

# WASHINGTON TWP.

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

On November 5th, the Fire Levy will be on the ballot for renewal. This is a 2.5 mill levy that is used to provide fire and EMS services to the township residents. We appreciate the support the community has given us since the department was formed in 1949 and look forward to serving you for many years to come.

The fire department received a generous donation from OhioHealth Mansfield to be used towards the purchase of two LUCAS Chest Compression Systems. This system delivers high-quality chest compressions and fewer interruptions than manual CPR during a cardiac arrest. High quality CPR is paramount for the survival of a cardiac arrest victim. More information can be found by visiting [lucas-cpr.com](http://lucas-cpr.com).

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



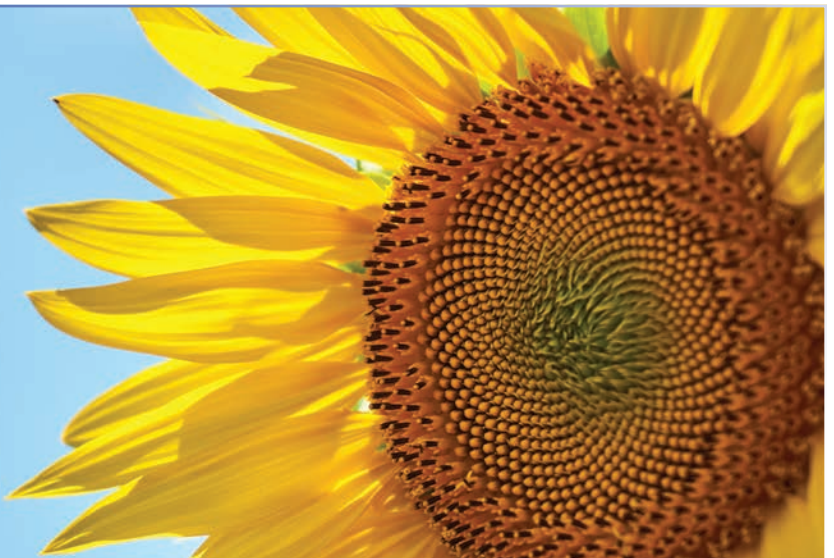
*LUCAS Chest Compression System*

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)

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Washington Township Fire Department will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Saturday, October 5th from 7:00-11:00 AM.

Breakfast includes: Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee, tea, milk and orange juice. We welcome your family and friends also! Admission is by donation. Proceeds raised will continue assisting the department and the community.

For more information, call 419-756-8330.



## ZONING NEWS

The Washington Township Trustees established the Washington Township Zoning Board on May 10, 1956, and charged the Board to establish a set of zoning regulations for Washington Township. The Zoning Board completed their task and the Trustees filed the Zoning Resolution with the Richland County Board of Elections on August 31, 1956. The electorate voted and passed the first Zoning Resolution on November 6, 1956.

The Zoning Resolution took effect on January 1, 1957. The Zoning Resolution was amended on December 21, 1971, and November 27, 1979

In 1996 the Zoning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and an Ad Hoc Committee was formed to do a compressive amendment of the Zoning Resolution. The amended resolution took effect on October 11, 1997. There have been several amendments to the Zoning Resolution.

There have been nine (9) Zoning Inspectors for the Township since zoning was passed in 1956. John K. Hurlow is the ninth Zoning Inspector for Washington Township, and has filled that position as Zoning Inspector since 1986. Mr. Hurlow is responsible for issuing permits for all buildings, additions, decks, accessory buildings,



swimming pools and agriculture buildings. The zoning office assigns new house numbers and approves land splits. Recently, the Trustees have appointed, Tim Boggs, as Assistant Zoning Inspector to assist with the increased work load.

The Zoning Office is open every Monday (except holidays) from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. It is located in the Washington Township Fire Department building at 2480 O'Possum Run Road (use door 1). Messages or zoning questions can be left on the phone at (419) 756-7256, ext. 301, or email [zoning@washingtontwp.us](mailto:zoning@washingtontwp.us)

For the first nine months of 2019 we have issued 31 permits, with a value of \$2,194,600.00.

## TRUSTEE MEETINGS

Washington Township Trustees meet the  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month @ 7:30 PM





## LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

### Last Day for Leaf Pickup is the Wednesday before Thanksgiving!

Leaf pick-up will be between the dates of:

Monday, October 21, 2019 and Wednesday, November 27, 2019



The Washington Township Road Department tries to accomplish one leaf pick-up each week for its residents, barring poor weather conditions and/or equipment breakdowns. Sometimes during the middle of November, the pick-up schedule may get behind schedule, please be patient if this occurs. The schedule should get caught back up the following week. Leaf pick-up is not required by the Ohio Revised Code, but is a service provided by your Township at no additional cost to its residents.

### TO ASSIST IN YOUR LEAVES BEING CAPABLE FOR THE ROAD CREW TO PICK-UP, PLEASE FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES BELOW:

- 1.) **All leaves must be raked within 5 feet of the edge of the roadway in a long row.**
- 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.**
- 4.) **Do not put your leaves in bags or pile your leaves within 10 feet of your mailbox, 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.**
- 6.) If we did not pick up your leaves, because they are too far off the roadway, please rake them closer and we will get them the next time.
- 7.) **DO NOT PUT LEAVES IN OR ON THE ROADWAY SURFACE.**



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.**

In 2019, Washington Township was awarded an OPWC, Ohio Public Works Commission, grant of \$144,000 for paving and curb replacement in the Walnut Hills Allotment (northern end).

2020 road projects will include Tar and Chipped roads West of German Church Road to the Township line (southwest corner of the Township).

## SNOW REMOVAL

Your Washington Township Road Department is on call 24 hours a day. The Road Department would like to thank all the residents who remove their vehicles from the roadways when a snow event is under way; this greatly enhances the Township Road Department employee's 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; the Road Department will contact you as soon as possible.



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## GENERAL INFORMATION - Did You Know?

**HISTORY OF OHIO TOWNSHIPS:** The pilgrim fathers brought the township form of government to America in 1602. This unit of government eventually spread as far west to the Rocky Mountains. Today, it is found in 22 states, known as the town or township. In Ohio, the township pre-dates our state government. The townships' size and shape were determined by the Congressional Acts.

Each of Ohio's 1,308 Townships today consist of the following elected officials, three (3) Trustees, and one (1) Fiscal Officer, and have the authority to fill the needs for fire & police protection, parks & recreation, zoning, cemeteries, waste disposal, maintaining roads & more.

Township elected officials, and their intimate knowledge of their community, its needs & its citizens, enables them to offer more personal service than any other unit of government.



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