

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SURVEY



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BOARD OF WASHINGTON TWP TRUSTEES

April 2015



2015 PLANNING SESSION

The Washington Township Board of Trustees, Fiscal Officer, and Management Staff met on February 7, 2015 to review 2014 and plan for 2015. The prudent and pragmatic spending of past Township Officials has been very beneficial to planning for future challenges in the township. Matters of interest, in no particular priority order, are as follows:

Station 66 (Moscow) – The environmental remediation of this facility has been completed. The Board is in the process of accepting Request For Qualifications from Design-Build Firms interested in the construction project. Washington Township will be the first public entity in Clermont County to use the Design-Build technique that was recently approved by the State of Ohio. Design-Build is a method of project delivery in which one entity – the design-build team – works under a single contract with the project owner (the Township) to provide design and construction services. One entity, one contract, one unified flow of work from initial concept through completion – thereby re-integrating the roles of designer and constructor. These new rules allow the Township to utilize means and methods that at one time were only available to private industry. The selection of the Design-Build Firm should be completed sometime in April, with renovations to mechanical, electrical, HVAC, and plumbing to start shortly thereafter.

Zimmer Power Station Status – Duke Energy is in the process of selling off generation assets of several of its Power stations – including Zimmer to Dynege, a Houston based provider of wholesale power. The transaction is still waiting for approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. It is anticipated that several of the Duke Energy management team members will become Dynege employees when the transaction is finalized. Of particular interest to this transaction is that the Township will try to secure ownership to the Buchanan House. Demolition of this historic house was being considered by Duke Energy. The Township requested that the demolition be postponed to allow negotiation for the property with the new owners (Dynege). These negotiations will occur when Dynege has ownership. The Township will also undertake the challenge of a proper right-of-way to Wood Cemetery, currently located on the property, and also a historic benchmark to our community.

Cemeteries - 2014 was an exceptional year in securing deeds and proper legal descriptions to the majority of our cemeteries. Most challenging was the Mt. Olivet Calvary Cemetery, but piece by piece all aspects of ownership and transferring of property and deeds was resolved. It took several months to unravel all the liens that had been placed on the properties. The Board is in the process of putting in

place proper protocols whereby the endowment fund for the Mt. Olivet Calvary Cemetery may be utilized for improvements and maintenance to this cemetery.

Autumn Bash - The Autumn Bash festival traditionally held the first weekend in October has been rescheduled for **Friday, September 18th and Saturday, September 19th**. Our traditional date conflicted with the Brown County Fair. Hopefully the changing of the date will provide us with better weather. As always we will have bands, bingo, a petting zoo, entertainers, animal shows, haunted trail, and fireworks on Saturday. So, please mark your calendars and spread the word!

Dennis Cooper, Trustee

TOWNSHIP HONORS LLOYD THEADEMAN WITH 2015 SALUTE TO LEADERS AWARD

On March 10, 2015 Lloyd Theademan was honored at the 22nd Annual Salute to Leaders Awards Banquet at the Oasis Center in Loveland, Ohio. The Board of Trustees were proud to nominate Mr. Theademan for this prestigious award. Lloyd has been dedicated to serving the residents of Washington Township for the past 27 years. Lloyd began his service to the community in 1986 as a volunteer Emergency Medical Technician with the Moscow life Squad and became a member of the Washington Township Volunteer Fire Department in 1990. In 1996, Lloyd began his career service with Washington Township Fire & Rescue, serving and protecting the community until his retirement in 2013. Lloyd also served in the U.S. Air Force from 1969 – 1973. Please join us in honoring and thanking Lloyd for stepping forward when other step back; for sacrificing time with his family to protect ours; for serving as a heroic example of what a true servant is. Lloyd Theademan, we salute you!



Pictured from left to right: Lloyd Theademan, President of First National Bank, Lloyd Theademan, and Tom Rocklin, Chairman for the Clermont County Chamber of Commerce.



