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## Trustee News



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Washington Township is proud to introduce new members to our team. Welcome to Janet Dombkowski, part-time, fill-in administration secretary and Brian Wisniewski, our new part-time member of the road department. Also, in January, William Ducey accepted a five-year appointment to serve on the zoning commission. Welcome to Matt Hart who replaces Mr. Ducey as alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals. We are delighted to welcome all of you to the team!

There has been much progress concerning the storm water coalition since our last Newsletter. To give you a brief summary, Lucas County is required to submit a storm water management plan to meet the appropriate requirements of the Clean Water Act and Ohio law. The storm water management plan traverses seven townships and four villages within the county. The plan outlines the six minimum control measures that are expected to result in significant reductions in pollutants discharged by the county. The identified water quality pollutants are salt, fecal coliform, restaurant grease, oil, and suspended solids. The following six minimum controls will address the identified water quality pollutants. The six minimum controls are:

1. Public outreach/education
2. Public participation/involvement
3. Illicit discharge detection/elimination
4. Construction site runoff control
5. Post construction runoff control
6. Pollution prevention/good housekeeping

The Maumee Rap is coordinating an educational brochure "Give water a hand: You can make a difference" to inform and educate citizens of their role in improving water quality in our area. We will determine a date in the near future and distribute the brochure within a specific one-week period. Various brochures will also be distributed over a two-year period. The brochures will educate in lawn care, storm drains/ditches, septic systems, native plants, save water and household hazardous waste.

Trustee Hammer, along with Bryon McIntosh, road superintendent, is heading up the storm water coalition team. Trustee Kay is delegate with the Maumee Rap program. Trustee Shaheen is finishing up our insurance coverage for the Township and is our delegate to our road projects with the help of the Lucas County Engineers.

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## POLICE DEPARTMENT



### TRAK system is on the way

What is the TRAK system? The TRAK system is a new computerized system that provides critically needed capabilities in simple, straightforward operations that can be performed by any police officer. TRAK will allow for flyers with clear color photo images of suspects, resulting in greater officer safety. TRAK to TRAK communications will dramatically improve interagency responses. TRAK to TV makes fast, regional responses to emergency situations. TRAK will have the capability to keep the public informed of pertinent incidents as they arise. TRAK was developed and works closely with the AMBER alert system involving missing or abducted children. The Lucas County Sheriff's Department obtained the TRAK system through a government grant. As of this publication, the Washington Township Police Department, along with all other police agencies in Lucas County are gearing up, and installing this valuable computerized system in the police station. Stay tuned for further information or look up the web site at [www.trak.org](http://www.trak.org).

### Child Safety Seats

Did you know that motor vehicle crashes are the number one cause of injury and deaths to children ages 14 and under? Child restraints, when used properly, can reduce the risk of death by 71%, the need for hospitalization by as much as 67%, and the prevention of minor injuries by 50%.

Unfortunately, many children are still not riding in child safety seats at all and those who are, only one out of ten are correctly restrained. In many cases, the other nine are placed in seats with good intentions but... The Washington Township Police Department now has on staff a certified child safety seat technician. Sgt. Ken Bowman completed the required technician course at Flower Hospital late last Fall. If you have any doubts as to the proper installation of your child safety seat, you can contact us and set up a time for Sgt. Bowman to check your seat. You can also contact Gina Veres of the Greater Toledo Safe Kids Coalition at (419) 291-5412.

### Winter Weather Driving

By now we are ALL pretty tired of "ole man winter" but be assured he still has some strength left in him. The best advice is simple, be prepared!

Check your windshield wiper blades, and make sure you have a scraper/brush and a flashlight with good batteries with you. It is a good idea to keep a blanket and maybe some snack foods in the car as well, just in case you get stranded. If you do get stranded, determine if it is safer for you to stay with your vehicle or if you can walk to a safe location. If you decide to stay with the vehicle, use a cell phone and call 911 and turn your vehicle's four way hazard lights on. If you stay with your vehicle, take a moment and make sure that the tailpipe is not blocked by snow.

### Pile Up on I-75

January 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Police Department responded to a multi vehicle, multi accident mess on I-75. We closed down Southbound I-75 for nearly five hours in an attempt to clean up the mess. Traffic was backed up into Michigan for miles, and many people found themselves "stranded" for more than three hours. Several people were injured and one person had to be cut out of a van that had run under a semi.

### A big THANK YOU!

The officers of the Police Department that work nights and midnights would like to thank all of the residents that kept outside Christmas lights on throughout the night. This extended some "Christmas Cheer" to all of us!

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## ZONING

Winter will be leaving soon and I want to thank everyone for keeping me informed about any potential problems in the Township. Everything looked great over the winter and spring projects are about to unfold. If you're not sure if you need permits or not, call me anytime. I do carry a cell phone, 419-392-0395. I am usually available seven days a week and I'll do anything I can to help you. If necessary, I'll even meet with you to discuss any problems or concerns you may have. I'll be looking forward to talking with you.



