a red Camaro if she were to win the lottery. Her professional life has been spent on far more serious-minded pursuits, however.

Barbara Russell was born in Louisville, Kentucky, one of four siblings. She attended high school in Lexington. Her parents and younger siblings moved to Columbus and Barbara attended the University of Kentucky until her sister, Gail, 11 years her junior and in third grade, missed her big sister so much that Barbara moved to Columbus to be near Gail.

Barbara then attended The Ohio State University and was student teaching at Tremont Elementary School in Upper Arlington when she met her future husband, Harlan E. Hoover, at the locally famous Chef-O-Nette diner, across the street from the school. They were married in 1962. Harlan died in 2000.

Harlan was a professional photographer and was involved in various photography ventures before he started his own business, specializing in large groups. Barbara was an integral part of the business traveling on weekends and in the summer to camps and reunions all over Ohio, in vehicles complete with mobile darkrooms, all the while teaching school.

The Hoovers had two sons, Craig and Chris. Craig lives in east Columbus with his wife, Joyce. Barbara's Columbus granddaughter, Andrea, is 25. Chris and his wife, Pam, and daughter, Paige, live 1,400 miles away in Dau-



phin, Manitoba, Canada, about a 24-hour drive, a trip Barbara has made many times.

Barbara taught elementary grades in Columbus City Schools, Southwestern City Schools, and, for most of her career, Hilliard City Schools, including at Brown Elementary and in the Brown Township hall. She taught middle school English, worked in the gifted program in every school building in the Hilliard district, and taught problem-solving to teachers and students. She also served as chief negotiator for the teachers' union. In total, Barbara spent nearly 40 years in teaching, retiring in 2007. Her long and dedicated teaching career was inspired by her own fifth grade teacher.

Barbara says she loved teaching first graders but the most gratifying part of her professional life was working in the gifted program. As the parent of one of her students in the gifted program put it, "She made every opportunity a learning opportunity. And she knew a lot." Barbara says she is most proud of the fact that she was able to make a difference in people's lives.

The Hoovers moved into their Patterson Road home in 1966. The property includes a main house and several outbuildings, one of which was used as a photography studio when Barbara and Harlan and, later, their sons, were involved in the photography business.

Barbara's interests include collecting music boxes, reading espionage novels, visiting friends, and driving trips. She took up bridge two years ago. She also enjoys going to a movie with a friend or working outside on her property.

She is proud to maintain her involvement in and dedication to the International Order of the King's Daughters and Sons, an interdenominational Christian service organization, which supports an assisted living facility in Bucyrus, Ohio, and scholarships of various kinds to benefit children. Her mother and grandmother were members and Barbara has been a member since age 14.

It is the agricultural nature of the township and the wide open spaces that appeal most to Barbara about living in Brown Township for the last 50 years.

Barbara's other intentions for the proceeds of that lottery win include making some improvements to her home and donating to various worthwhile causes. But don't be surprised if there is more sky diving in her future.

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*This is one of an occasional series of articles on noteworthy Brown Township residents. If you have a suggestion for a future profile, please let us know.*

**(Zach Scott continued)**

to replace outdated facilities and we are continually finding innovative ways to handle issues like mental illness and substance abuse that affect our inmate population. We have more deputies patrolling the streets of Franklin County who have built strong relationships with community members. We've

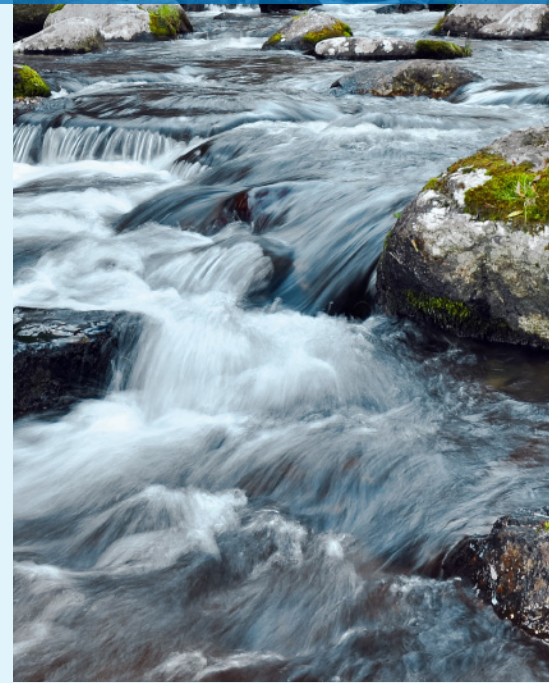
changed the way we handle narcotics investigations by partnering with medical and mental health professionals to link addicts with the help they need.

None of these accomplishments would have happened without your support and commitment through the years. I am departing the Sheriff's Office where new Sheriff Dallas Baldwin

will serve. I am confident you will show the same support to the new Sheriff and strive for a high level of excellence in law enforcement we have always had. Thank you for allowing me to serve you as your Franklin County Sheriff.

God bless and stay safe,  
Zach Scott

# Deicing Salt's Effect On Our Streams



Winter in central Ohio means snow and ice. How we cope with snow and ice matters, especially to streams and other bodies of water. We are learning that the salt we use to melt ice does not just wash away. It accumulates in streams, lakes, ponds, and wetlands. Over time, it can reach toxic levels.