DARN THOSE SIRENS!



Winter may still be nipping at our heels, but spring is already here and some of our most severe weather occurs between March & July. Residents are reminded that along with the much anticipated beautiful spring weather come violent storms. A **tornado watch** means that conditions are present which could cause a tornado to form. A **tornado warning** means that a tornado has been sighted in the area & you need to take cover immediately. The sirens are **not used** to warn residents of watches. The sirens **are activated** for severe weather warnings and/or tornado sightings.

Knowing what to do when you see a tornado, or when you hear a tornado warning, can help protect you and your family. During a tornado, people face hazards from extremely high winds and risk being struck by flying and falling objects. After a tornado, the wreckage left behind poses additional injury risks. Although nothing can be done to prevent tornadoes, there are actions you can take for your health and safety.

TAKE COVER, TUNE IN, TAKE ACTION... When you hear the siren, turn on your TV or radio for the latest update. Take the required action recommended. If you are instructed to take shelter immediately, go to the lowest part of your home, preferably a basement area. If this is not an option, go into a closet or a small interior room. Residents in mobile homes or doublewides need to leave their homes immediately and seek a structurally sound shelter.

BE PREPARED... Develop a family emergency plan and put together a 3-day emergency supply kit which should include:

- an adequate of supply of food and water for each person in your family, don't forget your pets
- a first-aid kit, including necessary prescription medications, along with a flashlight, battery operated radio, cellular phone, clothing, bedding, & special items (baby formula, diapers, bottles, etc.)

The township currently has four emergency weather sirens located within the Township: 1-in the Village of Moscow, 1-in the Village of Pt. Isabel, 1-in the Village of Neville, and 1-located at the Washington Township Park. These noisy fellows are tested on the first Wednesday of each month. Residents should know, however, that the Township has nothing to do with the sounding of the sirens. The testing is done by the Clermont County Communication Center, located in Batavia, Ohio, which is responsible for making sure that the sirens are in good working order.

Remember, we may be DARN happy that we have them and hear them should severe weather or a tornado threaten our area.



2105 TRASH DAYS



**Washington Township's Trash Collection Days are set for:
May 8 & 9, 2015 and August 28 & 29, 2015
Fridays & Saturdays 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM**

Dumpsters will be located at 2225 S.R. 756. The following hazardous materials **cannot be accepted**: batteries, paints, oil thinners, and other flammable materials. Also, no wood debris or construction debris (shingles, treated wood, etc) will be allowed. Barrels and five (5) gallon drums must have the end cut out. Freon filled appliances will be accepted. However, these items must be set aside, so please inform the person checking you in that you have a freon filled appliance. Township personnel will be able to direct you to where you should unload these items. Proof of residency will be required at the time of drop off. If you have a question regarding an item, please contact the Township Hall at 513-553-2072 to get approval.

New this year the Township will **NOT BE ACCEPTING TIRES!** In the fall of last year the Adams-Clermont Solid Waste District operated their Tire Amnesty Program during the Township's Fall Trash Days. The program was extremely successful and they collected over 5,000 tires in two days. The District has once again applied for grant funding to operate this event in our region. If awarded, this event will be opened to the public and free of charge. The Township urges everyone to utilize this free program for the disposal of their tires. As of the printing of this newsletter, the Office of Environmental Quality is still waiting to hear if their grant request has been approved. To find out more about the Tire Amnesty Program and the future location and date of this event, please contact the Office of Environmental Quality at 732-7745.

Fire Lines

OFFICIAL FIRE PREVENTION NEWS FROM WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE & RESCUE



OUTDOOR COOKING FIRE SAFETY

Every year Americans look forward to summer vacations, camping, family reunions, and picnics. Summertime, however, also brings fires and injuries due to outdoor cooking. Annually, just under 5,000 Americans are injured by charcoal/wood-burning and propane grill fires. (Source: Consumer Product Safety Commission). Summertime should be a time of fun and making happy memories. Knowing a few fire safety tips and following safety instructions will help everyone have a safe summer.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) found that gas and charcoal grills are responsible for 3,400 structure fires in or on home properties, resulting in a combined direct property loss of \$137 million. Gas-fueled grills caused an estimated 2,800 home structure fires and 4,400 home outdoor fires in 2005. Charcoal and other solid-fueled grills caused an estimated 600 home structure fires and 500 outdoor fires.