# FIRE and RESCUE NEWS

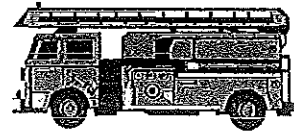


### Fire/Rescue Training

The Fire Department participated in an Ice Rescue Training class held on January 7, 2003. The class was held at Rossford Fire Department and Rossford Marina. We sent 18 members of our fire department for this training. Training consisted of modules of on the ice/frigid water environment, emotional elements of rescue, care and handling of hypothermic victims, and pre-planning operations. The practical portion of training was held in the Maumee River with retrieval of victims, both conscious and unconscious from the water. This course is a certification course for all firefighters attending.

Run Total for 2003 (as of January 29, 2003)

Fire: 6  
Rescue: 33



### Fire Auxiliary

The Fire Department is forming an Auxiliary Membership. If you are interested in participating in the Auxiliary, please contact Andrea Green at (419) 726-6566 for more information. Watch the Point and Shoreland Journal for dates and times of meetings.

### Summerfest 2003

Get your guest lists ready, Summerfest is happening on June 27 and June 28 at the Shoreland Park with fireworks to follow on Saturday, June 28 at dusk. Live bands, good food and beverages, kids rides and games both dates.

### New Members

Welcome Dale Lisowski

### Emergency Medical Technician School

Ten new members started Emergency Medical Technician School on January 28. School will last four months. This will be a big plus to our community, it adds more medical service personnel to our department.

Visit our website: [www.WTFD.net](http://www.WTFD.net)

From the Clerk.....

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
General	\$ 158,567.74	\$ 143,980.27	\$ 154,162.92	\$ 148,385.09
Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$ 35,313.65	\$ 4,508.47	\$ 25,347.15	\$ 14,474.97
Gasoline Tax	\$ 118,428.97	\$ 47,818.76	\$ 91,702.96	\$ 74,544.77
Road and Bridge	\$ 255,876.66	\$ 100,184.64	\$ 132,753.73	\$ 223,307.57
Special Levy Police	\$ 73,588.73	\$ 290,651.95	\$ 347,952.09	\$ 16,288.59
Special Levy Fire	\$ 30,657.83	\$ 150,565.31	\$ 156,189.01	\$ 25,034.13
Special Levy Road	\$ 305.99	\$ 60,830.77	\$ 38,736.02	\$ 22,400.74
Permissive Motor Vehicle Tax	\$ 38,240.81	\$ 12,514.75	\$ 5,727.23	\$ 45,028.33
Law Enforcement Trust	\$ 5,185.90	\$ 285.00	\$ -	\$ 5,470.90
Law Enforcement & Education	\$ 6,172.00	\$ 290.00	\$ 222.45	\$ 6,239.55
Special Revenue Cops Fast	\$ 9,048.68	\$ 17,251.94	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 1,300.62
Special Revenue Lighting	\$ 43,896.38	\$ 23,697.93	\$ 19,045.68	\$ 48,548.63
Permanent Improvement	\$ 13,816.44	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,816.44
Ohio Public Works State Issue 2	\$ -	\$ 83,106.89	\$ 83,106.89	\$ -
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 789,099.78</b>	<b>\$ 935,686.68</b>	<b>\$ 1,079,946.13</b>	<b>\$ 644,840.33</b>

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PRESORTED STANDARD  
US POSTAGE  
PAID  
(TOLEDO, OH)  
PERMIT #  
577



We would like to thank the residents for the cooperation that was extended to the road department during leaf pick up this past year. It is estimated that 328 cubic yards of leaves were collected and transported to Mr. Richard Koester's farm just north of us in Michigan. Our thanks also extend to Mr. Koester who has saved the Township hundreds of dollars in disposing of our leaves. We ran two days behind due to the leaf vac needing repairs. Our equipment is not able to digest grass clippings, large twigs, and other foreign debris that are sometimes mixed in with the leaves.

As of January 23, 2003, we have dropped more than 135 tons of road salt on our Township streets. This year we have been "pre-salting" the roads when an anticipated accumulation of snow is forecasted. This method allows us to expedite the plowing of the roads before it freezes. We have been asked why we do not use the brine solution that other entities use. The major factor is cost. The equipment used to disburse the brine

solution costs more than \$90,000. We have implemented a preventative maintenance program for all of our equipment; and since, have not experienced any major repairs or breakdowns. Since our equipment is in good operating order, we felt replacing it would be costly and not necessary. We would like to kindly remind the residents to not park on the street when we expect a snow accumulation of two inches or more and please do not shovel snow back into the street from your driveways. We are asking you to please check your mailboxes to make sure they are positioned correctly so that they will not suffer any damage from our trucks.

Looking forward to spring, we plan to resume replacing, straightening and painting signs and the posts. Be sure to keep an eye out for the new street sweeper that will be visiting your street monthly! Another spring also brings another major road project. This summer we will be working in the Shoreland Heights area. Streets to be included in the resurfacing project are Holiday, Northshore, Capshore, Randon, and Jasik. More information will be provided to you in our next Newsletter.

Always, if you have any questions or concerns you can call the road department at 419-726-6908.