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Storm Water O&M Fact Sheet – Catch Basin Cleaning

Description – Catch basins are chambers or sumps, usually built at the curb line, which allow surface water runoff to enter the storm water conveyance system. Many catch basins have a low area below the invert of the outlet pipe intended to retain coarse sediment. By trapping sediment, the catch basin prevents solids from clogging the storm sewer and being washed into receiving waters. Catch basins must be cleaned periodically to maintain their ability to trap sediment, and consequently their ability to prevent flooding. The removal of sediment, decaying debris, and highly polluted water from catch basins has aesthetic and water quality benefits, including reducing foul odors, reducing suspended solids, and reducing the load of oxygen-demanding substances that reach receiving waters.

Applicability – Catch basin cleaning should be performed at any facility that has an on-site storm sewer system that includes catch basins and manholes. Although catch basin cleaning is easily implemented, it is often overlooked in an overall storm water management plan. In addition, many of the catch basin cleaning programs that have been implemented focus only on removal of debris from grate openings; full implementation of the catch basin cleaning BMP should also include removal of debris from the catch basin itself.

Advantages and disadvantages – Catch basin cleaning is an efficient and cost-effective method for preventing the transport of sediment and pollutants to receiving water bodies. This improves both the aesthetics and the quality of the receiving water body. Limitations associated with cleaning catch basins include:

Catch basin debris usually contains appreciable amounts of water and offensive organic material which must be properly disposed.

Catch basins may be difficult to clean in areas with poor accessibility and in areas with traffic congestions and parking problems.

Cleaning is difficult during the winter when snow and ice are present.

Sediment and debris removed from catch basins can potentially be classified as hazardous waste. As a result, the materials must be disposed in a proper manner to avoid negative environmental impacts.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT



Thank you Residents!

All of the Police Officers, Command Officers, and Police Chief Kaiser, would like to say THANK YOU for the passage of the Police Levy back in November; by saying YES you have invested in the safety and security of your neighborhood. This money will allow the police dept. to upgrade the skills of the police officers by providing the funds needed for advanced training, upgrading, and purchasing new equipment, and most importantly the continuation of running additional patrol units during night time hours.

We are committed to making Washington Township a SAFE place to live, work, and do business. We also understand that this decision was not an easy one for each resident to make, however, in view of changing times, Washington Township has not been exempt from a not so friendly change in criminal activity. Crime affects all of us, and we can no longer have the attitude that what happens outside the borders of the Township will not have any effect on us. Again, we THANK YOU!!

Goodbye Officer Pete Sabo,

Congratulations Officer Jason Picking

The Washington Township Police Department wants to congratulate and say goodbye to Officer Pete Sabo who retired effective December 31, 2003. Officer Sabo ended his career with the police department after 15 years of service. We wish Pete the best of luck on his retirement!

We would also like to congratulate Officer Jason Picking who has been promoted to the position of Patrolman from Auxiliary Officer effective January 1, 2004. Jason was on the job just short of a week when he made his first felony drug arrest. As a result of that arrest, \$765 in forfeited cash was awarded to the Washington Township Drug Enforcement fund! If the name sounds familiar, that is because his father, Officer Terry Picking, is a veteran Police Officer with the Township. Good luck and be safe Jason!

Gun Locks Available

If you own a gun, and you have children, you need to make sure that the gun is locked. The Police Department, through the State of Ohio, has a limited supply of free gun locks available for all Washington Township residents. Please contact Chief Kaiser at (419) 726-0478 Monday through Friday, 8 am – 4 pm to make arrangements to pick up a lock.

Over the past several weeks in January, Washington Township, along with Erie Township (Michigan), and the Point Place area of Toledo have been hit with a string of burglaries to unattached garages. In some cases, automobiles were also stolen and later recovered. We have been working on an unofficial task force with officers from Erie Township and Toledo Police in staking out several suspects.

We are asking everyone to be vigilant by making sure that you lock up all garages and sheds, as well as vehicles parked in and around your house. Also, please mark down the serial numbers, make, and model numbers of guns and all valuables. Report any suspicious activity IMMEDIATELY to 9 1 1, even if you think the Police are already responding to the area. We would rather chase a shadow or find out it was nothing then to have you fall victim to a burglar.

Police Department to Obtain Tasers

A Washington Township Officer responds to a domestic violence call, he arrives and finds a woman injured and a man tearing up the house. The Officer orders the man to look down at the red dot on his shirt centered on his chest, the man immediately sits down placing his hands behind his head. Game over – no fight. The Officer never touched his 9mm hand gun holstered on his hip, what happened? Soon Washington Township Officers will be carrying the X26 taser gun. This small device looks like a mini gun from a James Bond movie, however, this is one more tool that police departments around the country are starting to equip Officers with in a move to control the increase in violence with the use of non deadly force. Over the years, we have found that using chemical sprays can blow back into the Officer's face as well as those who were not intended targets. Batons put the Officers in close proximity with the offender and that's not safe for the Officer, but the taser is one more tool for the Officer. And once it's over, it's over, no lasting effects, no injury, no liability. What is the X26 taser capable of and how does it work? The taser gun is a gun that will deliver 26 watt jolt of electricity to immobilize someone without injury. The electrical jolt instantly interrupts communication between the brain and muscle. The taser jolt might cause a muscle spasm, and some dizziness, but movement returns as soon as the charge stops. Tasers do not interrupt the heartbeat or cardiac pacemakers. The jolt is administered by the taser gun simultaneously firing two small darts that are connected to the gun by an insulated wire. The darts are fired at 180 mph. The shock may be delivered repeatedly, for five second intervals. The X26 taser weighs seven ounces, and will record every shock delivered along with the date and time. Information can then be downloaded into a computer for investigation. The cost of one taser is about \$800.

