

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SURVEY



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TOWNSHIP CENTRALIZES EMERGENCY SERVICES

On July 6th and July 13th, 2016 the Board of Washington Township Trustees held Public Meetings to discuss the future of the Township's Fire and EMS services, in light of significant loss of tax revenues due to: deregulation; devaluation of the Zimmer Power Station; and State budget cuts. Residents were asked if they would support an additional levy to maintain services, as they currently existed, or if they would like the Township to consolidate Emergency Services into one facility to reduce overall costs. There was overwhelming support for the consolidation of services. Based upon these meetings the Board of Trustees have taken action and have: sold the Fire House located on U.S. 52, which has been out of service since 2011; placed the Neville Fire House on the market to be sold; are building a centralized Fire House across from the Township Hall located on State Route 756; and have plans to sell/lease the Pt. Isabel Fire House after the Department has moved to the new centralized location. The benefits of centralization include, but are not limited to:

- All fire and EMS operations will be under one roof, which make the flow of work more efficient and cost effective. Once the goal of centralization is achieved, personnel will also have a benefit which they never had while working out of multiple locations – the ability to hone their skills as a response team.
- The new Fire Station will have a training room and the Department will no longer have to travel to the Old Township Hall or Fire Tower for daily training activities.
- It is less expensive to maintain one building, instead of three. (i.e. one electric bill, one water bill, one telephone bill, lower insurance rates, etc.)
- Overall staffing can be reduced.
- Surplus facilities, equipment, and tools will be sold to help offset the cost of the new Fire Station construction.
- All Township services (Fire & EMS, Road Maintenance, Administration, and Parks) will be consolidated to a centralized area, essentially making it “one stop shopping” for residents.

We know that change can be difficult, but we believe that centralization is the very best answer as we navigate these changing times. Remember... “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” Margaret Mead.

TOWNSHIP HONORS WILLIAM “BILL” KABLER WITH 2017 SALUTE TO LEADERS AWARD

On March 22, 2017 William “Bill” Kabler will be honored at the 24th Annual Salute to Leaders Awards Banquet at the Oasis Center in Loveland, Ohio. The Board of Trustees is proud to nominate Bill for this prestigious award. William “Bill” Kabler is one of those people that just make life a little better here in Washington Township. Bill began his life of service to our community on June 1, 1973 when he became a member of the Washington Township Volunteer Fire Department. Bill bravely protected and faithfully served our community for 10 years. Upon his retirement from the volunteer fire service, Bill became an active member of the Washington Township Firefighters Auxiliary. Over the years this organization has evolved and changed, but Bill has remained. This organization is currently known as the Community Helpers Association of Washington Township, of which Bill is the president. Bill has always been there to give a helping hand whenever the need arises. We think that 43 years of service, and counting, should not go unnoticed. Bill... thank you for your dedication to Washington Township, for bringing smiles to faces, and for making our little corner of the county shine a little brighter. Bill Kabler, we salute you!



**2017 MARKS 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF
AUTUMN BASH FESTIVAL
SEPTEMBER 15, 16 & 17, 2017**



Plans are underway to secure family fun and entertainment for the 2017 Autumn Bash Festival. This year will mark our 20th Anniversary and will be the last year the Township organizes and operates this festival event, so..... we want to go out with a BIG BANG!

Historically, the first Fall Festival (later renamed the Autumn Bash Festival) was held on October 24 - 25, 1998 from 10 am - dark and was organized by the Recreational Committee of Washington Township comprised of the following members: Carla Frey, Cindy Ackerman, Michelle Boeckman, and Kevin Carroll. Former committee members we are looking for you. Our hope is that you will attend this year's events as our guests of honor.

It was estimated that 400 people attended that first festival, with the Neville River Belles providing the bulk of the food. A Halloween costume contest was held and judged by Ricky Wells, the Township's Citizen of the Year. Live bands, an open mic talent contest, pony rides, bounce house, fireworks, and various craft booths highlighted the event.

In order to make this year festival the **best ever** we need your help. Many of you have attended the festival and have great ideas that could enhance the event or you many know of an individual or company that may want to sponsor an event or activity. As in the past we plan to have live bands, great food, fireworks, a haunted trail, bingo, petting zoos, face painting, craft booths, etc. We have also added Sunday to the event and want to hold a church service from 11 am - 12 pm. Pastors if you are interested in moving your Sunday morning service to the festival grounds we want to hear from you. We are also still trying to secure a ride company, if you or someone in your family has contacts in this area, please help us.

