



Chippewa Township Trustees

Chippewa Township Newsletter

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NEWS FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

As we approach the summer vacation season, we are going to take some time to discuss a powerful tool that you can use to help protect your home when you are away.

At one time, security cameras cost thousands of dollars and this high price kept them out of the hands of most home owners. Fast forward to 2022, and you can find very effective cameras for far less than one hundred dollars.

Manufactures such as Wyze, Ring, Blink, Arlo and others produce cameras that not only record, but will send the recording directly to your smartphone in real time. This results in a very effective video alarm system for your home.

When considering this type of system camera placement is critical. Avoid the temptation to place a camera "high" so that it can see everything. Placing these cameras 15 to 20 feet high will provide a great view but as the expense of loss of detail such as faces or license plates. In most cases having the camera seven to eight feet high will provide the best results while at the same time keeping them out of reach of intruders.

Consider having mutable cameras and placing them at locations that will monitor the main entry points of your home. It is especially important to monitor the rear door because this is the location that most burglars make entry into a home.

Having the cameras facing the entry points of the home will help prevent false triggers while at the same time providing valuable evidence if an actual burglary takes place.

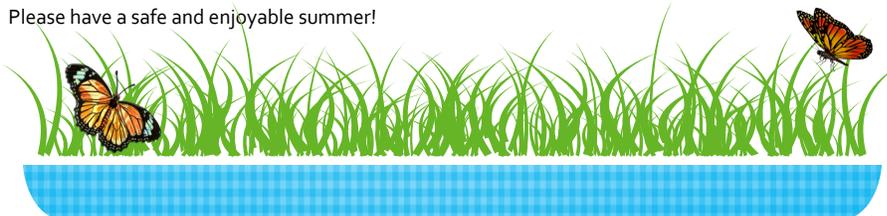
After installing take time to test your cameras and determine how long it takes for the alert to be received on your phone. In most cases this delay will be 5-10 seconds so the person who is in your driveway, might actually be at the front door before you get the notification.

Naturally if you see suspicious activity you should contact our office as soon as possible. Not long ago one resident did exactly that. In this case, the resident spotted an intruder in the basement of their home and quickly called 911 with a description of the intruder. Upon arriving in the area, the deputy who responded found the suspect walking away from the home and quickly took him into custody for the burglary that he had just committed.

In most cases, these cameras can be installed as a DIY project by home owners without the need to invest in professional installation.

When leaving you home for a protracted amount of time consider calling us and we will be happy to perform "vacation checks" on your home while you are away.

Please have a safe and enjoyable summer!



Chippewa Township
Established 1815
Zoned Community since 1966
Township Government consists
of three Trustees and
one Fiscal Officer

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CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP:

Small enough to know you

Large enough to serve you



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Chippewa Township Road Department has a new 920 CAT Loader

BZA SECRETARY NEEDED

We are looking for an interested township resident in the unincorporated area to be a Secretary for the Board of Zoning Appeals.

The BZA meets on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm, if they have a meeting to conduct and to hear any requests for variances.

The Zoning Board Secretary is responsible for maintaining all the records of the Zoning Board in an orderly fashion. These records include:

- Minutes of every meeting and public hearing.
- Audio recordings which are specified to be part of the official record.

The Zoning Board Secretary attends all Zoning Board of Appeals meetings and hearings to take and keep minutes of all Board proceedings and handle the paperwork during meetings.

You will be paid monthly and you will be in Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) for your pension.

To obtain an application, either stop in the office or visit: chippewatwp.com and scroll until you find, "Chippewa Township Application for Employment".



ROAD DEPARTMENT NEWS

As summer approaches, The Chippewa Township Road Department is excited to take on numerous projects. This past winter, we used approximately 700 tons of salt for our approximate 50 miles of Township Roads. Our 2022 preventative Tree Trimming Program has been completed for the season. We target problem areas for preventative purposes to keep our roadway clear. This is yet another factor in keeping Chippewa Township roads the best in the County.

We will be out with our boom mower for our first cutting of road berms and then we will be out to cut further back of the ditch line. Our Summer Chip & Seal project kicks off in early June - this project takes two days to one week. On average, we complete six to seven miles of Chip & Seal annually. Our Asphalt Leveling program will be in force as well.