Township Police Officers will receive training on the X26 taser, and as part of the training, each Officer will be subjected to a shock from the taser.



FIRE and RESCUE NEWS



2003 started a new tradition for the Washington Township Fire Department. Awards were given out to honor commitment, dedication, and attendances on the department. The first annual Fire Fighter of the Year award was presented to Rick Phillips. Rick is a firefighter/EMT. Bob Green was the first firefighter/EMT to receive the Best Attendance award, and Rob Bodi was presented with the first annual Probationary Firefighter of the Year award. All of the recipients have demonstrated amazing dedication, leadership, and commitment to the department and the community.

2003 was a record year for the number of runs for the department. In 2003, your fire department answered 311 calls. While on the 311 calls, your firefighters accumulated just over 1,351 man-hours.

A Plymo vent system has been installed in the fire station. What is a Plymo vent system? Good question, the vent system is an exhaust venting system that hooks up directly to the exhaust of each apparatus. The purpose of the system is to eliminate the build up of the dangerous, odorless, and colorless gas... carbon monoxide.

Firefighter health is an important issue that the department is focusing on in 2004. An agility test consisting of climbing stairs, use of a sledge hammer, dummy carry, hose roll, hose carry, and hose advance events is soon to be implemented for all new applicants. All of the events must be performed inside eleven minutes. The agility test has been established to ensure new applicants can meet the performance standards needed for fire ground operations. The agility testing will also keep your current firefighters in proper health and agility to perform the strenuous activities that are associated with fire fighting and EMS.

If you are getting tired of the snow and cold of winter, pull out your calendar and circle the date for Summer Fest 2004. In 2004, the weekend festivities will begin Friday, June 25th and conclude Saturday, June 26th with the fantastic fireworks display Saturday night at dusk.

ZONING

Changes are just around the corner. Not only is spring around the corner but our new zoning text will be completed soon. The Trustees and Zoning Department along with the Lucas County Planning Commission are revamping the current text. Special thanks to Mr. John Nagy, Lucas County Planner, for all of his help and input. This winter we have worked to produce a new manual. The new manual will be simplified, much easier to understand and will have a table of contents to find items much faster. This overhaul was long overdue and will help everyone understand the zoning text. In the new few weeks, the Township Zoning Commission will be working on the text in its final stages and will make recommendations to the Trustees. After this has been completed, the Board will formally adopt it. Hopefully, we will have it ready by April 1st. It will be accessible on our website for free to anyone who wants it. Zoning@washington-twp.com. We will also have hard copies available for a small fee. After a quiet winter, I have issued two permits recently. With warmer weather approaching, please remember construction and pool permits are required. If in doubt, please call and leave a message. I will get back to you as soon as possible, (419) 726-6621. – Thank you, Howard Rudes.



ROAD DEPARTMENT



Our fall leaf pickup went well with no major problems. More than 27 loads of leaves were collected. Thank you to all the residents who put their leaves along the curb line. Thank you to Mr. Richard Koester for allowing us to dump the leaves at his farm. This saved the Township over \$1,000 in disposal fees.

So far this has been a quiet winter. To keep the streets clear of ice and snow, the road department put down approximately 96 tons of road salt. I would like to thank everyone that moved their cars off the street when we were out plowing.

Looking toward the spring, our sign replacement and painting project will start in the Raintree and Shoreland Heights areas. This consists of replacing bent signposts, painting the posts and replacing the signs if needed. We also are sweeping each subdivision at least once a month or as needed.

We will be out once again sealing the large cracks in the roadways. Suder, Summit and Shoreland will be our main target, then in the fall the rest of the Township streets will be worked on. This project really extends the life of our roads which is why we do it every year.

This year's road project will be grinding and resurfacing of Point Pleasant Way, Shorebridge, Coveview, Bridgeview, and Creekview Dr. Please observe the no parking signs when the project starts.

Please call my office to report any dumping in the sewers, they are for rain water only (419) 726-6908.

If you have any comments or questions, please call Bryon McIntosh, Road Department Superintendent.

Thank you to our residents for your continued consideration and cooperation with the Road Department.

