

# Waterville



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# Township News

## News Report of Waterville Township

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*Chief of Police*
- Richard Ludwig,  
*Road Superintendent & Cemetery Sexton*
- Eric Gay,  
*Zoning Administrator*
- Jim Fischer,  
*Property Standards Officer*

## 2011 TOWNSHIP LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE



Waterville Township provides leaf collection to all Township residents. Two pick up rounds are planned for 2011. Leaves for November collection must be at the curb no later than 7:00 a.m. on November 8, 2011 for guaranteed collection over the several days following. Leaves for December collection must be at the curb no later than 7:00 a.m. on December 7, 2011 for guaranteed collection over the several days following.

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. Leaves which are not accessible will not be collected.
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.

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2011 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. Call 419-897-7807. The cost to the Township for leaf collection is \$16.00 per compacted cubic yard. Leaf collection is paid from the refuse collection property tax levy paid by Township property owners.



## TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

Trick or Treat Night (Halloween) will be observed throughout Waterville Township on October 31, 2011, 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.

# Waterville Township News

## Since the last Newsletter...

The Property Standards Officer for Waterville Township is responsible for administrative enforcement in all cases of Ohio Revised Code violations concerning junk motor vehicles; abatement, control or removal of vegetation, garbage, refuse and other debris; and removal, repair or securance of insecure, unsafe buildings and structures. Questions concerning nuisance properties should be directed to James E. Fischer. Jim can be contacted regarding nuisance violations at 419-345-7263.

The Township Architectural Review Board is reviewing the Township Zoning Resolution Route 64 Overlay. The five-member Board will enforce architectural standards adopted by the Township Trustees. Comments may be addressed to the Chair, Jim Fischer. 419-345-7263 The Board is working with a private consultant to develop architectural standards. Board meetings are open to the public. Meeting dates and times are posted on the Township website.

The Board of Trustees adopted the following as the stated policy of Waterville Township concerning economic development: "Applications to amend the Waterville Township Zoning Resolution, for commercial uses of land, will generally only receive Township approval on the condition that land proposed for a commercial use is included within one of the Township economic development districts, zones, areas or agreements." Landowners are reminded that properties slated for commercial zoning will generally be required to be included in one of the Township's special taxing partnerships with the Village of Whitehouse or the City of Waterville.

The Township Trustees adopted a comprehensive revision to the Zoning Certificate Fee Schedule. The new Schedule is available on the Township website. Property owners considering zoning changes or other improvements are advised to consult the new Schedule. Homeowners will not experience significant increases in zoning fees. Commercial zoning and construction fees have been completely restructured.

## 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. Some additional rules apply:

- Materials may only be dropped off during normal business hours when staff are present.
- Loads are to be free of trash, debris and foreign material.
- All loads will be inspected and recorded.
- Drop-off identification must be shown.

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 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.

## 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!*

### Helpful safety hints:

- A reflective sign is useful in the event of an emergency when firefighters may need to quickly identify an address.
- Smoke detectors save lives - it's a proven fact! Detectors are needed on every level of a home, especially in the hallway near bedrooms. Be sure to change the batteries at least twice a year (do this when you change your clocks for daylight savings time).
- Fire escape ladders should be located in all bedrooms on the second story of a two-story home.
- Fire extinguishers should be kept in the kitchen and garage.
- Extension cords overdraw electrical outlets. A safer alternative is a fused power strip.
- Chimneys should be cleaned annually.
- Do not store any combustibles within 36 inches of your furnace or hot water heater

In the Township there are many forms open burning that is allowed. Burning leaves is not permitted at any time. Always contact us prior to lighting and make sure it is a legal fire.

Please feel free to contact Joshua Hartbarger at the Whitehouse Fire Prevention Bureau (419-877-0363) if you have any questions or would like to schedule a FREE home fire safety inspection. We're here to help you!



### **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.

### **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.

### **When in doubt...call!!**

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[www.watervilletownship.com](http://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**

Police Chief Norbert Miller reminds residents of the danger of giving out personal information to telephone solicitors. It is impossible to confirm the source of calls soliciting personal information or donations. Residents are urged to be wary of callers claiming to represent charitable organizations or banks. Chief Miller will offer an informational program on identify theft if there is sufficient interest.

Chief Miller encourages residents to report suspicious activity of any type. Although the Township experiences a low rate of crimes committed, many individuals engaged in criminal activities travel through the Township on a regular basis. Criminals do seek crimes of opportunity. Residences and vehicles should be kept locked when unattended. Criminals seek out lightly traveled rural roads and rural locations to avoid detection. If you see something, **SAY SOMETHING.**

The Police and Fire Departments continue to experience difficulty locating properties without address markers. Failure to display prominent address markers can delay emergency responders. Questions about appropriate address markers may be directed to the Township Police Department.

For any resident wishing to contact Chief Miller, the police department non-emergency telephone number is 419-878-9991. In an emergency, call 911.



## **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.