

Canal Post Summer 2021

"The Mayor's Bridge to the Community"

"Top of the morning" as my mother would say to me,

As I write this article, the warm weather has arrived and Summer will be here soon. Look for details on several community activities for families and friends to enjoy over the next few months, some of which include: Waterville Community Garage Sale Days, sponsored by the Waterville Chamber of Commerce, June 3, 4 and 5; Jazz Dance Party by the Toledo Jazz Orchestra, sponsored by Third Street Cigar in Downtown Waterville, June 12; Rock the Block, sponsored by the Waterville Chamber of Commerce in Downtown Waterville, June 19; the Anthony Wayne Area Arts Commission Food Trucks, July 13 and August 3 in Conrad Park from 5 to 8 p.m. and the Blues, Brews and Brats Festival, sponsored by the Waterville Rotary, July 31. Also, back this year are fireworks on July 4! We all can agree the last 15 months have been a challenge and it will be great to be able to be with family, friends and enjoy our Waterville community assets. Take time to walk along the river or check out the many amenities that Waterville has to offer. We truly do have a wonderful, safe and vibrant community.

I know that my Team Council Members join me in extending our sincere appreciation to our staff who kept the City running and continued to provide essential services during the pandemic. I also want to acknowledge and thank our citizens for enduring many of the necessary inconveniences these past months.

From a financial perspective, City Council continues to help oversee a balanced budget and determine the best use of our tax dollars. As we emerge from the pandemic, the City is planning many public improvements in the months ahead including: street resurfacing, new street lighting in the Downtown area, improvements in Conrad and Waterworks Parks; as well as the redevelopment of Memorial Park/Parker Square on the river. Our Fire and EMS is stronger than ever thanks to our citizens approving a new Fire and EMS Levy last Fall. If you see members of the City staff, offer a word of thanks. The police, fire, public works and office staff will appreciate your kind words.

I also welcome you to take time to remember our veterans this Memorial Day. You and members of you family and neighbors are encouraged to meet at Wakeman Cemetery on Monday, May 31 at 11:00 AM. The American Legion, members of the Anthony Wayne Band, Boy Scout Troop 101 and other community members are scheduled to participate in a memorial ceremony to honor our veterans. It would be great if you could attend and make this a part of your Memorial Day weekend.

In closing, I want thank you and also welcome your suggestions or feedback to move our great City forward into a brighter future.

Sincerely,

Mayor Timothy G. Pedro



Wakeman Archives at 401 Farnsworth Rd. is open every Wednesday by appointment only. Please call (419) 265-4871 to schedule today!







TRASH & RECYCLING SERVICES

The City of Waterville has a contract with Republic Services to collect trash and recycled materials for residents of the city. Trash collection day is Monday and recycling is collected bi-weekly (see website for map). There are two unlimited pick-ups per year, one in the Spring/Summer and another in the Fall/Winter. The rates for collection is \$11.51 per month and is billed on your water/sewer bill. Bulk Item Tags—\$12.00 each / Extra Trash Tags—\$4.00 each

You can find more information on our website at www.waterville.org/Municipal Departments/Public Works/Refuse & Recycling

UNLIMITED TRASH PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 12—Area A Saturday, June 19—Area B

Saturday, August 21–Area A Saturday, August 28–Area B

Exclusions:

Curbside collection excludes the following materials:

- Yard Waste (including brush, grass, leaves, shrubs)
- Building materials (including paint, concrete, metal pipes and rocks)
- Liquids of any kind
- Hazardous Chemicals (including pesticides and insecticides)
- Dead animals
- Motor oil, Auto Parts and Tires

Appliances:

Residents are responsible for the removal of all Freon refrigerants from applicable appliances prior to collection by the contractor. A certification label must be affixed to the appliance. This requirement is mandatory by Federal Law.

Large, bulky items such as furniture and appliances will not require a bulk item sticker on this day only!







City of Waterville Employee Recognition The City of Waterville wishes to recognize the following employees

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Mindy Bruns Tina Nicolai Part-time Firefighter Patrol Officer

5 Years 25 Years

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

School is out and summer is here! Please have a fun and safe season, and watch out for our younger citizens who will be playing and celebrating during their summer vacation from school.

Are you aware that:

- Fireworks can be deadly?
- Even small firecrackers can cause serious damage?
- You can be held legally responsible for any damage you may cause by the illegal use of fireworks?

Water safety is a must!



- Never swim alone.
- Never dive into unfamiliar water.
- If possible, only swim in areas with adult supervision, and always obey any posted rules.

Please be careful when cooking outside. Remind children about hot surfaces and to not play near or around the cooking area. Many children are injured each year by falling into or falling on outside grills and camp fires.

Have a safe and fun summer!



"GOOD

NEIGHBORS TIP"

Waterville is a wonderful place to live and we want everyone to enjoy their surroundings.

