

# Waterville Township News

Quarterly News Report of Waterville Township

October / November / December 2004

## Waterville Township Trustees:

- **Robert A. Hertzfeld,**  
*Chairman*
- **Les Disher,**  
*Vice-Chairman*
- **Timothy G. Pedro,**  
*Trustee*

## Officials:

- **Eric Gay,**  
*Zoning Administrator*
- **Joseph R. Bublick,**  
*Assistant Zoning Admin.*
- **Bonnie L. Hearndon,**  
*Chief of Police*
- **Kay Ann Robertson,**  
*Clerk*
- **Richard Ludwig,**  
*Road Superintendent & Cemetery Sexton*
- **Kenneth Wittes, Jr.,**  
*Assistant Road & Cemetery*

## Keeping YOU Better Informed

**K**eeping the citizens of Waterville Township informed is a very difficult task! The trustees recognize the need to inform you of the issues that concern our Township.

The trustees are committed to continue to inform you of Policy and Notification of Policy that may directly affect you, such as zoning or land use.

In the event you know a neighbor or friend who lives in Waterville Township and does not receive the newsletter, please ask them to contact us.

All Township Trustee meetings are open to the public. We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM at the Township Hall.

Visit our website at [www.watervilletownship.com](http://www.watervilletownship.com).

**Les Disher,** *Trustee*

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## Waterville Township leaf pick-up will be held:

**Nov. 8th & 9th**  
**Nov. 29th & 30th**  
**Dec. 1st**

**R**esidents must do the following:

1. Leaves should be raked prior to scheduled pickup dates.
2. No sticks, bricks, trash, etc. is to be placed in the piles of leaves.
3. No parking at the piles of leaves to be picked up.
4. Leaves must not be more than eight (8) feet off the curb or roadside.
5. Leaves must not be around poles, signs, or mailboxes.

All dates are weather permitting. PLEASE, do not place leaves in the street or in plastic bags.

Please keep leaves and other trash away from all catch basins: Help us keep water flowing!

# Waterville Township Police

Chief Bonnie L. Hearndon

## **PROTECTING YOUR IDENTITY AGAINST THEFT**

When you've been victimized by identity theft, it is a long and difficult process to clean up the mess. Fortunately, there are steps that can be taken to minimize your risk.

- ◆ Protect your mail from theft. If a thief finds your payment for a credit card bill in your mailbox, he obtains both your credit card information and your banking information. Always deposit mail such as bill payments directly into a postal box.
- ◆ Do not provide information over the phone such as your social security number, credit card number, date of birth, home address, or bank account information.
- ◆ Do not carry your Social Security card, ATM pin numbers, or banking receipts in your purse or wallet.
- ◆ Reduce the number of credit cards you carry to one or two. If you are victimized, there will be fewer credit sources to contact.
- ◆ Do not throw away old bank statements or "pre-approved" credit card offers without first tearing or shredding them. It is legal for people to dig through curbside trash and read or take your discarded mail and other property.
- ◆ Don't use a debit card, which transfers money directly out of your bank account. If a thief steals your debit card information, he can clean out your entire checking account.
- ◆ If you operate a business, safeguard private information. Keep personal files in a secure area.

Should you fall victim to identity theft or your purse or wallet is stolen, contact your police department immediately. If you would like to know more information, contact the Federal Trade Commission at 877-382-4357 or [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov).



## **Trick or Treat**

Halloween will be held on Sunday, October 31, 2004 from 6:00PM to 8:00 PM in Waterville Township. The villages of Whitehouse and Waterville will also be held at the same time. Please make sure your children have on bright clothing, and carry flashlights. Remember to check all the candy your children bring home.

# Waterville Twp. Trash & Recycling Levy

The Waterville Township Trustees are placing a new trash collection levy on the November ballot for 0.9 mills.