The Board of Washington Township Trustees would like to thank everyone for the past support and we look forward to seeing you all on September 15 - 17, 2017. Hope to see you all there! (For inquiries or to make suggestions, please call Robin at 513-553-2072.)

**TOWNSHIP LOOKS INTO
EXCLUSIVE WASTE & RECYCLING SERVICES**

Washington Township is working with Mr. Paul Braasch, Adams-Clermont Solid Waste District, to determine the feasibility of the Township collaborating with neighboring governmental bodies to request bids for exclusive waste and recycling collection services for the residents of Washington Township. This is not a levy and will not raise your taxes! If you do not have trash collections services, you will not be forced into a contract. If you currently have a contract for waste collection, your services will be given to the waste collection services that is awarded the bid. Residents will not pay any more than they currently do for waste collection services... in fact this type of collaborative agreement has proven to save residents significant money, often cutting monthly bills in half.

Our neighboring township (Monroe) has had an exclusive waste and recycling agreement since July 11, 2013. These residents currently receive weekly roadside waste collection and monthly recycling collection. The waste service provider supplies a 96-gallon trash cart (a second cart can be requested at no additional charge) and recycling containers, all for free. In addition the waste service provider will collect one large item from the resident, once a month, at no additional charge. They also have one day a year designated as "Trash Days", where residents can set out multiple large non-hazardous items for pickup.

As previously stated this project is in it very early stages, if you have any thoughts and suggestions please feel free to contract the Township at 513-553-2072 or Mr. Paul Braasch at 513-732-7745.



DARN THOSE SIRENS!



Winter may still be nipping at our toes, 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 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.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUESTS VITAL INFORMATION REGARDING TORNADO SHELTER LOCATIONS

Just has you have prepared and developed an emergency plan for action for your family for a tornado event...your emergency services providers, Washington Township Fire & Rescue, in an effort to be better prepared to serve you during these types of emergency situations, is requesting that anyone with a tornado shelter contact the Fire Department at (513) 876-3740 and asked to speak with Lieutenant Paul Brewer. The Department would like to record your tornado shelter location into their emergency response mapping system, along with your emergency contact number. In the event that a tornado comes through the area, the Department will be able to contact you and confirm and/or drive to your location to ensure that you and your family members are safe and have not become trapped by debris and unable to exit your shelter.

REMAINING MEETING DATES FOR 2017

March 8, 2017	August 9, 2017
April 5, 2017	September 6, 2017
May 17, 2017	October 4, 2017
June 14, 2017	November 15, 2017
July 12, 2017	December 13, 2017

All meeting are held at the Washington Township Hall, 2238 S.R. 756, Moscow, Ohio at 6:30 pm.

RECYCLING DUMPSTER AVAILABLE
AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL

Adams-Clermont Solid Waste District recently installed two (2) Recycling Bins at the Township Hall. These bins are located beside the Township Basketball Court and are available to everyone.

Recycling is one of the best ways to have a positive impact on the world in which we live. Recycling is important to both the natural environment and us. When we recycle, used materials are converted into new products, reducing the need to consume natural resources and reducing the amount of rubbish sent to landfills. Please consider taking the time to recycle. The process is very simple and sorting is not required. The following materials can be placed in these bins: paper (pizza boxes, magazines/ newspaper/catalogs) plastic bottles or jugs, glass bottles or jars, cartons, and metal. Please do not place food items in the bins.



2107 TRASH DAYS
WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP'S
TRASH COLLECTION DAYS SET FOR
MAY 12 & 13, 2107 FROM 8:00 AM – 6 PM
AND



AUGUST 25 & 26, 2017 FROM 8:00 AM – 4 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. The Township will **NOT BE ACCEPTING TIRES!**



TIRE AMNESTY DAY
MAY 5 & 6, 2017



Do you have old tires inside your garage that you're not sure what to do with? The Adams-Clermont Solid Waste District has the solution - bring your tires to the free Tire Amnesty Days! Clermont County residents will be able to bring their tires to be recycled for free on Friday, May 5th, and Saturday, May 6th. The collection site will be :

Clermont County Fair Grounds
Owensville, Ohio

"Scrap tires lying around a property are aesthetically displeasing, and can pose a health and safety risk by acting as breeding grounds for mosquitoes and vermin," said Hannah Gonzales of the Clermont County Office of Environmental Quality. "If left in the environment for long periods of time, abandoned tires can leach toxic chemicals, such as zinc, heavy metals, vulcanization and rubber chemicals into ground and surface waters."

