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New Technology Being Used By Both the Washington Township Fire and Police Departments

A generous donation from the Bayview AMVETS Post allowed the Shoreland Firefighter's Association to purchase a new Bullard Thermal Imaging Camera for the WTFD. This new infrared technology gives firefighters the ability to locate victims in smoke-filled environments by seeing heat signatures through the smoke. This camera technology also protects our firefighters when entering a high-heat smoke-filled environment by 'showing' the location of dangerous levels of heat that could put firefighters at risk. This new piece of equipment was placed on Engine 72.

The Police Department is utilizing several new pieces of technology as part of the ongoing commitment to protect and serve. Mobile reporting technology was added late in 2016. It speeds up officers' ability to complete criminal reports and reduces paper waste. Now, a report can be completed and filed while inside a police vehicle or back at the Police Station. Printing reports and physically delivering them to Downtown Toledo is no longer necessary. Township Police Officers are using High Definition Body Cameras to video and audio record all interactions with the public. Additionally, Officers are currently training to use new 2-Shot Tasers that will directly interface with the body cameras. Finally, Police Officers are now carrying Naloxone (Narcan) in an attempt to combat the increasing incidents of heroin overdoses. The new style single dose canister is being provided by the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department.

Township Calendar

April 20 th	Trustee Meeting
May 18 th	Trustee Meeting
June 15 th	Trustee Meeting
June 24 th	Fireworks*
June 25 th	Fireworks Raindate
July 20 th	Trustee Meeting
August 17 th	Trustee Meeting
September 21 st	Trustee Meeting
October 19 th	Trustee Meeting

Trustee Meetings begin at 5 pm and are held at Township Hall.

*Fireworks will begin at dusk. Summerfest at Shoreland Park has been cancelled for 2017 due to the heightened cost of equipment and supplies as well as a decrease in attendance. The Shoreland Firefighter's Association decided to do only the fireworks this year.

If you would like to make a donation you can drop it off at the Fire Station any Wednesday between 7-9 pm or mail a check, made out to Shoreland Firefighter's Association. Thank you for your support!

TRUSTEE NEWS

Washington Township employees were saddened by the recent loss one of their own. Pam Poirier-Lazette, of Point Place, worked as an Elected Official Assistant at the Township Office since 2014. Pam was dedicated to her job and always had a kind word for everyone. She will be missed by all.

The quality of life that we enjoy as Washington Township residents is nothing to take for granted. It is the result of the dedication of the employees that provide the services we have come to know and expect.

During the course of 2017, the Township's 68 employees will have logged over 700 years of experience. Is it any wonder that the services provided are nothing short of excellent? Consider, if you will, sharing a good word with them the next time you see our Roads crew out keeping our streets in good repair...or our Police officers keeping the streets safe... or our Firefighters/EMTs running a drill... or our Parks crew keeping the grass mowed. You can also stop by the office between 9 am - 1 pm to say hello.



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PARKS DEPARTMENT

The summer park program will resume in mid-June. There will be plenty of activities for the children including arts and crafts. Children 7 years old or younger must be accompanied by a legal guardian. A permission slip signed by a parent or guardian must accompany children 8 and older.

Dogs must be physically restrained by their owner or keeper by a leash or tether at all times. A dog's owner is liable for any damage done to property or people. The penalty for failure to properly confine your dog is up to \$250.00 in fines or up to 30 days in jail. Please keep your dog on a leash and in control.

The Shoreland Park Shelter House is a great place for a birthday party, graduation party, baby shower or family reunion! If you would like to rent the Shelter House at the park, please call Parks Department to get the details.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Washington Township Fire Department closed out 2016 with a total of 500 calls for service. This was a record breaking year for calls in the 74 year history of the Department. WTFD appreciates the hard work and dedication of all part-time and paid per call firefighters in their continued effort to provide this vital fire and emergency medical service.

The 2016 WTFD Service Awards were presented to the following firefighters for their extra-hard work and dedication:

Firefighter of the Year: Jacob Cook

30-Year Service Award: Chief Ron Kay

Attendance: George Green

10-Year Service Award: Joe Reams

Probationary Member of the Year: Sharrlaynn Cook

5-Year Service Award: Josh Miranda

Stay current with the latest news and what's happening within the WTFD. We keep our sites current and updated with news, incidents and general public information. Website: www.wtfd.net Twitter: @WTFD72 Facebook: Washington Twp. Fire Dept. Lucas Co. OH For further info and email inquiries, we can be contacted at info@wtfd.net or call our non-emergency number Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 419.726.2453.

Township Open Burn Rules & Regulations are posted on our website at www.wtfd.net. Please review these as Spring clean up is right around the corner.

We appreciate the continued support of our residents in our effort to provide top quality fire and emergency medical service to our community! Stay safe!

