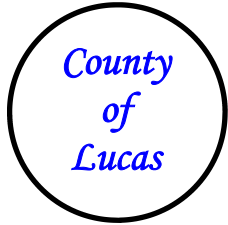


Waterville



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Les Disher, *Chairman*
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Township News

News Report of Waterville Township

Spring 2006

Dear Township Residents:

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

What a beautiful spring and summer just around the corner!

We hope this information will help create better communications between our township residents, the trustees, and zoning officials.

There are a number of important issues in this newsletter for you to read. Remember our open burning laws and a new change for the Whitehouse Cemetery.

Have a great summer and remember our Trustee Meetings are open to the public. We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the Township Hall located at 621 Farnsworth Road.

If we can be of any assistance to you on any issues, please feel free to contact us.

Les Disher,
Township Chairman

Additional Waterville Township Waste Service Offered

Off week unlimited pickup service is \$33 per quarter.

Off week unlimited service with a cart rental program is \$39 per quarter.

Cart rental strictly for use during the weeks of each month where service is provided by the Township is \$36 per year.

If you would like to order any of these additional services or have questions, please contact Allied Waste Customer Service at 1-800-234-3429.

Cemetery Change

For a number of years the Whitehouse Cemetery has been a location for Waterville Township residents to drop off grass, leaves, and brush.

Due to non-township residents abusing this facility we will be making some changes.

The area will now be open only on the 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month from 8:00am to 12:00pm. This is for township residents ONLY.

Also, on the same Saturday that we are open, we will load chipped mulch from 8am-12pm. This is *FREE* to township residents.

The Trustee's thank you for your help.

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Check it out!

Waterville Township News

Township Zoning Issues:

Eric Gay

The Township Trustees approved the text amendments for posting notices; construction debris and landscaping-lawn services in December 2005. The township received the replacement pages from the Plan Commission in January 2006. The posting notice text amendment will require applicants to post a sign from the Township for zone changes and special use permits on the property prior to the hearing date at the Plan Commission.

The Special Use Permit for landscaping-lawn care and nursery business at 8736 Noward Rd., between Neapolis-Waterville Road and Neowash Rd., was approved with conditions by the Plan Commission on January 25, 2006 and approved by the Township Trustees on March 22, 2006.

In February, the Lucas County Plan Commissions approved the zone be changed at 9251 and 9355 Dutch Road for The Lakes At Dutch Land Farms subdivision. The subdivision case was presented to the Plan Commissions in March. Both cases will be reviewed May 15, 2006 by the Township at the Zoning Commission hearing.

The Zoning Commission will be discussing a future overlay district for the US Rte 24 bypass. This will be a lengthy project and will require several meetings for discussion and planning.

REMEMBER: All new driveways require a permit from the Lucas County Engineer. Call 419-213-4540 for information or an application.

If you have any zoning questions or concerns, call your Zoning Inspectors: Eric Gay at 419-877-0156 and Joe Bublick at 419-472-7663.

Tom Lemons, Principal Planner with the Lucas County Planning Commission assigned as a County Planner to Waterville Township, has accepted a position with the City of Toledo Planning Commission. **Molly Maguire**, a Planner with Lucas County will replace Tom Lemons; and is assigned to Waterville Township. Molly is a native of Lucas County and has a BA Degree from The University of Toledo, specializing in Geography and Planning. She has been employed with the Lucas County Planning Commission for 5 1/2 years. Molly is also a Captain in the Ohio National Guard (US Army Corp of Engineers).

Separation Petition Update:

In 2001, a set of Part Petitions were circulated and signed by the vast majority of Waterville Township residents, asking the Lucas County Commissioners to separate the unincorporated area of the township from the villages of Waterville and Whitehouse. Separating the villages from the township would allow township residents to elect their own township trustees, while also slightly reducing the tax burden of village residents, without seriously affecting the economic position of the township.

Unfortunately, the state law governing these petitions is vaguely worded and gives little guidance as to the form and procedure for these petitions. The County Commissioners objected to the form of these first petitions, so new Part Petitions were circulated, signed and filed with the Commissioners in 2003. These were challenged in court and although the petition law was upheld by the court, the petitions were not. However, the decision against the petitions is being appealed to the Court of Appeals by the Lucas County Commissioners, who believe the judge was incorrect in dismissing the petitions.

As a result, the villages of Waterville and Whitehouse continue to be located within Waterville Township. Village residents vote for township trustees and township clerk, and continue to pay township property taxes. However, township residents do not vote for village council members or mayors in Waterville or Whitehouse.

Your Township Trustees pledge to continue to put forth their best efforts toward the continued existence and economic stability of Waterville Township, and for the political rights of township citizens and taxation fairness for village residents. If you have any questions about this update, please contact any of your Township Trustees or Township Clerk.

