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# WINDSOR CONNECTION

**FALL 2015** 



FALL CLEAN-UP SATURDAY OCTOBER 31st 9AM-12NOON

Windsor Township will be providing two 40 yard dumpsters for waste materials at the township garage located on State Route 534 for Windsor Township residents ONLY. We CAN NOT accept tires, paint, chemicals, fencing or items containing Freon. Please take advantage of this opportunity to keep your property and our township clean. If you would like to adopt a road for roadside clean-up, trash bags are available by calling 272-5288 or 272-5795.

Jim Plizga, Trustee

## ROAD DEPARTMENT RUMBLES

Summer has flown by and now we are beginning to prepare for winter. Summer projects included cleaning the ditches on Townline Road and Stoneville Road. We also cleaned up problem areas on several other roads and applied dust control.

This fall, once again the Road Department will be asking for an additional 1 mill levy. This levy will generate approximately \$29,000 a year for 5 years if passed. These funds would be used for maintaining and/or upgrading road department equipment. The increasing costs of gravel and dust control material

With winter approaching I would like to remind everyone to give our snowplow drivers plenty of room to clean our roads. We are hoping for a "normal" winter this year! Everyone, please stay safe. If you have any concerns or questions just contact a trustee.

Bob Slusher Trustee

## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Hello all, we are going into the end of the year with 300+ calls to keep us busy. We hosted our first Amish health fair this year that was well attended with over 300 residents. We hope to continue this each year.

We still have a limited supply of smoke detectors and reflective address signs, please stop by or call if you are in need 272-5350. There is no charge for those who reside in the township.

We have two RENEWAL levies up this fall. Both are important to continue operations. They pay for everything from fuel, training, certifications, insurance etc.. along with major equipment replacement. If passed, we will be looking at replacing our 1996 rescue engine sometime in 2016 after the ambulance is paid off. With passage of these levies we have been able to continue a replacement program that allows us to replace a major piece of equipment every five years so that trucks are replaced at the twenty year old mark. We would also be

### CEMETERY REVIEW

It is that time of year to remove all summer arrangements from your loved ones burial space to get ready for winter wreaths. This needs to be done by October 30th. Some cemetery regulations are being abused that need to be addressed, trees and shrubs that were planted will be removed by November 1st. The next pouring of footers will be the end of May.

Bonnie Plizga, Volunteer Cemetery Sexton

### **NEW WEBSITE**

The Township had to change its website address the new website can be viewed at

# www.windsortownship.org

We are still populating it and will keep it up to date with the latest news.

Please check it out and if you have any suggestions for this send us an email from the website or contact Jeff Merritt at 440-272-5401



Windsor Township has a new

# COMMUNITY CENTER REPORTING IN....

We are so pleased with the gym floor being finished, THANKS to the basketball teams that play there and support our fundraisers.

The Basketball Play-Off will start the week of April 4th, 2016.

There are several holiday parties scheduled already as well as a wedding reception.

October 17th is the Windsor Fire Department Chinese Auction. Doors open at 5pm Auction starts at 7pm. No presale tickets will be available. The Amish Health Fair held at the Community Center was a big success.

As always we are looking for volunteers to help with activities at the Community Center.

Bonnie Plizga-Calendar Person

### FISCAL OFFICER CORNER

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer – it sure seemed short!

The township finances are stable, although rising costs across the board are hard to control. For example, healthcare insurance costs have risen dramatically over the past couple of years. These are costs that are beyond our control, although we are researching how to lessen these costs. We are also trying to work with other groups to help with these costs. These are not the only costs that have increased, but it seems to be the one that has increased the most.

I hope you all stay warm this winter! If you have any questions – just call the office and I will try my best to help you!

Carla Slusher-Fiscal Officer



#### RECYCLING

The Ashtabula County Solid Waste District has struggled to find a cost effective method of providing drop off recycling opportunities to Ashtabula County residents. There are several issues involved including the transportation costs, reduced value of recyclable commodities and contamination at drop off sites. Several waste haulers have told the county they would be interested in providing curbside recycling along with trash disposal if they could have a contract for an entire community. We will pass along any additional information we receive from the county.

### **MAILBOX**

Please take some time to make sure your mailbox is secure for the winter. Often the wood posts start to rot at ground level. The Township will not be responsible for indirect hits to a mailbox from snow off the plows. Make sure your mailbox and paper box are in good condition prior to cold weather setting in.

#### Calendar of Events

Oct. 17th Fire Department Chinese Auction Doors open at 5 pm Drawing starts at 7 pm.

Oct. 30th Removal of Summer decorations from the cemetery grounds.

Oct. 31st Township Clean Up 9am-noon

Windsor Township Trustees izga (440) 272-5288

Jim Plizga Chairman

Bob Slusher (440) 272-5277

Trustee

Jeff Merritt (440) 272-5401

Vice Chairman

Township Office (440) 272-5795 Carla Slusher, Fiscal Officer Bonnie Plizga (440) 272-5288

Volunteer Cemetery Sexton Community Community Center Calendar Chair

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Township Trustee Meetings @ 6:30 PM the 2nd Monday of every month.