Therefore, we ask that you take your neighbors into consideration by following the suggestions listed below:

Reminders:

- Please trim all overgrown shrubs and low hanging branches that may be blocking your sidewalk.
- Obey the speed limits, especially on residential streets.
- Please be a good neighbor and clean up after your pet. You will also be eliminating the possibility of a fine!

If there are trees or shrubs in the City right-of-way that need to be trimmed, please call the Public Works Dept. at 419-878-8108, Monday -Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.



ENGRAVED BRICKS & PLAQUES FOR CITY BENCHES

Would you like to become a part of Waterville's history with the purchase of either a Brick or a Bench? Either will be a permanent gift and they are an excellent way to commemorate any special occasion, to recognize family members, or to provide a lasting memorial for a loved one.

Be the one who inspires the next generation!

Engraved Bricks are located at the Clock Tower building at the corner of the Anthony Wayne Trail and Farnsworth Road. Engraved bricks are available in two different sizes:

4" X 8" with up to three lines of text, up to 13 characters in each line (including spacing and punctuation) Cost : \$100.00

8" X 8" with up to six lines of text with up to 13 characters in each line (including spacing and punctuation) Cost: \$225.00



In Memory of Your Loved One

In Honor of hn & Jane De Mr. and Mr.

The Engraved plaque will be placed on a City Bench. The plaques will be attached to benches throughout the city.

Recognition of

Mr. and Mrs.

Jonathan Smith

The Smith

Family

In Honor of

John & Jane Doe

The plaques are 8 1/2" wide by 5 1/2 " tall. There will be 4 lines available for engraving, 13 characters in each line (including spacing and punctuation)

Cost: \$450.00 (this includes the cost of the bench, the plaque and installation of the bench)

For more information or to find an order from, please visit our website www.waterville.org, under the Forms/Misc. tab at the top of the page. Forms are also available at the Municipal Building at 25 North Second St.

*The City of Waterville reserves the right to approve all copy to be engraved on the bricks or the plaques.

If you have any questions, please call the City at 419-878-8100.

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PARKING: Parking in driveways for campers, motor homes camping trailers, boats and all other recreational vehicles and utility trailers is limited to 72 hours in a calendar week.

POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK: Having chickens or animals, like a goat, is permissible in the City of Waterville. However, in doing so you must keep the critters on your property, properly house, feed and clean up after them (waste and litter must not be taken to the yard waste transfer facility (Clean Wood) or placed into household or unlimited trash). The presence of these "pets" must not produce offensive odors, noise, dust, attract flies or rodents, produce health hazards or anything that offends the public.

NO GREEN: Keep yard waste, grass clippings, leaves and other organic materials off paved areas so these phosphorus sources do not enter storm drains and contribute to LAKE ERIE ALGAL BLOOMS.

GARAGE SALES: Garage sale, yard sale, and other similar signs may be erected during the days that such garage or yard sale is being conducted, provided that no such sign may be displayed for longer than 72 consecutive hours. Not more than three off-premises signs and one on premises may be displayed for any garage or yard sale, and such signs shall not exceed four square feet in area or contain nay advertising material unrelated to the sale. No such sign shall be attached in any way to any utility pole, traffic or street signpost, or tree in or along any street right-of-way within the Municipality.

SHEDS: Any new building or building expansion requires a zoning permit from the City and may also require a building permit from Lucas County Building Regulations. Failure to obtain the required permit, before starting construction, doubles the cost of the permits.

FENCES: The City of Waterville does not have fence regulations. There is a requirement to maintain a 36" high, 25' clear line of sight for corner lots which does apply to fences. A common oversight is failure to assure the location of the fence is on the appropriate property.

POOLS: All pools, in-ground or above ground require a permit. The only exception to this rule is pools that are less than 115 square feet (12' in diameter) in are and 18" in depth. A pool permit cost is the same as for a zoning permit but qualifies the holder to apply for an exemption of the sanitary sewer portion of the water cost for water used to fill the pool. When filling a pool, record the beginning and ending meter reading and call this information to the Water Department (419-878-8101).



WATERVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT



You Can Join the Waterville Fire Department:

Want to take your skills and abilities to the next level? The Waterville Fire Department is looking for individuals that are community-minded that would be interested in supporting the fire department as a Paid-Per-Call Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technicians. We provide and cover all the training necessary to represent your community. Please contact the station at 419-878-8198 and stop by for a tour. Maybe the brother and sisterhood of the fire service are what you're missing. Join the highly qualified crew of Station 77.



Tips for Severe Weather Season:

As summer temperatures start to rise, so does Ohio's severe weather potential. Historically, the month of June is Ohio's greatest chance of seeing strong storms that produce tornadoes. In June of 2010, an EF-4 rated tornado struck the area and resulted in multiple injuries and fatalities. Please, take the time to review your severe weather plan with your family, before severe weather strikes.

