

# Waterville

County  
of  
Lucas

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# Township

Quarterly News Report of Waterville Township

Fall 2005

## Dear Township Resi-

- Eric Gay,  
*Zoning Administrator*
- Joseph R. Bublick,  
*Assistant Zoning Admin.*
- Bonnie L. Hearndon,  
*Chief of Police*
- Richard Ludwig,  
*Road Superintendent &  
Cemetery Sexton*
- Kenneth Wittes, Jr.,  
*Assistant Road &  
Cemetery*

Within this publication, Waterville Township is covering a number of issues that we get many calls about each week.

We hope this information will help create better communication between our Township residents, the Trustees, and the Zoning officials.

All Township Trustee meetings are open to the public. We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the Township Hall located at 621 Farnsworth Road.

If we can be of any assistance to you on any issues you may confront, please feel free to contact us.

**Les Disher,**  
*Township Chairman*

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## Election Day November 8th, 2005

The Waterville Township Trustees will have two (2) seats open this election day. These are each for a four year term.

The following candidates will be running on election day for the two available seats.

Hertzfeld, Kyle  
Myerholtz, Lynne  
Pedro, Tim  
Urbas, Anton  
Warner, Brett

Please remember to Vote on  
Tuesday, November 8th!

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## Zoning Issues You Should be Aware of:

- ◆ If you require an inspection by the Lucas County Health Department for a room addition or accessory building, you may be required to bring your old septic tank up to code acceptance. Call 419-213-4100.
- ◆ For new or tentative property buyers: to find out if your property contains "wetlands" call the Lucas Soil & Water District at 419-893-1966, or contact the Army Corps of Engineers at 419-893-3491.
- ◆ All signs, including real estate, political, garage sale, for sale, etc. are NOT permitted in the road right-of-way.
- ◆ Unlicensed or inoperable vehicles are only permitted if they are under roof. Outside storage is not permitted. A suggestion: if you wish to dispose of any such vehicles call 419-832-2853.
- ◆ Sheds under 100 square feet don't required a zoning permit; and sheds under 120 square feet don't require a building permit.
- ◆ All property lot splitting is initiated with the Lucas County Planning Commission. Call 419-245-1200. The minimum buildable lot in Waterville Township must have a frontage of 135 feet, and be a minimum of 1 net acre in size.
- ◆ Township tours by members of the Zoning Board are conducted in the spring and fall. Violation reminders will be made by phone and/or letter by the Zoning Inspector. Repeated violators will be contacted by the Township Solicitor and if conditions persist will be referred to the Maumee Prosecutors Office.

If you have any zoning questions or concerns, call your Zoning Inspectors: Eric Gay at 419-877-0156 and Joe Bublick at 419-472-7663.

Any Township resident having questions about annexation and the provision of water and sewer services should contact one of the Trustees or the Township Clerk. The circumstances under which a municipality can require annexation in exchange for water and sewer service are limited by contract and by geographic area. Annexations of Township property by Waterville are further governed by an Annexation Agreement and annexations of Township property by Whitehouse are subject to a Memorandum of Understanding.

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On December 30, 2004, Judge Robert G. Christiansen issued an opinion upholding the constitutionality of the law that allows townships to separate from villages. The issue had been taken to court by the Lucas County Commissioners because another Ohio court found this law to be unconstitutional in 1992. The Lucas County Commissioners were concerned about taking action of the petitions, given the question whether the law was valid. The Lucas County Court now says that R.C. 503.09 is valid. Judge Christiansen stated in his opinion that "the purpose of R.C. 503.09 is to permit township residents to achieve self-government....". The ruling of the court authorizes the County Commissioners to move forward with the separation process. The Commissioners have already acknowledged that the petition filed met all legal requirements. The ruling satisfies the questions of the County Commissioners, but has been appealed by Trustee Tim Pedro and township resident Anton Urbas. The pending appeal continues to delay action by the County on the separation process.

# Waterville Township Police

Chief Bonnie L. Hearndon

## Police Levy on November 8th Ballot

Waterville Township voters will see a Police Levy on the November 8th ballot. In 1985 you passed a 1.9 mill levy. Currently the levy is collecting .81 mill. The requested replacement levy will restore the 1.9 mill. Per the county auditor's office, restoring the 1.9 mill would assess a \$150,000 home \$50 per year above the current collection. The auditor's office also noted that the \$50 per year will decrease as new homes are built in our township.

Contact Chief Bonnie Hearndon at 419-878-9991 or the Township Trustees if you have any questions. Our web site is [www.watervilletownship.com](http://www.watervilletownship.com)

## Meet our Township Assistant Maintenance Manager...



Kenneth "Jiggs" Wittes is the Assistant Maintenance Manager for Waterville Township. He was born to Dorothy and Kenneth Wittes on March 7, 1943 and he has been an area resident for most of his life. He attended Whitehouse Elementary and graduated in 1961 from Anthony Wayne High School. In 1964, he married Janet and in 1966, they had a daughter, Karen. Karen and her husband, Lonnie, recently built a new home just outside of Whitehouse.

Jiggs' past employment has mostly been in the area...he worked for the Jeep plant from 1961-1965; Motor Iron Parts (1965-1973); Don Scott Chevrolet-Pontiac (1973-1986); Jones Wheelhorse parts department (1986-1996); and Waterville Township from 1996 to the present. Jiggs served on the Whitehouse Volunteer Fire Department for 22 years. He enjoys NASCAR racing and collects NASCAR memorabilia.

His paternal grandfather, John Wittes, was a Waterville Township Trustee for many years. Jiggs has seen a lot of growth in the Anthony Wayne area and enjoys working for Waterville Township and its residents.



*Sunday, October 30th, Daylight Savings Time ends.*

*Don't forget to set your clocks back*

## Township Leaf Collection Dates November 1st and 2nd, 2005 November 25th, 26th, and 27th 2005

Leaf pick up for Waterville Township will be:

- ◆ November 1st and 2nd, 2005
- ◆ November 25th, 26th and 27th 2005

Residents MUST do the following.

1. Leaves should be raked prior to scheduled pick up dates.
2. No sticks, bricks, trash, etc are to be placed in the piles of leaves.
3. No parking at the piles of leaves.
4. Leaves must NOT be more than eight (8) feet from the curb or roadside.
5. Leaves must NOT be around poles, signs or mailboxes.

Thank you for your cooperation!

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## Lucas County Commissioners Meeting in Waterville Township

During the past year, the Lucas County Commissioners have been visiting local Townships and holding their regular meetings.

Waterville Township has been selected for the month of October 2005. The meeting will be held on **October 27th at 7:00 P.M. at the new Anthony Wayne Board office located on Bucher Road.**

*All Township residents  
are welcome to attend!*

## Free Mulch for Township Residents...

The Township has a large mound of chipped mulch available at the Whitehouse Cemetery. We need your help to get this mulch moved. We will load it on your truck or trailer with our tractor and loader.

Please come, this mulch is *FREE!*

Pick up dates are:  
**Saturday, November 5th and 12th  
from 8:00 A.M. until noon**