

# Washington T O W N S H I P

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## ROAD DEPARTMENT



Due to the harsh winter that just ended, our annual road crack sealing will start soon. The reason that we do this is sealing the cracks in the roadway helps extend the life of our roads (pot holes). In your travels if you see a pot hole please report it to the Road Department. When you see us doing the crack sealing we ask you that you do not drive on the hot tar. Driving on the tar that we just put down will lift the material off the road; it will stick to your tires and will be tracked onto your driveway.

This year as time permits, we will be out sweeping the streets, hopefully every 3 to 4 weeks. When cutting your grass we ask that you do not allow your grass clippings to go out into the street. By not allowing the clippings to go out into the street it will prevent the storm sewers from plugging up, and flooding the area. Remember that the street sewers are for water only; they all flow into the local streams.

Last year during the annual leaf pickup we collected over 650 cubic yards. This was an increase over the previous year. Thanks to all that kept the branches and tree twigs out of the piles. In doing this we had no breakdown of equipment.

This past winter, we saw a record amount of snow. We used over 450 tons of road salt to keep our roads safe. Some of the snow storms surprised us, many times we were informed that we would only receive 1-2 inches of snow, but when it all ended we had over 6 inches. Thank you to the residents that did not throw the snow back out into the street after we went by with the plow.

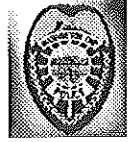
Then in February we had the ice storm hit. We experienced a record number of phone calls about picking up the storm damaged tree limbs. After consulting with the Trustees, we had a couple of tree service companies come out and bid on the removal of the limbs. We were happy to have Vaughn's tree service come and assist the road department in the removal of the limbs.

## FISCAL OFFICER

2010 FUNDS	1-1-10 BALANCE	2010 +	2010 -	12-31-10 BALANCE
GENERAL	\$171,478.03	\$154,742.68	\$123,930.10	\$202,290.61
MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAX	\$5,305.72	\$3,816.86	\$181.21	\$8,941.37
GASOLINE TAX	\$104,812.68	\$87,961.27	\$70,436.85	\$122,337.10
ROAD AND BRIDGE	\$23,330.07	\$75,514.51	\$51,316.22	\$47,528.36
SPECIAL LEVY POLICE	\$33,170.77	\$613,043.27	\$537,570.64	\$108,643.40
SPECIAL LEVY FIRE	\$146,687.56	\$356,565.93	\$409,265.92	\$93,987.57
SPECIAL LEVY ROADS	\$57,390.66	\$51,345.32	\$96,630.57	\$12,105.41
SPECIAL LEVY PARK	\$63,583.14	\$65,156.46	\$50,598.95	\$78,140.65
PERMISSIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAX	\$15,857.39	\$8,914.71	\$9,954.41	\$14,817.69
LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST	\$18,280.34	\$44,771.78	\$25,000.00	\$38,052.12
ENFORCEMENT AND EDUCATION	\$7,945.82	\$160.00	\$511.59	\$7,594.23
SPECIAL REVENUE LIGHTING	\$16,850.36	\$22,401.90	\$23,152.62	\$16,099.64
PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT	\$528.93	\$-	\$-	\$528.93
TOTAL	\$665,221.47	\$1,484,394.69	\$1,398,549.08	\$751,067.08



# POLICE DEPARTMENT



## **GRADUATION PARTIES AND PROMS**

Congratulations to all of the upcoming graduates! We do not want to take away from the festivities by having to arrest partygoers and the homeowner for underage consumption of Alcohol. Those hosting parties ARE RESPONSIBLE for underage consumption of ALCOHOL during the party. During Graduation parties, please consider your neighbors and be sensitive to the time of day when you are having the party and how the audible entertainment is provided.

Prom season is nearly upon us. One of the worst assignments a Police Officer will ever have is telling a parent that their son or daughter has been killed in a traffic accident. Alcohol is many times a prime factor in traffic accidents during this time of year. Parents; HAVE A TALK WITH YOUR TEEN, and make sure they understand NO DRINKING!

