

The Pittsfield Township Talk

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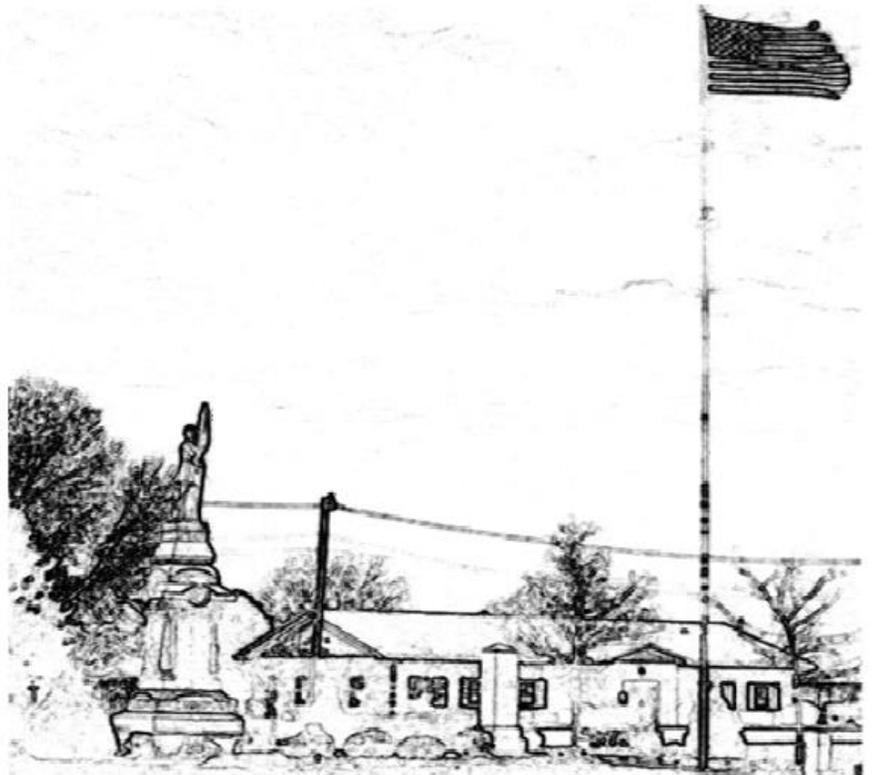
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Wellington Fire District

By Chief Mike Wetherbee



Senate Bill 106

Senate Bill 106 (Sen. Schaffer, 31st District) was introduced to the Senate Transportation Committee on June 11, 2013. The Bill proposes stiffer penalties for motorists who choose to ignore road closed signage and proceed into high water, thus requiring the assistance of emergency services to be rescued. The Bill would allow for “Civil Fines” up to \$2000 to be paid directly to the agencies performing rescue and recovery services. SB106 was introduced in part due to the tragic loss of Rescue Diver Allen “Buz” Anderson as he attempted to rescue two teens stranded in swift-moving flood waters on June 22, 2006.

SB106, backed by the Emergency Management Association of Ohio, and the Ohio Fire Chiefs, has gained momentum, passing in the State Senate unanimously. The Bill moved to the House Transportation, Public Safety, and Homeland Security Committee where it also passed with ease. The final step now is passage on the floor of the State House of Representatives. If the Bill passes through the House, it would hopefully be signed by Governor Kasich before the end of the year. Wellington Fire Chief Mike Wetherbee, who traveled to Columbus to provide proponent testimony for SB106 before the Senate and House Committees, is also pleased that a petition to name the legislation after Diver Allen H. Anderson was also approved.

Wellington Fire adds to roster, District's first female

After the retirements of several veteran firefighters, and low roster numbers, the District's roster is again strong. The loss of seven members and 136 years of experience has been replaced by the hiring of eight personnel in the last two years. In late 2012, the district hired Ken Knapp 23, Mike Standen 30, and Tim Standen 25, all of Wellington. These three have completed all their required training to this point and have performed to our expectations.

