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FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

If you have driven by the intersection of State Route 13 and Vanderbilt Road recently, you have no doubt noticed an enormous amount of soil being moved, leveled, and compacted. The new Washington Township administration, fire department and road department buildings will be built on this site in the coming months. This project was made possible by the approval of a bond issue in May of 2021, which will repay a construction loan from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). We are very grateful for your support of this project.

The 16,000 square foot fire station will provide ample room for current and future operations and service enhancements. The station will be divided into



“zones” to enhance the overall safety of visitors and firefighters. This concept provides separations between living areas, the apparatus bays, decontamination area and turn-out gear storage. The apparatus bay will have more room in between vehicles and will provide room for additional equipment in the future. Additional storage areas include a secure EMS supply room, dedicated room for filling SCBA bottles and an isolated room to store fire gear away from diesel exhaust and living areas. The station will have the ability to house firefighters 24 hours a day with up to eight private bunk rooms as well as private shower facilities.

Staffing the fire station 24 hours a day is becoming a stark reality, one that is not unique to just Washington Township. In 2021, we responded to 868 calls for service, an increase of over 19% from 2020's total of 727 calls for service. At our current pace this year, we will approach 900 calls for service. The new fire station will give us the potential to increase our service to the residents for many years to come.

Just a reminder that the fall season brings an increase of open burning complaints. Leaves, grass, trash and other rubbish are some of the materials Washington Twp. that are not allowed to be burned in the State of Ohio. Please familiarize yourself with Ohio's open burning laws. Additional information is available on the following website:

<https://epa.ohio.gov/dapc/general/openburning>

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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. 17, 2022 to Nov. 23, 2022

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.



2023 Projects will be paving work in allotments.

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.



GENERAL TOWNSHIP INFORMATION

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Washington Township this Fall is recognizing by resolution, **Richland County Soil and Water Stormwater Awareness Week, October 16 – 22, 2022.**

The purpose, for this information is that Washington Township has an interest in this Awareness Week as urban stormwater runoff impacts water quality in Washington Township, and its residents.

Also, these impacts cannot be entirely avoided or eliminated, but can be minimized. Control of stormwater quantity and quality is most effectively implemented when people and organizations understand the related causes and consequences of polluted stormwater runoff and flooding, and the actions they can take to control the causes.

There are in place currently, EPA General Construction and Stormwater rules. Washington Township has worked diligently to abide by those rules in the preparation of the land on Vanderbilt Road for the new buildings for the Fire and Road Departments. Hopefully, those buildings will be completely finished and ready for occupation in the 2nd half of 2023.

Also impacting stormwater runoff are residential and commercial areas in a city, village and township. Stormwater Awareness Week makes available educational resources to assist in proper decision making for those areas.

Check out the Soil and Water website by visiting: <https://richlandswcd.net/>

Very helpful is their FAQ page (frequently asked questions). Or (419) 747-8686.



ZONING OFFICE HOURS

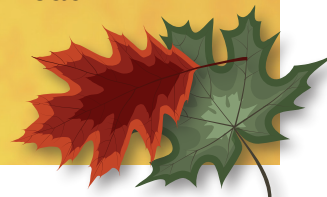
Tim Boggs, Washington Township Zoning Inspector office hours are Mondays, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM. If a Monday is a holiday, the day Zoning is open will be rescheduled for that week.

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



TRUSTEE MEETINGS

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



DID YOU KNOW?

John P. Altgeld, Illinois' 22nd Governor, was born in Germany in 1847. The family emigrated to Richland County, Ohio and lived in Washington Township. A small housing development in Washington Twp. is named Altgeld Manor. Mr. Altgeld had a limited Education. He served in the Civil War as a Private. After his military service, he studied law and established a legal career in Missouri. In 1874 he entered public service as Prosecuting Attorney in Missouri. Then after moving to Cook County, Illinois, he served as judge in Cook County Superior Court. He then served as Governor of Illinois 1893 – 1897. He then ran for Mayor of Chicago in 1899, but was defeated. He died in 1902, and is buried at Graceland Cemetery in Chicago.

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