BARBEQUE SAFETY TIPS

Propane and charcoal BBQ grills must only be used outdoors. If used indoors, or in any enclosed spaces such as tents, they pose both a fire hazard and the risk of exposing occupants to toxic gases and potential asphyxiation.

- Position the grill well away from siding, deck railing, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas, and foot traffic.
- Keep children and pets from the grill area: declare a three-foot "safe zone" around the grill.
- Put out several long-handled grilling tools to give the chef plenty of clearance from heat and flames when cooking.
- Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in trays below grill so it cannot be ignited by a hot grill.

FIRE PITS

In recent years, there has been a new concern for the Fire Service - fire pits. Fire pits are known to be a great source of warmth and ambience. But, with the popularity of fire pits increasing, fire safety has become even more important. There are many things you should consider while setting up and using a fire pit.

- Keep away from flammable material and fluids such as gasoline, diesel fuel, kerosene, and charcoal lighter fluid or vehicles while in use.
- Do not use flammable fluids such as gasoline, alcohol, diesel fuel, kerosene, and charcoal lighter fluid to light or relight fires.
- Exercise the same precautions you would with an open fire.
- Do not allow children to use the fire pit. Keep children and pets away.
- Do not wear flammable or loose fitting clothing such as nylon.
- Do not burn trash, leaves, paper, cardboard, or plywood. Avoid using soft wood such as pine or cedar that likely pop and throw sparks. Use of seasoned hardwood is suggested.
- Before starting the fire, make sure that the lid will still close to extinguish the fire in case of emergency. Do not overload.
- Before you light the fire, check the wind direction.
- Keep a fire extinguisher or garden hose nearby.



SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES!



Smoke alarms save lives. If there is a fire in your home, smoke spreads fast and you need smoke alarms to give you time to get out. Having a working smoke alarm cuts the chances of dying in a reported fire in half. Almost two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

Here's what you need to know!

- ☞ ... Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of your home.
- ☞ ...Test your smoke alarms every month.
- ☞ ...When a smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside.
- ☞ ...Replace all smoke alarms in your home every 10 years

Please contact the Fire Department at (513) 876-3740 if you are in need of a **free** smoke detector.

CLERMONT COUNTY COMMUNITY SHRED DAY

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) estimates as many as 10 million Americans have their identities stolen each year. Many thieves rummage through your trash to get personal information, such as your Social Security number and bank account information. A great way to deter thieves is to shred your personal identifying information before you put it in the trash. A free **Clermont County Community Shred Day** will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2015, from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. at the Clermont County Department of Job and Family Services parking lot, located at 2400 Clermont Center Drive in Batavia.

Identity theft happens when someone uses your personal information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. In many cases, people don't realize they have become a victim until bill collector's start calling about unpaid debts. In some cases, people are turned down for loans or even jobs, because of bad credit. Unfortunately, many victims have their personal information stolen by someone they know.

Awareness is the number one weapon citizens have to combat thieves. Shred all financial paperwork and documents before you toss them in the trash. This includes all those credit card offers that come in the mail. Don't give out personal information on the phone, through the mail, or over the Internet, unless you have initiated the contact and know who you are dealing with.

Clermont businesses and citizens are invited to bring old documents (cancelled checks, tax returns, bank statements, etc.) to the **Community Shred Day** to be disposed of properly. It is recommended that tax returns be kept for seven years, and bank statements be kept for three years. Along with paper, the shredding machines can handle rubber bands, staples, and paperclips; however it will not shred three ring binders, so please do not bring them.