In September of 2013, the district hired Jason Dumke 25, Melissa Fuquay 24, Tyler Honoshofsky 21, Justen Tripp 26, and Steven Garn 22, all of Wellington. These five individuals have completed an immense amount of training in just their first six months, all achieving Firefighter I status and completing the Emergency Medical Responder course, for a total of nearly 200 hours of training each. It should be noted that Firefighter Honoshofsky is a third generation firefighter. His grandfather and father served a combined 25 years on the department.

After 133 years in existence, the Wellington Fire Department has hired its first female firefighter. Melissa Fuquay broke the gender barrier in September of 2013. Ms. Fuquay so far has exhibited everything we expect of our firefighters. She has performed very well on fire scenes and is continually proving herself. The transition has been very smooth and we are very pleased to have her. This younger generation adds youth to our fire district, which at this time exhibits an average age of 40 years old, and an average of nearly 14 years of service per member. The District is appreciative for the support from our citizens, and is always striving to perform to the level of service that should be expected.

Need Police, Fire, or Ambulance?

Help these agencies find you quicker and easier by displaying your address on a green reflective address sign. These signs are offered **free of charge** by the Wellington Fire District and South Lorain County Ambulance District to residences within their jurisdictions. These areas include the Villages of Wellington and Rochester, and the Townships of Wellington, Rochester, Brighton, Huntington, Penfield, and Pittsfield. Simply call the fire station (440-647-2245) or the Ambulance headquarters (440-647-5803) and arrange to pick up your address sign.

Lorain County Sheriff's Office

By Deputy Robert Vasant

Family Emergency Scams

Scammers may pose as relatives or friends, calling or sending messages to urge you to wire money immediately. They'll say they need cash to help with an emergency — like getting out of jail, paying a hospital bill, or needing to leave a foreign country. Their goal is to trick you into sending money before you realize it's a scam.

Verify an Emergency

If someone calls or sends a message claiming to be a family member or a friend desperate for money:

- Resist the urge to act immediately, no matter how dramatic the story is.
- Verify the person's identity by asking questions that a stranger couldn't possibly answer.
- Call a phone number for your family member or friend that you know to be genuine.
- Check the story out with someone else in your family or circle of friends, even if you've been told to keep it a secret.
- Don't wire money — or send a check or money order by overnight delivery or courier.

- Report possible fraud at ftc.gov/complaint or by calling 1-877-FTC-HELP.
- Report to the Lorain County Sheriff's Office by calling 440-329-3710 or 440-323-1212

Scammers Use Tricks

They impersonate your loved one convincingly.

It's surprisingly easy for a scam artist to impersonate someone. Social networking sites make it easier than ever to sleuth out personal and family information. Scammers also could hack into the e-mail account of someone you know. To make their story seem legitimate, they may involve another crook who claims to be an authority figure, like a lawyer or police officer.

They play on your emotions.

Scammers are banking on your love and concern to outweigh your skepticism. In one version of this scam, con artists impersonate grandchildren in distress to trick concerned grandparents into sending money. Sometimes, this is called a "Grandparent Scam."

They swear you to secrecy.

Con artists may insist that you keep their request for money confidential – to keep you from checking out their story and identifying them as imposters. Victims of this scam often don't realize they've been tricked until days later, when they speak to their actual family member or friend who knows nothing about the "emergency." By then, the money they sent can't be recovered.

They insist that you wire money right away.

Scammers pressure people into wiring money because it's like sending cash – once it's gone, you can't trace it or get it back. Imposters encourage using money transfer services so they can get your money before you realize you've been scammed.

