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Washington Township has passed a resolution along with the Lucas County Commissioners and other Townships as advised by the Lucas County Engineers. This resolution focuses on obstructions in the road right of way to provide the safest possible highway system for the traveling public of Lucas County. The road right of way for all streets in the Township is 30 feet from the street line, or centerline of the road. The exceptions are Summit St., which is 120 feet, and Suder, Shoreland, and Stickney, which is 100 feet. Some common examples of obstructions in the road right of way include landscaping or planting screens, railroad ties, rocks, concrete/masonry blocks, and spikes. In short, any item that can be of danger to the motoring public is considered an obstruction. The Washington Township zoning resolution also states that planting screens or landscaping cannot interfere with public utilities, restrict pedestrian sidewalks, or otherwise constitute a traffic hazard. We would like to ask you to please help us maintain a safe community by keeping our road right of ways clear of obstructions and hazards in order to provide a safe haven for our motoring and pedestrian public. Keeping the road right of way clear also ensures that our road department can efficiently plow snow and perform maintenance duties.

Just a friendly reminder that you will need a zoning permit for construction or alteration of any building, including accessory buildings, and when changing the use of an existing building or accessory building to a different classification. Private pools require a permit along with outdoor signs, fences, and decks. If you occupy and use vacant land or change the use of the land to a different classification, you will need a permit. Any construction or reconstruction of a fence, pool, shed, gazebo, etc. also requires a zoning permit.

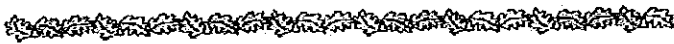
The Township now has a web page on the Internet that is kept updated so you can easily look through our zoning resolution by going to the ZONING link at [www.washington-twp.com](http://www.washington-twp.com). If at any time you have questions or if you need a permit, you can contact the office or you can email your request to [zoning@toast.net](mailto:zoning@toast.net).

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# POLICE DEPARTMENT



**MDTs:** The Washington Township Police Department had Mobile Data Terminals installed in every Township Police Vehicle. This was made possible by the generous voters of the Township and Lucas County through the 911 system. The MDTs will allow faster communication and information gathering on various items such as license plates and checking for warrants on individuals. In addition, we will be able to communicate with every police jurisdiction within Lucas County. The MDTs will allow us other time saving information by a grid/mapping system of every street in Lucas County.

**Officer Phil:** An exciting new school safety program will be launched by the WTPD after the first of the year called the Officer Phil program. This program will be presented to students of Shoreland School, and covers issues like drug abuse, stranger danger, gun safety, and other issues of safety that face our youngsters. We would like to thank the good folks at Kroger, Meijer, and Food Town for their generous community support for the Officer Phil program. We will be able to report more on the Officer Phil program in the next edition.

**Schools Open:** The kids have gone back to school and we would like to remind everyone that during certain hours, the speed limit along Suder Avenue and East Harbor Drive is 20 mph. When approaching a school bus that has stopped to pick up or discharge passengers and has RED flashing lights activated, ALL TRAFFIC must stop, and must remain stopped until the bus starts to move or the bus driver motions you to pass. If you are cited for this violation, you must make an appearance in traffic court, and the fine is expensive. Please drive carefully.

Last but not least ..... a national tragedy: We have all heard of the terrorist attacks in New York and our Nation's Capitol. The men and women of the Washington Township Police Department would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the courageous men and women of the New York City Police and Fire Departments that gave their lives unselfishly on the morning of September 11<sup>th</sup>. We also extend our sympathies to the other victims of this devastating moment in our nation's history. The courageous actions taken by the police officers of the New York City Police Department exhibits the very foundation of the police service. We are asking everyone to remember these fine men and women and their families in your prayers. God Bless America and Stand Strong !!



**Halloween:** Halloween is just a few weeks away; it will be observed in the Township on Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Parents please take a moment and tell your children not to eat any of the goodies they receive until they have been inspected. In the past we have not experienced any problems but as in the past, the Fire Department will be sponsoring an inspection for all food items, free of charge, at the Township Fire Station between the hours of 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.