Our current funds collected will be depleted early in 2005. The last levy was for 1.2 mills in 1997, you the voters approved a 5 (five) year levy to fund collection of trash and recycling. The levy expired in 2002 and the excess funds collected will be depleted.

**VOTE  
on November 2nd!**

*Sunday, October 31st Daylight Savings Time ends. Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour!*

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**F**ire Prevention Week October 3rd-9th. Check your smoke alarms and remember to change the batteries in the spring and fall when the time changes.

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**N**ow that the cooler weather is here, please take the time to have your chimney cleaned. Winter is around the corner and the fire places will be burning. We want to prevent all chimney fires.

The scheduled collection day is as follows:

**REFUSE & GARBAGE:**

**1st and 3rd Tuesday**

**RECYCLABLES:**

**1st and 3rd Tuesday**

**Please have all your items out the night before or by 5:00 AM the day of pick-up.**

There will be no collection on the following holidays:

- ◆ New Year's Day
- ◆ Memorial Day
- ◆ Labor Day
- ◆ Fourth of July
- ◆ Thanksgiving
- ◆ Christmas Day

The collections will be one day behind for collections following the holiday.

## Cemetery News

The cemeteries in Waterville and Whitehouse have been posted with signs that read:

**NO PETS, PROHIBITED**

Please note this change!

At the Whitehouse cemetery we also have an area in the back to place grass, leaves, and brush.

**PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF YOUR GARBAGE OR REFUSE** this area is for grass, leaves & brush only... and you can pick-up *FREE* mulch. You load your own mulch.

# Township Zoning Issues

Eric Gay, Zoning Administrator

There has been 24 zoning permits issued to date in 2004. This includes improvements to the Blue Creek Conservation Area white barns, and improvements to the old C & O Truck Stop facility. The latter has been purchased and is being renovated to be a future gun store. At this rate of activity the number of permits should be well in excess of 2003 results.

There are two amendments to the township zoning resolution being considered. The first requires that the minimum lot width be maintained for the first 300 feet of lot depth, with exceptions for cul-de-sac lots and other lots with curved frontage.

The second clarifies that a 25 foot side yard setback is required for ponds on parcels of more than five acres, adds a 25 foot rear yard setback for all ponds, and changes the setback from the road centerline to the road right-of-way to be consistent with updated pond regulations in other Lucas County townships.

The largest approved revision to the township zoning resolution was March 2004. One of the changes had to do with sign regulation that simply states that no signs, including garage yard sale, political and real estate shall be permitted in the public right of way. The township is placing 6" round red stickers on the signs to remind sign owners of this resolution. If improper sign placement persists the signs will be removed and may be recovered at the township maintenance complex. So far, the cooperation and positive response from the residents has been outstanding.

Remember, all political signs shall be placed on a parcel no sooner than four (4) weeks prior to the election and shall be removed no later than five (5) days after the completion of the election.

The Township Zoning Administrator, Chairman of the Zoning Commission and members of the Zoning Commission have been conducting spring and fall tours of the township to observe zoning performance. Violations are recorded and residents are advised by letter. The majority of violations

are the storage of in-operable vehicles, improper parking of commercial vehicles, and improper storage of boats and recreational vehicles. Failure to respond or comply has resulted in processing the violators to the Maumee Court for legal action if required.

A policy that deals with the administration of other handling of complaints and violations of the Township Zoning Resolution has been written and approved by the Township Trustees. From the tours conducted in 2003, it was only necessary to forward three complaints to the Maumee Prosecutor. Of these three, two were resolved before legal action had to be taken.

This office continues to receive questions regarding the zoning and construction of unattached accessory structures such as sheds, garages, barns, storage buildings, etc. The following may be helpful to understand these concerns:

1. A zoning permit is required for all structures with a floor area greater than 100 square feet.
2. A building permit is required for all structures greater than 120 square feet.
3. With a floor area less than 750 square feet a rat wall is required. With floor area greater than 750 square feet a full footer foundation is required.
4. Architectural drawings are required for all pre-engineered buildings.
5. Structures used strictly for agricultural purposes are exempt from zoning and building permits. Structures used for the storage of RV's, boats, antique cars, etc. are not exempt.

