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Regular Meetings

@ 6:30 p.m.

First and Third Wednesdays of each month

*Check website for updates
and more information*

www.sharontwp.us

FIRE DEPARTMENT EDUCATION EVENT FOR RESIDENTS ON OCTOBER 4 / FIRE LEVY ON BALLOT

The Worthington Fire Department has graciously agreed to host an open house at the fire station so residents can learn more about what the fire department does for the Township, and to answer any questions the residents may have about the Fire Department.

***Please join us on October 4th at 6:30pm at
6500 N. High St. in Worthington for a great
discussion, presentation and open house.***

The Board of Trustees publicly voted to place a fire levy on the November 7, 2023 ballot after over a year of public discussion and input. The Board of Trustees was required to put a levy on the ballot pursuant to the existing fire contract which was recently amended after negotiations with the City of Worthington.

The levy, if passed, would raise an annual amount of \$500,000, and specifically would add 4.06 mills in additional taxes, or approximately \$142.00 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's current appraised value. Note - the county auditor's current proposed valuations of our homes will not be used as the valuations for the November fire levy.

This communication, and the fire department open house, is not intended to seek support or opposition for the fire levy and both are for informational purposes only. It is important we provide you with factual information about the levy, the services you receive, and we are available to do so.

We look forward to seeing you at the fire department on October 4th!

IMPORTANT FALL DATES (more info inside):

10/16 – Leaf Pick-Up Begins

10/28 – DEA Drug Take Back Day, 10am - 2pm

10/31 - Trick or Treat Night, 6pm - 8pm

FROM YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT



NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY IS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH

The Sharon Township Police Department will again take part in the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) National Prescription Drug Take-Back Initiative on Saturday, October 28th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Sharon Township Police Department 95 E. Wilson Bridge Road Worthington, Ohio 43085.

We cannot take any prescription drugs prior to or after that date and time. We will be collecting potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. We CANNOT COLLECT liquids, needles, patches, or inhalers. It is preferred that you empty all of your pills from its container into a clear plastic bag. It is recommended that you keep the containers and dispose of them yourself to protect your identity.

How to Dispose of Medicines Properly:

Don't: Flush expired or unwanted prescription and over-the-counter drugs down the toilet or drain unless the label or accompanying patient information specifically instructs you to do so.

Do: Return unwanted or expired prescription and over-the-counter drugs to a drug take-back program or follow the steps for household disposal below.

1ST CHOICE: DRUG TAKE-BACK EVENTS... Such as the one scheduled for October 28th.

2ND CHOICE: HOUSEHOLD DISPOSAL STEPS (Drug Disposal Guidelines, Office of National Drug Police, October 2009):

1. Take your prescription drugs out of their original containers.
2. Mix drugs with an undesirable substance, such as cat litter or used coffee grounds.

3. Put the mixture into a disposable container with a lid, such as an empty margarine tub, or into a sealable bag.
4. Conceal or remove any personal information, including Rx number, on the empty containers by covering it with a permanent marker or duct tape, or by scratching it off.
5. The concealed container with the drug mixture, and the empty drug containers, can now be placed in the trash.

How Proper Disposal of Medicines Protects You and the Earth: Prevents poisoning of children and pets; Deters misuse by teenagers and adults; Avoids health problems from accidentally taking the wrong medicine, too much of the same medicine, or a medicine that is too old to work well; Keeps medicines from entering streams and rivers when poured down the drain or flushed down the toilet.

SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

We are all responsible to each other and our communities to keep everyone safe. It takes all of us working together to provide and maintain a safe environment; the police department and its employees cannot do it alone, no matter how hard we try.

It has come to the attention of the Police Department that many of our residents are hesitant to call when they see or hear something that may be suspicious. Please know that it is our duty, responsibility, and desire to respond to the needs and concerns of our residents and businesses as quickly, efficiently and effectively as possible.

Though we try to be in the neighborhoods as much as possible, it is impossible for us to see everything. We rely upon our residents to tell us immediately when they see or hear something that sounds or looks different or suspicious. Please do not hesitate, we need to know immediately. You can call the Police Dispatcher at 614-525-2125 any time of day or night.

OPEN BURNING LAWS

Every year the Police Department receives requests about open burning; the calls usually increase during the fall season. The State of Ohio

Environmental Protection Agency has very strict laws for restricting open burning. Violation of the law can result in substantial penalties. Please visit our Website to view brief information regarding what you can and cannot burn; you will find the link at the bottom of the front page. To view the laws, and more in-depth information regarding open burning, we encourage everyone to go to the two different Websites where the laws and restrictions are explained in great detail:

- www.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/general/openburning.aspx
- <http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/3745>. (Section 3745-19-03 is specific to open burning in restricted areas such as Sharon Township.)