# PARK DISTRICT



The Washington Township Park District has been awarded a grant from the NatureWorks Program that will assist with some of the cost of demolition of the shelter house at Shoreland Park and construction of a new building in the same location. Vetter Design Group of Toledo has been hired to facilitate the project. The schedule calls for demolition of the shelter house before year-end, with construction starting in early 2002. Completion is scheduled for late summer. The Washington Township Park Board is comprised of three volunteer board members: Frank Grant, Steve Vaughn, and Bryon McIntosh, and clerk Dianne Wisniewski. Regular monthly meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the third Tuesday of every month at the shelter house. Beginning in November, meetings will be moved to the park building at 6126 Villamar Road until completion of the new shelter house.



## ROAD DEPARTMENT

Hello. I am Bryon McIntosh, your new Road Superintendent. I am a long-time resident of the Township and I will continue to give you the service you deserve. Our Road Department consists of me and an on-call crew of Glen McIntosh, Harry Thoman, Rick Phillips, Lucky Penn, and Tony Cochenhour. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 726-6908.

The Road Department has started its annual crack seal program that will cost the Township approximately \$1,324.00 in materials alone. We have been cleaning weeds from the streets in preparation to seal them before the winter months. After the roads are free of debris it takes about two weeks to seal the entire township. This preventative maintenance program has gained recognition from the Lucas County Engineers Department as it extends the longevity of our road surfaces.

We have also started the first phase of the Shoreland Heights project. This includes replacement or repair of curbs, sidewalks, and catch basins that need repair due to erosion. Since the construction can be affected by the Fall weather. We do not have a finish date for you at this time. Thank you for your patience and cooperation with the many inconvenient situations construction can cause.

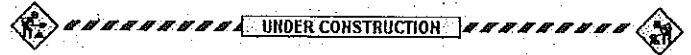
Our leaf pick-up program will resume this Fall as soon as needed. Look for "leaf pick-up" signs in your area. Please remember to rake your leaves to the curb, not in the street, and also not close to parked cars. Also, please keep twigs and small branches out of the piles. The leaf-vac machine was purchased by the Township last year at a cost of \$3,500.00 and the expense to dispose of the debris at Kurtz Brothers totaled \$914.00.

The Road Department has purchased a second dump truck for snow removal so we can continue to give you the best service possible. This will aid the expediting of the snow removal process and insure we will always have one truck on the road. The truck was purchased from Bi-State Ford at a cost of \$12,500 and was previously owned by Lucas County.



Please keep in mind if two or more inches of snow accumulate, all vehicles should be parked off the road right of way so our snow removal can be successful. We again would like to ask your cooperation in helping us keep our community a safe one by not shoveling or blowing snow back into the streets.

I would like to thank you for your cooperation on all of our projects!!





## TRUSTEES



Mr. Glen McIntosh, our Road Superintendent, has retired after giving the Township over 10 years of dedicated service. We would like to extend our appreciation for the many years of productive and innovative work our "king of the roads" has provided for all of us. Thank you Glen! Bryon McIntosh, Glen's son, was appointed to the position earlier this Fall. Welcome aboard Bryon and good luck in your new endeavor! We would also like to welcome Mrs. Linda Vaughn who was appointed Zoning Secretary in September. Best wishes to Linda!

The Township is in need of applicants for a replacement on the Zoning Board of Appeals. If anyone is interested in serving a term on the Board and would like more information, please call Township Hall at 726-6621 for more information.

For the convenience of all of our residents, the Trustees will be holding the first regular meeting of the month (first Monday of the month) at the Washington Township Fire Station, 2469 Shoreland Avenue, at 7:00 p.m. The second meeting of the month (third Monday) will be held at Township Hall, 5714 Blessing Drive, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting on November 5th will start at 7:30 so that the Washington Township Fire Station may be set up for Election Day. Please come out and vote! If any meeting should happen to fall on a holiday, the meeting will be held the following day at 7:00 p.m. Our meetings are open to the public and you are encouraged to attend.



