

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SURVEY

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BOARD OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

September 2013

2013 Autumn Bash Celebration Set for October 4th & 5th



It's that time of year again...the leaves are falling, the air is cooler, it can only mean one thing, the **Washington Township Annual Autumn Bash** is on its way! This year's two-day festival event is "jammed packed" with family fun activities, which include the following:

HAUNTED TRAIL!

Beware! Once again the Washington Township Park Trails will be transformed into a wicked lair for zombies, specters, vampires, witches, werewolves, evil clowns, and every other dastardly creature of your nightmares. This trek of terror will be opened to the brave of heart from 7:30—10:00 pm, both nights. Enter if you dare! Cost is \$2.00 per person.

FIREWORKS!

A *dazzling fireworks display*, presented by **Pyrotecnio**, will occur at approximately 10:00 pm (Saturday night only). Over 600 shells and barrages will illuminate the sky, so don't be late. Come and experience the real last blast of summer.

RIDES!

This year's midway rides, provided by **Festival Services, Inc.** are sure to please! Kiddies will be delighted to get crazy on the **Monkey Mayhem**, soar to the sky in **Flying Rockets**, or take a twirl on the whirling dervish that is **The Spinner**.

Special "Multi-Ticket" and Arm Band Rates

Friday Night Arm Band Special \$20.00. Ride All Night!

Sat. Arm Band. Ride from 2 pm – 5 pm for \$12.50

After 5 pm tickets can be purchased for \$1.50 each or purchase 24 tickets for \$30.00.

Most rides take two (2) tickets

COSTUME CONTEST!

Halloween is on the way! Give your kids some practice by letting them participate in our **Costume Contest**. \$10.00 Cash Prizes will be awarded to the funniest, most original, prettiest, cutest, and scariest outfits. Ages categories are 1-6, 7-12, and 13-18 years of age. This event will occur Saturday, October 5th, starting at 2 pm on the Main Stage.

BINGO!

The Community Helper's Association will be offering bingo activities on both Friday and Saturday. Starting times will be posted in the Bingo area. All proceeds benefit residents within our surrounding communities

RAPTORS, INC.

Raptors, Inc. a rescue organization for birds of prey will be on hand Friday, October 4, 2013 at 6:00 pm in the enclosed bay area attached to the Township Hall. Representatives will bring a variety of bird ambassadors to our festival event. Come & get in touch with your wild side!

ARROWHEAD REPTILE RESCUE SHOW!

Arrowhead Reptile Rescue, an organization dedicated to the care of abandoned and injured reptiles, will bring several animals, which may include boa constrictors, pythons, monitors, dragons, alligators, iguanas, turtles, frogs, and salamanders. You will be able to see, hear, smell, and touch the animals. Event begins at 3:00 PM on Saturday, October 5th.

SCHO-LAN ENTERTAINMENT!

Scho-Lan Entertainment Professionals will be on hand Saturday, October 5th from 2 -5 pm and will showcase their face painting & balloon animal skills. This is a free of charge activity.

HARKIES HOEDOWNERS!

The clogging group, **Harkies Hoedowners**, will be on the Main Stage at 4:00 pm, Saturday, October 5th to showcase their toe- tappin' skills.

HOME DEPOT: BUILD A CRAFT

Representatives from Home Depot will be on hand to assist children with building a craft of their choice from 12:00 pm – 5 pm. This activity is free of charge.

KARAOKE TIME!

Come show your musical skills! The Karaoke Stage, under the direction of Dan Cook of **One Star Karaoke**, will be open from 7:00 pm to closing both days.

CLERMONT CO. GOAT ASSOCIATION PETTING ZOO!

A variety of small farm animals will be available for the children to pet on Saturday, October 5th from 12—5 pm,

MUSIC! - Friday Night will feature the boot stomping, knee slappin' music of **SIX SHOOTER**, beginning at 7 pm; come and dance the night away, and then come back Saturday night at 7 pm to listen to the rockin' sounds of **THE SHIRT & TIE STIFFS**, assisted by Mr. Robert Hardyman and his professional sound crew.

