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ZONING DEPARTMENT

The Zoning Commission and the Board of Trustees have made some updates to our Zoning Resolution. The Zoning Resolution is available on our Web Site. Some of the updates are:

ACCESSORY BUILDING OR STRUCTURE:

- Recreational items such as skate board ramps and basketball goals shall be located outside the public right-of-way.
- A maximum of two (2) accessory buildings are permitted per principal building.
- No accessory building structure or use shall be occupied or utilized unless the principal structure is occupied or utilized. No accessory building, structure or use may be placed on a lot without a principal building, structure or use.
- Portable restrooms may be placed according to Section 1310 in public parks, playgrounds, and on construction sites. In all other areas they may be placed for a maximum period of four (4) days, two (2) times a calendar year.
- Portable structures such as moving and storage containers and dumpsters may be placed on a property in a R-1A and R-2 District for a period not to exceed one (1) month, two (2) times a calendar year.
- A maximum of 40% of a required yard may be occupied by accessory structures, excluding decks and pools. The remaining 60% of the required yard shall be maintained as open space.
- Any free-standing structure made from any material (plastic, wood, metal, etc.) shall meet all setback requirements. Any structure greater than fifty (50) square feet requires a zoning certificate.

PARKING AND STORING:

- Watercraft, recreational vehicles, utility equipment, and mobile homes shall not be parked or stored on an undeveloped parcel except where permitted in a commercial district.
- Anything stored over six (6') feet in height from ground level, shall be set back from the adjacent property line the additional footage equal to the measurement that is in excess of six (6') feet.

Please feel free to call your zoning inspector with any questions or concerns at 419.392.5381. Thank you to the residents that have cooperated and complied with zoning regulation requests.

FISCAL OFFICER

- Planted a tree at the Township Hall in memory of Judy Guerrero and her 21 years of service.
- All our departments have implemented cost cutting measures.
- We are working on the 2011 Budget.
- Township meeting minutes are now available on our web site.
- Ohio Commission on Local Government Reform & Collaboration report is available at www.ohiotownships.org or www.ohioreformandcollaboration.org
- Ohio Township Association scholarships for high school seniors; information at www.ohiotownships.org
- Please feel free to call with any concerns.
- Thank you for your support and have a safe and happy holiday season.

BLIGHT:

- Vegetation along fences shall not encroach on adjacent properties. Grass along fences must be kept trimmed and shall not exceed five (5") inches in height.
- Firewood and other solid heating fuels when not stacked or piled in a reasonably compact and orderly fashion in the rear yard. Woodpiles must be elevated six (6") inches, located six (6') feet off the lot lines and can not exceed six (6') feet high. Woodpiles may not harbor rodents or be covered with tarps. Such storage shall be subject to all applicable fire regulations.
- Building exteriors must be kept in good condition with no partially completed siding or painted walls. Peeling paint or deteriorating surfaces are prohibited.
- The emission of noxious and odorous matter in such quantities as to be readily detectable at a point along any property line.
- Nonliving or diseased trees and other similar vegetation.
- Standing water that promotes the breeding of insects or becomes stagnate.
- Dilapidated and structurally unsound accessory buildings and the like shall be considered to be trash or waste material and must be removed.
- Noxious or poisonous vegetation is prohibited on any property.

PARKING STORING AND REPAIR:

- The carrying out of repair, restoration and maintenance procedures on vehicles in any residential zoning district, when such work is not conducted entirely within the interior of the vehicle, shall be subject to the following limitations:
- Work on a vehicle exceeding seven (7) days in duration or which requires the vehicle to be immobile or inoperable in excess of seven (7) days shall be carried out within an enclosed building.
- Inoperable vehicles, vehicle parts, equipment, tools, and supplies shall be carried out within an enclosed building.



PARK DEPARTMENT



PARK

A sad note, Debbie Ketcham is leaving the park summer activities. We want to thank Debbie for the 11 years that she contributed to the park system. With hard work and cooperation with everyone involved the summer program was always a successful program. Good Luck Debbie!

We would like to announce that Laura Mayfield will replace Debbie for the summer activities program. Laura worked with Debbie last year "learning the ropes." Welcome aboard Laura!

