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Regular Meetings**
@ 6:30 p.m.

First and Third Wednesdays of each month

*Check website for updates
and more information*

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TOWNSHIP RECEIVES AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS

Like many jurisdictions, Sharon Township received funds under the American Rescue Plan Act. According to the Act, the funds can only be used for certain purposes: (1) responding to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts; (2) providing premium pay to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency; (3) reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency; and (4) necessary investments in infrastructure. For its share of funds under the American Rescue Plan Act, the Township received \$192,670.66 and is looking at options on how to use the funds within the requirements of the Act.

FROM YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT...

NEED POLICE ASSISTANCE? PLEASE CALL THE PROPER NUMBER....

The Township Administrative Office phone number is 614-885-5115; we often receive phone calls on that number from residents wanting to speak with a police officer or have an officer come to their location. Currently there is no one at the Township Offices to answer calls. Phones are checked periodically for messages. If you need the assistance of an officer, please call the Dispatch Center at 614-525 2125; this is the non-emergency number. If it is an emergency, please call 911.

IMPORTANT FALL DATES (more info inside):

10/17 – Leaf Pick-Up Begins

10/29 – DEA Drug Take Back Day, 10am - 2pm

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

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 check out the below websites.

- 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.)

PARKING VIOLATIONS ON RESIDENTIAL STREETS WITHIN SHARON TOWNSHIP...

The police department has received calls in reference to parking violations occurring on streets within Sharon Township. Please pay attention to the signs in your area to make sure you and your guests are following all parking restrictions. For the safety of our residents and individuals using our roadways during the fall and winter months, parking restrictions may be altered to help our road department safely maneuver through our streets during leaf pick up and snow removal. Please be aware of parking restrictions in your area.

SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING....

We are all responsible to each other and our communities to keep everyone safe. Many people believe that it is the responsibility of only the police department to keep them and their family safe. In reality 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. Many of our residents are concerned or embarrassed that they may be 'putting us out.' Nothing could be further from the truth; 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 wait until the next day, next week, or the next time you are outside and see one of our constables. We need to know immediately; please call the Police Dispatcher at 614-525-2125 any time of the day or night.

DRUG TAKE BACK



Sharon Township will again be participating in the **DEA Drug Take Back Program** Saturday, October 29, 2022, 10 am to 2 pm. The location will be at Sharon Township 95 E. Wilson Bridge Road Worthington, Ohio 43085. The misuse of prescription drugs is a significant problem across our nation and most are obtained from the medicine cabinets of family and friends. The simple step of ridding your home of old and unwanted prescription drugs can greatly reduce the chances of misuse.

Accepted items:

- Any prescription pills

Unaccepted items:

- Thermometers, liquids, inhalers, ointments, syringes/needles (sharps), medication/medical waste from businesses or clinics, any over-the-counter medication.

TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT...

Sharon Township, will be hosting Trick or Treat Night on Monday, October 31st, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Parents/guardians are encouraged to exercise judgment in allowing children to participate – whether it relates to inclement weather or health-related concerns.



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

All of us at Sharon Township want all of the children and adults taking part in Trick or Treat to have a fun and safe evening. **Please follow these**

Halloween safety tips:

- Adults should accompany young children and older kids should travel in groups.
- Children should wear light colored clothing short enough to prevent tripping. Adding reflective tape to costumes and outer garments will increase visibility.
- Carry and use flashlights or glow sticks after dark.
- Visit homes you know and stay within your neighborhood. Together with your child, map out a safe route so you know where they will be.
- Remind children not to take short cuts through backyards, alleys or fields.
- Remind children never to enter a stranger's house or vehicle.
- Encourage neighborhood block watches and citizens' groups to patrol the neighborhood.
- Drive slowly and schedule trips so as to avoid the times of heavy pedestrian traffic.

- Discourage children from eating their treats until they get home.
- Closely check all treats at home in a well-lit place. Remove all opened candies or treats not in their original wrappers. Inspect all fruit and homemade goodies.

Report any suspicious or criminal activity to the police immediately by calling 614-525-2125.

FROM YOUR ROADS DEPARTMENT...



FALL IS UPON US – LEAF PICK-UP!

The Road Department will be picking up leaves again this year.

PLEASE! ! ! REMEMBER TO USE THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES - THIS WILL HELP TO ENSURE A PROMPT AND SAFE LEAF SEASON.

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 OTHER YARD WASTE.**

WHEN:

Leaves will be picked up from **October 17th through November 30th, with a final clean up the week of December 5th.** Leaves must be ready for pickup on Monday Dec. 5th 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.

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. It flows from rooftops, paved areas, bare soil, and lawns into storm drains or ditches. Storm sewers and ditches collect storm water 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. In some instances, companies or residences have waste pipes tapped into storm water pipes. In other cases, individuals use the storm drain inlets to dispose of various types of waste. 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

Signs of an Illicit Discharge

The point in a storm sewer system where it empties into a body of water is a storm sewer outfall. It may be a pipe or ditch. If the outfall is flowing when there has been no recent rainfall, this may indicate an illicit discharge. Visible sewage waste, foul odor, suds or other evidence of contamination, are indicators that an illicit discharge is contaminating the storm sewer.

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

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