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The year of 2016 saw in September Ohio Senate Bill #523 passed legalizing medical marijuana in Ohio. Also in 2016, Revised Code #3796.29 as amended, authorizes Board of Township Trustees to adopt certain prohibitions regarding medical marijuana.

September 15, 2016, the Washington Township Board of Trustees passed Resolution #19-16 adopting Ohio Revised Code #3796.29. Therefore, medical marijuana cultivators, processors, and retail dispensaries licensed under ORC Chapter #3796 are prohibited within the unincorporated territory of Washington Township. Individuals in violation of this Resolution shall be subject to abatement and injunction brought by the township. This Resolution follows the direction of many other townships, villages and cities in Ohio.

The Washington Township Board of Trustees publicly says a “Big” thank you to our Road and Fire personnel for their dedication and faithfulness in their services to Washington Township Residents.

2016 is the 200<sup>th</sup> year since the forming of Washington Township.

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**ZONING NOTES:** from John K. Hurlow, Chief Zoning Inspector

The zoning office of the township issues permits for all building, additions, decks, accessory buildings, swimming pools, new businesses, signs, home occupations and agriculture building. For the first nine months of 2016 we have issued 29 permits with a value of \$ 1,959,125.00. A breakdown of the permits are 4 agricultural permits valued at \$ 95,000; and 24 residential use permits valued at \$ 1,864,125.00.

The zoning office is open on Mondays (Except Holidays) from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the township fire department at 2480 O’Possum Run Road (Use Door 1). Messages or zoning questions can be left at zoning office at: voice 419.756.7256; fax. 419.756.7398 or email at [zoning@washingtontwprichlandcounty.com](mailto:zoning@washingtontwprichlandcounty.com)



Leaf pick-up will be Oct. 17, 2015 to Nov. 25, 2015

To assure that your leaves will be picked-up, please follow these guidelines: 1. All leaves must be raked within 5 feet of the edge of the roadway in a long row. Please do not rake them into one pile. 2. Do not pile leaves in or behind open ditches. 3. Only leaves will be picked up: **NO NUTS, BRANCHES, BRUSH, GRASS, AND OR CORN SHOCKS.** 4. Do not put your leaves in bags or pile your leaves within 10 feet of your mailbox, a signpost or within 50 feet of a dead end road. 5. Leaves piled in ditches or more than 5 feet off the roadway will not be picked up. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Should you have any questions, please call the Road Department at 419-756-2574. If you have a catch basin or storm drain in front of your property, please help us keep them open by removing any debris.



Snow Removal

Personnel are on call 24 hours a day. We would like to thank all of the residents who remove their vehicles from the roadways when a snow event is under way; this greatly enhances the Township employees' ability to remove the snow from the streets in a timely manner.

In the event your mailbox is damaged by plowed snow, please contact the Road Department at 419-756-2574 and leave a message; our personnel will contact you as soon as possible.



Washington Township was awarded a 2016 Ohio Public Works Commission grant for the replacement of a culvert on Vanderbilt Rd. just east of the intersection of Middle Bellville Rd. Cost of the total project at \$150,000.00. The Township match is less than \$25,000.00.

The Washington Township Fire Department continues to be busy with fire and EMS calls. As of October 1<sup>st</sup>, we have responded to 567 calls for service. In 2015, we responded to a total of 768 calls for service. A dedicated group of volunteers continue to provide a lot of time and effort into making the fire department successful in our mission to provide the residents the best service we can. Additionally, numerous hours are spent in training to maintain certifications required by the State of Ohio to function as an EMT or firefighter.

In March of this year, the department took delivery of a new Sutphen Rescue/Pumper. This vehicle responds to motor vehicle crashes, vehicle fires and hazardous material incidents. The new apparatus provides more compartment space for tools and equipment, seats more firefighters and provides more advanced firefighting capabilities than the unit it replaced. We invite you to stop in and take a look at this new fire truck.

The fall season brings an increase in the amount of open burning complaints the fire department receives. **Communicating with the neighbor that is burning can sometimes eliminate the need for the fire department to intercede.** Leaves, grass, trash and tires are some of the materials that are *not* allowed to be burned in the State of Ohio. Informational pamphlets regarding Ohio's open burning laws can be obtained from the fire department, township trustees or the township zoning inspector. You may also access them on the Washington Township website or from the following website:

[epa.ohio.gov/portals/47/facts/openburn.pdf](http://epa.ohio.gov/portals/47/facts/openburn.pdf)



**Washington Township  
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**Trustees meetings are at 7:30 PM. Trustees meet 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month.**

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