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TRUSTEE NEWS

From the Trustees...

Greeting from the Trustees of Washington Township. It is our hope that each of the residents of our community have had a safe and pleasant summer.

Once again the prospect of falling leaves, school buses and a series of holidays to celebrate have made their way into our already too busy lives. Our calendars begin to fill up with football schedules, parties to go to and the preparation for the gift giving season. Along with all this activity comes the accompanying issues that are specific to each of our department heads as it pertains to our neighborhoods and community at large. The fall season has its own set of circumstances and situations unlike each of our other seasonal concerns.

No one can tell their story better than those people in charge of their own specific areas of responsibility. That is why we like each of our department heads, police, roads, fire, zoning and fiscal officer to have their say about their departments. Pay close attention to their words of wisdom. Our Township has benefited enormously from their many years of experience and attention to detail.

By way of a reminder, this fall, on November 3rd each of our residents will have a chance to cast their vote on a variety of issues and potential new office holders of elected positions that need to be filled. Please try to make your way to the voting polls on November 3rd and cast your vote. If you are not a registered voter there is still time to register. Voting is one of your most effective ways to make your voice be heard. Voting is not just a right, it is our responsibility.

Respectfully,

The Washington Township Trustees

Ken Kay, Denise Rex, John Henry

October 2015

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15th – Meeting at Township Hall at 7:00 pm
31st - Halloween

January 2016

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1st – Office Closed
1st – New Years Day
21st – Meeting at Township Hall at 7:00 pm
18th – Office Closed
18th – Martin Luther King Jr Day

November 2015

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3rd - Election Day
11th – Office Closed
19th – Meeting at Township Hall at 7:00 pm
20th & 21st – Feather Party
26th & 27th – Office Closed
26th - Thanksgiving

February 2016

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18th – Meeting at Township Hall at 7:00 pm
15th – Office Closed
15th – President's Day

December 2015

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17th – Meeting at Township Hall at 7:00 pm
24th – Jan. 1st – Office Closed
25th - Christmas

March 2016

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17th – Meeting at Township Hall at 7:00 pm



PARK DEPARTMENT



SHORELAND PARK SUPERVISED ACTIVITIES

During the summer of 2015, second year staff member, Christina Pinciotti, was able to work the Shoreland Park Summer Program alongside her sister Victoria Pinciotti. Together, they worked on various crafts for the summer holidays like Father's Day and Fourth of July, brought in presenters from the Washington Township Fire Department, the instructor for the Toledo Watershed Academy, and had another enormous success with their play The Little Mermaid. None of these things would have been possible for them without the Township's help and continued support. They would like to thank everyone at Washington Township offices, especially Bryon McIntosh. One of the highlights for these sisters was performing the play for a number of parents and guests. They are so appreciative for all of the help they received as well as all those who came out to watch. Everyone worked very hard to pull off the show. Both Christina and Victoria wanted to take the play to a new level this year which was seen in the elaborate costumes, set, and the number of songs the kids performed. In closing, they agree that this year was very successful and hope to continue that trend in the years to come.

CONFINING YOUR DOG

At all times dogs must be physically restrained by the owner, or keeper by a **leash or tether**. Where you ask? Anywhere in the state of Ohio. This also means in **Shoreland Park**. You are liable for any damage your dog may do to property or people. The penalty for failure to properly confine your dog could be up to **\$250.00 in fines or up to 30 days in jail** so please keep your dogs on a leash and in control. We also have (two) dog bags located at both ends of the park so if your dog does their business please pick it up, this is becoming a real health issue. I have been getting many complaints of dogs not being on a leash or cleaned up after.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

To the residents that have cooperated and complied with zoning regulation requests **THANK YOU**.

November 2, 2015 is the sixty seven year anniversary of our Zoning Resolution. Zoning regulations are in place to maintain our property values, protect our residents from disputes, and promote public safety and welfare.