## **PARKING IN AND AROUND SHORELAND PARK**

Once again the Washington Township Police Department will be stepping up parking enforcement during the softball games being played at Shoreland Park. We are asking parents that are involved with this program to remind your coach and other team member's parents of the parking regulations that exist near the Park. Citations that are issued by the Township Police have a price tag of \$80.00 to \$100.00!

## **SIDE STREET SPEED LIMITS**

Please remember that unless otherwise posted, the speed limits for side streets and residential areas are 25 M.P.H. With the warmer weather expect that children will be playing outdoors more frequently and many times will not be looking for you and your cars when traveling down a side street or when backing out of a driveway.

## **BICYCLE SAFETY**

We are urging all parents to take some extra time and review bicycle and outdoor safety with your youngsters. Urge your child to wear protective padding and helmets when using bicycles, skateboards, and rollerblades. These items cost little compared to the injuries that they prevent. Those of you that ride bicycles in the evenings, we would also like to remind you that it is recommended; to wear a reflective type of vest and safety padding as well. The Ohio revised code also REQUIRES that bicycles have the proper lighting when being ridden during the night time hours.

## **CRIME ALERT BULLITEN**

The Point and Shoreland communities have recently had an increase of abandon homes being broken into. Generally, copper wiring and other items involving metallic type piping have been removed. In some cases when water pipes have been removed this has resulted in flooding within the dwellings. Additionally, there have been isolated instances when the gas service has been affected resulting in a gas leak. We are asking everyone to be diligent in reporting suspicious activity in and near abandon and vacant homes or structures to 9-1-1. We urge you not to confront anyone suspicious, but attempt to get a complete physical description when possible including clothing, vehicle and direction of travel.

## **BOATING SAFETY**

We are urging all boaters as well as Jet Ski riders to take some time before the official launch of the season, to check with the U.S Coast Guard for a safety inspection of your vessel.

Approved Life Jackets are an ABSOLUTE must for all persons on board every time you leave port. Washington Township has enjoyed an impeccable safety record along the Ottawa River in recent years, and we really want you to be safe. The U.S Coast Guard offers an abundant amount of information, on safe boating from their web site at [www.uscg.mil](http://www.uscg.mil)

## **MOTORCYCLE SAFETY**

With the warmer weather and the rising cost of fuel; motorcycles will be on the roads. The Ohio revised code requires that all riders under the age of 18 and those that are "Novices" are REQUIRED to wear a D.O.T approved helmet. It is OUR STRONG URGING and recommendation that EVERYONE wears a D.O.T Approved helmet with a high "SNELL" rating. Additionally, boots, gloves and jacket are also recommended while riding regardless of experience.

## **POOL SAFETY**

This topic says it all; POOL SAFETY is something everyone needs to be mindful of. We are urging anyone with a pool or outdoor pond to think about how to make this area not only "Child Proof"; but HUMAN PROOF as well. Please remind your children of the "Safety Rules" and the do's and don'ts in and around the pool or pond area. When preparing the pool or pond for the season, consider having a life ring or other type of quick rescue pole in area. IF YOU SUSPECT SOMEONE HAS BECOME THE VICTIM OF A DROWNING; CALL 9-1-1 IMMEDIATELY AND FOLLOW THE OPERATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS.

# WEBSITE NEWS

## **UPDATE**

There have been some recent changes to the Washington Township website that we wanted you the resident to know about.

- There is a new tab called "News." We will be putting any important information that needs to get out to you the resident, under this tab. Example, meeting cancellation or special meeting notices.
- We now put all draft meeting minutes on the site before the meetings take place and after the meeting has occurred we put up the approved minutes.
- The Zoning Commission and Zoning Appeals meeting minutes can now be found on the website too!

Please check out the website ([www.washington-twp.com](http://www.washington-twp.com)) and let us know how we can make the site more user friendly for you the resident!