We would like to thank all the parents and children that participated in this year's summer program. It was a huge success. Laura would like to see more of you next year!

PARK RENTAL

If you would like to rent the Shoreland Park shelter house call Bryon McIntosh at 419-726-6908 to make a reservation. You can also look at the web site to learn about the rentals.

PARK GRASS CUTTING

Would like to thank Dave & Barb Keller for a fine job this year mowing the grass. The park always looks very well groomed. To make their job more efficient we have placed a new John Deere mower in service this year. The old mower had numerous maintenance problems and had to be replaced.

DOG POO BAGS

We have installed two (2) dog poo bag stations in the park. One is located next to the maintenance garage, and the other one is located next to diamond 2 (Rounding River Ln. and Woodfox). Please use them to pick up after your pet. This makes the park more enjoyable for both you and the others that use the park. Just a reminder that when using the park for walking your dog, your pet must be physically restrained by using a leash. This is a state law. The reason that we ask this is:

1. To protect your dog.
2. Show the neighbors that you respect their property and privacy
3. To comply with the state law.

Remember that you are liable for any damage your dog may do to property or people. For more information you can obtain an informational pamphlet at the Township Office.

CLEAN YOUR STREAMS

On September 11th the annual Clean Your Streams was held. In all of Lucas County, 634 people volunteered their time at 49 sites. In Washington Township we had 22 people cleaning 2 different sites. In all they picked up approximately 50 bags full of trash and other debris and 29 tires. This program was sponsored by the Maumee RAP, a division of the Ohio EPA. Thanks to all for a job well done. Bryon McIntosh is the Chair and Denise Rex is Vice Chair coordinators for Washington Township.

TRUSTEE NEWS

YEARS OF SERVICE

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Fiscal Officer - Becky Bodette - 22 years
Trustee - Karen Dutkiewicz - 2 years
Trustee - Ken Kay - 8 years
Trustee - Denise Rex - 6 years

ELECTED OFFICIALS ASSISTANT

Sue Spino - 2 years
Kelly Coressel - 2 years

PARK DEPARTMENT

Superintendent - Bryon McIntosh - 13 years
Barb Keller - 5 years
David Keller - 5 years
Laura Mayfield - 1 year

ZONING INSPECTOR

Becky Bodette - 2 years

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Superintendent - Bryon McIntosh - 13 years
Supervisor - Rick Phillips - 14 years
Glen McIntosh - 19 years
Bob Towers - 9 years
Rob Bodi - 4 years
Bob Worth - 4 years
Bill Rogge - 3 years
Andrew Whitmore - 3 years

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief - Christopher Kaiser - 25 years
Deputy Chief - Harry Thoman - 15 years
Lt. - Dennis Huguélet - 25 years
Sergeant - Ken Bowman - 20 years
Sergeant - John Vanhersett 10 years
Duane Spain - 27 years
Dennis Moszkowicz - 24 years
Terry Picking - 19 years

Tom Fall - 15 years
Craig Matthews - 9 years
Jeff Bodeman - 8 years
Don Egan - 8 years
Paul Brady - 7 years
Jason Picking - 7 years
David Bacon - 4 years
Paul Robaskiewicz - 3 years

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief - Matthew Hart - 31 years	Captain - Bill Long - 10 years	Mel Russell - 5 years	Victor Atkins - 1 year
Asst. Chief - Jim Binienda - 25 years	George Green - 44 years	Dave Bacon - 4 years	Mike Bailey - 1 year
Asst. Chief - Ron Kay 24 years	Bob Green - 42 years	Jim Johnson - 4 years	John Henry - 1 year
Asst. Chief - Bill Dawn 21 years	Tracy Stanford - 13 years	Joe Reams - 4 years	Chris Lewis - 1 year
Captain - Rick Phillips - 35 years	Heather Bacon - 9 years	Laurie Lewis - 3 years	Sean Swigart - 1 year
Captain - Doug Danyko - 21 years	Rob Bodi - 8 years	Rob Priebe - 3 years	
Captain - Jon Parker 18 years	Jason Stacy - 8 years	Matt Staten - 2 years	
Captain - Moe Collins - 10 years	Ryan Alek - 6 years	Craig Willen - 2 years	

