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# Chippewa Township Newsletter



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## PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION ISSUES BRIEFING FOR OUR COMMUNITY



### Nexus

The Chippewa Township Board of Trustees invites you to attend a special pipeline construction issues briefing, sponsored by the Chippewa Township Trustees in conjunction with the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation (OFBF). The briefing will be held at Chippewa High School, 100 Valley View Road on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 7:00pm.

The program will be facilitated by Ohio Farm Bureau Federation (OFBF) Director for Energy, Utility

and Local Government Issues, Dale Arnold. Chippewa Township has worked with Dale Arnold and the Ohio Farm Bureau multiple times to keep our residents up to date.

Both federal and state regulators are finalizing approval for several pipeline projects. Many communities in the area will see construction start this year. Arnold will discuss activities involving interstate and intrastate pipeline construction and remediation standards, as well as regulatory agencies governing inspection and conflict resolution. Issues concerning eminent domain and farmland preservation will be explored, too.

Arnold has been involved in energy and utility related issues since 1995. He represents farm and

rural residential energy consumers on a variety of government working groups and public utility advisory boards concerning energy development. He has extensive experience working with county farm bureaus and local residents, helping communities evaluate construction projects concerning electric transmission line and pipeline infrastructure.



## CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP NATURE PRESERVE PAVILION

The nature preserve pavilion is now available for rent for graduation parties, picnics, family reunions, birthday parties, class reunions, etc. Please contact Darlene Smith at the township office at 330-658-2112 on the availability of the pavilion. The nature preserve and the trails are closed

until further notice. Chippewa Rogues Hollow Historical Society contracted to have some standing timber removed at the preserve. There is debris still on the ground so the preserve and the trails will remain closed. Check our website for further details on the opening of the nature preserve.



Chippewa Township Nature Preserve Pavilion at 17500 Galehouse Road



**New fire tender/  
engine**

**“Ohio DNR Forestry prohibits outdoor open burning and prescribe fires in the months of March, April, May, October and November between 6am and 6pm.”**



**FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS**

With spring and warmer temperatures brings spring cleaning, including yards and flower beds. Some people may choose to burn their yard waste. But before you do, here are some tips to review and consider.

**Ohio DNR and Ohio EPA Restrict Open Burns**

**Ohio Revised Code 1503.18**  
Ohio DNR Forestry prohibits outdoor open burning and prescribed fires in the months of **March, April, May, October, and November between 6am and 6pm.** This ban includes burning of yard waste, trash, and debris, even in a proper burn barrel.

Even outside the time and date restrictions, any person conducting a burn must obtain landowner permission, remain with the fire while it is burning, and take all reasonable precautions to prevent the fire from escaping.

**Monthly Weather Alert Test**

In years past, Chippewa Township Fire Department had tested our weather sirens every first Saturday of the month at 12:00pm. At the first of the year, Chippewa Township

made a transition of dispatch centers from Rittman Dispatch to Wayne County. The weather sirens will now be tested on the first Monday of the month at 12:00pm. This falls in line when all other weather sirens are tested under Wayne County Dispatch.

**New Upgrades to Chippewa Township Fire Department**

At the turn of the New Year, the fire department, after receiving a grant, obtained new digital Marcs radios. These radios give the fire department the ability to communicate more clearly and effectively inter-departmentally and between

**BY MICHAEL EISENHAUER**

other fire departments across Wayne County. These new radios and digital system is now live.

In the coming months, the fire department will be placing a new fire tender/engine (1914) in service to replace an aging 25 year old truck. The old truck held 1500 gallons of water and a 1250 gallon per minute pump. The new truck will hold just under 2000 gallons of water (1980) and have a 1500 gallon per minute pump. It also has the ability to operate as a vacuum tanker which gives it the tools to refill and offload water faster.



**Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS) in Marshallville**

Photo courtesy of Cody Post

TYPE OF FIRE	INSIDE A VILLAGE OR CITY* if generated on property	OUTSIDE A VILLAGE OR CITY* if generated on property
Barbeques, campfires cookouts	Wood stack no larger than 2 ft. high x 3 ft. wide. Use clean, seasoned firewood or equivalent.	Wood stack no larger than 2 ft. high x 3 ft. wide. Use clean, seasoned firewood or equivalent.
Agricultural waste	Agricultural wastes and plant matter such as tree trimmings, stumps, brush, weeds, leaves, grass, shrubbery and material from crop or livestock production. This includes fence posts and scrap lumber, but does not include buildings, land clearing waste, dead animals or animal waste. <i>Fire must be more than 1,000 feet from neighbor's inhabited building. Must notify Ohio EPA in advance.</i>	Agricultural wastes and plant matter such as tree trimmings, stumps, brush, weeds, leaves, grass, shrubbery and material from crop or livestock production. This includes fence posts and scrap lumber, but does not include buildings, land clearing waste, dead animals or animal waste. <i>Fire must be more than 1,000 feet from neighbor's inhabited building. Request permission from Ohio EPA if pile greater than 20 ft. wide x 10 ft. high (4,000 cubic feet). This may take two weeks.</i>
Land-clearing waste	Not permitted in city limits.	Plant matter such as tree trimmings, stumps, brush, weeds, leaves, grass, shrubbery and crop residues. <i>With prior written permission from Ohio EPA. This may take two weeks.</i>
Residential waste	Not permitted in city limits.	Plant matter such as tree trimmings, stumps, brush, weeds, leaves, grass, shrubbery and crop residues. Also wastes such as wood or paper products that are generated by one, two, or three-family residences. <i>Fire must be more than 1,000 feet from neighbor's inhabited building. Request permission from Ohio EPA if pile greater than 10 ft. x 10 ft. x 10 ft. This may take two weeks.</i>



**Chippewa Township Deputies Steven Hunter and Matt Little**



**Order your green reflective house numbers signs by calling the township office at 330-658-2112**

**"For more helpful septic system operation and maintenance tips log on to the Chippewa Township website <http://chiptwp.com> and click on the icon Storm Water Management and click on the link to the Wayne County Health Department."**

**NEWS BRIEF**

**Township Deputies**

Chippewa Township has two deputies, Matt Little and Steven Hunter they help keep our community safe with patrolling our township. With summer approaching, it is important if you have a vehicle parked outside to keep your vehicle doors locked and locking your home may help prevent a burglary.