The Washington Township Fire Department's members represent a diverse spectrum of professionals who share the Compassion and the Dedication to keep our community safe.

Together, we form what is considered to be the most progressive volunteer fire department in the region. We have been recognized for our service, our safe practices, and our state of the art equipment.

Participation as a "Volunteer Firefighter" brings many personal rewards and great satisfaction, and gives a tremendous sense of accomplishment for a job well done.

We want to share this opportunity with you!

We want you to join us in a profession that focuses on helping others, working as a team, and keeping yourself in top mental and physical condition. It does involve a lot of work, but the rewards far exceed the efforts. Assisting your community by being a volunteer firefighter with Washington Township provides our citizens with valuable services that will touch the lives of many in one way or another.

**HONOR  
PRIDE  
INTEGRITY**

For more information on becoming a Firefighter/EMT  
Stop by the Station at 2469 Shoreland Ave.  
on any Wednesday Evening 7pm - 9pm

Email: [firefighters@wtfcd.net](mailto:firefighters@wtfcd.net)  
Or Call 419-726-2453

[www.wtfcd.net](http://www.wtfcd.net)

Join Our Team

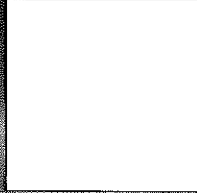
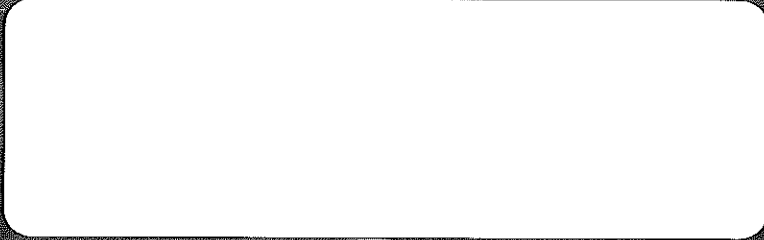
# WASHINGTON TWP. FIRE DEPARTMENT



Washington Township Fire Department  
2469 Shoreland Ave.  
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Matthew J. Hart  
Fire Chief



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

## VOLUNTEER BENEFITS

- \* Free Training
- \* Free Uniforms
- \* Pay per call / training / duty
- \* Worker's Compensation

Intangible rewards are even greater:

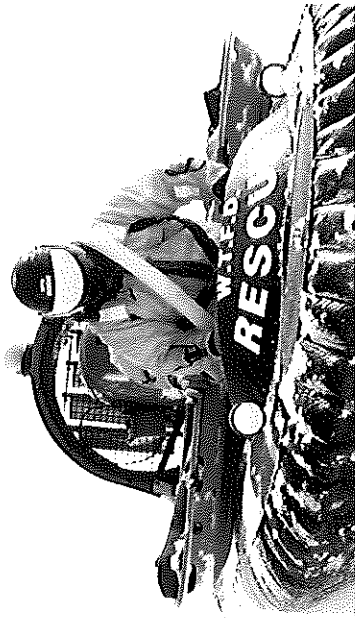
- \* Satisfaction of helping others and making a difference
- \* New bonds with team members and with members of the community
- \* Skills that last a lifetime

## VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

- \* 18 Years of Age
- \* Must live in Washington Township or within a 1 mile radius of the fire station
- \* Pass a Medical Exam
- \* Criminal History Check
- \* Driving History Check
- \* Pass Physical Endurance & Agility Testing

Within the 16 month probationary period, recruits must complete -

State of Ohio Volunteer Firefighter (36 hours)  
Emergency Medical Technician (150 hours)  
and pass testing for each to receive state certifications. This is in addition to department specific training.



# Pride, Excitement, Challenge.

Volunteering for fire and rescue service offers committed individuals the opportunity to experience one of the most diverse and challenging professions today. The emergency services provided by WTFD include providing prompt emergency medical care and transport, fire suppression, vehicle extrication ("jaws of life"), water & ice rescues and other types of specialty rescues, and responding to other 911 dispatched calls.