Report Scams

If you believe you've responded to a scam, file a complaint with:

- the FTC
- your state Attorney General
- Lorain County Sheriff's Office



Crimewatch Digital Security Light Emergency Beacon 911 Flasher System

Application available on the Pittsfield Township website at:
www.pittsfieldtwp.us

Free to the following Lorain County Residents:

Elderly Residents
Resident Living Alone
Special Need/Medical Condition Family Member with special need or medical conditions
Resident with very young children

Scare away prowlers or to signal you neighbors for help the Crimewatch Digital Security Light allows any regular light to be used two ways. One as a normal light just flip the switch on once in the normal way. Two as a flashing light just flick the switch on twice in rapid succession to activate. The Crimewatch Digital Security Light adapter installs in seconds just like a regular light bulb works with all regular bulbs, lamps and switches. You can also use it to scare away prowlers or to signal you neighbors for help. Most importantly, it will save response time by helping emergency vehicles find your home quickly. The 911 Flash-Lite is supported by Police, Fire, EMS and Rescue organizations of Lorain County.

Crimewatch Digital Security Lights are available at the Lorain County Sheriff's Office 9896 Murray Ridge Road Elyria Phone: 440-329-3709

Central Lorain County Ambulance District

As a tax payer supported agency, residents of the districts including Pittsfield Township for an initial emergency run will not exceed \$50.00 after insurance. Please consider there are various circumstances outside the basic emergency run that may increase the cost. If you have any questions please you may contact your Trustee Mark McConnell (Appointed Representative for Pittsfield Township).



Pride Day May 17, 2014

As part of the Great American Cleanup sponsored by Keep America Beautiful this year's Pride Day will be held on May 17th from 9:00AM to Noon. If you would like to volunteer or donate to the Pittsfield Township's Pride Day please contact your Trustees.



Dumpster Day May 17, 2014

Dumpster Day, May 17th from 8:00 am to 12:00 Noon at the Town Hall, Pittsfield Township Residents Only, Accept large items, no hazardous items, no tires, no liquids, no oils, no appliances with Freon.



New Zoning on Ponds/Lagoons

Adopted January 13, 2014- No Pond, Lagoon, Impounded area or Storage Vessel shall be constructed or use to store sewage, industrial waste, or human waste, treated or untreated in a residential, agricultural, or business district. Except for waste generated on premise either human, animal, or industrial. This prohibition shall not apply to sanitary units approved by the Lorain County Board of Health or other agency with authority to approve sanitary unit installations. A conditional use permit for such use may be issued to accordance with the standards set forth in Chapter 5 of the Zoning Resolution. (Page 75, Chapter 4-5 Section A)

Lorain County Metropolitan Park- Splash Zone

The Pittsfield Township Trustees have negotiated an arrangement with the Lorain County Metropolitan Park District to provide reduced membership rates for township residents to the park district's Splash Zone facility on Hamilton Street in Oberlin. For an annual fee of \$5,000 paid by the township, the park district will provide a 50% reduction to their various membership fees. Specifically, the following fee schedule will be applicable to Pittsfield Township residents:

Monthly individual = \$17.50
 Quarterly individual = \$36.00
 Yearly individual = \$132.00
 Yearly family of four = \$330.00



The daily rate of \$7.00 per person will not be adjusted as a result of this agreement.

It will be necessary for anyone applying for a discounted membership to show proof of residency in Pittsfield Township. A utility bill showing your name and address or driver's license should be all that is necessary since the township will provide the Splash Zone staff with information indicating what addresses fall within township boundaries.

The Trustees hope that many of you will find this program a real benefit for your families. Adult members enjoy use of a large, heated indoor pool as well as a variety of fitness equipment. Member discounts are available for several programs including water aerobics and swim lessons for adults and children.

Splash Zone is located at 95 West Hamilton Street at route 58 in Oberlin. For more information call 440-774-5059, or visit www.loraincountymetroparks.com

Rumpke Waste & Recycling Services

Memorial Day: Monday, May 26, 2014 (Week of May 25-31)

Service will not occur on Monday, May 26, and service will be delayed one day during the rest of the week (e.g. Monday will move to Tuesday, and Tuesday will move to Wednesday, and so forth) Rumpke will return to its regular collection schedule the following week.