When an accessory structure is in the planning stages, call Lucas County Building Regulations at 419-213-2993 or contact the Township Zoning Inspector to answer questions concerns on permit administration. Visit the Waterville Township website at [www.watervilletownship.com](http://www.watervilletownship.com) for more specific permit requirement details. Or visit the county website at [www.co.lucas.oh.us/br](http://www.co.lucas.oh.us/br)

# Fire Department News

On August 18, 2004 the area's first dry hydrant system was installed at the Progressive Fisherman's Association in Whitehouse. The dry hydrant was installed in cooperation with the Progressive Fisherman's Association, the Whitehouse Fire Department, the Waterville Township Maintenance Department, and the Maumee Valley RC & D. In the event of a large fire, this dry hydrant system will allow the Fire Department access to large amounts of water at anytime.

*Pictures at right show the dry hydrant installation.*



## The Five Classes of Fire:

Portable fire extinguishers must match the fire you're fighting. There are five classes of fires. Extinguishers are labeled with standard letters and symbols for the classes of fires they can put out.

**Class A Fires** involve ordinary combustibles, such as wood, cloth, and paper.

**Class B Fires** involve flammable liquid, such as gasoline, oil and some paints and solvents.

**Class C Fires** involve energized electrical equipment, such as power tools, wiring, fuse boxes, computers, TV's, and electric motors.

**Class D Fires** involve combustible metals, such as magnesium or sodium. Fighting Class D fires requires specialized training.

**Class K Fires** involve cooking oils used in commercial cooking equipment.

A red slash through any of the fire-class symbols on an extinguisher's label means you must not use the extinguisher on that class of fire.

Things you should know:

- It is dangerous to use water or a fire extinguisher labeled only for Class A fires on a fire involving flammable liquids or energized electrical equipment.
- Extinguishers for Class D fires must match the type of metal that is burning. The metals will be listed on the label.
- Use only extinguishers labeled for Class K fires for fighting a fire in a commercial grease fryer. Multipurpose extinguishers—labeled for Class A, B, and C fires—aren't appropriate.
- The dry chemicals discharged from multipurpose extinguishers are corrosive. Their residue can damage electronic components, if not cleaned immediately.



# Waterville Township

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[www.watervilletownship.com](http://www.watervilletownship.com)

## Election Day -

Voters are encouraged to go to the polls on November 2nd. If you are unsure as to where your precinct votes, you can visit [www.lucascountyvotes.org](http://www.lucascountyvotes.org) for up to date information as well

**Don't Forget To Vote -  
Tuesday, November 2nd**

### Waterville Township Trustees:

Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Waterville Township Hall located at 621 Farnsworth Road in Waterville, OH.

<b>Robert Hertzfeld,</b> Chairman	419-878-6129
<b>Les Disher,</b> Vice-Chairman	419-877-0576
<b>Timothy G Pedro</b>	419-878-2364

### Waterville Township Zoning Commission:

Meetings are the 3rd Monday of each month at the Waterville Township Hall located at 621 Farnsworth Road in Waterville, OH

<b>George Cole,</b> Chairman	419-877-5829
<b>Glenn Banas</b>	419-878-8020
<b>Daryl Powell</b>	419-878-5555
<b>Don Simpson</b>	419-878-3703
<b>Tom Overmyer</b>	419-878-5611

### Waterville Township Zoning Board of Appeals:

Meetings are as needed by contacting Secretary, Kay Ann Robertson at 419-878-4746

<b>Paul Accettola,</b> Chairman	419-878-2417
<b>Tom Wardell</b>	419-878-4195
<b>Stephen Tosh</b>	419-877-9973
<b>Jack Trail</b>	419-877-9155
<b>Jim Fischer</b>	419-877-0674