While road departments have been minimizing salt use for years, homeowners can also do their part. The first step is to remove as much snow and ice as possible mechanically (with a shovel, a scraper, a plow, or a snow blower). Recognizing that snow shoveling can be strenuous and dangerous to our health, hiring someone to do it may be a good option.

- Other things to keep in mind include:
- Using salt sparingly and only where it is really needed.
  - Sweeping up excess salt after the pavement has dried.
  - Keeping salt dry where it cannot be washed away by rain and will not solidify into clumps.
  - Using alternatives to salt when appropriate.

appropriate.

When weather permits, wash salt off cars at car washes rather than in driveways or on streets. Sweep away the salt remaining on garage floors, properly disposing of the waste.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency maintains a list of alternatives to salt at [www.epa.gov/saferchoice/products#type=Deicers&sector=Business](http://www.epa.gov/saferchoice/products#type=Deicers&sector=Business).

The web page at [www.lakesunapee.org/library/](http://www.lakesunapee.org/library/) lists a brochure titled, "Ice Management Choices for Homeowners" that discusses the problems salt presents and lists pros and cons of various ways of dealing with snow and ice.

Other resources include information on the impact of salt on landscaping and ways to minimize damage at [www.extension.iastate.edu/news/2009/nov/062401.htm](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/news/2009/nov/062401.htm) and tips on minimizing the impact of deicers on pets' feet at [drinklocaldrinktap.org/2015/02/road-salt-costly-harms-environment-heres-can/](http://drinklocaldrinktap.org/2015/02/road-salt-costly-harms-environment-heres-can/).

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## PUBLIC SAFETY SUMMARY

Each issue of the Brown Township newsletter contains a quarterly wrap-up of public safety reports and calls in Brown Township.

**Norwich Township Fire Department** calls to addresses in Brown Township (including Brown Township addresses within the City of Hilliard):

	EMS Calls	Fire Calls
September 2016	14	4
October 2016	17	6
November 2016	15	1

**Franklin County Sheriff's Department** calls to addresses in unincorporated Brown Township:

### September 2016

**September 6** – Assault on a person at an address on Roberts Road.

**September 15** – Theft of a flat screen television and vehicle keys from a motor vehicle at an address on Roberts Road.

**September 15** – Criminal damaging of a structure and a vehicle and theft of a utility vehicle and two four-wheelers at an address on Roberts Road.

**September 24** – Menacing with a firearm at an address on Patterson Road.

**September 30** – Theft of gift cards at an address on Cole Road.

### October 2016

No non-routine calls.

### November 2016

**November 18** – Theft of food stamps at an address on Amity Road.

**November 20** – Verbal altercation at an address on Morris Road.

**November 29** – Theft of horse stall mats at an address on Feder Road.

**Hilliard Division of Police** non-routine calls to Brown Township addresses within the City of Hilliard:

### September 2016

No non-routine calls.

### October 2016

**October 25** – Victim attacked by dogs at an address on Hayden Run Road.

### November 2016

**November 5** – Victim bitten by dog at an address on Hayden Run Road.

**November 6** – Damage to vehicle and theft of purse, wallet, wristlet, phone case, driver's license, cash, credit cards, checkbook, and gift cards from vehicle at an address on Hayden Run Road.



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**Website**

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Mrs. Pamela Sayre • (614) 878-0199  
Mr. Joseph Martin • (614) 870-9601

**Norwich Fire Department**

Jeff Warren, Chief • (614) 876-7694

**Franklin County Sheriff's Department**

Emergency • 911  
Non-Emergency • (614) 525-3333

Meetings are held the third Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at 2491 Walker Road, Hilliard, Ohio.



L-R: Fiscal Officer Greg Ruwe and Trustees Gary Dever, Pam Sayre and Joe Martin

# Distracted Driving Risks

Distracted driving is any activity that could divert a person's attention away from the primary task of driving. All distractions endanger driver, passenger, and bystander safety. Types of distractions include:

- texting
- using a cellphone or smartphone
- eating and drinking
- talking to passengers
- grooming
- reading, including maps
- using a navigation system
- watching a video
- adjusting a radio, cd player, or mp3 player

Text messaging is by far the most alarming distraction because it requires visual, manual, and cognitive attention from the driver.

Distracted driving happens any time the driver takes his or her eyes off the road, hands off the wheel, or mind off the primary task of driving safely. Any non-driving activity is a potential distraction and increases the risk of a crash.

The youngest and most inexperienced drivers are most at risk, with 16% of all driving crashes involving drivers under 20. They are not alone. At any given moment during daylight hours, over 660,000 vehicles in

the United States are being driven by someone using a handheld cell phone.

Some statistics:

- In 2014, 3,179 people were killed and 431,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers.
  - As of December 2014, 169.3 billion text messages were being sent in the United States every month.
  - Ten per cent of all drivers 15 to 19 years old involved in fatal crashes were reported as distracted at the time of the crashes.
  - Five seconds is the average time a driver's eyes are off the road while texting. At 55 miles per hour, that is enough time to cover the length of a football field.
  - Smartphone ownership is growing. In 2011, 52 percent of drivers reported owning a smartphone and by 2014 that number had grown to 80 per cent. The greatest increases in smartphone ownership are among those 40 and older.
- For more information, go to [distraction.gov](http://distraction.gov).

