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News Report of Waterville Township

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WATERVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE

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- Richard Ludwig,
*Road Superintendent &
Cemetery Sexton*
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Once again summer is coming to an end which means that school is right around the corner. Please remember that there will be increased traffic and children waiting for their buses, so try to give yourself a few more minutes to get wherever it is you have to go in the mornings. And, with the beginning of school, that means it will be time for school events which may encourage some students with ideas for school pranks. These pranks, at times, can cause unintentional damage to property. If you see or hear anything suspicious, do not hesitate to give us a call. Our officers are on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to serve and protect you.

In addition to our routine patrols and responding to calls for service, the Waterville Township Police Department offers many additional services to you. We will check your home when you are away on vacation, we do business security checks, and well-being checks. Our officers are available to speak with you at any time, about any safety concern you may have.

Our officers have many informational materials that may be of use to you and they are always on hand to answer your questions. If you see us driving by, give us a wave, flag us down, stop and talk with us. Remember we are here for you. The department can be contacted at our *Non Emergency office number of 419-878-9991, Non Emergency Dispatch Number of 419-213-4977*; and for all **Emergencies call 911**.

On behalf of the staff at the Waterville Township Police Department it is our pleasure serving you!

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Check it out!

Visit our website for links to Officers' emails and for statistical information about your Waterville Township Police Department, as the quarterly and the annual reports for the department are posted at www.watervilletownship.com/police.htm or you can like us on Facebook!



Waterville Township News

BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES POLICE LEVY

On June 12, 2013 the Board of Township Trustees unanimously approved a Resolution to Proceed to levy a new tax for the purpose of providing police protection to the Township. The additional tax may be used for maintaining motor vehicles, communications, safety gear and equipment, and site for the building used directly in the operation of the Township's police department. The funds will also be available for the payment of salaries and benefits of police personnel and for such other expenses as are necessary to the effective and efficient operation of the police department.

The decision came after the Board of Trustees received a study conducted by a committee of Township residents that began in 2012 for the continued funding of police services in the Township. The Police Department experiences an annual operating deficit under current funding. The committee issued its report last summer. Options considered by the committee were: (1) a new tax levy; and (2) contracting with another agency to provide police services. The committee concluded that the Township would be best served by the levy of a new property tax to fund police operations. The committee recommended that the Township place a new 3.5 mill levy on the ballot.

Placing a levy on the ballot requires action by the Board of Township Trustees. The Board determined after much consideration that a new property tax on the November, 2013 ballot is warranted.

CEMETERY MAINTENANCE

The Township Trustees would like to remind those who have planted flowers near their loved one's headstone that it is your responsibility to keep the plantings trimmed and weeded for the benefit of all who use the cemetery.

CEMETERY RULES

1. No Trees or shrubs may be planted on cemetery lots.
2. All decorations will be removed by March 15th.
3. Flowers may only be placed on or within twelve (12) inches of marker.
4. Fence, borders, decorations interfering with mowing or trimming will be removed.

To inquire about plots or other information Contact Sexton at 419 878-5176

CEMETERY FEE SCHEDULE

FOR RESIDENTS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 7, 2013

Lot	\$450.00
Grave Open & Closing:	
Weekday	\$450.00
Saturday	\$550.00
Sunday/Holiday	\$700.00
Cremations:	
Weekday	\$200.00
Saturday	\$250.00
Sunday/Holiday	\$300.00

Fire Department :

What is Open Burning?

Anytime you light an outdoor fire without a chimney or stack it is considered an outdoor fire.

What Open Burning is never allowed per the EPA / State of Ohio?

- ◆ Garbage - any wastes created in the process of handling, preparing, cooking or consuming food.
- ◆ Materials containing rubber, grease and asphalt or made from petroleum, such as tires, cars and auto parts, plastics or plastic coated wire.
- ◆ Dead animals.

Complaints

If you have a permitted fire but is deemed to be a nuisance by neighbors or public officials it will be extinguished.

When in doubt...call!!

Ohio EPA Toledo Office:
419-936-3015

Whitehouse Fire Department
Bureau of Fire Prevention
419-877-0363



Permitted in the Township without a Permit / Notification:

- ◆ Barbeques, campfires, and cookouts (2 feet high by 3 feet wide).
- ◆ Agricultural waste burning (must be 1000 feet from any structure).
- ◆ Residential waste (must be 1000 feet from neighbors inhabited building).
- ◆ Ceremonial Fires (5 feet by 5 feet stacked clean wood, no longer than 3 hours long).
- ◆ Occupational fires (must be clean wood in a 55 gallon drum).

Permitted in Township with EPA Notification / Consent:

Land clearing waste
Horticultural, silvicultural range or wildlife management practices,
Disease or pest control (with EPA, local health department, Ohio or US department of agriculture input).

PENALTY:

Violations are subject to EPA and Ohio laws.

As summer is ending fast, the **Whitehouse Fire Prevention Bureau** would like to remind those who may have forgotten to change the batteries in their smoke detector to do so.

All families should have fire escape drills and practice them regularly! In the event of a real emergency this may help save a life. Be sure to have at least two escape routes out of each room. Have a designated meeting area where all members of the family will meet when out of the house and **REMEMBER... once you've escaped, never re-enter the house!** Please feel free to contact the **Whitehouse Fire Prevention Bureau (419-877-0363)** if you have any questions or would like to schedule a **FREE** home fire safety inspection. As described in the following article, there are several forms of open burning that are allowed in a township. Always contact the Fire Prevention Bureau if you have any question whether your fire will be lawful.



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www.watervilletownship.com

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MEETINGS:

The Waterville Township Board of Trustees Meetings are held the 4th Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Waterville Township Hall located at 621 Farnsworth Road in Waterville. Residents are welcome.

WATERVILLE TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION:

Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month beginning at 7:30 pm at the Waterville Township Hall located at 621 Farnsworth Road in Waterville, OH.

ROAD MAINTENANCE—

Recommends Mailbox Inspections

Road Maintenance Supervisor *Richard Ludwig* reminds residents that late summer is good time to **inspect and repair your mailbox post**. Any necessary repairs or replacement are much easier accomplished before the ground is frozen. Snow thrown by plows can easily damage weak mail boxes. Make sure yours is sturdy enough to withstand the winter. Call Richard at 419-878-5176 with any questions about Township road maintenance or the Cemeteries.



Will First Responders Find You?

When you call 9-1-1 for help, will the Police or Fire Departments be able to find your home? Be sure the numbers on your roadside mailboxes, drives, or homes are clearly marked.

Consider a reflective sign or numbering. In the event of an emergency police and firefighters will be able to quickly identify an address.