Waterville Township Police

Chief Bonnie L. Hearndon

Help Us Help You . . .

At times, it is difficult to find homes when a call for service has been initiated. Time is wasted when mailbox addresses are non-existent or unclear. Try this test. When it is dark outside, drive past your home. Do you think emergency personnel could quickly find you? Here are other questions to consider:

- ◆ Is your house number posted on or near your mailbox? Is your address visible from both directions? Some folks have address numbers on only one side of their mailbox.
- ◆ Any numbers missing? Numbers peel off over time and need to be replaced.
- ◆ Number too small? Officers are reading your address from a moving vehicle, sometimes in the dark and/or during a rainstorm. The bigger the better.
- ◆ Do your mailbox numbers stand out? Some address numbers seem to blend in with the color of the mailbox and some are very faded.
- ◆ Are your numbers obscured? *Blade* or *Key* boxes or the mailbox flag sometimes get in the way.
- ◆ Are your numbers reflective? These are ideal!

We almost always check mailboxes first when looking for house. Signs posted at your driveway are also great. Unfortunately, there are many homes in Waterville Township that are not marked at all requiring us to use a process of elimination.

Thank you, in advance, for your help. Have an enjoyable and safe spring!



**Thank You Officers -
We appreciate your dedication
to our community!!!**

Service Commendation Bars Awarded

April 3, 2006

20 YEARS

Ken Kristoff: Hired part time in December of 1985. Previously, he worked for Washington Twp. and Sylvania Twp. Completed basic training in February of 1982.

Total of 24 years law enforcement service.

Chief Bonnie Hearndon: Hired part time in September of 1985. Previously, Village of Waterville. Completed basic training in February of 1981.

Total of 25 years of law enforcement service.

Trustee Brett Warner presented the Award to Chief Hearndon.

15 YEARS

Russ Heger: Auxiliary July of 1990, part time in December of 1990. Completed basic training in December of 1990. Air Force 5 years and Ohio Air national Guard for 30 years. Currently department Range Officer.

10 YEARS

Dave Krego: Hired full time in August of 1996. He completed basic training in August of 1996. Marine Corp for 4 years, and Marine Corp Reserve for 10 years. Top OVI arrests each year, receiving a MADD Award the last three years.

Jim Wagoner: Hired part time in March of 1996, and full time October 1998. He completed basic training in March of 1996. Currently Department Detective.

5 YEARS

Kate Hartle: Hired part time in August of 2000, and full time in February of 2001. She completed basic training in 1997. Previously with the Lucas County Sheriff's Office and Northwest Behavioral P.D. Currently Department DARE Officer. Total of 9 years law enforcement service.

Officers Amstutz, Thompson, and Varner all hired in 2002 and will receive a 5 year award next year.

Meet our Township Chief of Police...



Greetings friends and fellow residents,

It has been a real pleasure in my life, and in my career, to serve as your police chief these past 10 years. Some of you I've known since 1985 when former Town-

ship Chief Bob Schultz hired me as a part time patrol officer. Remember when our police cars and uniforms were brown, like UPS? For those of you who are more recent additions to our township, I would like to tell a little more about myself.

In 1990 I was selected as Anthony Wayne's first DARE Officer. After attending specialized training I took the drug education program into Fallen Timbers the fall of 1990. I have had the opportunity to meet many of you and your children in the seven years I taught DARE.

In 1995 I was appointed as police chief in Waterville Township. If you do the math you'll notice I carried dual duties for two years which really tested my scheduling and time management capabilities!

Today, I believe we have an outstanding staff of full time and part time patrol officers who work around the clock to keep you, your property, and our roadways as safe as possible. While they are on the clock, I have an opportunity to spend time with my husband-of-many years, our children, and good friends. Mark and I are members of Cedar Creek Church and will be active at the new AW-Creek. I have enjoyed many grocery store conversations over the years and I look forward to many more. Have a good 2006.

Fire Department News

By 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.



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.

Fire Department News

By Chief Steve Parsons, Waterville

Hearing a tornado siren can be extremely frightening. What's even more frightening is not knowing what to do in the event of a tornado sighting. Keep in mind that tornadoes can occur at any time of the day or night, at any time of the year. So, be prepared!

TORNADO FACTS

Ohio averages 16 tornadoes each year.

In 2000, Ohio experienced 22 tornadoes which resulted in one fatality.

The greatest number of tornadoes in Ohio occurred in 1992 when 59 touched down statewide.

Ohio's peak tornado season runs from April through mid-July. Statewide statistics show that June and July have been the most active months for tornadoes in the state.

Most tornadoes occur in Ohio between 2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Tornadoes can approach from any direction, but in Ohio most move from southwest to northwest.