We will continue our Mosquito Spray Program this summer as needed, as always, according to the Rules and Regulations set by the Ohio Department of Agriculture. Spraying is done in the evenings between 8:00 pm and 12:00 midnight. To issue a complaint: Call (330) 658-2112 or email info@chippewatwp.com.

The trustees sent a request to Wayne County Engineer for a speed study to be done on Hatfield Road. The Wayne County Engineer has completed their speed study and ODOT has approved the speed limit reduction to 35 MPH for Hatfield Road between Doylestown Road (CR70) and Eastern Road (CR150).

We want to thank Wayne County Engineer Scott Miller and Staff for securing the resurfacing project through AMATS from Eastern Rd. (CR150) - from Mt. Eaton Rd. (SR94) to Portage St. (CR5A). Resurfacing should occur in May.

Some other County Projects that will be taking place in our Township in 2022 will be:

- Scratch paving Hametown Rd. (CR169) - from Black Diamond Rd. (CR/TR133) to Galehouse Rd. (TR172).
- Scratch paving Calaboone Rd. (CR61) - from Clinton Rd. (CR100) to Gates St (CR209).

Bridge wise there are (2) replacements scheduled

- Box culvert on Pleasant Home Rd over Chippewa Creek .
- Galehouse Road rehab bridge later in the year (Oct. 2022).

ZONING NEWS

We want to congratulate Craig Thoricht on his retirement as Zoning Inspector. Craig was hired in 1994 for the Zoning Commission, was a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals for many years and then was hired in 2012 as our Zoning Inspector. Craig made our township a better community. Thank you, Craig, for your dedication to our community and for all the years you gave to our township.

We want to welcome our new Zoning Inspector, Jeremy Porter. Jeremy was hired at the trustees meeting on December 15, 2021. Jeremy and his wife live in our township. Jeremy takes pride in our community and he is very respectful to you and to your zoning needs. Jeremy has been very active in zoning matters. Jeremy has zoning hours on Wednesday evening from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the township office, 14228 Galehouse Rd., Doylestown. You may reach Jeremy at 330-351-1050 (cell) or you may leave a message at the township for Jeremy at 330-658-2112. Also, you may email Jeremy at jeremy.porter@chippewatwp.com.

SWEARING IN OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

The trustees first official business for their January meeting was the swearing in of the elected officials. Trustee Dominic Oliverio conducted the swearing in of Lenny Broome and Ron Browning, they were elected as our trustees of the township in the November Election. Lenny was first elected for trustee in 1997 and is beginning his seventh term. Lenny and his wife Betty have three children, a daughter-in-law, a son-in-law and they have three magnificent grandchildren. Lenny and Betty are anxiously waiting for the arrival of their fourth grandchild later this summer.

Ron Browning is beginning his first term as trustee. Ron and his wife Bobbie have two sons, two daughters-in-laws and they have six wonderful grandchildren. Ron and Bobbie spend time in supporting their talented grandchildren at their school extracurricular activities. Their oldest grandson will be graduating this year from Chippewa Jr/Sr High School.

UPDATING OUR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

We are looking for township citizens, business owners, farmers and property owners that would be interested in serving on a steering committee to help update the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan is a guide that outlines Chippewa Township's future growth and conservation and how to achieve that vision through planning priorities and strategies.

Our current plan was finalized in 2010 and it should be updated every five to ten years. We would like the community's input on updating the plan. There will be a survey sent to the township citizens to complete. The steering committee will meet in the evenings. Once the committee is formed, they will set meeting dates and times.

If you would like to be part of the steering committee and be involved in updating the Chippewa Township Comprehensive Plan, please contact Darlene at the township office, 330-658-2112 or email your name, address and your contact information to:

Darlene.smith@chippewatwp.com.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS CHIEF JOYCE FORRER

SOUND THE ALARM



The American Red Cross in Northern Ohio, in cooperation with the Chippewa Township Fire Department, will assist homeowners who need smoke alarms free of charge compliments of the American Red Cross. Smoke alarms have a life expectancy of only ten years, and smoke alarms need to be tested every month. Batteries should be changed every six months. Having working smoke alarms in a home is not only a good idea; it cuts the chances in half of someone being injured or worse in a fire. The American Red Cross provides the alarms at no charge to the homeowner. If you are interested in having the Chippewa Township Fire Department install smoke alarms in your home or for more information, call 330-658-2300.