Municipal solid waste landfills won't collect tires on trash routes and can't accept them at their landfills. Dumping scrap tires over the hillside or on the side of the road is illegal and harmful to the environment. Furthermore, the illegal dumping of scrap tires essentially passes the burden of tire disposal on to the tax payers.

The Tire Amnesty Days recycling event is open to the public only, not for businesses. Anyone bring more than ten tires to the event will need to sign a form stating that the tires are not from a business that sells tires or generates tires as part of their regular business. The tires may be dropped off with or without rims.

Questions and time information regarding this event can be directed to Adams-Clermont Solid Waste District, Office of Environmental Quality at (513) 732-7745.

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 6, 2017, from 9 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.



NEVILLE VILLAGE RIVER SWEEP SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2017



Since 1989, this award-winning cleanup for the Ohio River and its tributaries brings thousands of volunteers to the riverbanks to remove tons of trash and debris. River Sweep encompasses the entire length of the river, from its origin in Pittsburgh, PA to its end in Cairo, IL, including nearly 3,000 miles of shoreline and many tributaries.

The Ohio River Sweep is an event organized by the Ohio River Valley Water sanitation Commission, an interstate water pollution agency for the Ohio River Valley, along with environmental protection/natural resource agencies and local governments from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

Volunteers interested in assisting with cleaning activities in the Village of Neville can meet up at the Neville Boat Ramp at 8 AM Saturday, June 17, 2017 to register. Clean-up begins at 9 AM.

WASHINGTON TWP. PARTICIPATES IN OHIO OPEN CHECKBOOK PROGRAM



On July 13, 2016 the Board of Washington Township Trustees, by request of the Township Fiscal Officer, Sheila G. Dufau, joined the State of Ohio's Open Checkbook Program. The Open Checkbook Program, developed by Josh Mandel, Ohio Treasurer of State, was created to make government financial records more readily available to the general public and is offered free of charge. Residents no longer have to wonder what their dollars are being spent on; they can now go to Ohio's Online Checkbook and see for themselves. To access the Ohio Open Checkbook Program and view Township information:

1. Go to www.OhioCheckbook.com
2. Select the Local Gov. & Schools tab
3. Enter Washington (Clermont) Township in the Search bar
4. Enjoy your viewing of Checkbook!

If you have any questions regarding this program, please feel free to contact the Township Administration Office at 553-2072.



OPEN BURNING REGULATIONS



The Ohio Fire Code is the minimum standard for fire safety in the State of Ohio. These rules are promulgated and adopted by the Ohio Division of State Fire Marshal and become statewide law that Washington Township Fire & Rescue must comply with. In addition, the Ohio Administrative Code regulates open burning activities and is enforced by the Ohio EPA.

Washington Township Fire & Rescue receives many requests for information related to open burning requirements. The most common request is for information concerning the requirements for having a recreational fire within the unincorporated area of Washington Township. The Ohio rules and laws define a recreational fire as:

An outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbecue grill or barbecue pit and has a total fuel area of 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes.

The Ohio Administrative Code contains additional provisions for open burning within restricted areas that applies to Washington Township, because of the fact that we are located within an incorporated area. In these rules **yard waste materials cannot be burned at anytime. Residents may have a recreational fire subject to the following rules and regulations.**

- The only material that can be burned is clean dry wood as a fuel source. (No yard waste or rubbish materials or prohibited materials defined by the OAC may be burned at anytime).
- If the fire is contained in an approved container such as an outdoor fireplace, barbecue pit, etc. the fire must be at least 15 feet from a structure or combustible materials.
- For an open fire not contained, the fire must be at least 25 feet from a structure, wood fence, neighboring structure or combustible materials. Conditions that could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of the fire must be eliminated prior to ignition of a fire.
- The fire must be **constantly attended** while burning and must be extinguished if it is not attended.
- A portable fire extinguisher with a minimum of a 4A rating or garden hose, bucket of sand or other suitable means for extinguishing the fire must be provided.
- **The fire must not create an offensive or objectionable condition that interferes with the neighboring residents' use and enjoyment of their property. If this occurs, the Fire Division is required to order the person responsible for the fire to extinguish the fire or extinguish it itself.**
- **The Fire Division is required to extinguish fires, which create hazardous conditions.**

