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## Waterville Township Board Of Trustees Take Two Big Steps To Keep You Informed

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The Board of Trustees voted unanimously to begin utilizing a countywide, text-based Wireless Emergency Notification System (WENS). Waterville Township joins others such as Monclova and Sylvania townships as well as Waterville and Whitehouse, which are currently partnering with Lucas County Emergency Management. When residents sign up for alerts, they will receive news of leaf pickup, snow removal, construction, meeting



schedules and events. Waterville Township Police will also use the system to inform residents of road closures and other law enforcement updates.

Trustees offer residents opportunities to save their township money!

By signing up to receive alerts, you will also receive an alert informing you when a new Waterville Township Newsletter is available to view on the website, thus eliminating the need to mail a paper copy. This small effort on your part could potentially save your township a lot of money incurred by the use of the U.S. Postal Service. You would also save a tree or two.

To sign up, visit: [bit.ly/watervilletwp](http://bit.ly/watervilletwp).

We do understand that not everyone is able to receive this type of alert and we will still continue to offer the paper copy to those who wish to receive it. Call Brett Warner at (419) 343-2474 to be put on the mailing list.

## Township House Watch And Home Security Program

For our residents who are taking that hard-earned vacation or may need to leave town — the WTPD House Watch Program may be for you. The program is free of charge and designed to help provide peace of mind to residents when they are away from their homes overnight or for an extended period of time.

Whilst away from the Township, security inspections will be conducted on the home to check for suspicious activity. The information provided by the resident on the House Watch form will be used to determine if anything is amiss. If an emergency should arise, the WTPD will take appropriate action and the resident will be contacted. This valuable program has proven to be a great crime prevention tool, offering increased police

presence around your home during your time away.

Residents interested in the program can sign up by downloading the House Watch form from the WTPD link at [www.watervilletownship.com](http://www.watervilletownship.com). The completed form can then be returned via a means of your choice or picked up by an officer.

The Home Security Program allows for residents to request a wireless IP or other camera to be set up for a short period of time. The cameras can easily be set up to offer peace of mind and a sense of security for the safety of material assets. Please contact the WTPD at (419) 878-9991 to discuss your needs and to obtain further information.

## In Memoriam



Eric Gay, who served as the township's zoning inspector since 1992, passed away on March 26. During his tenure, Eric worked with homeowners, builders and county officials on everything from the building of a fence to outbuildings and homes. He did this with his friendly demeanor and matter-of-fact approach to the rules. Eric will be truly missed.

## Open Burning

Open burning is any outdoor fire without a chimney or stack.  
**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 neighbor's 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).



## Fallen Timbers Union Cemetery

### 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. Fences, borders and decorations interfering with mowing or trimming will be removed.

**To inquire about plots or other information, contact Sexton at (419) 878-5176.**

## Brush Disposal

### Ohio Compost Brush Disposal

10839 Sager Road (SR 20A), Swanton, OH 43558  
 Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
[www.ohiocompost.com](http://www.ohiocompost.com)

## Republic Recently Aquired Contract From Stevens And Will Be New Provider

Republic Services is responsible for refuse and recycling collection for the township. **PICKUP IS EVERY OTHER MONDAY** and will start at 6:00 a.m. Please have your waste & recycling out to the curb prior to that time. For more information, visit: [www.watervilletownship.com](http://www.watervilletownship.com). Below are service dates for your location.

Trash & recycle service every other Monday, all stops on Route 64 & south.

Trash & recycle service every other Monday, all stops north of Route 64.

There are six (6) observed holidays – New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

Monday pickups for trash and recycling will be done on Tuesdays in the case of a holiday falling on a Monday, such as Memorial Day and Labor Day.



# Year In Review: A Look Back At 2018

**Preserving Township Life** – that's the goal of your representatives. With the start of 2018, new trustee Duke Wheeler took office, along with former trustee Brett Warner. Trustee Kyle Hertzfeld retained his seat on the board, as did fiscal officer Jennifer Bingham.

The year began with some major challenges, as the board was informed by the State of Ohio that it was in jeopardy of facing a fiscal emergency. The fiscal officer and trustees met with county and state officials to work toward a solution. With a lot of effort and planning, Waterville Township is back on track and no longer in danger of fiscal emergency.

Steps have been taken and are currently being worked on to ensure Waterville Township does not face fiscal emergency again.

Trustees chose not to retain or continue to pay for a solicitor but instead utilize free legal council provided by Lucas County Prosecutor's Office. Thus far, the trustees are receiving excellent legal council and saving a large sum of funds for the township.