2nd Annual John Corbin Poker Run

**HOSTED BY: UTTER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
DOUG UTTER & DENNY DAVIDSON, REPRESENTATIVES**

WHEN: Saturday, October 5, 2013
WHERE: Washington Township Park (During the Autumn Bash Festival)
REGISTRATION: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM at the Large Picnic Shelter
RIDE TIME: 1:30 PM – til' approximately 4:30 PM
COST: \$20.00 PER PERSON
CARDS WILL BE DEALT OUT AT THE END OF THE RIDE AT THE AUTUMN BASH
PAYOUT: 50% TO POKER HAND WINNER
 50% TO GO TOWARDS PAYING OFF THE JOHN CORBIN MEMORIAL BENCH, ANY REMAINING FUNDS WILL BE DONATED TO CHARITY



The 2nd Annual John Corbin Poker Run is in honor of John Corbin, Road Forman for Washington Township for over 23 years. John took great happiness in his family, his friends, his motorcycle, his dog, and the Autumn Bash Festival. His caring heart, quick smile, and laugh has been truly missed. However, we know that he would want us to celebrate his life and continue to laugh and love. 50 % Payback to the Poker Hand Winner and the remaining money will go towards paying off the John Corbin Memorial Bench. Any remaining funds will be donated to charity.

A Memorial Bench dedication ceremony will follow at 5:00 pm.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CALL:
DOUG UTTER AT (513) 304-8353 OR DENNY DAVIDSON AT (513) 265-1728**

...festival continued

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE & RESCUE SAFETY PROGRAMS! Come meet your Township Firefighters as they operate a "Fire Safety House" and instruct your children on basic fire safety tips and "How to Get Out Safe." Medical Evacuation Helicopters will be on hand Saturday, between 3—5 pm, for the public to inspect. Flight Teams will be available to answer questions.

FINGERPRINT ID CARD FOR KIDS! - Western Southern Life Insurance will be partnering with Washington Township Fire & Rescue to provide Fingerprint ID cards for children during the festival event. Please visit the Fire Department Booth and have your child fingerprinted for their safety.

CAR BASH! - The Washington Township Firefighters Association will be hosting a Car Bash. Come and take your best shot and impress the crowds with your strength. 50 cents per hit or three (3) hits for \$1.00.

CLERMONT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE!

The C.C.S.O. will have their motorcycle unit and Meth Truck on site Friday from 5—10 pm. The Search & Rescue Truck will be on site Saturday from 4—9 pm, as well as their Canine Unit from 5—6pm. A canine demonstration will occur during this time.

MOSCOW FOOD PANTRY

Representatives from the Moscow Food Pantry will be set up at the Annual Autumn Bash Festival accepting donations. We ask that everyone support their efforts & bring a non-perishable canned and/or boxed food item. Cash donation will be accepted as well. For every dollar or item donated you will get your name place in a raffle drawing for a great prize.



2013 ANNUAL YOUTH FISHING DERBY A SUCCESS



The 2013 Annual Youth Fishing Derby was held on Saturday, June 1st from 8—2 pm with beautiful weather and the fish a-biting! Ninety children from the ages of 5—18 participated in this year's derby event. This event was free of charge to all Washington Township residents and to all 2013 Washington Township Fishing Permit holders. Non-resident/non-fishing permit holders could purchase a one-day fishing permit for \$5.00 to participate in the event. Children under the age of 5 were welcome to the event, but were not eligible to compete. All children received a door-prize of their choosing and everyone was invited to a picnic lunch, furnished by the Board of Trustees and served by the Washington Township Fire Department and Road & Bridge Department.

This year's winners were as follows:

Grand Prize—Largest Fish Caught	\$70.00 Gift Certificate - Keaton Montgomery (4.6 lb. Catfish)
Grand Prize – Most Fish Caught	\$70.00 Gift Certificate - Brandon Smith (69 Fish)
Category Prize Winner – Girls 5-7	\$50.00 Gift Certificate - MyKenah Lawson(2.05 lb. Catfish)
Category Prize Winner – Girls 8-12	\$50.00 Gift Certificate - Hailey Bowling (1.36 lb. Catfish)
Category Prize Winner – Girls 13-15	\$50.00 Gift Certificate - Ashley Webb (4.4 lb. Catfish)
Category Prize Winner – Girls 16-18	\$50.00 Gift Certificate - Heather Collins 1.3 lb. Catfish)
Category Prize Winner – Boys 5-7	\$50.00 Gift Certificate - Ethan Weber (1.2 lb. Catfish)
Category Prize Winner – Boys 8-12	\$50.00 Gift Certificate - Steven Cochran (3.10 lb. Catfish)
Category Prize Winner – Boys 13-15	\$50.00 Gift Certificate - Dillon Brown (1.56 lb. Catfish)
Category Prize Winner – Boys 16-18	\$50.00 Gift Certificate - Bryan Smith (1.38 lb. Catfish)
Most Unusual Non-Living Item Caught	\$30.00 Gift Certificate - Myia Flora for a Horseshoe
Most Unusual Non-Fish Catch	\$30.00 Gift Certificate - Mason Hill for a Turtle
Most Unusual Fish Caught	\$30.00 Gift Certificate - Isaiah Oberschlake, Albino Catfish

Thanks to all the children and their families who attended the event. Hope to see you next year!

Keaton Montgomery



Brandon Smith



MyKenah Lawson



Hailey Bowling



Ashley Webb



Heather Collins



Ethan Weber



Steven Cochran



Dillon Brown



Bryan Smith



Myia Flora



Isaiah Oberschlake



Mason Hill

FEMA GRANT UPDATE



In 2011, torrential spring rains caused significant damages to several township roads and prompted the Board of Trustees to request Public Assistance through FEMA. FEMA awarded the Township money to assist with repairs to Maple Creek Road, Big Indian Road (off S.R. 232), Ireton Trees Road, Bear Creek Road, Big Indian Road (off S.R. 222), and Big Indian Creek Ford.

The following projects have been completed and reimbursement received: Maple Creek Road at a cost of \$157,644.38; Big Indian Creek Ford at a cost of \$17,500.00; and Big Indian (off S.R. 222) at a cost of \$16,880.00.

The Board of Trustees are working with the Clermont County Engineers Department on the remaining projects. All of the remaining projects will be funded 100% through FEMA (87.5%) and the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC- 12.5%). Bids are currently being received on the Ireton Trees Road & Big Indian Road (off 232) projects and have a completion date of May 2014. Specifications are being developed for the Bear Creek Road project.

TOWNSHIP PETITIONS COMMISSIONERS TO RECLASSIFY ROAD

On March 2, 2012, a tornado ripped through Washington Township. Major damages and loss of life was sustained throughout the area. The Township and its residents are still recovering. Part of our recovery process is to be proactive and examine where improvements are needed and respond appropriately.

Moscow Cemetery Road, located along U.S. 52, is considered a private road. Per Ohio Revised Code the Township cannot provide road maintenance efforts to private roads. However, Moscow Cemetery Road is unique due to the fact that it is the only access point to the Moscow Cemetery and the Township **is required**, by law, to maintain the ingress/egress to the cemetery. Consequently, the Board treats this roadway just as if it is a public road. Limbs are cut back, snow removal/salting efforts are provided, roadsides are mowed, slips are repaired, blacktopping is applied, etc. These maintenance operations and improvements are continual.

The March 2nd tornado, along with torrential rains, weakened the bridge located on the roadway. The Board of Trustees approached the Clermont County Engineers for assistance in designing and repairing this bridge. Upon conclusion of our meetings the Clermont County Engineers Office recommended that the Township petition the Clermont County Commissioners to have the road reclassified from private to public. The reclassification will not change how the roadway is maintained by the Board of Trustees, but will make all bridge repairs the responsibility of the Clermont County Engineers Office, the entity best suited to handle the repair efforts.

The first step in the process, obtaining signatures in the form of a petition, was completed and submitted to the Clermont County Commissioners along with the required easements. The Commissioners will then send the request to the Prosecutor's Office, which if approved, goes back to the Commissioners to be voted upon. Upon a vote of approval, the road would then be added to the Township mileage certificate and the appropriate tax base applied. The reclassification of the roadway is a win-win situation in the eyes of the Board of Trustees. Maintenance and repair efforts by the Township will not change and the County will take care of the bridge. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Board of Trustees at (513) 552-2072.



CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERY



Reminder...on Sunday, Nov. 3, 2013, at 2 am or prior to going to bed, you will need to turn your clocks back one-hour for Daylight Savings Time. This is the Fire Department's opportunity to tell you to change the battery in your smoke detector at that same time. Even if you test the battery and it appears good, we highly recommend you change the battery twice a year during the Spring and Fall time changes.



NEWSLETTER WILL CONTINUE TO BE MAILED



In past newsletters, we informed the residents of Washington Township that we would no longer be mailing the *Washington Township Survey Newsletter*. Many of you contacted the Township and requested that the Board reconsider their decision. The Board has heard your request and has decided to continue printing and mailing the newsletter on a bi-annual basis, as long as the U.S. Postal Service continues to provide bulk mailing services through their Batavia Office. However, we still encourage everyone to view our website at <http://washingtontwpclermont.org>. We feel that this is still the most efficient way to inform our residents about what's happening in Washington Township. Log in and check out our historical photos.



CEMETERY UPDATES



Washington Township is in the process of expanding Pt. Isabel and Moscow cemeteries. A big thank you needs to be given to Mr. Billy Meyer who generously donated approximately 1 acre of land contiguous to the Pt. Isabel Cemetery to allow for its expansion. The property acquired for expanding the Moscow Cemetery is under development. Prior to advertising plots for sale, the land must be cleared of trees and brush, re-seeded, and then fenced in. Our goal is to have lots available for purchase in the Spring of 2014. The Township will know how many plots we have available after the Clermont County Engineer's Office has assisted us with gridding the sites. The actual cost and sizes of the plots, along with a policy regarding Cemetery Rules and Regulations/Guidelines are currently under development. Additional information will be forth coming in the spring newsletter and on the township web site: washingtontwpclermont.org

Calvary Cemetery, located on State Route 756, is also in the process of being given to the Board of Washington Trustees. The cemetery is currently being maintained and operated by the Mt. Olivet Cemetery Board. The Cemetery Board consists of volunteers, many who are our friends and neighbors, who have been dedicated to the preservation of the cemetery for many years. At this time, the Cemetery Board wished to transfer the cemetery to the Board of Trustees. We ask that everyone be very patient with us while we are going through the process of transferring the deeds. If you would like a progress update, feel free to contact the Township Administration Office at 553-2072.

From.....The Chief's Desk,

Cold weather is quickly approaching. Please remember the following:

- 1. Have your fireplace, chimney, and/or heating device inspected for safe operation.*
- 2. Remember to never fuel your heating device indoors or while it is hot!*
- 3. If you heat and/or cook with any gas operated appliance, make sure you have an operable carbon monoxide detector in your home.*
- 4. Remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors during the fall daylight savings time change (November 3rd) and test your smoke detectors to ensure that they are working properly.*
- 5. During power outages, never operate a generator or gas powered device indoors, including a garage. Make sure it is operated in a well ventilated area outside your home.*

Always for safety,

Art Owens, Fire Chief

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New Addresses: Call (513) 876-3740 and speak
to Chief Arthur Owens or (513) 876-2970 and
speak with Lt. Paul Brewer.

Burn Permits: Call (513) 876-3740 and speak to
Shift Officer on duty.

Picnic Shelter Rentals, Fishing Permits,
Station #2 Rentals: Call Robin Brewer
(513) 553-2072, ext. 122



**Beggars Night (Treat-or-Treat)
Set For
Thursday, October 31, 2013**

It's almost Halloween, and that means giggling ghosts and winsome witches will be trick-or-treating in your neighborhood. Beggars Night or Trick-or-Treat will be held on:

**Thursday, October 31, 2013
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

for all township ghouls & goblins. Because kids tend to focus on the excitement of Halloween and forget about safety, it's up to us parents, care givers, and motorists to take special care so everyone can have a safe & happy holiday and are not "haunted" by unnecessary injuries. Special thanks to our Emergency Services personnel who will be staged in the villages to assist & protect our children as they cross the streets.

Happy Halloween

GENERAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2013

If you need to register for the upcoming general election or need additional information regarding voting, please contact the Clermont County Board of Elections at 732-7275.

VOTE!

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