*It's exciting, exhilarating and rewarding!*

The personal rewards and satisfaction each of us receives from volunteer service are often beyond description. The sense of accomplishment after controlling a building fire, the joy and elation when a child is born, the compassion for accident victims, the fulfillment of teaching fire safety and prevention— and the list goes on.

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE

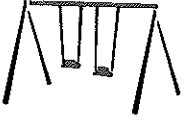
When volunteers aren't running calls and providing emergency services, they participate in:  
EDUCATION

Volunteers educate the public on many issues, including fire prevention and safety, health education, injury prevention and CPR.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

Members participate in various activities such as the Summerfest and Point Place Parade, EMS at Whitmer High School and Shoreland School football games, Halloween Trick or Treat patrol and bringing Santa around the community at Christmas-time on our very own "Polar Express".

# We Need Your Help - Volunteer!



# PARK DEPARTMENT



## **SHORELAND PARK SUPERVISED ACTIVITIES TO BEGIN JUNE 13, 2011**

Shoreland Park's Supervised Activities will begin on June 13<sup>th</sup> and run through August 5<sup>th</sup>. Supervised activities will include games, crafts, and bingo. Children must be 7 years old and be able to work on crafts independently or an adult must stay and help them. A permission slip is required. The summer's hours will be Monday thru Friday from 10:00a.m.-2:00p.m. There will be no Supervised Activities June 23<sup>rd</sup> and June 24<sup>th</sup>; due to Summerfest. We look forward to seeing all the children again this summer. The sand castle contest date will be announced at a later date, we will send a slip home with the children announcing when it's going to be held.

## **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 dog bags located at both ends of the park so if your dog does his or her business please pick it up this is becoming a real health issue.

## **PARK SHELTER HOUSE**

If anyone is having a Birthday Party, Graduation party, Baby Shower or Family Reunion and would like to rent the hall please give Bryon McIntosh a call. He will be happy to discuss the details with you.

# ZONING DEPARTMENT

	2008	2009	2010
HEARINGS	2	2	4
PERMITS	36	40	33
STOP WORK NOTICE	2	1	0
VIOLATIONS	100	118	86
WARNING LETTERS	112	28	48

## **TIME FOR SPRING PROJECTS**

- Our township valuation in 2001 was \$39,389,969; in 2006 it was \$55,257,400; now it is \$47,176,860. We all need to work together to keep our valuation up.
- Please paint your shed if it needs it. Keep your woodpiles in the back yard six feet off the lot lines, six inches off the ground and not over six feet high. The road right of way must be clear, especially corner lots. Visibility obstructions have to be removed.
- Feel free to call me with any questions or concerns and our Zoning Resolution is on line.
- Thanks to all the residents that have been so cooperative with zoning rules.

# TRUSTEE NEWS

## **STORM WATER SURCHARGE**

To bring the county in line with federal mandates the Lucas County Commissioners are expected to approve the creation of a storm-water utility district in May, which would be supported by new fees levied on property owners. The district will manage storm water runoff and improve the cleanliness waterways.

The average homeowner will pay \$48.72 a year towards the district. If you have any questions you can contact Commissioner Pete Gerken at 419.213.4084.

## **THE FOLLOWING LOCATION WILL ACCEPT YARD WASTER FOR FREE**

Toledo Topsoil & Mulch LLC 5315 Stickney Ave Toledo OH 43612

Phone: 419-729.7280

Dates of Operation: March – November Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, Saturday 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

There are more information and locations go to [www.co.lucas.us](http://www.co.lucas.us)

## **FLOOD PLAIN MAPS**

The Red Disclaimer of this being a preliminary map will be removed on August 16, 2011 making the map final.

## **SUMMERFEST 2011**

June 25<sup>th</sup> is the date that has been set aside for the Annual Washington Township Firefighters Summerfest Celebration. Watch for information and updates in the Point & Shoreland Journal.

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