Virtually all tornadoes come from thunderstorms and are usually preceded by heavy rains, lightning and hail.

BEFORE A TORNADO

Take time to complete an itemized inventory of your household furnishings and personal belongings. Also, photograph or videotape your rooms. This will prove invaluable in the event of a loss. Keep these valuable records, along with receipts, off-premises, preferably in a bank safe deposit box.

Prepare an evacuation plan with your entire family. Make sure you're familiar with the locations of the on/off switches for water, gas, and electricity. Locate the safest area in your home in case of a tornado emergency.

DURING A TORNADO

Some places are safer than others when tornadoes threaten. When possible, take a flashlight and battery-operated radio when seeking shelter. Memorize safe locations now so you're not caught "off guard" if a tornado strikes.

IN HOMES AND OTHER SMALL BUILDINGS:

Go to the center of the room on the lowest level, preferably a basement. Otherwise, go to a windowless closet, bathroom or inside hall, staying away from windows, doors, and exterior walls. Get under a sturdy table or bench.

IN SCHOOL:

A teacher will direct you to the designated tornado shelter. In a hallway, kneel on the floor facing the wall with your hands covering the back of your neck and head. Avoid auditoriums or gymnasiums with large roofs.

IN CARS, MOBILE HOMES OR OUTSIDE:

Leave cars or mobile homes immediately! If you can't reach a building, lie flat in a ditch or low spot, covering your head and the back of your neck with your hands. Stay clear of tall trees and open water.

IN MALLS OR LARGE BUILDINGS:

If you can't locate a designated shelter area, go to a middle hall on the lowest level.

The following Waterville Churches provide shelter during tornado warnings:

ZION LUTHERAN

22 N. Second St. (419) 878-0266

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

611 Farnsworth Rd. (419) 878-2806

WATERVILLE UNITED METHODIST

102 N. Fifth St (419) 878-3645

TORNADO TERMINOLOGY

Tornado Watch: Current weather conditions could create a tornado. Be prepared to seek safe shelter.

Tornado Warning: A tornado is imminent or has been sighted in the area. Take cover immediately.

Funnel Cloud: A violently rotating column of air that descends from the base of a severe thunder storm, but is not in contact with the ground.

Tornado: A funnel cloud that touches the ground, normally funnel-shaped with the narrow end toward the ground.

AFTER A TORNADO

Inspect your property and cars for damage. Check immediately for electrical problems and gas leaks. Contact appropriate utilities or the fire department as soon as possible. Notify relatives of your safety. If you don't, local authorities may waste time trying to find you.

LIGHTENING SAFETY TIPS

When a tornado strikes, severe lightning will often be present. Lightning causes an average of 83 deaths and over 300 injuries in the U.S. per year. Ohio averages between 30-50 thunderstorm days a year, so its important to know what to do when lightning threatens. *WHEN OUTDOORS:* Avoid water (pools, lakes), metal objects (electric wires, fences, golf clubs, machinery, power tools, etc.), wide open spaces and high terrain (hilltops) and tall trees or objects. *WHEN INDOORS:* Avoid water (baths, showers, doing dishes or laundry), open doors and windows and using telephones and headsets. Unplug major electrical appliances like stereos, televisions, computers, and VCR's.

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Check out our website:
www.watervilletownship.com

Specialty Waste

Recycling & Disposal Program

The Lucas County Solid Waste Management District

Properly dispose your household hazardous waste. Materials marked as flammable, toxic, poisonous, corrosive, or caustic should be treated as a household hazardous waste.

- ◆ Household Hazardous Waste
- ◆ Computer / Electronic Waste
- ◆ Tires

DISPOSAL OF LATEX PAINT:

You must dry it out to get rid of it!

When a liquid paint is put into a landfill it will eventually get into the ground water. You can prevent this by drying it out. Drying it outside the can is quicker.

A good method is to line a cardboard box with a heavy plastic garbage bag. Then fill the bottom of the bag with a layer of car litter, oil dry, or shredded newspaper. Then drizzle some of the paint on the absorbent layer and give it some time to dry. Repeat the next day as needed. After it is all dried, close and tie the bag and include it with your garbage.

The Lucas County Solid Waste Management District provides Lucas County residents with a drop-off site for disposing and recycling Specialty Wastes. The District's HHW program accepts many commonly used items in and around the home. This service is available to all Lucas County residents. This program is limited to individual households only! No materials from business or industrial sources will be accepted.

All you have to do is...**REGISTER!**

Register to recycle your specialty waste. You will need to provide the *type of material* you wish to dispose of and *arrange a time* for drop-off at the Specialty Waste Collection center.

Contract: Julie Relly at the Lucas County Solid Waste Management District at 419-213-2234 for more information about this and other District Recycling Programs.

Visit us on the web at www.co.lucas.oh.us/lcswmd