Outdoor Weather Warning Sirens

Outdoor warning sirens are **NOT** meant to be used as a warning system for people inside homes or buildings and should never be relied upon to wake you up. Instead, the outdoor warning sirens are meant to alert people outdoors that severe weather is imminent, and they should seek shelter immediately.

Outdoor warning sirens should not be your primary or only alert source as they are subject to malfunction and failure due to damage from lightning strikes. After the dispatch center receives credible information, the Wayne County Communications Center must

manually activate the sirens that severe weather can impact a community. However, the danger may pass in some fast-moving storms before the siren is actuated.

Technology has made getting alerts easier and quicker via weather apps and weather radios. You will likely receive an alert on your smartphone or a weather alert radio before the sirens are activated. No one warning system is perfect, and no one warning method can be guaranteed never to fail. By getting information from more than one source, you are likely to receive a warning if there is a failure in one of the components. We strongly recommend that you consider one or more of the following:

- Sign up for the Wayne County (Ohio) Emergency Alert System, "911ALERTME", through the Wayne County Emergency Management website, www.wcemaoh.org.
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- Subscribe to a local weather app on your cell phone.
- Purchase a stand-alone weather alert radio.

Bottom line: have multiple ways to receive weather warnings, and remember to keep your cell phone fully charged.

BBQ Tips



- All barbeque grills must only be used outdoors — using grills indoors or in enclosed spaces is a fire hazard and exposes occupants to toxic gasses and potential asphyxiation.
- Always position the grill well away from combustible objects — buildings, fences, deck railings, and landscaping can easily and quickly ignite.
- Check all propane tanks and lines for leaks and damage.
- Never leave a lit grill unattended.
- Always use long-handled grilling utensils and heat-resistant oven mitts to avoid exposure to burns from heat and flames.
- Periodically remove grease build-up in catch trays to prevent it from igniting.
- Keep a garden hose nearby, connected, and ready for use in case of a fire.



NO Open Burning

Ohio DNR and Ohio EPA Restrict Open Burns in March, April, May, October, and November between 6:00a.m. and 6:00 p.m.



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Deputy Alan Lostaglia



VOTE!
ELECTION DAY
May 3, 2022



Are You Losing Your Property

Rob Kastner, P.E.,
Water Management Engineer

Beautiful, babbling brooks in the summer and fall become raging torrents of water when the winter snow melts and spring rains come. All this energy can cause damage in form of stream-bank erosion. This can result in loss of property and damage to nearby structures. The best, first step for streambank erosion control is to lay back the bank at a less steep slope and stabilize it. Establishing woody vegetation with live tree main stems or branches 1" to 6" in diameter will establish a root system to help hold the bank in place. Trees used for live plantings are black willow, white willow and some species of dogwood and locust.

If the stream has high velocity flows, structural methods such as riprap and gabions should be considered. Riprap is typically limestone with an average diameter of 6" to 24" depending on stream velocity. Before installing riprap, the streambank should be laid back to a slope that is no steeper than two feet horizontal for every one foot of vertical rise. If the streambank cannot be cut back to a less steep slope gabions can be used. Stone is used to fill wire baskets to form the gabions that are anchored into the streambank. The gabions are good at protecting the streambank below the water line.

When stabilizing 500 feet or more of streambank the Army Corps of Engineers will need to be contacted for approval to do the work. On medium and high velocity streams, a professional engineer should be contacted to determine stream velocities and to help select an erosion control method. Go to the Chippewa Township website at <https://chippewatwp.com/storm-water-management/> and click on Learn More for a link to the Wayne SWCD website for additional information on these methods and other erosion control options from the Ohio Stream Management Guide.

When that peaceful stream turns into a Class 5 rapid, there are many options for protecting your property and structures. Feel free to contact the Wayne SWCD office at (330) 263-5376 if you have any questions.

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