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Halloween Trick or Treat will take place in Sharon Township:



Tuesday, October 31st
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

THE WINTER HOLIDAYS

The holiday season will be here soon and it can be a busy time for law enforcement. Here are a few ways you can stay safe:

- If you are planning to be away from home for a few days, consider utilizing our Vacation House Watch program. See the Police Department page on the Township Website to learn how to submit a vacation house check or you can speak with a Township officer if you see them in the neighborhood
- Consider cutting large containers and boxes into smaller pieces and putting them into

plastic bags before taking the trash to the curb so as to not alert thieves on the lookout for high value items

- When attending a holiday party or family gathering, please be aware of how much you are drinking. If you are concerned that you may have had too much, ask someone who has not been drinking to take you home or call a friend, cab or Uber to pick you up
- If you are hosting a party, try to monitor how much your guests are drinking. If you think a guest has had too much, consider offering them a place to stay for a few hours until they are sober. Or ask someone who has not been drinking to take them home. You may want to think about taking their car keys away to prevent them from driving, and call a cab or other means of transportation

FROM YOUR ROADS DEPARTMENT

LEAF PICK-UP SEASON RETURNS

WHEN: Leaves will be picked up from October 16th through November 30th, with a final clean up the week of December 4th. Leaves must be ready for pickup on Monday Dec. 4th for final pickup.

The Road Department will try to pick-up leaves in all areas once each week. The days your leaves are picked up will vary depending on the weather conditions and volume of leaves to be picked up. Leaves should be ready for pick-up on Monday.

Thank you for helping to make this a safe program.



IMPORTANT LEAF PICK-UP GUIDELINES:

- **Leaves ONLY**, no foreign materials such as brush, grass clippings, mulch, or flowerbed debris. Collections are done using a vacuum machine, and these materials cause equipment failure and pick-up delays.
- **Rake leaves to the curb or road edge, NOT INTO THE STREET OR GUTTER.** Leaves raked into the street can cause traffic accidents and hazards, you could be held liable. Cars parked

over dry leaves in the street cause fires. Wet leaves in the street are difficult to collect, cause storm sewer backups and pollute our rivers and stream.

- **BAGGED LEAVES** - If you prefer to bag your leaves they should be put in biodegradable bags available at most hardware and grocery stores. Bagged leaves will be picked up with your garbage. **PLEASE USE THIS METHOD TO DISPOSE OF ALL NON-LEAF YARD WASTE.**

PARKING ON WEST KANAWHA AVE. AND ROSSLYN AVE

Please remember to park your vehicles on the opposite side of the road on Tuesdays from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This will allow leaves to be collected on the south side of Rosslyn Ave. and the North side of West Kanawha Ave.

STORM WATER RUNOFF

Storm water runoff is water from rain or melting snow that does not soak into the ground and flows into storm drains or ditches. Storm sewers and ditches collect the runoff and empty it directly to local bodies of water. Storm water picks up pollutants such as animal waste, pesticides, fertilizers, salt, oil and grease, soil and debris and transports them to waterways where they are discharged with no treatment. This is storm water pollution. You can identify a storm sewer by the open grates along roadways and within some low-lying areas.

What is an "Illicit Discharge?"

An illicit (illegal) discharge is any discharge to a municipal storm sewer system – storm drains, pipes, and ditches – that is not composed entirely of storm water. Pollutants end up in storm sewer systems in a number of ways, many of which are easily preventable. **Disposal of anything other than storm water in storm sewers is illegal!**

Storm sewer systems cannot treat polluted water. Storm water does not get carried to the wastewater treatment plant. Storm sewers transport rainwater and everything in it directly into surrounding rivers, streams, lakes, and other bodies of water.

Examples of Illicit Discharges

- Septic Tank Seepage / Illegal Sanitary Connections
- Laundry Wastewater / Detergent

- Improper Waste Oil Disposal / Auto Fluids Flushing
- Home Improvement Waste (e.g. concrete, paint)
- Pesticides and Fertilizers
- Improper Disposal of Commercial and Industrial Hazardous Waste
- Pool / Spa Discharge
- Cooking Grease / Household Waste

Things You Can Do to Protect Water Quality

- Never dump anything down storm drains
- Use lawn and garden chemicals sparingly; sweep up any excess from driveways, sidewalks and roads
- Repair vehicle leaks; cover spilled fluids with kitty litter then sweep into household waste
- Pick up after your pet and dispose of properly
- Control soil erosion on your property by planting ground cover and stabilizing erosion-prone areas
- Keep grass clippings, leaves, litter, and debris out of street gutters and storm drains
- Direct downspouts onto grassy areas away from paved surfaces
- Use a commercial car wash or wash your vehicle on the grass instead of the driveway
- Dispose of used oil, antifreeze, paints and other household chemicals in an approved manner

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

The Township is evaluating options for future newsletter formats. The Township is considering publishing the newsletter electronically on the Township website in order to reduce the cost to taxpayers in mailing the newsletter and promote quicker distribution of information to residents. Additional details will be forthcoming as the Township evaluates options.

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