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The Trustees mentioned in our last issue of the newsletter that we would be researching refuse collection options for our Township. Surprising enough we received very little response to this new endeavor and the majority of the opinions were to not interfere with the services the residents have personally chosen. Trustee, Camille Hammer and Clerk, Becky Bodette attended the 2002 Auditor of State Conference in Columbus this Spring and gathered information on this issue. They met with Attorney, Dirk Plessner with Eastman & Smith, Ltd. who specialize in legal services on solid waste collection. Although many benefits from selecting a single provider for collection were discussed, one prominent problem remains, the lack of control for service provided by a collector without a legal contract. If the service of a provider should fall short of the residents' and Township's expectations we would have little recourse to solve the problems without a binding contract. If the Township were to enter into a legal contract for waste collection this would blanket the entire community and leave the residents with little or no choice on their services. After looking at the issues concerning this matter, we have chosen not to entertain refuse collection for the Township unless you would like us to. Please let us know how you feel about this project so we may better serve you. You can write to us, call us, come to the Township meetings, or email us at trustees@www.washington-twp.com.

Our Township is in need of alternate members for our Zoning Board of Appeals and our Zoning Commission. Both of these boards have five members and five votes each. To guarantee we would consistently have the five members needed, we are looking for individuals who can readily step in to fill the void if lack of attendance should be an issue. These boards do not meet on a regular basis, they meet only when they have issues at hand which could be a few times per year or possibly only once a year for an organizational meeting. The board members are paid \$35 per meeting and the meetings are held in the evening usually around 7:00 pm. To give you a little insight, the Zoning Board of Appeals addresses any issues that vary from the confines of our zoning resolution. The function of the Zoning Commission is to draft the context and language of our zoning resolution. Please contact us if you are interested in joining either of the zoning boards.

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FIRE and RESCUE NEWS

Announcing New Members

Andrew Socie
Tresa Coleman
Donna Ison
Janine Day
Robert Bodi
Judy Stanford
Jason Stacy

Pancake Breakfast

Thank you for all of your support at our Pancake Breakfast. Your support helped raise over \$1,600. This money will be put towards the purchase of a Thermal Image Camera.

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

Thank you to the Park Board for allowing the fire department to use the old shelter house in Shoreland Park for ventilation training. Our firefighters gained hands-on experience ventilating roof structures, breaching walls and gaining access to secured buildings.

Run Totals for 2002 (as of May 8, 2002)

Fire: 12
Rescue: 91

Severe Weather Tips

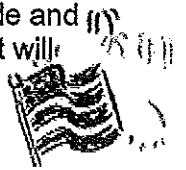
In case of an activated Tornado Siren you are advised to seek shelter. Avoid windows and upper levels of your home.



In the event of severe weather, watch for downed power lines. Should you come across a downed power line do not attempt to move the line, contact Toledo Edison at 419-249-5358 to report it. Safety is the #1 priority!

Summer Fest 2002

Mark your calendars for June 28th and 29th. Summer Fest 2002 will be the most enjoyable and memorable event of the summer! The event will kick off on Friday, June 28th at 6:00 pm with entertainment provided by "Just Cause". Saturday's events will begin at 2:00 pm with chicken dinners and entertainment provided at 7:00 pm by "Xperiment" with the Grand Finale of the sky over Point Place and the Shoreland area coming alive with spectacular color and thunderous fireworks display.



Fire Auxiliary

The fire department is currently forming an Auxiliary Membership. If you are interested in participating in the Auxiliary, please contact Andrea Green at 419-726-6566 for more information. Watch the Point and Shoreland Journal for dates and times of meeting.

ZONING

The warmer weather is approaching us and everyone wants to get out and beautify their yards and add a fence or an addition. Please remember permits are required for fences, additions, pools, garages, etc. If in doubt or if you have any questions, call me, Howard Rudes, at the Township building or on my cell phone at 419-392-0395.

Remember when putting in railroad ties or rocks in your front yard, you must adhere to the road right of way. Also try to remember when cutting your lawn, don't blow the grass clippings in the street. If you have any questions about zoning, don't hesitate to call me; I'll do whatever it takes to answer your questions. Have a great and safe summer.



**POLICE
DEPARTMENT**



Summertime is here again:

With warmer weather more people will be out and about, especially kids and bicycles. Please SLOW DOWN when driving down residential streets and EXPECT the UNEXPECTED.

