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FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

As we all know, 2020 has been an unusual and challenging year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Washington Township firefighters and EMT's have managed to remain healthy and able to respond to emergencies during this time. I am extremely proud and grateful for the resolve the members of this department have displayed during this pandemic. The department could not function without the outstanding men and women that work here.

The fire department is awaiting delivery of a new rescue squad to replace one that was purchased in 2007. We are also in the process of converting all radio communications to the Ohio Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS).



MARCS is designed to "provide first responders with state-of-the-art wireless digital communications and to promote interoperability, in order to save lives and maximize effectiveness in both normal operations situations". We

and emergency received a \$50,000 grant from the Ohio Fire Marshal's office to assist in purchasing equipment to make this transition from our current VHF system. The majority of fire and police agencies in Richland County, as well as neighboring counties, will be operating on this system. Additionally, the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation awarded the fire department a grant of nearly \$40,000 over the last year to purchase a new rescue tool, vehicle stabilizers and EMS equipment.

The fire department would like to wish each and every township resident a safe and healthy remainder of the year and beyond. Thank you for your continued support of the Washington Township Fire Department.

As a reminder, 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

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ZONING NEWS

JOHN HURLLOW RETIRES AFTER 34 YEARS OF SERVICE TO WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP AS CHIEF ZONING INSPECTOR.

Mr. Hurlow was hired in 1986 as a temporary zoning inspector!!! Mr. Hurlow says it was the longest temporary job he ever had.

Mr. Hurlow always enjoyed working with the people and tried to be helpful to everyone.

Mr. Hurlow's job was made easier with the help of his wife Jill who served as secretary to the Zoning Boards.

Mr. Hurlow's most memorable experience was to guide the Ad Hoc Committee and Zoning Boards in a complete revision of the Zoning resolution in 1957.

From the Washington Township Board of Trustees:

CONGRATULATIONS, MR. & MRS. HURLLOW, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE.

Mr. Tim Boggs was appointed the new Washington Township Zoning Inspector effective January 1, 2020. Mr. Boggs had served as an apprentice for about 1 year under the tutoring of Mr. Hurlow. Congratulations to Mr. Boggs from the Trustees for his appointment.

Tim Boggs, Zoning Inspector

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The responsibilities of the Zoning Inspector are as follows:

- * Issuing permits for all buildings, additions, decks, accessory buildings, swimming pools and agriculture.
- * Investigating violations of zoning regulations.
- * Organizing hearings before the Board of Zoning appeals.

The Board of Zoning Appeals

The Board is empowered to perform four tasks:

1. The hearings of variance requests from specific zoning standards, where owing to special conditions of the land, literal enforcement of those standards is alleged to cause a hardship to a property owner.
2. The hearing of requests for conditional uses, uses which may not be detrimental to surrounding properties, but might more intensely affect those properties.
3. To hear and decide appeals where it is alleged there is an error in any order, requirement, decision, or determination made by the Zoning Inspector in the enforcement of the zoning resolution.
4. The Board may hear requests for changes in non-conforming uses. The Board of Zoning Appeals is autonomous: its decisions must be appealed to the County Court of Common Pleas.

Washington Township Zoning hours are, Mondays, 3:00PM -6:00PM. If a Monday is a holiday, the day Zoning is open will be rescheduled for that week.

Other arrangements can be made to accommodate Township residents. Call (419) 571-8014 for an appointment.

Presently in 2020, Zoning has issued 27 permits. A breakdown of these permits is:

1 storage building	2 residences
6 accessory buildings	5 decks
4 pools	4 agricultural
2 garages	1 ramp
2 additions	

TRUSTEE MEETINGS

Washington Township Trustees meet at 2480 O'Possum Run Road on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month @ 7:30 PM.

ROAD DEPARTMENT NEWS

LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Last Day for Leaf Pickup is the Wednesday before Thanksgiving!

Leaf pick-up will be between the dates of:

Leaf pick-up will be Oct. 19, 2020 to Nov. 25, 2020

We try to make at least one pick-up a week. During the middle of November, we do get behind, so please be patient, we will get back on the normal day of the week pick up for your area

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 leaves into one large 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.**
- 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.



2020 Projects included Tar and Chip of roads West of German Church Rd. to the Township line (Southwest corner of the Township)

2021 Projects will include Tar and Chipping of roads East of German Church Rd. (East side of the Township)

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.



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GENERAL INFORMATION - Did You Know?

TOWNSHIPS IN OHIO SPEND, TAX, AND BORROW LESS - According to a recent research report, commissioned by the Ohio Township Association and published In July of last year, showed that smaller local governments, townships and villages spend, tax, and borrow less per capita than larger government entities.

Washington Township current approx. population is 6,210. The population is comprised of a median age of 47.3. The median age of males is 45.6 and females 48.8. There are 3,063 males and 3,147 females.

Currently, the Washington Township meeting minutes have been added to and are posted on the Washington Township website.

Check out Washington Township website.

www.washingtontwp.us

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