The **Clermont County Community Shred Day** is sponsored by the Clermont Records Center and Cintas Document Management. Previous events have been quite popular; Cintas reports that over 11,000 pounds of documents were shredded on site in the county during the last shred day. All county citizens and businesses are invited to take part in this free event. For more information, contact the Clermont County Records Center at 735-8660.

2015 YOUTH FISHING DERBY REGISTRATION/INFORMATION



- Date: Saturday, June 6, 2015 (Come rain or shine)
- Time: 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM (8:30 "Cast Out" - 12:00 "Lines In")
- Location: Washington Twp. Park, 2238 S.R. 756, Moscow, OH
- Age Categories: Girls & Boys: 3 - 4 (Participants only), 5 - 7, 8 - 12, 13 - 15, & 16 - 18
- 1st Grand Prize: To the participant with the largest overall fish (Age 5-18)
- 2nd Grand Prize: To the participant who has caught the most overall fish (Age 5-18)
- Age Category Prizes: Age 5-18: Prizes in each age category for the largest fish.
- Participant Packages: Age 3-4: Packages will be distributed to all children ages 3-4.
- Door Prizes: All participants are eligible to receive door prizes

You must be present to win and there is only one winner's prize awarded per participant.

This event is free of charge to all Washington Township residents and to all 2015 Washington Township Fishing Permit Holders. If you are a non-resident and wish to participate in this event, you must purchase a fishing permit. One Day Permits can be purchased for as little as \$5.00 and includes all children and one adult (make checks payable to Washington Township or please bring exact cash the day of the event). Families are welcome to come and enjoy the Fishing Derby event with their children, however, only children registered in the Fishing Derby will be permitted to fish in the lake during the event. Lunch will be provided courtesy of Washington Township.

Parental Information:

Name: _____
 Address _____
 City: _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Township Resident: Yes or No If no, give WT Fishing Permit # _____ or enclose \$5.00 fee.
 Telephone # (____) _____ E-mail address: _____

Child's Name	Age	Gender	Child's Name	Age	Gender
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

**WASHINGTON TWP.
FISHING LAKE RULES**

1. Fishing permitted Monday – Sunday from Sunrise to Sunset.
2. No alcoholic beverages permitted on township property.
3. No open fires, no swimming, no boats, canoes, flotation devises, etc. are permitted on the lake.
4. No ice fishing, snagging, archery fishing, throw nets or trot lines.
5. All children 15 years of age and under **must** be accompanied by an adult at all times.
6. Washington Township is not responsible for accidents or injuries. You have applied to Washington Township for a permit to fish at your own initiative without invitation from the Township. You are expected to conduct yourself in a prudent, reasonable manner and to make yourself aware of any and all hazards that are obvious or hidden. The Township has inspected the premises and has attempted to post all areas, which are believed to be hazardous or dangerous. Nevertheless, you are responsible for your own actions and behavior and those of your children. The Township will not accept responsibility nor be liable for any accidents or injuries, which should have been prevented by your own careful and responsible behavior.
7. No more than two (2) poles per person.
8. Fishing Limits: two (2) bass (wide mouth/small mouth bass must be at least **12” inches in length** before they can be removed from the lake, and three (3) catfish. All other types of fish are under no regulations.
9. No frogs are to be removed from the lake by any means.
10. Taking of turtles may be with rod and reel only.
11. The Township has inspected the area around the fishing lake and you are cautioned that there are areas of steep embankments. The Township has posted these areas to the best of their ability and you must use your best judgment to determine which areas are too steep or dangerous for you to fish from.

COME AND ENJOY YOUR PARK!

MEETING DATES FOR 2015

January 14, 2015	July 15, 2015
February 11, 2015	August 12, 2015
March 11, 2015	September 9, 2015
April 8, 2015	October 7, 2015
May 6, 2015	November 4, 2015
June 3, 2015	December 16, 2015

All meeting are held at the Washington Township Hall, 2238 S.R. 756,., Moscow, OH at 6:00 pm.