WTFD

Chief Matthew Hart
Washington Township Fire Department

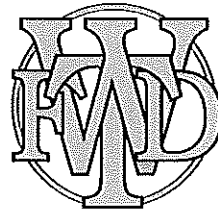
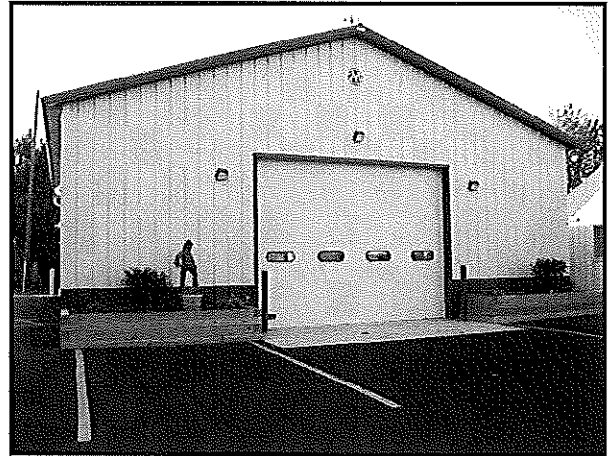
A Big Thanks to everyone that attended our Open House. There were many questions and lots of smiles. It was with pride that we were able to show off all of our apparatus and equipment, as well as our new building and offer explanations of what we do and why we do it. From donuts to hot dogs most everyone shared a bite while learning how we serve our community.

For those of you that were not able to visit during our open house, we always encourage you to stop in, and see what we offer our residents.

A lot of work has been done to improve the grounds of the fire station and improve it's efficiency. And we are all proud of the results. While contractors did a lot of the work, many of our Firefighters volunteered a big part of their time to see the project through. Even our Citizen Fire Corp volunteers participated in the venture by donating the planter boxes and landscaping in front.

Standing guard right up front is a firefighter sculpture that symbolizes the many firefighters that volunteer their time to be ever ready to serve whenever you have that time of need.

Soon you will see the new marker on the front of our station which will allow a little insight on who we are and what we take to heart. This marker will also bear the new number that is a part of the county-wide station identification system.



The Firefighters Feather Party
is just around the corner.
Mark your calendar for
November 19 & 20

Please Support Us

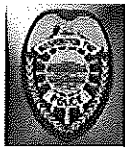
In every newsletter, I always includes a reminder of our Open Burning Regulations for Washington Township residents. Its so important that I'll re-visit this once more. Thanks to those that follow the regulations and remember that fire safety is not just a saying, but a requirement. Please be sure to read, understand, and follow all of the open burning regulations. A copy can be obtained at the Fire Station , Township hall, or on our website at www.wtfd.net

Our best resource ...

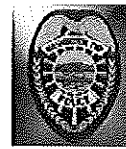
is not our building, It's not our shiny fire engines or our medic units, or boats and hovercrafts, Even though these respond to over 300 emergencies every year, Its still something else. Our fire department has a lot of hose, the best protective gear, and equipment that is used to handle almost any emergency that is presented to us. Radios, and medical supplies, and the list goes on and on. But this list of things is meaningless without our Best resource. . . . Have you figured it out?

Our Best resource is our volunteer men and women who have dedicated their lives to provide a very valuable service for our community. Every firefighter devotes countless hours away from their families... and why? Its Simple - We take on this task for YOU.





POLICE DEPARTMENT



SCHOOLS OPEN

School is back in session. Just a reminder when you are approaching a School, PLEASE SLOW DOWN and obey the posted "School Speed Limit" of 20 Miles per hour. The speed zone is valid during times when the children are present. It is very important to observe this reduced speed. Additionally, all residential side streets are 25MPH. If any resident would like a "Keep Kids Alive Drive 25" sign in their yard, please call our office at (419)726-0478. We will be happy to drop one off to your home.

