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Trustee News



Since our last newsletter the Board of Trustees has appointed three new members to the Zoning Boards. We would like to welcome Mr. Ray Barron who has been appointed to serve on the Zoning Commission. Also, welcome to Mr. William Ducey to serve as alternate with the Zoning Board of Appeals and Mr. Gary Miller to serve as alternate with the Zoning Commission. Welcome aboard and a sincere thanks to those of you that took interest in applying for these positions.

In August, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to purchase a tow-behind street sweeper for the Township, costing \$24,836.00. We were paying Progressive Sweeping approximately \$2,200.00 per year for two sweeps of only our curbed streets. We will be setting up a monthly maintenance schedule for all streets, by zones, for the entire Township by next spring. Weather permitting, our goal is to sweep the Township five to seven times a year which would mean the sweeper would pay for itself within four years and we would also be cleaning our uncurbed streets as well. Look for your new tow-behind street sweeper this fall after leaf pick up. She's bright red and is equipped with twin 25HP Kohler engines, a 92" pick up head, a magnetic head for picking up metal objects, two brooms, a 25 gallon water tank with three sprayers, and a 2.0 cubic yard hydraulic hopper!

In August, the Trustees also approved the final draft for the five year plan on our road projects. We will be informing you on future project for our roads in the following issue of the newsletter.

Trustee Kay is still working on the Ottawa River Rap Program, Trustee Shaheen is delegate to our road projects with the help of the Lucas County Engineers, and Trustee Hammer, along with Bryon McIntosh, is heading up the storm water coalition team.

*** The Washington Township Park District is happy to announce that they will be holding an Open House for Township residents on Sat., Nov. 26, 2002, at the NEW Shoreland Park Shelter House. You're invited to join us at Shoreland Park, on the corner of Patriot and Foch Streets, from 3 to 6 pm. Meet the Park Commissioners, see the new building up close, and enjoy a hot beverage and a snack. ***

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POLICE DEPARTMENT



School Days

As we all know, the kids have gone back to school for another academic year, please be extra careful in and around Shoreland School, as well as any other school you are driving near. During "restricted hours" and in the immediate area of a school campus, the speed limit drops to 20 mph. When approaching a busy intersection that has a school crossing guard, traffic MUST yield for children crossing the street anytime the guard holds up a "stop sign". State law directs that all traffic must stop, in both directions, anytime that a school bus has stopped to pick up or discharge children and has its flashing red lights activated. The only exception would be on a divided four lane highway or street, at that point traffic that is traveling in the same direction of the bus MUST stop unless directed by the bus driver to pass.

Protect Identity

Identify theft is the nation's fastest growing crime; this crime affects an estimated 500,000 to 700,000 people in the United States each year! Worst of all, you do not even have to leave home to become a victim and in some cases the thief has never even laid eyes on the victim! Criminals view this crime as a "low risk and high-reward" endeavor. Unfortunately for the victim, this crime takes a considerable amount of time and effort to get your credit accounts and credit history repaired. Many times this type of theft is committed by family, friends, coworkers, or anyone else who has access to personal information. While you can't completely protect yourself, here are some ways to be safer:

1. Cancel unused credit cards and cut them up.
2. Don't carry your social security card with you.
3. Always check your credit card statements. Report unauthorized purchases immediately.
4. Shred statements when you are done with them.
5. Write "ASK for ID" on the back of all credit cards

Want more information? Give us a call at 419-726-0478 or check out this web site:
www.identitytheft.org

Halloween 2002

As of this printing, Lucas County will be celebrating Halloween on Thurs., Oct. 31st from 6 pm to 8 pm. Please make sure that all of our ghosts and goblins are dressed in brightly colored costumes or that a reflective material is used with the costume. Parents, please take a moment and explain to your children that they should not eat any of the goodies until they are inspected by an adult. As usual, the Police Department will have extra crews on-duty in the neighborhoods during this haunting!

Remembering 9/11

It's hard to believe that a year has past since September 11, 2001 and the horror that we all witnessed. On the one year anniversary of this tragedy, memorials were attended by officers of our Police Department at 5/3rd Field and at St. John the Baptist Church in the Point. We would like to express sincere gratitude to the many Township residents that have gone out of the way to make all of us feel appreciated and an important part of your lives. We would like to encourage everyone to continue to keep our servicemen and women in your prayers and thoughts, AND NEVER FORGET 9/11 and THOSE WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE IN SERVICE TO HELP THOSE WHO WERE IN NEED.

ZONING

Summer is over and fall will be here soon. I would like to say thank you to all the residents who have been helpful to me, for this is my first year as the Washington Township Zoning Inspector. In the past four months, I have issued approximately 27 zoning permits, some for pools and fences, and others for sheds and room additions. There are some residents that are unaware that blow up swimming pools purchased at stores, if two feet deep or over, are still required to have a zoning permit and to be fenced in.

