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FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

The new Washington Township facilities are under construction at the corner of Vanderbilt Rd. and State Route 13. If you have not had the chance to drive by and see the progress being made, please do! We anticipate being in the new fire station by July of next year. The 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 also can house firefighters 24 hours a day with up to eight private bunk rooms as well as private shower facilities.

In 2022, we responded to 915 calls for service, the most calls in one year for the department. As of September 18th, we have responded to 688 calls. Personnel also spend numerous hours training to maintain their certifications. These men and women are committed to providing emergency services to residents and visitors around the clock.

Reminder to check your smoke detectors and replace the battery when daylight savings time returns on November 5th this year!

Just a reminder that the fall season brings an increase of open burning complaints. Please familiarize yourself with Ohio's open burning laws. You may find them at [epa.ohio.gov](https://www.epa.ohio.gov) and search for "Ohio open burning" on their website or use your favorite search engine and search for the same.



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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
October 16, 2023 to November 22, 2023**



We try to make at least one pick-up a week. During the second and third week 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 them into one large round 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 STALKS.**
- 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.**

OHIO REVISED CODE 4511.74 STATES IN PART, "NO PERSON SHALL PLACE ANY OBSTRUCTION IN OR UPON A HIGHWAY WITHOUT PROPER AUTHORITY."

Thank you for your cooperation. Should you have any questions, please call the Road Department at 419-756-2574.

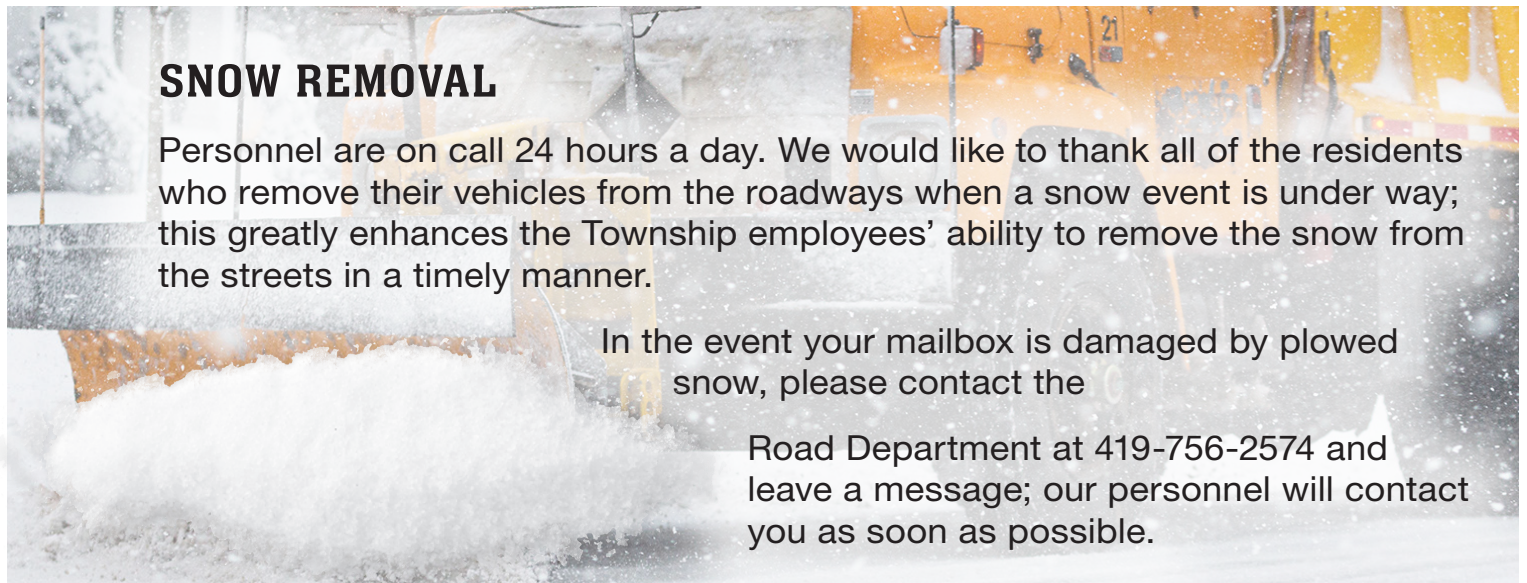
If you have a catch basin or storm drain in front of your property please help us keep them open by removing any debris.

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.



PLEASE REMOVE BASKETBALL HOOPS FROM THE ROAD RIGHT OF WAY.

Under Ohio Revised Code 5571.14 (B), (3) Objects that may be declared to be a public nuisance under this section include a fence, post, pole, athletic or recreational

apparatus, rock, or berm, any vegetation, or any other object identified by the board or superintendent as interfering with or obstructing the township road under division (A) of this section.



2024 PROJECTS

Projects will be paving work in allotments.

Estimated project cost \$650,000.00

Hanley Acres
Hanley Village
Virginia Heights
Meadowood Subdivision
Pleasant Villa
Scenic Dr., Yoha Dr.

GENERAL TOWNSHIP INFORMATION

WWW.WASHINGTONTWP.US

Washington Township this Fall is recognizing by resolution, **Richland County Soil and Water Stormwater Awareness Week, October 1 – 8, 2023.**

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.

For more information. Check out the Soil and Water website:

<https://richlandswcd.net/> or call (419) 747-8686.

RICHLAND COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY is working diligently with Cities, Villages, County, Townships, and First Responders and other agencies in Richland County laying out plans to prepare the area for the coming 2024 Solar Eclipse which will occur locally at approximately 3:12 PM on Monday, April 8, 2024. The eclipse will trace a narrow path of totality through 13 states including Ohio.

EMA expects Richland County to have an influx of visitors with many arriving on Friday, April 5th and stay until Monday afternoon. EMA suggests households to run errands early in the week, fill up your gas tanks, go to the grocery store, pick up necessary medications, etc., as there will be expected an increase in traffic. Many local schools have cancelled classes for the Monday event.

CURRENT RESIDENT



TRUSTEE MEETINGS

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

ZONING OFFICE HOURS

Tim Boggs, Washington Township Zoning Inspector office hours are Mondays, 3:00 PM - 5:00 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.



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