Large Item Pick Up

Please contact Rumpke at least 24 hours before your regularly scheduled collection to request a large item pick-up for acceptable large items, and/or excessive amounts of trash. Television sets cannot exceed 32 inches for curbside pick-up. Any mattress or upholstered furniture that may be contaminated with bedbugs must be encased in disposable plastic for removal. Additional fees may apply.

Rumpke Customer Service
 1-800-828-8171

Yard Waste- Large Item Pick-Up Only

Residents are able to place bulk out one time per month included in their rate, if they place yard waste out, it will be treated as bulk. If you place material out more than once per month, it will be counted as bulk on their invoice.

Curbside Recycle Collection

While the full list of acceptable materials may vary slightly residents can typically recycle the following:

- Glass Bottles & Jars (all colors)
- Metal Cans: Aluminum cans, steel cans and lids, empty aerosol cans with the lids and tips removed
- Plastic Bottles (empty, crush, reattach lid): Bottles and jugs that have a small mouth and wider base, such as milk jugs, soda bottles, laundry detergent bottles, water bottles, shampoo bottles and contact solution bottles
- Paper: newspaper, magazines, cardboard, mixed office paper and envelopes, paperboard (cereal boxes), pizza boxes free of food debris and grease, telephone books and catalogs
- Cartons: food and beverage cartons, such as milk, juice, soup, wine, broth and other cartons.



Recycling Tips

- Mix all items together – no separation required
- Empty all bottles, jugs and cans
- No need to remove labels
- For plastic bottles, empty, crush and reattach lids
- For cartons, remove plastic caps and straws
- NEVER place medical sharps or needles in the recycling
- DON'T use plastic bags

NOT for Recycling

No garbage, food, yard waste, plastic bags, needles, syringes, electronics, buckets, butter tubs, light bulbs, drinking glasses, ceramics, batteries, pots, pans, and scrap metal

Spring Cleaning- Waste Disposal & Shredding Lorain County Solid Waste District

Spring is in the air! If you have Household Hazardous Waste you need to dispose of the Lorain County Solid Waste Management Collection Center is located at 540 South Abbe Road Elyria- for more information please call 800-449-5463.



The center is open 12PM-6PM Monday & Wednesday, & 9AM- 6PM Saturday. You must have a Lorain County Driver's license.

Shred Day & Food Drive- October 18th 2014 from 9AM- 12PM

Need to shred old documents? Residents will be able to bring their documents to the collection Center's parking lot and have them shredded for free on-site. Free to Lorain County residents- bring ID. Limit 5 boxes or 5 blue grocery

bags per vehicle. Please do not exit your vehicle when you arrive at the collection center. Collection Center is located at 540 South Abbe Road Elyria. A food drive will also be taking place accepting non-perishable food items for Second Harvest Food Bank.

Common Courtesy- Noise Consideration

Please be considerate of you neighbors. Barking dogs, construction and farming equipment, amplified musical instruments, and loud parties are examples of noise found in Pittsfield. Understandably, certain noises levels must be tolerated by citizens, however, as a courtesy, notify neighbors prior to starting a job that you anticipate will create noise. Excessive, unnecessary, and/or annoying noise can be inconsiderate, and we ask that you please take your neighbors into inconsideration and limit unnecessary noises.

Primary Election May 6, 2014 What's on the ballot?

There is one certified statewide ballot issue- State Issue One. Issue One proposed constitutional amendment is to fund public infrastructure capital improvements by permitting the issuance of general obligation bonds.



The purpose of this amendment is to ensure the public health, safety, and welfare, create and preserve jobs, enhance employment opportunities, and improve the economic welfare of the people of Ohio by improving public infrastructure.

The amendment authorizes the State of Ohio to issue general obligation bonds to pay for or help local governments pay for public infrastructure capital improvements. Projects would be limited to roads and bridges, waste water treatment systems, water supply systems, solid waste disposal facilities, and storm water and sanitary collection, storage, and treatment facilities, including real property or interests in real property, facilities and equipment related or incidental thereto, and the cost of acquisition, construction, reconstruction, expansion, improvement, planning and equipping.

