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Spring 2016

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Township Calendar

April 21	Trustee Meeting
May 19	Trustee Meeting
June 16	Trustee Meeting
June 25	Summerfest
June 26	Summerfest raindate
July 21	Trustee Meeting
Aug 18	Trustee Meeting
Sept 15	Trustee Meeting

Trustee Meetings begin at 7 pm
and are held at Township Hall:
5714 Blessing Drive.

Please join us.

GENERAL TRUCKING

As you may be aware, General Truck Sales and Repair will be locating on Suder Avenue, just north of Shoreland School. Their construction is expected to begin this summer. While General Truck will technically be located in the City of Toledo, the construction of this facility will affect Township residents that reside off of Suder Avenue and anyone traveling to or from Shoreland School.

Township trustees, police, fire, and road departments are aware and informed of this project. The safety of our residents and pedestrians using Suder Avenue is of utmost importance and our primary concern.

Part of this project involves additional paving and "moving" of Suder Avenue to the west, to provide room for the construction of a sidewalk on the east side of Suder, from Vistamar to East Harbor. Anyone that travels this section of Suder is going to experience increased truck and construction-related traffic, and possible delays.

Upon completion of construction, this company will add another 200+ trucks through the intersection in front of Shoreland School each day. There will be a right-turn lane from southbound Suder onto Alexis in an effort to maintain traffic flow, and the traffic lights will be adjusted appropriately. Be assured that our Township police will continue to be very visible in front of Shoreland School to ensure the safety of children as they arrive at and leave school.

TRUSTEE NEWS

A major change was made in the Trustees office this winter. Mr. John Henry, who was re-elected in November, resigned shortly after being sworn in at the December meeting. Mr. Henry and his wife packed up and retired to Florida. He has shared with the Trustees that he was always proud of his tenure with Washington Township as well as the WTFD and will miss being here. We already miss you, John, and wish you the very best!

As a result, Trustees Mr. Ken Kay and Mrs. Denise Rex determined they would appoint a replacement, based on the Ohio Revised Code regulations. Their appointee is Mrs. Joanne Vail-Nixon. Joanne moved to Shoreland Avenue in 1966 and lives at the family home. A Whitmer graduate and retired special education teacher, she is happy to have moved back to the Township seven years ago. Since then, she served on the WTFD Corps and the Township Zoning & Zoning Appeals committees; is a member of the Board of Directors of Keep Toledo/Lucas County Beautiful; and is a Lucas County Master Gardener Volunteer. She also is a Washington Local substitute teacher. From Mrs. Vail-Nixon: "I am proud to have been selected to replace Mr. Henry and look forward to doing all I can to promote and maintain Washington Township."

We are happy to announce the following recycling events and locations to assist in your spring cleanup:

April 23 at the Talmadge Road Andersons, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Electronics can be recycled. No TVs, air conditioners or appliances. A \$5 donation is appreciated. Also on **April 23**, paint can be recycled for \$1 per can at the Believe Center at 1 Aurora L Gonzalez Drive or at Habitat for Humanity Restore located at 1310 Conant in Maumee from 10:30 - 5:30, Tuesday through Saturday. Salvation Army does take televisions for proper recycling.

PARK DEPARTMENT

Shoreland Park's Supervised Activities will begin in June and run through August, Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Miss Tina will again offer games, bingo, crafts and much more. Children must be at least 7 years old and able to work on crafts independently or have an adult with them. Permission slips will be required.

Did you know...

- * Dogs must be controlled by their owner or keeper by leash or tether anywhere in the state of Ohio, including Shoreland Park.
- * The owner or keeper is liable for damage done by a dog and can face a fine of up to \$250 or 30 days in jail if a dog is allowed off its leash or tether.
- * Shoreland Park has a "doggie bag" station at both ends of the park if you forget to bring your own. So, clean up after your dog and keep Shoreland Park safe and clean for everyone!

The Shoreland Park Shelter House is available for your special event, but is in high demand. Much of the 2016 summer calendar is already booked. Don't delay! Call the Parks Division at 419.726.6908 to make your reservations now!

ROAD DEPARTMENT

We will begin crack sealing soon in order to extend the life of our roads and eliminate pot holes from developing. Our main focus is Fullers and Shoreland Heights this year. Please do not drive over hot tar when you see us working on crack sealing. If you see a large crack in the road or the beginning of a pot hole, please report it to the Roads Department at 419.726.6908 or roads@washington-twp.com.

The Roads Department expects to be sweeping the streets every three to four weeks this spring and summer if time permits.

Happy to report from 2015:

- Our new dump trucks have performed extremely well
- Our road salt supply hasn't been depleted this year
- Our 2017 salt is stockpiled at the 2016 price
- 770 cubic yards of leaves were picked up last fall
- A record number of leaf pickup tours of the township were completed
- There was no equipment breakdown

Thank you to township residents for keeping branches and twigs from leaf piles!

STORM SEWER INFORMATION

There are storm sewers throughout the Township. These sewers move rain and snow melt directly into our waterways. **Storm water is NOT sent through a processing plant.** Washington Township's streams and creeks are directly connected to the Ottawa River and Lake Erie.