The Township now has a web site you may want to visit. The address is [www.washington-twp.com](http://www.washington-twp.com). Please look us up and share your thoughts.

The exterior restoration of Township Hall is now in the works. J&B Construction was awarded the bid on this project. They will also construct a 20' x 40' pole barn in the side yard on David Drive. Additional storage is needed for both our Police Dept. and the Road Dept. Township Hall will be insulated with "EIPS" (exterior insulation finish system) and vinyl siding will top off this project.

Ken Kay has been actively involved with the Ottawa River RAPP program while Barb Shaheen has been working with the Lucas County Engineers on our road projects. Camille Hammer has been representing the Township in the "Maumee River Regional Storm Coalition" in conjunction with TMACOG. The purpose of the coalition is to develop and implement storm water management policies and procedures. By the Spring of 2003, the EPA will have strict laws and heavy fines in effect for violations in the watershed management.

Happy Holidays to all as it will be 2002 before the next issue of our newsletter will be released.

# The Washington Township Fire and Rescue News

## Assistant Chief Ron Kay

Ron has a new assignment with his full time Toledo Fire Division job. He has been newly assigned as Shift Safety Officer. Congratulations Assistant Chief Kay.

## Motter as Captain

The Washington Township Fire Department would like to announce the appointment of Mike Motter as Captain. Mike has served with The Washington Township Fire Department since October 1993. Mike is certified as a paramedic, and is a member of the Disaster Medical Assistant Team. The Washington Township Fire Department is proud to have Mike as an officer. Congratulations Captain Motter.

## New Members

Ed Torres  
Ray Wolfe  
Dean Michalski  
Eric Ferrell (reactivated)

## Emergency Medical Technician Training

Marcia Excell and Ed Torres are attending Emergency Medical Technician Training at Owens Community College.

## Live Fire Practice

The Washington Township Fire Department will be attending a live fire ground training exercise at The BP Oil Refinery on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Our own Captain Jon Parker who is also a member of the BP Fire Brigade will conduct the training exercise.

## Providing Emergency Care

The Washington Township Fire Department is providing emergency care at Whitmer High School home football games.

## Fire Prevention Week

October 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> is fire prevention week. During fire prevention week The Washington Township Fire Department will visit Shoreland Elementary School for fire safety education. Remember to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

For more interactive fire safety education visit our website, [www.wtfd.net](http://www.wtfd.net).

## Open House

Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2001 The Washington Township Fire Department will be holding an Open House. We invite you all to come and tour your local fire department. The Open House will be from Noon to 4:00pm.

## Feather Party

The Washington Township Fire Department will be holding it's annual Feather Party on Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Please come and support your fire department for this annual fundraiser. All monies raised will go to the purchase of new and updated fire and EMS equipment.

## Firefighter and Police Memorial and Prayer Services

On September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2001 The Washington Township Fire Department along with several other local fire departments attended a memorial service for the victims of the Terrorist Attacks. The service was held downtown at the Government Center. Following the memorial service a procession was held through downtown to Promenade Park.

Father Speier, Washington Township Fire Department Chaplin, moderated a prayer service at Rosary Cathedral for the fallen fire fighters and police officers of the World Trade Center Disaster. In attendance were several area fire and police departments. As well as other Chaplin's from other religious organizations.

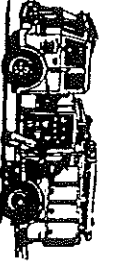
Please keep all of the victims and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

## New York Fire Department 9-1-1 Disaster Relief Fund

A special thank you to all of the people who donated to the FDNY 9-1-1 Disaster Relief Fund. Thanks to your generosity over \$3,500 has gone to this fund. The fire department will continue to accept donations for this fund on Wednesday in the morning between 9:00am to 11:00am and in the evenings between 7:00pm and 9:30pm.

For updated information and event please visit our website, [www.wtfd.net](http://www.wtfd.net)

**REMEMBER TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>.**



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