

WASHINGTON TWP.

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Revolutionary War and Civil War Rededication Ceremony

The Township Trustees are proud to announce that we are hosting a rededication ceremony for Revolutionary War and Civil War soldiers buried on our township property.

The ceremony will take place on October 7th at 10 am, behind the fire station on Possum Run Road.

The Revolutionary War soldier, Solomon Culver, was an early pioneer settler of Washington Township. After the war he became our first Washington Township Trustee in 1816. His grandson, Thomas Culver, died while serving during the Civil War on September 18, 1864.

Solomon Culver
Revolutionary War

Thomas Culver
Civil War

A number of local Veterans organizations will be performing the ceremony for the dedication of the new grave markers that we received from the Veterans Administration. The Board of Trustees were featured on WMFD's Senior Living show which aired August 3, 2017. You can view the entire show by going to WMFD.com. Click on the link Video/Audio, scroll down to Senior Living and click on: Washington Township Discovery. Come early to the Fire Department's Pancake breakfast fundraiser, which will be held in conjunction with the dedication ceremony.

Fire Department's Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser



Come early to the Fire Department's Pancake breakfast fundraiser which will be held in conjunction with the dedication ceremony. The Washington Township Firefighters Association is hosting an All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast on

October 7th from 7:00 am - 11:00 am. Additionally, the township will be commemorating two fallen Veterans of the Revolutionary and Civil Wars that are buried in the township cemetery behind the fire station.

Ohio Public Works Commission Grant



Washington Township was awarded a 2016 Ohio Public Works Commission grant for the replacement of a culvert on Vanderbilt Road just east of the intersection of Middle Bellville Road. Cost of the total project is \$150,000.00. This project should be finished by November 1, 2017.

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When to Call 911

When is it necessary to call 911? What might seem like an emergency, may really not be an emergency. An emergency is defined as a **SERIOUS** situation or occurrence that happens unexpectedly and demands **IMMEDIATE** action. Generally speaking, the public is aware of when they should call 911, but less aware of circumstances when they should not call 911. Too many calls to 911 that are not true emergencies creates a burden on dispatchers, police, firefighters, EMS personnel and even the emergency department at the hospital. However, call 911 if you are **unsure** if the situation is an emergency or not!

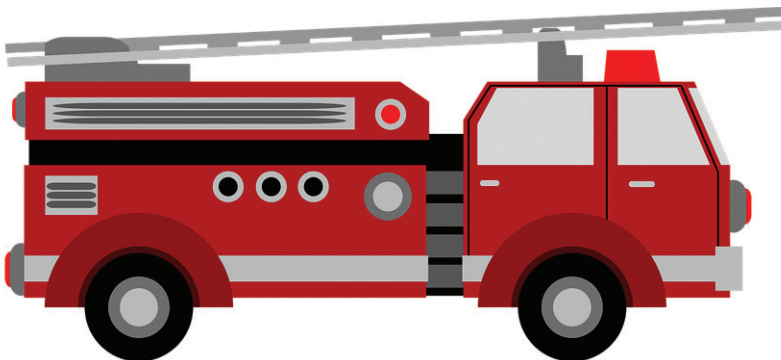
From a fire department perspective, the following are some **EMERGENT** reasons to call 911:

- There is a fire
- Motor vehicle crash with injuries
- A victim with a life or limb threatening condition/injury
- The person's condition is life-threatening (for example, heart attack or stroke)
- The person's condition could become life-threatening on the way to the hospital
- Moving the person could cause further injury (for example, a neck/back injury)
- A victim needing the skills and/or equipment of EMT's or Paramedics
- A medical emergency, such as someone who is unconscious, gasping for air or not breathing, or any other symptoms that require immediate medical attention.

CALL
911

The following are some situations that are **NOT APPROPRIATE** to call 911:

- Minor injury or illness that does not require **IMMEDIATE** help
- Chronic aches and pains (they have lasted for a long period of time and/or are recurring)
- Minor cuts
- Non-injury motor vehicle crashes (minimal damage and no leaking fluids)
- Asking when the power will come back on
- Replacement of smoke detector batteries
- Vehicle pulled off to the side of the road with mechanical problems and no fire



IF YOU ARE UNSURE IF THE SITUATION IS AN EMERGENCY, CALL 911 ANYWAY

As of August 16, 2017 Washington Township Fire Department has responded to 455 calls for service.

Leaf Collection Schedule



Last Day for Leaf Pickup is the Wednesday before Thanksgiving!

Leaf pick-up will begin October 16, 2017 and end on November 22, 2017

We try to make at least one pick-up a week. During the middle of November we do get behind so please be patient and we will return on the normal day of pick-up for your area.

To assure that your leaves will be picked up, please follow these guidelines:



1. **Leaves must be raked within 5 feet off the edge of the roadway in a long row.** Please do not rake them into one large pile.
2. Do not pile leaves in or behind open ditches.
3. Only leaves will be picked up: **NO NUTS, BRANCHES, BRUSH, GRASS, CORN SHOCKS!**
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 THEN 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.



Thank you for your cooperation and if you have any questions, please call the Road Department at 419-756-2574. Please remember to keep **catch basins or storm drains** in front of your property open by removing any debris!



Snow Removal



Personnel are on call 24 hours a day. We want to thank all the township residents who remove their vehicles from the roadways when a snow event is under way. This greatly enhances the Township's employees' ability to remove snow from the streets in a timely manner.

In the event your mailbox is damaged by plowed snow, please contact the Road Department at 419-756-2374, leave a message and our personnel will contact you as soon as possible.

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Zoning News

Starting October 1, 2017 the Zoning Office will have NEW OFFICE HOURS Monday's from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

The zoning office is open Mondays (except holidays) from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and is located at the township fire department at 2480 O'Possum Run Road. Please use Door 1.

If you have any zoning questions please leave a message at 419-756-7256. You can also leave an email at: zoning@washingtontwprichlandcounty.com or send a fax at: 419-756-7398.

The Zoning office issues permits for all building, additions, decks, accessory buildings, swimming pools and agriculture building.

For the first seven months of 2017 we have issued 27 permits with a value of \$2,743,700.00 A breakdown of the permits are: 6 commercial permits with a value of \$2,015,000.00: 2 agricultural permits valued at \$75,000.00 and 19 residential permits for additions, garages, decks and pools valued at \$653,700.00. The Zoning office also issues permits for Home Businesses and variances.

We anticipate openings for members on the township zoning boards. If you are interested in serving on the Zoning Board or the Zoning Board of Appeals, please contact the Zoning Inspector at 419-756-7256 or any of the township trustees.

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