The Trustees worked with the City of Waterville and the Village of Whitehouse to form Fallen Timbers Union Cemetery. The cost of maintaining five cemeteries was taking a toll on the Waterville Township budget. The formation of the Union Cemetery will offer substantial cost savings to the township while providing more assets for maintenance.

A feasibility study has been completed in an effort to form a joint fire district with Waterville and Whitehouse. The current township fire levy covers the contracts with Waterville and Whitehouse fire departments. Those contracts are regularly negotiated and have in the past been covered by the collected levy. One concern is that if the contract cost were to exceed the collected levy amount, the township would have to find other funds to pay for service or pass another levy. A joint fire district would eliminate the need for contract negotiations and provide the township with a voice on the district board. Levies passed and collected would go directly to the district. The community as a whole would support the fire district and receive services equally. Information was presented during an April 3rd meeting and will continue to be explored in the coming months.

Garbage and recycling collection and yard waste services are currently covered by funds collected from our levy. Trustees have reviewed either renewing the current levy or proposing a new levy with an increase. Trustees are exploring an agreement with Lucas County Solid Waste which would allow the cost of garbage to be collected as an assessment on property instead of a levy. Most residents agree that the cost of paying for garbage individually is much too costly and negotiating as a whole saves residents money. So if the township eliminates the levy renewals, there would be

additional savings to the township – as there is a cost to put a levy on the ballot.

Your Board of Trustees will continue to search out and explore additional cost savings.

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## **GARBAGE ISSUES & CHALLENGES**

A corporate decision between Stevens Disposal and Republic was made recently which transferred the Waterville Township Contract. Trustees were provided little notice of the deal which made it nearly impossible to inform residents. The switch in service was not smooth. On day one Republic picked up the wrong side of Waterville Township based on a calendar they received with the contract. They had to attempt to pick up the correct side the next day. Maps provided to drivers from the previous contractor were outdated and did not provide all "off week" paid customers. The challenges mounted as did the garbage and frustration. The good news is that the route supervisor has worked very hard to correct all of the problems and Republic is working on a point by point GPS pick up. Although we may still experience some problems we will continue to work through them. As a reminder, pick ups are every other week and the calendar is on the Waterville Township website. Residents interested in off week pick up should contact Republic to purchase the service. Waterville Township residents are limited to 6 containers but unlimited bags. Large/bulk items are picked up but residents must place pick up order 48 hours in advance of collection day. To contact Republic, call: 800-234-3429 or visit: [www.republicservices.com](http://www.republicservices.com)

# Waterville T O W N S H I P

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## Township Trustees Meetings

The Waterville Township Board of Trustees meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Waterville Township Hall, located at 621 Farnsworth Road in Waterville. The public is always welcome to attend.

## Township Zoning Commission

Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. also at the Waterville Township Hall. The public is always welcome to attend.

## Area Severe Weather Shelters

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.

## Refuse Information:

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## If You See Something, Say Something!

The WTPD counts on residents to be the eyes and ears of the department. Crime prevention is everybody's business, and without assistance from residents, officers could not do their job. So, how can you help?

Most people are hesitant to call 911 to report what they saw or heard as suspicious. Yes, what you saw could have been nothing. But wouldn't it be better for a police officer to check and make sure? Police officers are never bothered or annoyed by suspicious activity calls. Investigating such activity is a police officer's job.

Please dial (419) 878-9991 or 911 to report any in-progress incident. What if you waited a couple hours, or even days, and you still want to report it? That's not a problem — you can still call to meet with an officer and request documentation or a report.

## Lock It Or Lose It!

While summer months typically see an increase in thefts from vehicles, the idea behind the slogan is to create safety habits that will last all year long. The WTPD reminds residents to lock their cars — or else make them a target for crime.

Here are a few simple ways residents can prevent these "crimes of opportunity" and help reduce thefts from motor vehicles:

- Don't leave valuables in your car.
- If you must leave valuable items in your car while out and about, place items out of sight.
- Once home, unload your valuables immediately.
- Don't store valuables in your car any longer than necessary, and certainly never overnight.
- Lock ALL your vehicle's doors, even if you plan to be gone for only a brief time.
- Set any alarm or anti-theft device. If you have one, use it! Many people believe that car-alarms no longer make a difference, but they can be an effective deterrent to an auto-burglar, who most often chooses the easiest target.

## ATTENTION HELP WANTED!

**Waterville Township is currently in search of a Zoning Inspector. A job description and details will be posted to the Waterville Township website on or about May 15th.**  
[www.watervilletownship.com](http://www.watervilletownship.com)