Clear visibility across road right-of-ways is very important. Pedestrians use the right-of-way, your neighbors need a clear view when they enter and exit their driveways, and the snow plows will be out soon, all reasons to clear your road right-of-way of everything:

- **SUBDIVISIONS ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAYS**
- **FULLERS, RAINTREE, SHORELAND HEIGHTS -60 FEET**
- **FULLERS CUL-DE-SACS, ALEXIS PLACE AND SHORELAND PROPER-50 FEET**
- **MAJOR ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAYS**
- **SHORELAND-60 FEET**
- **SUDER-50 FEET**
- **SUDER AND SUMMIT- AVAILABLE BY CALLING 419.392.5381**

If your road right of way is 60 foot then you would measure 30 feet from the center of the road into your yard, that entire 30 feet is all road right-of-way and needs to be a clear zone.

Fences, plant material, earth mounds and similar screening devices between the principal building and a street, are permitted provided that the height of such device does not exceed forty-two (42") in height as measured at the adjacent road grade and provided the material is not located within the public right-of-way. Please keep your lot line plantings trimmed down to 42 inches high or less, and do not let them project into the road right of way or grow over your neighbor's property.

Please keep your grass clippings off the road and your neighbors property, and keep your water run off on your property.

Address numbers need to be visible from the road.

Please feel free to call your zoning inspector with any questions or concerns at 419.392.5381.

Thank you for your time and consideration with our township zoning.



WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Matthew J. Hart



WE NEED YOU!

**WTFD Is Recruiting
Paid Per Call
Firefighters & EMT's
SIGN UP TODAY!**

Our emergency response run volume is trending up dramatically from last year. We are currently on track for 2015 being a record year. If this trend continues, your firefighter/EMT's will answer over 400 calls. This is a lot for our small department. But we are a group of caring individuals that have committed a portion of our lives to you - our community. And we are asking you to do the same. - VOLUNTEER !

Fire Prevention Week, October 4-10, 2015

"Hear the Beep Where You Sleep: Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm"

If you don't have a working Smoke Detector, Stop in to our fire station anytime Monday through Friday to get yours. We provide them to our residents for Free!



The Firefighters Feather Party is just around the corner.
Mark your calendar for November 20th & 21st
Come and join in the fun and Support Your Firefighters!



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Point Place - Shoreland - Washington Twp. area Medical Professionals, would you be interested in serving the community for medical emergencies but don't want to fight fire? If you are interested in just becoming an EMT, responding to emergencies, but not fighting fires, We have a place for you!

DON'T DELAY SIGN UP TODAY!

FIREFIGHTING DOESN'T HAVE TO INVOLVE FIRE.

**YOUR COMMUNITY
IS CALLING**





POLICE DEPARTMENT



WHO TO CALL AND HOW CAN WE FIND YOU!!

Recurring problem for the Police Department are citizens calling the Police station to report a problem or an emergency and leaving a message on the recorder. We are ASKING everyone to dial 9-1-1 ANYTIME you need a Police Officer. Calls received by 9-1-1 are then categorized by emergency or priority classification, so no need to be concerned as to "this is not an emergency."

Additionally, we are again asking everyone to place your house numbers (address) somewhere on your property or curbing. Nighttime can be especially difficult for the Police or other emergency responders to find you in an emergency if there is no address on or near the house.

HEADLIGHTS AND WINDSHIELDS

Strangely enough State law requires motorists to utilize headlights on vehicles any time that the windshield wipers are used regardless of outside lighting conditions.

HEY IT'S DARK OUTSIDE!

When you notice a street light out report those dark areas to Toledo Edison via their web page or by calling the Police Station directly during normal business hours.

SCHOOL TIME:

No doubt you have noticed some commotion in the early morning hours, then.....QUIET. That can only mean one thing; A New School Year Is Upon Us!! A mixture of delight and sadness abounds as academia is now in full swing. Taking a moment to review school safety Practices with your youngsters as well as yourself is quite important. As a driver we ask you to slow down on residential streets in the morning and mid afternoon. The big yellow school buses play a huge part of your child's school experience. Remember! When the REDS FLASH the Traffic STOPS! During restricted hours in and around the school buildings or children present, the speed limits DROP to 20 MPH.

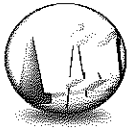
Again this year parents and grandparents to set a good example for the children and for reasons of safety, we ask that you do not park in a location where you must "J-Walk" to get to or from the school building. Please have an ongoing discussion with your children on the importance of crossing the street at crosswalks using the traffic lights. Explain to your child never to accept a ride with a stranger and what to do should they be approached. A good rule of thumb would be to develop a "secret code" that would be used should someone unfamiliar to your child be sent to pick up him or her from school. Last and certainly not the end, take time to talk and LISTEN about your child's day at school. These are precious and time flying days; something as seemingly unimportant about who spilled their milk at lunch, or who has the coolest back pack makes a huge impact on your child. We sincerely hope that EVERYONE has a great school year!