SHORELAND SCHOOL

With the start of the new school year we would like to remind everyone when dropping off or picking up your child that we will be enforcing a J-Walking restriction on Suder Ave. This means that you are not permitted to park on the East side of Suder Ave. and cross the street to the school. If you must park along Suder you are required to cross the street in the cross walk at Alexis Road with the traffic light. We want to keep our safety record perfect by not having any one hit by a vehicle while crossing the street.

HAUNTED WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

Soon the streets of Washington Township will be filled with Witches, Ghosts, and Goblins; yes it's nearly time for Halloween. Trick or Treat as of this printing is planned for Sunday October 31st from 6:00pm to 8:00 Pm. Once again the Washington Township Police Department and the Washington Township Fire Department will team up for the annual candy inspection at the Fire Station located at 2469 Shoreland Ave. starting at 6:00pm and continuing until 8:30pm. This is a free public service available to everyone; you need not be a Township resident to participate. We encourage everyone to visit the Fire Station and take advantage of this safety check. Parents, we would also encourage you to make sure that VISIBILITY is part of your youngsters costumes by using bright colors, and adding reflective material to costumes, or wearing a reflective vest. Having a flashlight or "Glow Stick" is also a good idea. Rest assured the Police Department will be maintaining high visibility during the trick or treat event.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP DAILY LOG

Check out the [Point and Shoreland Journal](#). Each week we add the "Washington Township Daily Log" which shows the daily activities of the Police Department. While we will not include the exact address or names of who we interact with, we do show the hundred block and the nature of the incident. The Washington Township Police Department would like to extend a note of gratitude to the Journal for providing this service free of charge.

PROTECT YOUR VALUABLES

This past summer we had several reports of vehicles being broken into and items being stolen. We are advising everyone to remove anything of value when parking your vehicles on the street. Never leave lap top computers or even GPS systems in your vehicles. We recommend parking in your driveways and locking up the vehicle.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING SAFETY TIPS

We would like to offer residents several tips on how to protect your valuables from ending up in the wrong hands. First, never keep packages unattended in plain sight in your car any longer than necessary. Ladies, when shopping consider taking ONLY the necessary items such as check book, credit cards, and cash that can be stored using a fanny pack or other carrier that can attach to a belt as opposed to a purse. Park in a well lighted area and approach your car with keys in hand. Also, when approaching your vehicle approach from the PASSENGER side of the car and walk around to the driver's side. By doing this, you can get a clear picture of what or who is inside your vehicle. Never be afraid to contact mall security, store security, or an employee for an escort to your vehicle especially at night or if you have a made a large purchase. Always be aware of your surroundings.

LEAVING ON VACATION / HOUSE CHECKS PROVIDED

If you are going on vacation or away from your home for a few days and would like the police to keep an extra eye on your home, please call our office and provide us with your information. Officers will conduct daily "house checks" on your home.

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, PLEASE REPORT IT

We need you to be our eyes and ears, and everyone needs to look out for each other. Especially at night, if something does not look right, or you hear noises in the night, please call 9-1-1. You may remain anonymous and you need not speak to the Officer if you choose not to. We would rather check out a complaint that turns out to be nothing, than to not have someone call and find out the next day that a crime was committed and by then it's too late. In the event that you do see something, DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CONFRONT THE INDIVIDUAL(S), call 9-1-1 immediately and give an accurate description as soon as possible, including direction of travel, clothing description, race, in cases where a vehicle is involved a license plate and as accurate description as you can of the vehicle.

POLICE DEPARTMENT GETS A NEW CAR

The Police Department recently ordered a new 2010 Ford Crown Victoria patrol car which will be outfitted the with latest Police gadgets. This vehicle will be paid for entirely with proceeds from forfeited/confiscated cash and property seized from DRUG USERS OR DEALERS! Yep, the taxpayers are not shelling out one thin dime for this new car. Federal and State law allows police agencies to confiscate cash, vehicles and other property taken from criminals that use these items either to commit crimes or profits derived from criminal actions. The forfeited funds are then usable by police agencies to purchase equipment used for the direct suppression of crimes such as drug dealing. When we assist or participate with the METRO Drug Task Force we share a portion of any confiscated property or monies. If anyone has information about drug activity in their neighborhood, please call our station.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OFFICERS WHO SERVE

Congratulations to Police Chief Christopher Kaiser and Lieutenant. Dennis Huguelet. Both have reached a milestone of 25 years of service to Washington Township. Sgt. William E. Estok, after reaching 25 years of service, retired from the police department on May 1st, 2010. Lastly, Officer John Van Hersett was promoted from the rank of Patrolman to Sergeant on July 1st, 2010. Sergeant Van Hersett is also assigned as the detective who oversees the departments investigative services division.



