

# Waterville

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# Township News

News Report of Waterville Township

Spring 2009

## Summer Fun for Township Children

This year Waterville Township will be participating in the Anthony Wayne YMCA 10 week Day Camp.

The camp begins the second week in June and ends the second week in August. The day begins at 9:00am at the Recreation Building in Conrad Park, and ends at 4:00pm. Throughout the day the children engage in many different activities from swimming, arts and crafts, sports to lots of cool and exciting field trips.

Each week is registered individually for a low cost fee, subsidized by the Township.

There are 12 spots available for township residents. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis, beginning May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00am at the YMCA in Waterville.



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*Assistant Zoning Admin.*
- Kathleen Hartle,  
*Chief of Police*
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### Check it out!

## Is Your House Number Visible?

When you call 9-1-1 for help will the Police or Fire have to guess where your house is?

Having house numbers that are visible may save a life or a home!

Here are some helpful tips that will help insure that no time is lost when you need us!

- ♦ Make sure the house numbers are made of durable material at least five inches in height.
- ♦ Contrast the color of the building upon which the numbers are placed.
- ♦ Make sure the numbers are readily visible from the roadway from *both* directions.
- ♦ In the case where the residence is not readily visible from the roadway the house number shall be placed in a conspicuous location at the entrance to the driveway serving the residence.
- ♦ Make sure trees and shrubs do not obstruct the view of the house numbers.

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## *Why did we switch garbage collectors?*

Many residents have asked why we switched the company that collects our garbage. We had been having some problems for some time.

- ♦ **Problem #1: Response time to address missed routes was slow and time consuming.**

At times, residents (*or in some cases entire roads*) would not get the garbage picked up. These errors occasionally happen however, the problem came when we tried to contact Allied Waste. Often we would speak to a company operator (after being on hold for some time) hundreds of miles away who was unfamiliar with our area or even our state. Sometimes it would take days and many phone calls to resolve the issue.

- ♦ **Problem #2: The reported/witnessed placement of recycles in the regular trash.**

It appeared that if the recycle truck missed materials left for them the garbage truck would simply take the recycles to save hassle. This was rightfully upsetting too many residents who felt that the time they took to separate the recyclables was wasted.

- ♦ **Problem #3: Allied Waste employees were not considerate.**

If something had accidentally spilled prior to the truck arriving they did not pick it up. Usually, they were unwilling to provide explanations as to why something was not picked up. On windy days they did not attempt to place cans in a safe place to keep them from blowing miles away.

- ♦ **Problem #4: A change in scheduling without approval.**

After Allied Waste attended a couple of Trustee meetings and promised to address/correct errors, they surprisingly came to a meeting uninvited. They requested to change pick up days to the same days as the Village of Waterville. After much discussion, the Trustees decided the schedule had been the same for many years and did not need to change. To our surprise, they informed us that this was already a done deal. The route was scheduled to be changed and they did not see a way to accommodate the Township.

### ***RESOLUTION: Change Collection Company***

It appeared that Allied Waste had grown too large to care or want to work with our Township. Our current garbage/recycle collector (Fondessy) is locally owned and operated out of NW Ohio. When we have an issue the Trustees can call the owner directly on his cell phone. He immediately helps us to get to the bottom of the problem and solve it. They sort and process the recyclables themselves as part of their income/profit. They seem a better fit to our needs and a solution to our previous problems. Also, Township residents incur no additional costs.

Remember garbage pick up is on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Garbage should be at the roadside by 7 am. They do not pick up construction debris, liquids/chemicals, or car parts/tires. If you will have an unusually large pick up, or a large item, please contact Fondessy to provide them with some advance notice. Fondessy is also available to contract off-week pick ups for a fee. Fondessy may be contacted at 419-389-4950 or 419-693-5377

**Brett Warner, Township Chairman**

## Fire Department News:

### 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:

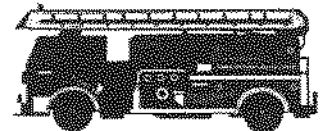
Violations are subject to EPA and Ohio laws.

## Waterville Changes Dispatching Service:

As most probably already know, Waterville Township contracts to the villages of Waterville and Whitehouse Fire Departments for Fire/Emergency Services. Waterville has in the past used Maumee for dispatching services. Whitehouse has always used Lucas County.

Waterville recently switched from Maumee to Lucas County. Some residents have asked how this will affect response time. For those of you who have Waterville respond to your residence you should be aware that the response time should not change. If anything, this switch may save some time because Lucas County Dispatchers are in the same building that receives all 911 calls from our area.

Waterville Fire Chief Parsons attended a Trustee meeting and was confident that the transition would be smooth. Township residents should rest assured that they will continue to receive the same quality service that they always have.



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## **TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETINGS:**

The Waterville Township Board of Trustee Meetings are held the 2nd and 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.

## **Brush Drop Off for Township Residents**

Waterville Township residents are welcome to drop off grass, leaves, and brush at the Whitehouse Cemetery on Cemetery Road on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays from 8 am to noon April through October. Winter schedule (Nov-Mar) is the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday from 8 am to 10 am.

Please note that if you have a special circumstance, such as a fallen tree due to a storm, and need access to the area contact the Waterville Township Maintenance Department at 419-878-5176 or feel free to call me (Trustee Brett Warner) at 419-467-9727.

## **Area Severe Weather Shelters**

It's that time of year! Township residents should be aware of area shelters that are available during severe weather. The following shelters are opened by the police/fire departments during severe weather.

1. Whitehouse Primary School on the corner of State Route 64 and Texas Street.
2. United Methodist Church of Waterville, 102 North Fifth Street.
3. First Presbyterian Church of Waterville, 611 Farnsworth Road.
4. Zion Lutheran Church, 22 North Second Street, Waterville.

## **Free Mulch for Township Residents**

Ever wonder what we do with all of that brush residents drop off? Our Maintenance Department chips it up into mulch and it is available to you for free! You can have your truck or trailer loaded for you with our tractor and loader on the same days scheduled for brush drop off.