Our waterways suffer from many kinds of pollution and many types of polluters. Trash, including plastic bags, phone books, magazines, golf balls tennis balls, miscellaneous car parts and concrete, are often found blocking our storm sewers. Blocked storm sewers can cause water to back up into basements and crawl spaces. Grass clippings, and the chemicals on them, also cause blockages and pollution of our streams, creeks, river and lake.

Please do not blow grass clippings into the street! Take a moment to make sure any storm sewer near your property is free of trash. A lot of taxpayer money - all over Lucas County - is being invested to repair the damage that has been done to the waterways that surround our township and county. Questions? Contact Joanne Vail-Nixon at trustees@washington-twp.com.

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ZONING DEPARTMENT

Did you know:

- **Your yard is a front yard if it borders a road or street.** If you have a corner lot, you have two front yards.
- Parking is allowed in the front yard only on asphalt, concrete or gravel.
- "Blight" is the storage or accumulation of junk, trash, rubbish or refuse of any kind and **MUST** be stored in cans with lids and cannot be in the front yard.
- The term "junk" includes parts of machinery, motor vehicles, appliances, pieces of wood/metal or any other materials that are not used.
- Tents are only allowed if a construction permit is issued.

Questions? Contact the Zoning Inspector at 419.726.6621 or zoning@washington-twp.com

FISCAL

The 2015 Annual Financial Report is available on our Website or at the Township Hall.

2015 FUNDS	1.1.15 BALANCE	RECEIPTS	EXPENDED	12.31.15 BALANCE
General	\$334,227.58	\$264,266.86	\$335,606.47	\$262,887.97
Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$2,252.77	\$2,909.16	\$1,852.75	\$3,309.18
Gasoline Tax	\$51,931.21	\$97,333.20	\$100,191.25	\$49,073.16
Road and Bridge	\$14,136.19	\$124,785.16	\$138,542.78	\$378.57
Special Levy Police	\$288,552.18	\$470,110.99	\$557,478.14	\$201,185.03
Special Levy Fire	\$1,466.51	\$327,679.70	\$283,860.43	\$45,285.78
Special Levy Park	\$101,866.37	\$56,892.83	\$75,525.90	\$83,233.30
Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$13,961.30	\$25,583.21	\$38,127.95	\$1,416.56
Law Enforcement Trust	\$39,930.68	\$9,083.94	\$3,818.32	\$45,196.30
Enforcement and Education	\$5,684.39	\$683.00	\$-	\$6,367.39
Special Revenue Lighting	\$4,392.04	\$28,902.56	\$31,445.51	\$1,849.09
	\$858,401.22	\$1,408,230.61	\$1,566,449.50	\$700,182.33

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Noticing Unpleasant Activity? Call 9-1-1, not the Police Station.

- *Do not approach an unpleasant situation. Call 9-1-1.
- *Get a complete description of the person or people creating an unpleasant situation (clothing, hairstyle, facial hair). Call 9-1-1.
- *Bonus points for a license plate number when you Call 9-1-1.
- *Not sure if the information you have is an emergency? Call 9-1-1.

Keep Your Property Safe

- * Remove ALL valuables from your vehicle at night
- * Lock your vehicle when it is not being used
- * Leave the porch light on throughout the night
- * Close & lock garages after dark
- * Lock up bicycles & sporting equipment at night

Latest Scam Alert

If you receive a telephone call from First Energy claiming you owe money and must pay within 90 minutes, IT IS A SCAM! First Energy (Toledo Edison) NEVER collects a payment over the phone. If you are in danger of having your electricity turned off, you will receive a notice via U.S. Mail. Do not give personal information or a credit card number. JUST HANG UP!

Medicine Disposal

A medicine disposal bin has been donated to The Washington Township Police Department from CVS Pharmacy. Residents may drop off unwanted drugs at the Township Hall during regular office hours 8:00 am to noon week days. You may also call the police non-emergency number (419.726.0478) and an officer will arrive at your residence to properly dispose of them.



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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Your Firefighters responded 462 times last year: a record amount of Emergency Response calls. This is in addition to the weekly training drills that are conducted every Wednesday evening, and numerous other duties. We work diligently to train and prepare so we are ready to provide quality service when called. *Our most valuable resource is our Firefighter/EMTs. Without them, our department would not exist.*

You, too, can be a part of the action – there are positions open. Our Firefighter/EMTs earn hourly pay. Uniforms, equipment and training are included. *Stop in and ask how you can become part of the team.*

Congratulations to:

2015 Firefighter of the Year, Capt. Michael Bailey.

2015 Top Attendance Award, Capt. Michael Bailey.

2015 Boot of the Year, Brandon Chase.

Our Medic Unit now has a new paint scheme and will be out on a majority of our emergency response calls. We hope it won't be in front of your house! **Remember that 9-1-1 is for true emergencies only!**

Spring has arrived and mild weather will soon be upon us. Warm weather brings Spring clean-up. Please be aware that our Fire Code has strict limitations on Open Burning and does not permit the burning of yard waste, trash building materials or leaves. A copy of the Open Burn Regulations for all properties in Washington Township is available at the Fire Station or the Township Hall at 5714 Blessing Drive.

REMEMBER TO BE FIRE SAFE!