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News Report of Waterville Township

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Zoning Administrator
- Jim Fischer,
Property Standards Officer

2012 TOWNSHIP LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE



Waterville Township provides leaf collection to all Township residents. Leaf collection is paid from the refuse collection property tax levy paid by Township property owners. **The leaf pick up schedule is changed from prior years.** Leaf collection will begin after Monday, October 29, 2012 at 7:00 a.m. Leaves will be picked up continuously throughout the Township, during the leaf collection period. Leaves put out later than Monday, November 26, 2012 at 7:00 a.m. are not guaranteed for pick up. Leaf collection may begin earlier or continue later than the dates established, at the discretion of the contractor, contingent upon the weather.

Follow these guidelines to avoid problems with the leaf collection process:

1. Rake leaves 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. Leaves which are not accessible may not be able to be collected.
3. Do not park vehicles in a manner that will obstruct leaf collection.
4. Leaves put out for collection may not contain objects such as sticks or limbs, trash, debris, stones, bricks, etc.

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2012 collection will be provided by Ohio Compost, 10839 Sager Road, Swanton, Ohio 43558. **If you have any questions or problems with leaf collection, please contact Ohio Compost directly at 419-897-7807.**

TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

Trick or Treat Night (Halloween) will be observed throughout Waterville Township on October 31, 2012, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Be careful. Be safe! Pedestrian travel along unlighted Township roads can be dangerous. Wear reflective clothing or use an illuminated safety device when walking on Township roads at night, at all times of the year. Drivers should be on the lookout for children on Halloween.



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TOWNSHIP ZONING PROCESSES

Waterville Township is completely zoned. With few exceptions, buildings, structures and uses of land within the Township are subject to the regulations set forth in the Waterville Township Zoning Resolution. The latest version of the Zoning Resolution is available on the Township website, www.watervilletownship.com. Printed copies of the Zoning Resolution and the Comprehensive Plan are available from the Township Zoning Inspector, Eric Gay. Eric can be reached at 419-877-0156, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Many uses of land in the Township require a zoning permit. Permits are issued by the Zoning Inspector, by appointment. Certain other uses may require approval of the Zoning Commission, the Board of Zoning Appeals, the Architectural Review Board or the Board of Township Trustees. It is not possible in the scope of this article to describe the different procedures which may be required to obtain the approvals necessary for any particular use of property. Anyone who is uncertain of the level or type of approval required to implement or change a use of land in the Township should initially contact the Zoning Inspector for guidance. Additional information and printable forms can be accessed through the website.

Handling complaints of nuisance conditions on properties is not within the role to the Zoning Inspector. The Township has appointed a Property Standards Officer to accept and investigate complaints about nuisance conditions. The Property Standards Officer is Jim Fischer, who can be reached at 419-345-7263. Complaints regarding conditions existing on private property are requested to be in writing.

YARD WASTE DISPOSAL

Yard waste may be disposed of by two methods in Waterville Township:

Waste Management, the Township's refuse and recycling service provider will take up to 10 bags of yard waste per collection day. Bags cannot exceed 35 gallons or weigh more than 60 pounds.

Additionally, yard waste disposal is available **FREE OF CHARGE** to Township Residents at the Ohio Compost facility, 10839 Sager Road, in Monclova Township. The facility will accept unlimited green waste from individuals at its new facility on the southeast corner of Sager (formerly S.R. 20A) and Whitehouse-Spencer Road. Materials accepted include brush, leaves, grass clippings, pruning debris, etc. A drop-off identification card is required and may be obtained from Ohio Compost. All residents with drop-off cards will receive a 10% discount on retail purchases from Ohio Compost and Bauer Lawn, Inc. Please visit ohiocompost.com for complete information about yard waste disposal and the full line of products offered by Ohio Compost.

"I want to personally thank the residents of Waterville Township for supporting Ohio Compost during our initial year of operation."

-Craig Bauer, Owner

Yard waste disposal at Ohio Compost is a service to residents paid for by the Township. Funds utilized are generated by the refuse collection property tax levy paid by Township property owners.

Waste disposal is regulated in the Township. No person may dispose of waste except as provided for under Section 9.13 of the Waterville Township Zoning Resolution.

COMMITTEE STUDIES POLICE DEPARTMENT FUNDING

In April, 2012, a committee of Township residents began to study options for the continued funding police services in the Township. The Police Department experiences an annual operating deficit under current funding. The committee issued a report in June, 2012. 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, to generate approximately \$2,250,000.00 over a 5 year term.

Placing a levy on the ballot requires action by the Board of Township Trustees. The Board determined that a new property tax on the November, 2012 ballot would be an unwarranted additional burden on Township residents and deferred further consideration of a new tax levy. Subsequently, additional funds for police operations were received on the existing Township tax levies, providing some short-term budgetary funding relief. The Board of Trustees will continue to explore options for funding the provision of Township police services.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES HISTORIC PROPOSAL

On September 26, 2012, the Board of Township Trustees approved a historic proposal for a new annexation agreement with the City of Waterville. At the request of Township residents in the area, the proposed agreement permits limited annexations in territory west of the new U.S. 24 bypass, at the S.R. 64 interchange area. The agreement requires the approval of the legislative authorities of both the City and the Township. The City Council has not yet approved the agreement.

Under the new agreement, annexations of properties within the prescribed area would be permitted under the following circumstances: (1) 100% of the owners of the properties to be annexed must agree to annexation; (2) the Township would continue to receive its statutory share of property taxes after annexation; and (3) the City would provide all local government services to the annexed properties.

In addition, the Township has proposed to receive 15% of income tax revenues generated by annexed properties; development of the area would fall within guidelines of the current land use plans in effect in the City and the Township; and the City would agree not to abate any real property taxes on annexed properties without the consent of the Township.

Finally, and possibly most significantly, the proposal calls for the City to agree to undergo the statutory process of conformation of its boundaries, to become politically separate from the Township. Upon approval of the Lucas County Commissioners, the City boundaries would exclude the incorporated areas of the Township, which are currently in the City. After conformation, City residents would no longer be dual residents of the City and the Township and City residents would no longer vote for individuals seeking the offices of Township Trustee and Fiscal Officer.

FIRE SAFETY AND BURNING

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.

What is Open Burning?

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

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.
- ◆ Leaves and most yard waste.



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 and on property in agricultural use).
- ◆ Residential waste (must be 1000 feet from neighbors inhabited building). Does not include yard waste.
- ◆ 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).

When in doubt...call!!

Ohio EPA Toledo Office: 419-936-3015

Whitehouse Fire Prevention: 419-877-0363

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Check out our website:
www.watervilletownship.com

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 POLICE CHIEF

Summer has come and gone and fall is in full swing. This means that school is back in session. Please be extra mindful of the increased traffic, children, and school busses in the area. It also means it is time for Halloween pranks, school pranks, and other tomfoolery. If you see or hear anything suspicious, please 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. We will check your home when you are away on vacation, do business checks, or well being checks, and we are also on hand to speak to your family, community groups, or even your weekly bridge club. Our officers have many informational materials that are of use to you and are always on hand to answer a question. If you see us driving by, give us a wave, flag us down, stop and talk to 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 of course for all emergencies call 911.

Please visit our website for links to officer email addresses and statistical information about the Waterville Township Police Department. The quarterly and annual reports for the department are posted at www.watervilletownship.com/police.htm or you can like us on Facebook!

On behalf of my staff, it is a pleasure serving you!
Michael J. Wilkinson, Acting Chief of Police

ROAD MAINTENANCE



Road Maintenance Supervisor Richard Ludwig reminds residents that Fall is the 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 Township Cemeteries.