ROAD DEPARTMENT



NEW SIGNS

We have replaced all the street name signs and informational signs in the Township with the new high retro-reflective coating. The majority of the cost of the signs was paid for by a grant from the State of Ohio. We are proud to accomplish this because we are the first township to finish this project.

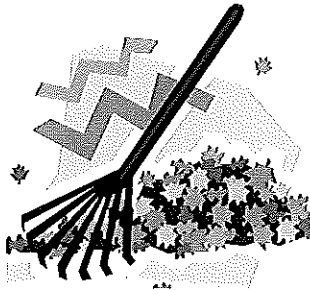
NEW TRUCK

We have a new Dodge 5500 crew cab with a dump box on it. This truck is also equipped with a snow plow. This vehicle is one of the most fuel effective trucks made today. Less exhaust particulates means that when the road department is working on the roads there is less emissions coming out the exhaust.

LEAF PICKUP

Soon the leaves will be falling. Here are a few tips.

1. All leaves must be loose
2. All leaves must be next to the curb
3. NO leaves in the street
4. NO bagged leaves
5. NO tree trimmings
6. NO sticks or twigs
7. NO parking next to the leaf pile



We plan to start collecting leaves October 27th thru December 3rd.

We may start sooner if the leaves start to fall earlier.

SALT SUPPLY

This year we have entered a contract with Lucas County, State of Ohio and Grain of Salt. Between these entities we should have an adequate supply of road salt.

SNOW REMOVAL

When the forecast says that we will have an excess of 2" of snow, we ask that you refrain from parking on the street. This will make our job easier and safer, and less aggravating for you.

These tips can help to expedite snow removal and ensure public safety.

- Stay back at least 50' from the rear of the plow truck so the driver can see you. (If you can't see the driver in his mirrors he can't see you)
- Park your vehicles in the driveway and don't allow any vehicles to hang out into the roadway. Cars in the roadway hinder the performance of the snow removal operations.
- Children are attracted to snowplow trucks. Teach your children to stay behind the sidewalks when they see the trucks coming.
- Avoid passing or driving beside these trucks.
- When shoveling your driveway, avoid placing the snow from your driveway back into the street. You will also find that less snow is pushed into your driveway by shoveling the snow from your driveway to the down side of your driveway (down street is the direction traffic flows).
- Portable basketball goals, hockey goals, skate board ramps and other portable structures should be removed from the street so that the plow trucks can reach to the curb and not damage the truck or portable structures.
- Remember to clear sidewalks adjacent to your property.



SNOW EMERGENCY LEVELS

Level 1 - A Level One Snow Emergency means that roads (township and county, mainly secondary) are hazardous with the possibility of blowing and drifting snow. Roads are icy and drivers should use caution if they choose to drive.

Level 2 - A Level Two Snow Emergency means that roads are hazardous (including primary roads) with blowing and drifting snow a possibility. Only those who feel it is necessary to drive should be on these roadways. Employees should contact their employers to see if they should report to work.

Level 3 - A Level Three Snow Emergency means that roads are closed to all non-essential personnel. No one should be out during these conditions unless it is absolutely necessary to travel. All employees should contact their employer to see if they should report to work. Those traveling on any roadway in the county may subject themselves to citation or arrest.

The decision to call any of the above levels is a specific and difficult one. The Sheriff makes the initiative based on information he and his designees gather. These decisions shall be given to all local media. Please do not call the Sheriff's Office or 9-1-1 during such emergencies; listen to your favorite radio station for information. If they do not have the information, or are not giving it out, change to another station. The Sheriff will immediately announce when conditions have downgraded and the level changes.

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