The most common complaint from neighbors is when recreational fires are not conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations, or when the environmental conditions cause the smoke to migrate off of the property into the residence of neighboring property. Persons with chronic breathing problems can often times be affected by these conditions. Another issue that commonly comes up associated with recreational fires, is noise and disturbance of the neighborhood when these events extend late into the evening. This is a police matter and will be dealt with by the Clermont County Sheriff's Office. **If the Fire Division orders you to extinguish your fire due to non-compliance with the rules and regulations, or the fire creates an offensive or objectionable condition, you are bound by Ohio law to comply with the request. Failure to do so may result in result in you being charged with violation of the open burning regulations.**

If you have any questions concerning the Ohio Open Burning Regulations, please contact Washington Township Fire & Rescue at (51





WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP – EARLY HISTORY THE PUBLIC LAND ACT OF 1785



Washington Township has a rich history in many aspects. In this edition will be explore the development of the Township. The land in the Northwest Territory was to be conveyed and divided into tracts of land measuring six miles squares. These 6 miles x 6 miles tracts were to be called Townships. It was then ordered that each Township would be divided into 36 sections – each being a 1 mile x 1 mile square. Each Township and each section was then assigned a number so it could be identified. One square miles was equal to 640 acres of land. Within each Township one section was to be saved, in order to support new schools.

The lands of Washington Township, one of the original five townships located in Clermont County as part of the Virginia Military District, were used as payment to military veteran's from Virginia for their service during the American Revolution. George Washington, himself, had a warrant for 23,333 acres, but these lands were never issued a patent in his name even though he had a survey completed.

John O'Bannon, Deputy Surveyor, made the first survey in the Virginia Military District. The first locations of land warrants issued in the fall of 1787 were made by O'Bannon by stealth, as every creek which was explored; every line that was run was done so at a great risk.

During the month of November 1787 O'Bannon prepared a party to enter Clermont County and landed at what is now Neville Village to begin their surveying operations. After surveying several weeks winter set in – six to ten inches of snow covered the ground. O'Bannon set up four camp fires, called a mess, for protection and warmth.

O'Bannon and his team completed the first survey in the great Northwest Territory, on what now includes the Village of Neville, on November 13th, 1787 for Colonel John Neville an officer of the Revolutionary War for 1,400 acres and was No. 388 and predicated on military warrant No. 937. John Williams, Sylvester Montroney, and James Blair were the chain carriers; and so well was the tract surveyed, and such was its perfect accuracy that never to date has its lines or boundaries been questioned. The next day November 14^h, the survey of Richard C. Anderson, of one thousand acres (No. 391) was entered and made, and includes the present town of Moscow. Eventually during the course of one day seven other different tracts were laid in various locations of Washington and what is a now Franklin townships.

Anyone with old documents, pictures, or historic commodities, please contact Dennis Cooper at 553-2072 or email information to dcooper@washingtontwpclermont.org. Reference materials used: [History of Clermont County](#) and [Along the Ohio Trail](#). To further develop a Historical Department in Washington Township the Trustees joined the Clermont County History Society

Dennis R. Cooper, Trustee

2017 YOUTH FISHING DERBY

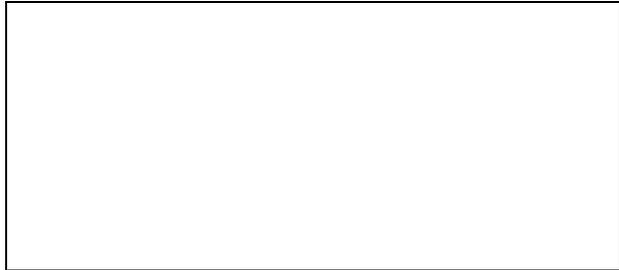
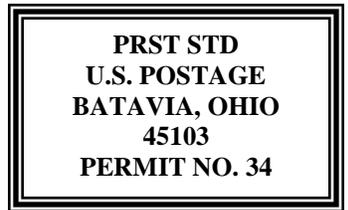


Registration/Information	
Date:	Saturday, June 3, 2017 (Come rain or shine)
Time:	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM (8:30 "Cast Out" - 12:00 "Lines In")
Location:	Washington Twp. Park, 2238 S.R. 756, Moscow, OH
Age Categories:	Girls & Boys: 3 - 4 (Participants only), 5 - 7, 8 - 12, 13 - 15, & 16 - 18
1st Grand Prize:	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 2017 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. To pre-register please call 513-553-2072 and speak with Robin.

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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 and Fishing Permits, Call Robin Brewer (513) 553-2072

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
2017 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 2017. Permit is valid from Jan. 1, 2017 - Dec. 1, 2017.

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