CEMETERY UPDATES

MOSCOW & PT. ISABEL CEMETERIES

We are happy to announce that the expansion of the Pt. Isabel Cemetery has been completed and lots can now be purchased. We are currently waiting on the Clermont County Engineer’s Office to assist us with gridding the expanded Moscow Cemetery site and our hope is to begin selling lots in this cemetery by June of this year. The Township has adopted new Cemetery Guidelines, which are available to the public through the township’s website at www.washingtontwpclermontohio.org.

Lot prices have been set as follows:

Full Lot, Resident (8 graves) -	\$1,800.00
Full Lot, Non-Resident (8 graves) -	\$3,600.00
Half Lot, Resident (4 graves) -	\$1,000.00
Half Lot, Non-Resident (4 graves) -	\$2,000.00
Quarter Lot, Resident (2 graves) -	\$600.00
Quarter Lot, Non Resident (2 graves) -	\$1,200.00

MT OLIVET CALVARY CEMETERY

Washington Township now owns and maintains Mt. Olivet Calvary Cemetery, located on State Route 756. We thank everyone for being patient with us while we were going through the procurement process. The Board of Trustees plan on making improvements to this cemetery and expanding it, as well.

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
2015 FISHING PERMIT FORM**



Permit Type/Cost: (Please check your selection)

Individual Permit..... \$20.00 _____
 Family Permit (2 Adults and all kids 18 and under)..... \$30.00 _____

Please print your name & mailing address as you would like it to appear on the permit.

Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Family Permits Only:

Indicate the # of Family Members: ____ Adults ____ Kids

Note: The Township will not be stocking trout in 2015. Permit is valid from Jan. 1, 2015 – Dec. 1, 2015.

Make check payable to: Washington Township and mail to:
Washington Township, 2238 S.R. 745, Moscow, OH 45153

DIRECTORY

Washington Township
2238 S.R. 756, Moscow, Ohio 45153
(513) 553-2072 Fax: (513) 553-2975
Website: www.washingtontwpcclermont.org

Washington Twp. Fire & Rescue, St. #66
410 Market Street, Neville, Ohio 45157
(513) 876-3740 Fax: (513) 876-3713

Washington Twp. Fire & Rescue, St #67
2817 Mill Street, Moscow, OH 45153
(513) 876-3740 Fax: (513) 876-4791

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New Home Addresses: Call (513) 876-3740 and speak to Lt. Paul Brewer or Chief Dana Kellenberger.

Burn Permits: Can be obtained from Southwest Ohio Air EPA at 1-800-889-0474.

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

FLASH BACKS!

78 Years Ago....

July 3, 1937 - Motion was made by Mr. Keller that the wages of laborers working for the Township be raised to .30¢ per hour, and that .60¢ per hours be paid for team labor. Motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and roll call resulted as follows: Keller, Yea, Bureau, Yea, Collier Yea.

76 Years Ago....

March 4, 1939 - The County Truant Officer, Mr. Harris met with the Board seeking to reestablish a township road west of the Shafter Barger farm. After hearing the cost of the same he agreed to try and find some other way for the Barger children to attend school.

July 20, 1953 - The following letter was received from the State Auditor:

At the time our examiner was auditing the accounts of Washington Township he made a finding for Memorial Day Services rendered in Washington Township by John Farina Post. Under the provisions of Section 2503, General Code, such services are limited to posts or organizations within the township. However, subsequent investigation, and report from the Township Clerk, indicates that there is not a post in Washington Township which performs such services. Therefore, under Section 2503, payment to the post (John Farina) would be a legal expenditure, and we have, accordingly, cancelled the finding made against you.

FAST FORWARD TO 2015 - The Board of Washington Township Trustees still contribute money to the John Farina Post for Memorial Day Services. Some things never change and they shouldn't.