Trustees continued –

Performance – Based on current data, it is not possible to quantify the water quality benefits to receiving waters resulting from catch basin cleaning. The rate at which catch basins fill with debris, as well as the total amount of material which can be removed by different frequencies of cleaning, are highly variably and cannot be readily predicted. Past studies have estimated that typical catch basins retain up to 57% of coarse solids and 17% of equivalent biological oxygen demand (BOD). In addition, data collected as part of a Nationwide Urban Runoff Program (NURP) project in Castro Valley Creek, California, indicated that catch basins, cleaned on an average of once every year and a half, contained approximately 60 pounds of material each at the time of the cleaning.

Operation and Maintenance

Catch basins should be inspected at least annually to determine if they need to be cleaned. Typically, a catch basin should be cleaned if the depth of deposits is greater than or equal to one-third the depth from the basin to the invert of the lowest pipe or opening into or out of the basin. If a catch basin significantly exceeds the one-third depth standard during the annual inspection, then it should be cleaned more frequently. If woody debris or trash accumulates in a catch basin, then it should be cleaned on at least a weekly basis.

Catch basins can be cleaned either manually or by specially designed equipment. This equipment may include bucket loaders and vacuum pumps. Material removed from catch basins is usually disposed in conventional landfills. Before any materials can be disposed, it is necessary to perform a detailed chemical analysis to determine if the materials meet the EPA criteria for hazardous waste. This will help determine how the materials should be stored, treated, and disposed.

Washington Township 2003 Financial Report

	General Fund	Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund	Gasoline Tax Fund	Road & Bridge Fund	Special Levy Police Fund	Special Levy Fire Fund	Special Levy Roads Fund	Cops Grant Fund	Township Permissive Motor Vehicle License Fund	Law Enforcement Trust Fund	Law Enforcement Education Fund	Street Lighting Fund	State Issue Two Fund	Total All Funds
Revenue Receipts														
Taxes	39,391.04			81,940.49	231,314.41	141,692.92	49,164.32							543,503.18
Licenses, Permits & Fees	15,078.34				216.00									15,294.34
Fines & Forfeitures	8,318.55				65.00									11,773.17
Intergovernmental Receipts	78,235.44	4,853.13	62,038.52	10,710.15	31,422.14	18,464.26	6,426.10	18,079.86	14,455.59	3,044.62	345.00	23,446.67	65,893.11	310,618.30
Special Assessments									96.75					23,446.67
Interest	5,052.25	64.08	165.40											5,378.48
All Other Revenue	11,264.04			1,475.00	2,088.15	4,052.78	500.00							19,377.97
Total Revenue Receipts	157,339.66	4,917.21	62,203.92	94,125.64	265,103.70	164,209.96	56,090.42	18,079.86	14,592.34	3,044.62	345.00	23,446.67	65,893.11	929,392.11
Expenditure Disbursements														
General Government	168,079.76													168,079.76
Public Safety	504.19	8,072.60	68,233.19	118,513.16	388,498.06	199,271.78	8,396.75	21,243.28	4,216.01		1,313.65	20,492.44	14,850.00	575,176.77
Health	9,244.00						15,567.38							228,428.34
Capital Outlay	494.89		2,078.88											9,244.00
Debt Service:														
Bond Principal Payment														
Interest & Fiscal Charges	178,322.84	8,072.60	70,310.07	118,513.16	388,498.06	199,271.78	23,964.13	21,243.28	4,216.01		1,313.65	20,492.44	80,743.11	1,064,961.13
Total Expenditure Disbursements	(20,983.18)	(3,155.39)	(8,106.15)	(24,387.52)	(73,394.36)	(35,061.82)	32,126.29	(3,163.42)	10,376.33	3,044.62	(968.65)	2,954.23	(14,850.00)	(135,569.02)
Total Receipts Over (Under) Disb														
Other Financing Sources:														
Transfers In					65,000.00	10,283.50		2,000.00						79,910.80
Transfers Out	79,910.80													79,910.80
Advances In	25,000.00				25,000.00									50,000.00
Advances Out	25,000.00				25,000.00									50,000.00
Other Financing Sources														
Total Other Financing Sources	(79,910.80)				65,000.00	10,283.50		2,000.00					2,627.30	
Total Receipts & Other Sources Over (Under) Disbursements	(100,893.98)	(3,155.39)	(8,106.15)	(24,387.52)	(8,394.36)	(24,778.32)	32,126.29	(1,163.42)	10,376.33	3,044.62	(968.65)	2,954.23	(12,222.70)	(135,569.02)
Fund Cash Balance, January 1	147,185.09	14,474.97	74,544.77	223,307.57	16,288.59	25,034.13	22,400.74	1,300.62	45,028.33	5,470.90	6,239.55	48,546.63	13,816.44	643,640.33
Fund Cash Balance, December 31	46,291.11	11,319.58	66,438.62	198,920.05	7,894.23	255.81	54,527.03	137.20	55,404.66	8,515.52	5,270.90	51,502.86	1,593.74	508,071.31

Monthly Township Trustee meetings are held the first and third Monday of the month and are open to the public. Meetings start at 7:00pm unless otherwise noted and are held at Township Hall, located at 5714 Blessing Drive.

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