



Newark Amateur Radio Association NARA



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Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Newark Amateur Radio Association (NARA) (call sign N8ARA) maintains two FCC licensed radio repeater stations (146.880 MHz & 444.500 MHz). Someone who is using a low power hand-held or mobile radio can link to a NARA repeater and it will boost the signal output allowing communication over 10 nearby counties.

These repeaters are essential in providing emergency communication services to Licking and surrounding counties. During severe weather events NARA members, that are National Weather Service (NWS) trained spotters, relay local weather observations to the NWS headquarters in Wilmington, OH. This allows for timely weather warnings to be sent out to the public. Also, the repeaters are an integral part of emergency communications for the Red Cross, area hospitals, fire stations, and other services.

NARA's antennas are mounted on the 400-foot tower on the high point in Horns Hill Park in Newark. NARA is only one of several entities that use the tower. **It is over 60 years old. It has been declared unsafe and has been condemned.** A project to replace it is underway. This will necessitate new antennas and connections for the NARA repeaters. This will possibly cost \$4-7000.00. Although the Association's funds will be able to cover part of the expense, there will be a short fall.

We are requesting donations from area firms to help with NARA's antenna replacement project and support the important service NARA provides to Licking County. The Association is a **non-profit 501(c)3 entity** (31-0952843). Thus, making all donations to NARA tax deductible. Checks may be sent to NARA, P. O. Box 601, Newark OH 43058-0601, or by using the PayPal button on NARA's website <<https://n8ara.org>>. Please contact me if more information is needed.

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