FISCAL DEPARTMENT

2016 FUNDS	1.1.16 BALANCE	RECEIPTS	EXPENDED	12.31.16 BALANCE
General	\$ 262,927.97	\$ 165,060.33	\$ 168,351.69	\$ 259,636.61
Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$ 3,309.18	\$ 4,918.11	\$ 2,748.01	\$ 5,479.28
Gasoline Tax	\$ 49,073.16	\$ 94,498.12	\$ 128,187.75	\$ 15,383.53
Road and Bridge	\$ 378.57	\$ 69,285.68	\$ 65,904.73	\$ 3,759.52
Special Levy Police	\$ 201,185.03	\$ 556,086.07	\$ 590,219.21	\$ 167,051.89
Special Levy Fire	\$ 45,285.78	\$ 324,449.57	\$ 326,900.97	\$ 42,834.38
Special Levy Park	\$ 83,233.30	\$ 69,347.21	\$ 79,648.65	\$ 72,931.86
Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$ 1,416.56	\$ 10,609.97	\$ 7,507.81	\$ 4,518.72
Law Enforcement Trust	\$ 45,196.30	\$ 3,024.58	\$ 4,225.00	\$ 43,995.88
Enforcement and Education	\$ 6,367.39	\$ 785.00	\$ 259.22	\$ 6,893.17
Special Revenue Lighting	\$ 1,849.09	\$ 25,843.60	\$ 25,482.23	\$ 2,210.46
Total	\$ 700,222.33	\$ 1,323,908.24	\$ 1,399,435.27	\$ 624,695.30



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ZONING DEPARTMENT

Thank you to all the residents that comply with our Zoning Resolution and take pride in our community! Unfortunately, zoning rules that have been in effect for years are still ignored by some residents. Zoning Violations are issued to inform these residents of our rules so they may correct the problem. This year has started off with residents voicing concerns about a number of issues. The Zoning Department is at work on the following compliance violations: refuse containers, vehicles, recreation and utility equipment that are parked or stored in the front yard; trees that hang over a neighbor's property that are not trimmed back to the owner's property line; and flagpoles, outdoor murals, sculptures and other works of art that have zoning restrictions. A reminder to all Township residents: permits are required for any structure or change on the property.

Blight continues to be a big issue. Blight is defined as: woodpiles, branches, construction debris, vehicle parts, objects placed outside of the house that do not belong in the yard; and overgrown grass and weeds.

ROADS DEPARTMENT

The 2016 leaf pick-up had to be cut short because of a mechanical issue. When repairs were finished, the snow started flying and we had to suspend the pick-up. We did a pick up January and know there are a lot of leaves still in yards. We will do an additional leaf pick-up from late-April to mid-May. We will be picking up leaves on an as-needed basis only. We will not be out every day

The annual crack sealing project will begin in the late May. **Please avoid driving on the hot tar when you see the Road Department crew working!** We will be concentrating in the Raintree and Shoreland Heights areas. If you notice large cracks in the pavement in any other area, please let the Roads Department know. Crack sealing is done each year to extend the life of our roads and prevent the pot holes from forming.

Lucas County will be working with us this year to rebuild another six street sewer catch basins that are deteriorating. They also will be assisting in cleaning out some of the sewer lines. On that note, **please remember to avoid blowing grass clippings into the street** when grass cutting season begins. The street sewers are for water only...water that flows into our streams and eventually into the lake. Grass clippings and debris cause clogs.

Our Department keeps up with the blight problem. Once we get authorization from the Board of Trustees to proceed with grass cutting, we will be out to remedy a blight violation (i.e. tall grass). Let the Roads Department or Police Department know about a vacant house! The Police Department can do a house check on that property to keep it from becoming a target for thieves and vandals. It also helps to keep the neighborhood cleaner and safer.

HELP WANTED

WTFD is seeking paid per call firefighter/EMT personnel. If you are interested in joining one of the most progressive departments in the area, you must be 18 or older and live in the Shoreland/Point community. This position takes tremendous dedication and commitment. All firefighting and EMS training is provided. Contact us at info@wtfd.net or stop by the station any Wednesday evening at 6:30.

The Washington Township Police Department is looking for certified police officers. Certification through the State of Ohio must be current, or you must be currently certified through another state that has a reciprocating agreement with Ohio. More information may be obtained by contacting Chief Kaiser at 419.726.0478.

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9:00 am – 1:00 pm

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

A bittersweet goodbye was bid to Deputy Chief Harry Thoman after 22 years of service to the citizens of Washington Township. His career with the Township Police Department began in 1994 after he retired from Toledo Police with nearly 30 years served. Deputy Chief Thoman went 10-7 for the last time on December 31, 2016. On behalf of Chief Kaiser and the entire Police Department, we wish Harry all the best on his well-earned retirement and THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE! (Township residents will continue to see Harry serving as a member of the WTFD.)

The State of Ohio has mandated on-going training for all Police Officers employed by Police and Sheriff Departments in Ohio. Continuing Professional Training, or CPT, is a mandatory set of training classes that are administered via webinars and online from the State Attorney General's Office through OPOTA. This year all Police Officers will undergo 20 hours of CPT. The training will include Trauma-Based Policing and Legal Updates, which covers Domestic Violence, Civil Liability and Human Trafficking. All Officers are given an online account granting access to the OPOTA website. This site offers modules of training allowing Officers to take courses that exceed the 20 hour requirement. The State of Ohio has a long history and reputation for its training requirements of Police Officers and continues to be recognized nationwide for its commitment to safety and service to all Citizens.