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Township News

News Report of Waterville Township

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2010 TOWNSHIP LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Waterville Township provides leaf collection to all Township residents. Two pick up rounds are planned for 2010. The November scheduled dates are November 4, 5, 6 and 7. The December scheduled dates are December 3 and 4. December 5 will be a pick up date, if necessary.



Leaves will not be picked up unless the following guidelines are followed:

1. Leaves must be raked into piles or rows not more than eight (8) feet from the curb or pavement edge.
2. Do not rake leaves around obstructions such as poles, mailboxes, etc.
3. Do not park where vehicles will obstruct leaf collection.
4. Leaves are collected by vacuum truck and may not contain objects such as sticks or limbs, trash, debris, stones, bricks, etc.
5. Leaf collection is contingent upon weather conditions permitting.

2010 collection will be provided by JC's Leaf Collection LLC, 7457 Christy Road, Defiance, Ohio 43512. If you have any questions or problems with leaf collection, please contact Judy or Todd Clemens directly. Call 419-782-4657. In 2009, the Township collected 489 compressed cubic yards of leaves at a total cost of \$11,025.00. The Township pays for leaf collection on a per cubic yard basis. Leaf collection is paid from the refuse collection property tax levy paid by Township property owners.

- Norbert Miller,
Chief of Police
- Richard Ludwig,
*Road Superintendent &
Cemetery Sexton*
- Eric Gay,
Zoning Administrator

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TOWNSHIP TO ENTER JEDD AGREEMENT WITH WHITEHOUSE...

On October 27, 2010, the Township Trustees will hold a public hearing on the approval of a JEDD agreement with the Village of Whitehouse.

- A joint economic development district (“JEDD”) is a partnership between a township and a municipality, provided for under Ohio law.
- Property in a township can be placed into a JEDD for economic development purposes.
- A JEDD is governed by a board of directors representing the municipality, the township; the businesses in the JEDD and the employees working in the JEDD.
- Waterville Township and the Village of Whitehouse are proposing the creation of a JEDD for business development purposes, primarily along the Route 64 corridor, within the Village water and sewer service areas.
- Businesses in the JEDD and employees working in the JEDD will be subject to a 1.5% income tax, administered by the Village of Whitehouse.
- A portion of the funds collected will be available for improvements to properties in the JEDD and maintenance of the JEDD.
- A JEDD allows a municipality to expand its tax base without annexation and produces additional funds necessary for the township to serve growing commercial areas.
- Properties in a JEDD have police, fire/rescue and road maintenance services provided by the township.
- Why do businesses and property owners agree to place businesses into a JEDD?
 - For-profit businesses are often willing to join simply to demonstrate good corporate citizenship.
 - Landowners and developers will join as a condition of obtaining commercial zoning.
 - Entities will join a JEDD to have representation on the JEDD board of directors and be involved in the economic development of the area.
 - Non-profits and public employers do not pay property taxes and are often willing to join a JEDD to contribute to the welfare of the township.
 - JEDDs minimize annexation disputes between townships and municipalities, facilitating development and delivery of utilities to development properties.
- A JEDD typically has a long life. The proposed JEDD has an initial term of 25 years, with the potential for renewal terms.
- Properties can be added to an existing JEDD through an amendment process.
- Proceeds from agricultural production on territory located within a JEDD are not subject to a JEDD income tax.

The initial property slated to be located within the Township’s first JEDD is the property owned by the Township at 7315 Noward Road. Given the likely future development of the property as a commercial property, the Township Trustees are taking the lead in enrolling Township property in the new JEDD.

YARD WASTE DISPOSAL UPDATE

The Township brush disposal site, formerly operated at the Whitehouse Cemetery, is permanently closed. The brush collection area became unsightly and did not meet Ohio EPA specifications. The Township does offer brush collection through its waste hauling contract with Fondessy, Inc. Brush tied in bundles, not exceeding six (6) feet in length and not exceeding forty (40) pounds will be collected with regular trash pickup. For a copy of all waste services regulations or to report any problem with waste collection, Township residents may contact Fondessy directly at 419-389-4950.

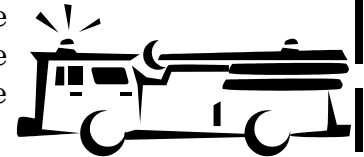
Effective January 1, 2011, Lucas County will no longer offer free yard waste disposal at Clean Wood Recycling, 6505 Bancroft Street. After January 1, 2011, county residents may be charged a fee for yard waste disposal. Contact Clean Wood Recycling by calling 419-843-9663 for a schedule of charges.

Additionally, yard waste disposal will be available at 10839 Sager Road, in Monclova Township at the Bauer Lawn Maintenance, Inc. composting facility. The Bauer facility will accept source-separated yard waste from individuals at its new facility on the southeast corner of Sager (formerly S.R. 20A) and Whitehouse-Spencer Road. For additional information and a schedule of charges, contact Bauer Lawn Maintenance, Inc. at 419-893-5296.

Waste disposal is regulated in the Township by a comprehensive new zoning text amendment, passed in May, 2010. No person may dispose of waste except as provided for under Section 9.13 of the Waterville Township Zoning Resolution.

TOWNSHIP RENEWS FIRE SERVICE CONTRACTS

The Township entered into renewal contracts with the Villages of Waterville and Whitehouse for fire and rescue safety services. Both contracts continue through December 31, 2014. Notwithstanding the construction of the U.S. 24 bypass, there are no changes in the geographical areas served by each Fire Department. Payments for fire and rescue services to each Village are based upon property tax levy receipts, beginning with minimum annual payments of \$50,000.00 in 2010 and rising to \$54,000.00 in 2014. Services provided by the Village Fire Departments have consistently been of the highest quality. Any questions or issues with fire services being provided in the Township should be directed to the Township Trustees.



TOWNSHIP HIRES NEW POLICE CHIEF



Police Chief Norbert Miller was hired to head the Waterville Township Police Department in June, 2010. The Police Chief position in Waterville Township has been restructured as a less than full time position. Many Township residents will be familiar with Chief Miller from his 34 years of service with the Whitehouse Village Police Department, including 14 years as Chief before his retirement. Chief Miller remains enthusiastic about police work and serving Waterville Township. Chief Miller is friendly and outgoing. He is a proponent of community policing and is accessible to all residents. For any resident wishing to contact Chief Miller, the police department non-emergency telephone number is 419-878-9991. In an emergency, call 911.

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TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETINGS:

The Waterville Township Board of Trustee 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.

TOWNSHIP ADOPTS NEW LAND USE PLAN

On April 28, 2010, the Board of Township Trustees unanimously approved and adopted an updated Land Use Plan for the unincorporated area of the Township. Approximately eighteen (18) months in making, the revised Land Use Plan provides for the commercial development anticipated along the S.R. 64 corridor west of the bypass and interchange. Transitional area and additional light commercial area were also added to the map of proposed uses. A copy may be obtained by contacting Zoning Administrator, Eric Gay or Fiscal Officer, Kay Robertson.

NUISANCE PROPERTIES TARGETED

The Trustees continue to be proactive in their goal of eliminating nuisance properties in the Township. 2010 saw the passage of a policy for reporting and abating nuisances on Township properties. The Township will mow nuisance properties, if necessary, with the cost being charged to the property owners. The Board of Trustees is currently considering a new resolution, regulating the storage of junk motor vehicles on properties within the Township. Nuisance properties may be reported to the Township Trustees.