I would also like to thank residents for complying with the zoning text. Don't forget that a clean, well-kept property will help property values, so let's all pitch in to keep Washington Township a clean, safe, and healthy neighborhood. And remember, boats, campers, Sea-Doos, and RV's are not permitted in the front yard!

You can check us out on the web at
www.Washington-twp.com/zoning.html

FIRE and RESCUE NEWS



The winter Influenza season is approaching and all persons in a risk group, listed below, should get a flu shot as soon as they are available. Risk groups:

- persons over the age of 50 yrs.
- residents of nursing homes
- adults and children over 6 months of age with heart or lung disease
- adults and children over 6 months of age with diabetes, kidney disease, or immune system diseases.
- women who will be more than three months pregnant during flu season
- children and teenagers on chronic aspirin therapy
- doctors, nurses, and medical care workers
- household members (including children) of people in above high risk groups

Influenza is a DEADLY viral disease for the elderly and those with chronic illnesses. Influenza symptoms come on quickly and can be quite severe in nature. Symptoms include: high fever, headache, extreme exhaustion, dry cough, muscle pain, and sore throat. Influenza is a viral disease and there is medication treatment available that lessens the symptoms and duration of Influenza infection but it must be started within 48 hours of symptom onset. A prescription is required.

Announcing New Members

Mark Sundquist

Pancake Breakfast

The Washington Township Auxilliary will be having a pancake and egg breakfast Sunday, October 13th from 7 am – 2 pm. It will be held at the fire station at 2469 Shoreland. The cost of the breakfast will be \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children. It will be all you can eat pancakes!



Coin Cards

The Washington Township Fire Department will be distributing our semi-annual coin cards. The coin cards are a fundraiser used to purchase new fire equipment. The 2002 coin card donations will be used to purchase a Thermal Image Camera. If you would like more information on the Thermal Image Camera, that your donations are helping to purchase, please contact Rick Phillips at 419-726-2453.

Fire/Rescue Training

The Washington Township Fire Department will be participating in a live fire drill at BP fire training ground on Oct. 25th. This training involves petro-chemical emergencies with gasoline and propane.

Run Totals for 2002 (as of Sept. 18, 2002)

Fire:	24
Rescue:	163



Fire Auxilliary

The Washington Township Fire Department is forming an Auxilliary Membership. If you are interested in participating in the Auxilliary, please contact Andrea Green at 419-726-6566 for more information. Watch the Point and Shoreland Journal for dates and times of meeting.

9/11 One Year Anniversary

The Fire Department attended the September 11, 2001 anniversary services at St. John the Baptist Church, in the morning with the children of St. John's School and in the even with the public. The services were lead by the Washington Township Fire Department Honor Guard consisting of Capt. Dawn, B. Green, J. Samsel, F. Riggs, T. Stange.

Halloween

It's that time again! Halloween is around the corner. The Fire Department will have vehicles out in the neighborhood patrolling, assisting if needed, and handing out candy. We will also be scanning candy at the Fire Station with a metal detector and with our Police Department assisting.

Feather Party

Our Feather Party will be held this year on November 22nd and 23rd. Come join us at the Fire Station, have some fun, and win some prizes just in time to prepare for your Thanksgiving feast!



**ROAD
DEPARTMENT**



Our current project, which began in August, is the resurfacing of the Raintree Subdivision. As with any major undertaking, there have been some unforeseen delays, such as the street of Shallowford needing to be completely rebuilt from the base up. Even with some setbacks, the project completion should still be at the end of November. We appreciate everyone's patience during this resurfacing period. The road department and trustees would appreciate your input on this project. All feedback will be considered and will enable us to make decisions on new perspective bids for future road projects.

The road department has started repairing, replacing, and/or painting signposts and signs. We have painted over 100 posts, replaced 50 signposts, straightened 45 posts, and replaced over 40 signs.

Fall is the season the road department begins preparing for winter. Our fall maintenance program consists of weed control, sweeping, and crack sealing. This year the road department has purchased a Tow-A-Vac street sweeper. This piece of equipment will enable the road department to effectively clean/sweep curbed and uncurbed streets in Washington Township on an as-needed basis. This will also aid in efforts to eliminate debris from entering the sewer system. Street crack sealing should begin the week of September 23, 2002. This involves blowing out and filling cracks with tar based sealer.

Our leaf pick-up schedule will allow for two complete passes throughout the Township. Once you see the temporary no parking signs in your neighborhood plan, for pick-up within the next few days. Remember to rake leaves to the curb only! Do NOT rake leaves into the street or near fire hydrants, this is dangerous to workers, children, and the fire department.

During the snow season, if the snow is expected to accumulate over 2", please don't park in the street.

As always, feel free to call Bryon McIntosh with questions or concerns, 419-726-6908.

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