Issue One extends the program 10 more years, authorizing \$1.87 billion in infrastructure aid for local governments. No increase in taxes. Funds to repay Issue One are already built into planning for future state budgets.

For more information on Issue One please visit:

www.Strong-Ohio.com

**Pittsfield Township Zoning Board
Meeting 7PM at Town Hall**

The dates of the 2014 Zoning Board meetings are as follows:

April 14, 2014	December 8, 2014
July 14, 2014	January 12, 2015
October 13, 2014	

Pittsfield Township Zoning Board Members

Gene Mullins	Chris Jordan
Alan Haines	William Forthofer
Charles Copp IV	Dave Mull

Zoning Appeals Board

Mark Hess	Charles Harmon
Walt Bredel	Rita Waltz
Bert Latran	Bryce Brown

PITTSFIELD TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

By Ralph Hayes

School House Restoration

Our School House Restoration project is moving along (literally). As most of you probably already know, our historic Pittsfield Township one-room school house has been moved to the township park area, awaiting preparation for its permanent location. The restoration process has taken place over the past four years, as funding became available. Most of the exterior work has been completed, so our current priority is to complete the interior, as additional funding becomes available. Anyone interested in contributing to this effort, please contact any of our board members listed below, or by contacting Ralph Hayes at 647-2203.

Community Calendar Sales

We still have community calendars available for the current year, and a limited supply from the previous two years. The photographs contained in those previous years are great keepsake items. If you are interested, please contact Ralph Hayes at 647-2203.

Membership

We are currently making an effort to expand our membership base. If you are not a current member, and would like to help us by becoming a member, please contact Ralph Hayes at 647-2203, or any our other current board members. Even if you do not have the time to be actively involved, please consider your membership as an indication of your support of our efforts.

Monthly Meetings

During the coming months we hope to reintroduce our regular monthly public programs. Recently we have dropped this activity from our schedule because of

low attendance and unavailability of speakers, but in the coming months we hope to improve our efforts in providing these programs. We feel that his activity is an important part of our purpose. Watch the local newspapers for announcements of these upcoming programs. These regularly monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00pm in the township hall.

New Board Members

At our recent Annual Membership meeting two new members were elected to our Board of Directors. We welcome Jennifer Abram, of Hughes Rd., and Bill Mohler, of SR 58. Jen has an avid interest in our township history and the welfare of our community. Bill Mohler has been a longtime resident of the township with ancestors going back to Milton Whitney, an early settler and large landowner of the township. Our other current board members and officers are: Dan Clark, President; Bert Latran Jr. Vice-President; Lynn Youngblood, Secretary; Ralph Hayes, Treasurer; along with Jim Sheffield, Diane Hinkle, and Jeff Sigsworth.

Pittsfield Township Stories/Past Times

The Pittsfield Township Historical Society is looking to find some interesting Historical Stories regarding Pittsfield Township. If you have a good story from your Elders, Parents, Grand-parents, etc., and would like to see it featured on the Pittsfield Historical Society Web Page, please send to Jenn Abram jm_abram@yahoo.com or call 419-706-9233.

On the Web... www.pittsfieldtwp.us

Pittsfield Township Webmaster Steve Magyar

Pittsfield's website is your information center for the Township. You can find information about people of the township, trustees, fiscal officer, road personal, cemetery sexton, zoning inspector, town hall supervisor as well as boards of zoning appeals and zoning board members. Information about meetings dates and special events are all listed. Approved minutes of trustee meeting are now available on the minute's page. Town hall rental information is now available as well as the contract for rental is available for download. Up to date zoning information is posted to the zoning page-amendments as well the Pittsfield Zoning Resolution. The zoning application is available for download there also. We have provided links on the home page to other public agencies. From time to time a blog page will be up so the residents can post their comments on topic that may affect the township. If you have something you would like to include on the Pittsfield's website please contact the Pittsfield Webmaster, Steve Magyar at smagyar@pittsfieldtwp.us