Don't get SCAMMED!

The Washington Township Police Department is advising all residents about a scam that has been reported recently. This is how the scam works; two people knock at the door wanting to sell a magazine subscription, small talk takes place and the seller tells what a great deal you're getting, then his or her partner asks to use the restroom or the telephone. The sales pitch continues and the person using the restroom quietly looks for small valuables like jewelry, or money and pockets it. When the scam artist or thief returns the sale is made or let go ... you know the rest of the story!

The second scam is even more common, you get a knock on the door and it appears to be someone going door to door offering to do odd jobs or repairs, the price is great, but the scam artists or gypsy needs a "down payment" and they never return, and if they have given you a card or telephone number you can not make contact with them.

What we are recommending is this; never let anyone that you do not know into your house unaccompanied. It is not a good idea to let traveling salesman use your restroom or telephone. There are an abundance of businesses with public restrooms all around the Township, just tell them that yours is "out of order" and you are waiting for the plumber! If someone offers to do odd jobs for you but needs a down payment, you can tell them that you do not have the cash on hand or you are out of checks, but you will be happy to pay in full upon satisfactory completion of the job. Never let anyone inside your home that you do not feel safe about. Call 911 and try to give a good description of the suspects and the direction that they were headed, the better the description that you can give, the better the chance we have in catching the bad guys!

We would like to introduce two new Officers of the Police Department, Benjamin Woody and Don Eagan. Benjamin Woody is a recent graduate of the Police Academy at Owens College. Don Eagan is a veteran Police Officer of the CSX Railroad Police Department. Don also holds several instructor certificates from the State of Ohio.

Play Ball!

Baseball and soccer are in full swing and again we would like to ask everyone to be good sports and set a good example for our young people. If your favorite team is playing at Shoreland Park be aware of the NO PARKING signs before you park your car. Parking regulations will be STRICTLY enforced with NO EXCEPTIONS; the cost of a parking ticket is \$71.00, not to mention totally blowing a good time with the kids. If your team is playing behind Shoreland School, remember East Harbor drive is a one way street just before the curve. Again, we will be enforcing this regulation with NO EXCEPTIONS. If you are cited for a one way street violation, this is a fine and points on your license.

Summer Safety

Parents, we know that even though the youngsters are on vacation you still have to work; we are asking everyone to take a few minutes and go over the "house rules" (ex: who can be in the house and how the youngsters can contact you in an emergency). We are recommending that the pool be "off limits" when you are away from the house unless a responsible adult is in the immediate area. As in past years, with summer comes the topic of bicycle safety; we strongly urge the use of an approved bicycle helmet and pads. Please take some time and review the safety rules for bicycle use with your children. Bicycle license tags are available to all Township residents FREE of charge at the Police Station; 5417 Blessing Drive, Monday - Friday from 8 am to 4 pm.

Graduation Parties

Congratulations to all of our graduates! We know you have worked hard and sacrificed over the past years, but please party responsibly. Alcohol use is restricted to those age 21 and over. Homeowners are responsible for those attending parties and will be held legally responsible for underage consumption! If you are going to allow your child to have a graduation party on your property, we are asking you to make sure that no one under the age of 21 be allowed to drink, and that you monitor all activities. As the homeowner, you may be subject to criminal prosecution for allowing underage consumption; whether you have knowledge of underage consumption or not, this is why we are urging you to monitor all activities.



**ROAD
DEPARTMENT**



The upcoming project in Raintree subdivision, which consists of resurfacing the roads, is still on schedule. Bids will be accepted in early summer and once we award the project, the work should start shortly after.

Just a reminder to residents, grass clippings mowed or raked into the road end up washing down into the storm sewers which cause a back up during significant rain storms. The road department could use everyone's help to prevent this from happening. Please report any illegal dumping of oil or any debris into sewer systems to the road department; keeping the sewers clear will help eliminate unnecessary backups.

All curbed roadways have recently been swept; a second sweeping will be done in late August. We will let you know the dates as they get closer.

At the end of the summer months we will start the sealing of the roads project. This should take around three weeks to complete.

We will be picking up leaves this fall and will make two rounds again like last year. Please do not put your leaves in the road, this is a hazard.

In 2003, the second phase of the Holiday Heights road project should start which will consist of grinding and resurfacing Holiday, Northshore, Capshore, Randon, and Jasik. If you have any questions about this please call me, Bryon McIntosh, at 419-726-6908.

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