POST NO BILLS

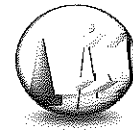
A phrase not heard for some time, but this could turn into a safety hazard for cable, telephone, and Edison repairmen. When you tack or nail into the wooden telephone poles you are unintentionally creating a shock or safety hazard for those linemen. The nails or tacks stick out and can tear into rubberized boots and gloves that these folks depend on as safety equipment. These items can also cause a nasty injury to anybody coming into contact with the poles.

OH GREAT PUMPKIN WHERE ARE YOU!?

To coin a phrase, but Halloween is just around the corner. This year as in years past the Washington Township Police will be out in force to make sure that there are no unpleasant tricks. We also ask that parents be aware of who your youngsters are out with, and that they do not sample any of the treats until you or someone responsible inspects the packaging. Again, this year we will be working with the Township Fire Department on candy inspections. The inspections will take place at the Township Fire Station 2469 Shoreland Ave. from 6pm until ?? This is open to everyone in and around Washington Township, the price is FREE!!



ROAD DEPARTMENT



Due to the very cold winter we had last season, we had our share of road repairs that developed over the spring and summer. During the annual crack sealing program we concentrated in the Old Shoreland area of the township. Just in this one area we applied twice the amount of hot tar than we usually apply. We also applied hot spray tar and stone in various parts of the township due to severity of the road conditions. Currently we are working on six storm sewer cave-in projects, we have already repaired a few other sewers that collapsed. While repairing the sewers we noticed a lot of blue advertising bags in the streets and driveways. These bags, when it is raining, float down to the sewers and plug them up. Some of the items that have been removing out of the storm sewers are: blue and yellow advertising bags, phone books, magazines, golf balls, tennis balls, miscellaneous car parts, and concrete; also a lot of grass clippings. When cutting your grass do not allow your grass clippings to go out into the street. If so just blow the street off. Remember that the street sewers are for water only, they all flow into the local streams. We strongly ask you to stop throwing any type of debris in the road. This is the number one contributor for flooding along with a two day North East Wind and 8 inches of rain. We are working with Lucas County and others to keep the sewers flowing at their best potential to help with water issues. You can help by keeping the sewer lid clear of grass clippings and anything that is near or on top of sewer lids.

This past winter we saw less residents throwing there snow into the street. Thank you. When you do this you are creating a road hazard which could result in an accident. Also this causes us to use extra road salt and more man hours.

FISCAL OFFICER NEWS

2015 FUNDS	1.1.15 BALANCE	RECEIPTS	EXPENDED	09.14.15 BALANCE
General	\$334,227.58	\$210,820.26	\$211,140.02	\$333,907.82
Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$2,252.77	\$2,244.24	\$1,852.75	\$2,644.26
Gasoline Tax	\$51,931.21	\$74,220.98	\$72,926.95	\$53,225.24
Road and Bridge	\$14,136.19	\$100,470.22	\$111,512.64	\$3,093.77
Special Levy Police	\$288,552.18	\$456,948.39	\$390,899.36	\$354,601.21
Special Levy Fire	\$1,466.51	\$306,671.27	\$217,249.07	\$90,888.71
Special Levy Park	\$101,866.37	\$53,283.84	\$55,660.87	\$99,489.34
Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$13,961.30	\$24,228.03	\$38,127.95	\$61.38
Law Enforcement Trust	\$39,930.68	\$2,825.04	\$3,818.32	\$38,937.40
Enforcement and Education	\$5,684.39	\$420.00	\$-	\$6,104.39
Special Revenue Lighting	\$4,392.04	\$28,902.56	\$25,191.90	\$8,102.70
	\$858,401.22	\$1,261,034.83	\$1,128,379.83	\$991,056.22

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OFFICE HOURS - POLICE

Monday through Friday
8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

OFFICE HOURS - ELECTED OFFICIALS ASSISTANT

Monday through Friday
8:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon