

Waterville

County
of
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Clerk, Kay Ann Robertson

Township

Quarterly News Report of Waterville Township

Spring 2005

Ohio Township Association

Dear Township Resident:

The Ohio Township Association is a statewide organization dedicated to the promotion and preservation of township government in Ohio. The Association works with state and federal legislators on behalf of legislation that effects local government and townships. We feel that township government is best suited to responding to the needs of a community. Its officials understand local problems and can devote more attention to individual concerns than the county, state or federal levels of governments. A township can do this at less cost and with a minimum of red tape.

Like any organization or unit of government, a township is what its residents make it. This requires personal involvement, which starts with getting to know those who administer the township. Fortunately, getting to know your local officials is simple. They are your neighbors. They welcome your interest and encourage your questions and suggestions.

I encourage you to get in touch with your township officials. They are good people who are dedicated to looking after your community's best interests.

Les Disher, *Trustee*

- **Eric Gay,**
Zoning Administrator
- **Joseph R. Bublik,**
Assistant Zoning Admin.
- **Bonnie L. Hearndon,**
Chief of Police
- **Richard Ludwig,**
*Road Superintendent &
Cemetery Sexton*
- **Kenneth Wittes, Jr.,**
*Assistant Road &
Cemetery*

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Check it out!

Waterville Township Police Department is on the move...

Effective April 14, 2005 the Waterville Township Police
Department offices will be relocated.

Our new address is:

8245 Farnsworth Road, Suite B

(located next to Hanifan/Obenauf Builders)

Waterville, OH 43566

Waterville Township News Update

Judge Rules in Favor of Separation

On December 30, 2004, Judge Robert G. Christiansen issued an opinion upholding the constitutionality of the law that allows townships to separate from villages. The issue had been taken to court by the Lucas County Commissioners because another Ohio court found this law to be unconstitutional in 1992. The Lucas County Commissioners were concerned about taking action of the petitions, given the question whether the law was valid. The Lucas County Court now says that R.C. 50309 is valid. Judge Christiansen stated in his opinion that "the purpose of R.C. 50309 is to permit township residents to achieve self-government....". The ruling of the court authorizes the County Commissioners to move forward with the separation process. The Commissioners have already acknowledged that the petition filed met all legal requirements. The ruling satisfies the questions of the County Commissioners, but has been appealed by Trustee Tim Pedro and township resident Anton Urbas. The appeal will further delay action by the County on the separation process.

Township and Waterville Village Improve Annexation Agreement

On February 28, 2005, the Village of Waterville and Waterville Township placed into effect changes to the Annexation Agreement entered into in 1997. The primary improvements to the agreement are the establishment of a 30 year term for the agreement and an increase in the number of years that a parcel is subject to tax sharing, from 15 years to 30 years. Any property annexed prior to December 31, 2035 will yield revenue-sharing payments to the township for 30 years. This agreement marks another example of regional cooperation with Waterville Village for the stability and betterment of the Waterville Township area.

TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

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.

Township Passes Resolution Supporting Air National Guard

On March 9, 2005, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution supporting retaining the Ohio Air National Guard 180th Fighter Wing at the Toledo Airport. The Township is asking Congress that the 180th not be placed on the list of sites that may be closed in the future. The 180th Fighter Wing employs over 1100 personnel, a number of whom reside in Waterville Township. The 180th also plays an active role in support of local community activities and organizations.

Township Trivia:

1. What was the first form of government in Ohio?
2. How many townships are in Ohio?
3. What day has been designated as Ohio Township Day?
4. What is the largest function of a township?
5. In what year did Ohio first authorize township zoning?

(Answers on page 4)

Waterville Township Police

Chief Bonnie L. Hearndon

The following is a review of permitted uses and prohibitions on use of ATV's, dirt bikes and snowmobiles as provided by the Ohio Revised

Vehicles MAY operate as follows:

1. Off and alongside a road for a limited distance from an unloading point to an authorized operation area.
2. On the berm/shoulder of a road when the terrain permits operation safely and without the necessity of entering any traffic lane.

Vehicles MAY NOT operate as follows:

1. On railroad right-of-way.
2. On any road or highway.
3. In the dark without lights.
4. On private property without permission.

Our officers do not recommend riding ATV's, dirt bikes and snowmobiles along road right-of-way in Waterville Township due to the many ditches, mail-boxes, poles, and other roadside hazards. Remember, riders may not enter the roadway to avoid these obstacles. Please operate your ATV's, dirt bikes and snowmobiles on private property or in other authorized areas.

FYI: There are no provisions in the Ohio Revised Code which permits golfcarts to be driven on the road or road right-of-way. Golfcarts are for private property use only.

Meet our Township Clerk...

Kay Ann Griffiths-Robertson was born in July of 1938 at Riverside Hospital in Toledo, Ohio to parents Kathleen-Lytle Griffiths and Gayle Griffiths who resided in Waterville. Kay is the sixth generation to grow up in the Waterville area. Her great-great grandmother, Caroline La Barre was born here in 1833. For Kay, junior high school days were spent helping to convince the surrounding communities to consolidate their school system; and today Anthony Wayne is the fruit of her labors. During her senior year, Kay was inducted into the National Honor Society-the first class to have that honor. Upon graduation in 1956, Kay was employed as a teller at the Toledo Trust Company (currently KeyBank). In 1959, she married high school upper classman, Russell Robertson. In 1963 she left Toledo Trust and began raising a family. Daughter, Michelle (William) Martin resides in Waterville with daughters Betsy and Katie. Daughter, Suzanne (James) Owen resides in Whitehouse with son Conner and step-sons, Jimmy and Danny. Son, Brad (Melissa Adamski) resides in Perrysburg with daughter Paige. Son, Scott (Beth Montion) resides near Whitehouse with sons Joseph and Charlie, and daughters, Kitty, Jane and Ellie. Son, Kent (Heather Kubicki) resides in Perrysburg with rottweiler Zeus. Life has been an adventure!



In 1978, Kay was asked to finish out the term of township clerk, Robert Merriam. Thus began her career as a public servant. To get the feel for the history of the township, Kay sat down and read all of the minute books from the beginning of the township, which was founded in 1831. Things have come a long way. As the township continues to grow, the bookwork has continued to grow. The coming of the computer insures accuracy and cuts down the number of hours to do the job. In 1979, Kay & Russ built their present home on Waterville-Monclova Road. In 1982, they purchased the Village Wine Shop (currently Peggy's Ceramics) on Third Street. They ran it until they were bought out by Foodtown and it was moved up to the Waterville Plaza. In 1985, Kay became the manager for the liquor store location. In 1987, Kay left Foodtown to work as a secretary for the Waterville Township Police Department. In 1989, she was asked to join the staff at Jones Wheel Horse (currently the Andersons Mower Center) as a bookkeeper where she continued until her retirement in 2001. Though her other jobs have come and gone, her devotion to serving Waterville Township as Clerk has remained constant (27 years in May, 2005). Kay feels this is a way she can give back to her community. One person can make a difference!

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Township Trivia Answers:

1. *Townships!*
2. *1309*
3. *February 1*
4. *Road Maintenance*
5. *1947*

Fire Department News

Chief Daryl McNutt, Whitehouse

Remember No Open Burning in the State of Ohio!

Plan on doing some spring cleaning in your yard? Do you know the proper way to get rid of waste?

The State of Ohio has strict guidelines about open burning. To obtain more information about open burning laws, contact the Ohio EPA Northwest District Office in Bowling Green at 419-352-8461 or on the web at <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/>

Have Fun Outside and Bee Careful.

Spring is just around the corner. Does the warm weather give you the desire to spend more time outside? You are not the only one the warm weather effects. Bees also like the warm weather and want to spend more time outside. No one wants to get stung by our buzzing friends, so here are some tips to avoid the uncomfortable poke. Bees are attracted to your food and beverages; keep them covered. Wear light colored clothing and avoid scented soaps and perfumes. Don't leave your garbage uncovered. Watch where you set up your picnic and avoid areas where bee hives are spotted or where bees are known to nest.

Help us Help You!

Let us help you find your house in an emergency. If you are interested in obtaining a reflective address sign for your mailbox, please contact the Whitehouse Fire Department or order yours at the Whitehouse True Value Hardware.

Fire Safety Tip

Fires in 1-2 Family dwellings most often start in the:

1. Kitchen (25.5%)
2. Bedroom (13.7%)
3. Living Room (8.6%)
4. Chimney (8.2%)
5. Laundry Area (5.0%)

Please be sure that fire safety is practiced every day at home by everyone.