



# Washington T O W N S H I P

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## TRUSTEE NEWS

### WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP RECEIVES 2011 BEST OF TOLEDO AWARD

Washington Township has been selected for the 2011 Best of Toledo Award in the Executive Offices category by the U.S. Commerce Association (USCA).

The USCA "Best of Local Business" Award Program recognizes outstanding local businesses throughout the country. Each year, the USCA identifies companies that they believe have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and community.

Various sources of information were gathered and analyzed to choose the winners in each category. The 2011 USCA Award Program focuses on quality, not quantity. Winners are determined based on the information gathered both internally by the USCA and data provided by third parties.

We are very proud to hear that the Township received this award; it shows that everyone's hard work and dedication is recognized!

### DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

The township has two positions up for election, one trustee position and the fiscal officer. Election Day is Tuesday November 8<sup>th</sup>. Please don't forget to vote!

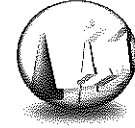
## FISCAL OFFICER

### FUND BALANCES AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

GENERAL	\$298,933.04
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$7,702.09
GASOLINE	\$98,973.69
ROAD & BRIDGE	\$45,432.17
POLICE	\$283,613.98
FIRE	\$130,018.95
PARK	\$96,880.74
PERMISSIVE MOTOR VEHICLE	\$16,260.85
LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST	\$37,329.59
LAW ENFORCEMENT & EDUCATION	\$7,628.32
STREET LIGHTS	\$21,885.44



# ROAD DEPARTMENT



## CLEAN YOUR STREAMS

This year clean your streams was held on September 17, 2011. This is an annual event and our Road Superintendent Bryon McIntosh chairs this event for the township locations. This year 7 of the 726 volunteers cleaned at 2 different sites in Washington Township and removed over 22 bags of trash and 24 tires. If interested in volunteering for next year, contact the Road Superintendent at the township office.

## FALL LEAF PICK UP

We plan to start leaf pickup the last week of October. In order to protect operators and equipment please follow these basic rules:

- All leaves must be loose
- Put leaves next to curb
- NO leaves in the street
- NO tree trimmings
- NO sticks or twigs
- No parking next to or over top of leaf piles

Your cooperation will make this process run much smoother and safer!



## EMERALD ASH BORER ASH TREE REMOVAL PROGRAM

Do you need help removing Ash Trees from your yard? If you do, the WSOS Community Action Commission Inc. can help. You could receive approval for 40% Cost Share assistance for tree removal only of up two Ash Trees. To find out more information on this please contact WSOS at 419.334.8911 or on their website [www.wsos.org](http://www.wsos.org). Township hall also has the information.

## SNOW REMOVAL

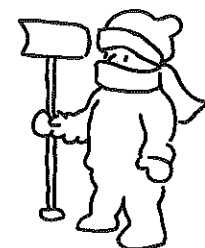
If the forecast calls for snow in excess of 2", we ask that you refrain from parking on the street. This provides the snowplows the clearance they need to clean the streets and eliminates cars from being "plowed in." The following tips help to expedite snow removal:

- \* 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 mirror he can't see you.)
- \* Park your vehicles in the driveway and don't allow any vehicles to hang out into the roadway.
- \* Children are attracted to snowplow trucks. Teach your children to stay behind the sidewalks when they see trucks coming.
- \* Avoid passing or driving beside these trucks.
- \* When shoveling your driveway, avoid placing the snow from your driveway back into the street.
- \* Remember to clear sidewalks adjacent to your property.

During heavy snow there is a possibility that you may experience more plowed snow at the end of your driveway. This cannot be helped, it is not done to cause aggravation or to anger anyone. The main objective is to clear the roadways and make them safe for necessary travel. When clearing snow at the end of your driveway, please shovel it to either side of your driveway and not back into the roadway.

We thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation.

Contact the Road or Police Department for snow emergency level definitions.



# FIRE DEPARTMENT

"Neither cold, nor darkness will deter good people from hastening to the dreadful place to quench the flame. They do it not for the sake of reward or fame; but they have a reward in themselves, and they love one another".

- Benjamin Franklin

*The man who established the first Volunteer Fire Department*

It takes a special person to fill the boots of a volunteer firefighter. Someone with a desire to do something important for the community. Someone with courage and dedication, who isn't afraid of hard work, and is willing to accept the challenge of a difficult job. It takes a person with integrity, who considers respect and appreciation reward enough and who is glad to help.

Since 1919 the WTFD has made a commitment to its citizens to provide them with emergency services. The continued support from the community, in conjunction with many dedicated volunteers, has created an organization that we can all be proud of. Our Volunteers are, and always have been, the most important component of our successful and productive fire service.

We continue to remain committed to providing quality facilities, apparatus, training, and equipment so our volunteers have what they need to perform the services needed in our community. As your Fire Chief my number one priority is the safety of my firefighters so that we may provide for the protection of life and property in Washington Township. Recruitment and retention of quality volunteers has also been a prime focus. The WTFD currently has 32 active volunteers and several new prospects in the process of application. The staffing level and services provided are high, with a continued effort to improve our level of service each and every year. Our volunteers are essential to providing cost-effective public safety services.

The WTFD is currently doing very well with the participation of a great volunteer force. I have served over 32 years on this department, and I have been proud to be the Washington Township Fire Chief for the past 7 years. I will continue to do my best to be proactive and responsive to the needs of our community. We have a wonderful team that is committed to serving the community, and we will stay committed to our mission.