**Census**

Census 2020 is coming soon. Census workers may be in your neighborhood soon. They will have identification from the United States Census Bureau and you may check a worker by going to [www.census.gov/](http://www.census.gov/)

about/contact-us.html. Click on the link Find Staff.

**House Number Signs**

The Fire Department will install the green reflective house number signs. You may order by calling the township office, 330-658-2112 or email your request to [info@chippewatwp.com](mailto:info@chippewatwp.com)

The cost is \$10.00 per sign which will keep the program going. Let us know if you would like your sign vertical or horizontal. If you need a post, our fire personnel will place a vertical sign on the post and will install if for you.

**Chippewa Township Recycling Center**

Chippewa Township residents has a 24/7 drop-off site for recyclables at 14065 Gale-house Road.

All acceptable paper items, cardboard items, clear, green and brown glass bottles/jars, plastic items #1-#7, aluminum & steel cans. For more information on recycling, go to Stark -Tuscarawas-Wayne Joint Solid Waste Management District website at [www.timetorecycle.org](http://www.timetorecycle.org) or call 1-800-678-9839. Please put recycle items in the containers.

**SEPTIC SYSTEM O & M PROTECTS STREAMS**

**BY ROB KASTNER, WAYNE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION**

Unless you live in the Meadows neighborhood, most township residents have a septic system that treats their sewage. A 2009 EPA study indicated failing septic systems were a major source of pollution in local waterways. Keeping your septic system in good condition can save you money while protecting nearby streams and creeks.

Here are a few simple tips for keeping your septic system running smoothly:

- Inspect/pump your septic tank every three to five

years.

- Throw non-degradable items (e.g. diapers, paper towels, chemicals, etc.) into the trash instead of down the sink or toilet.
- Don't drive on or plant trees near the leachfield - it can damage the pipes!
- Limit or eliminate the use of garbage disposals or solids will build up in the septic tank faster.
- If you have an aerator ,

make sure it is running continuously and is inspected regularly.

For more helpful septic system operation and maintenance tips, log on to the Chippewa Township website at <http://chiptwp.com> and click on the icon Storm Water Management and click on the link to the Wayne Co. Health Department. Just like maintaining your car, a little bit of periodic maintenance can avoid costly septic system repairs down the road. And the waterways will thank you!

**"JUNK CARS"**

One of the complaints that we deal with in the Zoning department is "Junk Cars".

Anyone that has taken the opportunity to drive around our beautiful community has noticed that there are many cars here. Since our society is based around cars and easy transportation, it should not be a surprise to see so many autos.

The problem is that sometimes some of our neighbors love their cars so much they don't want to part with them.

When dealing with this situation, I follow the same procedure to be fair.

First, I verify the complaint. Then I contact the property owner to notify them of the complaint.

**BY CRAIG THORICHT, ZONING INSPECTOR**

I follow the guidelines outlined in State Law that state any vehicle parked outside must be "Immediately Operable".

To me, that means that the engine should start and the vehicle be able to move and stop.

If that standard is not met, I notify the property owner that they have 30 days to achieve that standard and, if that

vehicle can not be made to run after 30 days, I refer the situation to the Wayne County Sheriff's department for resolution. The referral to the Sheriff is a last resort, but sometimes is necessary. As always, if you have questions regarding junk cars or other Zoning questions, please call 330-351-1050 or 330-658-2112 and we will do our best to help you.

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### CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP:

*Small enough to know you  
Large enough to serve you*



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### ROAD DEPARTMENT NEWS

#### Ditch Program

As many of you may have noticed, we have been able to put our ditching program into motion. The machine was purchased last fall and presented in our last Newsletter. Our vision of executing a ditching program into the township is well on its way. We have been able to cover a broad range throughout the township, and soon will be coming to a ditch near you!

#### Road Grant Signs/ Township Road Name Signs

The township participated and received a grant from the State of approximately \$23,000. The safety signage upgrade consisted of new posts, hardware and highly

reflective signs; this is bringing the township up to code. I am happy to inform residents we will be implementing township road name signs, posts and hardware. Over the next two (2) years, we will have our sign projects completed.

#### Chip & Seal

Although exact dates have yet to be determined, we will be completing our annual Chip & Seal work this summer to township roads. We have a system in place that includes a considerable amount of preparation, effort and decision making that goes in the process.

### BY MATT CARVER, ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

#### New Truck

The township has received our new 7400 International Truck. The new truck is replacing our 2001 International. The new truck is being sent off to Concord Equipment to be outfitted. Out fitting should be completed and ready for this coming Winter Season.

#### Ferris Zero Turn Mower

The township mows our Easton Cemetery, Township rental property, Maple Grove Cemetery, Township property on Portage Street in Easton, Fire Station #2, Fire Station, the Nature Preserve Pavilion and the Township Garage.



Ferris Zero Turn Mower



2017 International 7400  
Truck