As Chief of the Washington Township Fire Department, I see our organization as a living, growing enterprise dedicated to the protection of life and property, while placing service to our residents above self interests. Through community involvement and partnership, we stand united in our dedication to seek out opportunities which assures the advancement of our firefighters and our services. We responsibly provide practical fire safety programs that educate the children in our schools. Our family of firefighters demonstrate their 'Can Do' attitudes and all have a strong passion for their duties. Our firefighters volunteer to work the most dangerous job and risk serious injury and death - just to help save lives and serve the public safety interests of the Township. Most importantly, the Firefighters of the Washington Township Fire Department will be there for you.

As first responders to fires, medical emergencies, and disasters, the WTFD protects the lives and property of our residents and visitors. The timely and effective delivery of these services enables the WTFD to make significant contributions to the safety of Washington Township. We take our job seriously, and we all take to heart the Core Values of Our Department.

## HONOR

Our Department continues its unwavering call to bravely protect and serve our citizens.  
Bravery is the ability to overcome fear through training, fortitude, instinct, and compassion for others.

## INTEGRITY

The enormous commitment necessary to perform our Department's tasks requires excellence of character.  
A commitment to the objectives of our mission is an essential part of our code of conduct.  
The faithful observance of duty calls for us to fulfill our obligations professionally and honestly.

## PRIDE

We inspire each other through pride in our Department and the fire service, and a belief that every action reflects on all the members of our Department, both past and present.

## SAFETY

We strive to keep our firefighters and our residents safe and free from danger.  
With the best equipment and training, our department can reduce the risk of injury to our firefighters and provide resolution to our residents at fires, emergencies and medical incidents.

## PREPAREDNESS

By combining all of the components of our core values, the WTFD will maintain its constant state of readiness to meet all threats and challenges, both traditional and new.



# POLICE DEPARTMENT



## SCHOOLS OPEN

Just a friendly reminder that during restricted hours Monday through Friday the speed limit in and around Shoreland School is reduced to 20 MPH. Additionally, when you see yellow School Buses with red lights flashing all motorists must STOP unless directed by the Bus Driver to proceed.

## NUMBER PLEASE?

We are requesting that everyone display your address number somewhere on your property. These numbers, especially at night, are vital should you need a Police Officer or Fire Fighter. Many houses have elected not to display the address numbers. This choice may cause a delay in getting necessary emergency services to you or your family should the need arise.

## HALLOWEEN HAUNTINGS

Monday October 31<sup>st</sup> the streets of Washington Township will be invaded by Ghosts, Goblins and the like for Halloween. Trick or Treat will take place between the hours of 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM. The Washington Township Police and Fire Departments are again teaming up to offer free candy inspections at the Township Fire Station on Shoreland Avenue. Inspection will start at 6:00 PM. We encourage everyone to stop in and have your child's goodies inspected.

## IF YOU SEE SOMETHING...SAY SOMETHING

This was a phrase adopted after the horrific World Trade Center bombings. Ten years later, we continue to encourage folks to speak up. No one knows your neighborhood better than you. If something looks out of place you need to let us know. Dial 9-1-1 anytime. We cannot help you unless you call us. Remain anonymous if you like, but inform us. Our Mission is to keep Washington Township a safe Community.

# ZONING DEPARTMENT

## BLIGHT VIOLATIONS ARE ISSUED FOR:

- Areas which have grass, groundcover plantings, shrubs, trees that are not kept in a healthy, neatly trimmed condition or woodpiles, skids or other burnable materials that harbor rodents, or other animal or insect infestation.
- Grass height over five inches.
- Vegetation that encroaches on adjacent properties.
- Firewood that is not stacked or piled under six feet in a reasonably compact and orderly fashion in the rear yard elevated six inches, six feet off the lot lines.
- Building exteriors that are not in good condition or with partially completed siding or painted walls.
- Domestic refuse not stored in cans without lids and placed or located in the front yard.
- Dilapidated and structurally unsound accessory buildings and the like shall be considered to be trash or waste material and must be removed.
- A motor vehicle that is a "junk motor vehicle" (ORC 4513.65) on any lot.

ALL ZONING REGULATIONS ARE ON OUR WEB SITE



# PARK DEPARTMENT



## SUMMER STRUCTURED ACTIVITIES

Lots of children took advantage of the park's supervised activities. The children spent many days beading, paper crafting, and playing bingo. The summertime favorite is the yearly sandcastle contest. This year due to extremely hot weather conditions, it was postponed a couple of times but on July 29th it took place. All those that participated seemed to really enjoy themselves.

Reminder that the park supervised activities is open all children, those 6 and under must be accompanied by a caregiver.

## PHRAGMITES

Shantee Creek is over run from tall reeds called Phragmites.

The Lake Erie Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) is a grant and donation driven program to reestablish beneficial wetland species.

Our township donated \$200.00 to become a sustaining member of the CWMA. Shantee Creek from Suder to Summit will receive an aerial application soon.

Private landowner's phragmite control information is available at 419.898.1595 or [www.lakeeriecwma.com](http://www.lakeeriecwma.com)

## PET/PARK SAFETY

There are two dog poo bag stations located in Shoreland Park. One is located next to the maintenance garage and the other is located next to baseball diamond 2 (Rounding River and Belpre). Please utilize these bags when needed to clean up after your pet. Remember to comply with the state law and have your dog restrained by a leash or tether. For more information you can obtain a pamphlet at the Township office.

## PARK SHELTER HOUSE RENTALS

The shelter house can be rented for many occasions. Its capacity is 140. Contact Bryon McIntosh at the township for further details.

# WEBSITE NEWS

## WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEBSITE

Pictures of the interior of the Shoreland Park shelter house can now be found online.

Don't forget you can find lots of helpful information on the website, including meeting minutes, zoning applications, shelter house rental forms and special meeting notices.

Please check out our website at [www.washington-twp.com](http://www.washington-twp.com)

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