If you would like to follow and monitor the weather more closely, the Storm Prediction Center, or SPC, forecasts potential severe weather days in advance. It's always great to review severe weather terminology with your family as well. Recently, the National Weather Service has updated its language to better communicate with the public. The image on the following page highlights the new, most commonly used vocabulary. The biggest addition you will see is the term, "tornado emergency." In the event we would experience a confirmed tornado, local news and weather stations may use this terminology to notify the public.



Tornado damage to Anthony Wayne H.S., July 12, 1992



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Tornado Watch: Atmospheric conditions are favorable for possible tornadic development. Please be vigilant and monitor your local weather stations for rapidly changing conditions.

<u>Tornado Warning:</u>

A rotating supercell has_been identified by radar or trained weather spotters that have spotted a tornado or funnel cloud. Seek shelter immediately

Tornado Emergency:

A confirmed, damaging tornado is in progress and is threatening human lives. You must shelter in the safest and strongest place possible. *See page 3 of this publication for Emergency Shelters located in the City of Waterville.*

Please take time over the next few weeks to review this important information from the National Weather Service with your family.

TORNADO TERMINOLOGY

Tornado Watch

Weather conditions could lead to the formation of severe storms and tornadoes. **BE PREPARED**: Know your safe location. Be ready to act quickly if a Warning is issued or you suspect a tornado is approaching.

Tornado Warning

A tornado has been spotted or indicated by weather radar, meaning a tornado is occurring or expected soon. TAKE ACTION: There is imminent danger to life and property. Immediately seek refuge in the safest location possible.

Tornado Emergency

An exceedingly rare situation with a severe threat to human life and catastrophic damage due to a confirmed violent tornado. **TAKE ACTION**: There is imminent danger to life and property. Immediately seek refuge in the safest location possible.

Warmer Seasons & Outdoor Fires: Understanding Ohio's Open Burn-Laws:



The Waterville Fire Department staff is frequently asked about such issues as open burning and recreational fires. The Department also responds to numerous incidents involving illegal, unsafe, or improper burning. Not only does the Ohio Fire Code address such issues, but the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and local Air Pollution Control regulate such practices. For everyone's safety, we strongly recommend that you follow the regulations.

"Recreational fires", as defined in the Ohio Fire Code, are those "outdoor fires burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbecue grill or barbecue pit and has a total fuel area of 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes. "The Ohio Fire Code defines open burning as "the burning of materials wherein products of combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air

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(Warmer Seasons & Outdoor Fires Cont.) without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber. Open burning does not include road flares, smudge pots, and similar devices associated with safety or occupational uses typically considered such as open flames, recreational fires, or use of portable outdoor fireplaces."

These types of fires are the most frequent types of incidents that the fire department responds to for complaints. The most common complaint from neighbors is when fires are not conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations, or when the environmental conditions cause the smoke to migrate off the property into the residence of a neighboring property. Persons with chronic breathing problems can be affected by these conditions.

The following items below are important points to remember:

- Residents within the City limits of Waterville or within 1000 feet perimeter around the City cannot conduct Open Burning.
- The only material that can be burned is clean, dry wood as a fuel source. Absolutely no yard waste or rubbish materials can be burned.
- If the fire is contained within an approved container (i.e., outdoor fireplace, barbeque pit, etc.) the fire must be 15 feet from a structure or combustible materials (i.e., picnic table, lawn furniture, etc.).
- For an open fire (recreational fire no container), the fire must be 20 feet from a structure (this includes, but is not limited to: wood fences, detached garages, utility sheds, residential dwelling units, neighboring structures, or combustible materials).
- Conditions that could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of the fire must be eliminated prior to ignition of a fire.
- The fire must be attended while burning, which includes smoldering fires.
- A fire extinguishing agent, such as a garden hose, bucket of water or portable fire extinguisher must be present while the fire is burning.
- The fire must not create an offensive or objectionable condition that interferes with neighboring residents' use and enjoyment of their property. If this occurs, the Fire Department is required to request the responsible person to extinguish the fire.

If you have any other questions regarding fires on your property, please contact Chief Meyer or visit the Ohio EPA Open Burning Laws for more information.

Safe Boating and River Tips:

As the weather breaks and COVID-19 restrictions are eased, the Maumee River will attract thousands of eager visitors this summer. It's rich scenery, fishing, and water sports, make it a popular destination. If you choose to travel the river, please make sure you wear your life jacket and plan for the conditions. We also encourage you to seek advice from experts before traveling the river. There are several areas of rapids that can be exceptionally dangerous during high water levels and others that are simply impassible for watercraft. Waterville crews respond to a number of water rescues on the Maumee each year were over half of the victims involved, *did not have a personal floatation device on or with them.*



The Anthony Wayne Area Arts Commission



FOOD TRUCK TUESDAYS at CONRAD PARK

Tues., July 13th & August 3rd 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Conrad Park - Waterville



Join the AWAAC as they provide live music, free kid's crafts, artisans' booths and multiple food trucks with yummy selections!

CITY OF WATERVILLE UTILITY PAYMENT **DROP OFF BOX**

IS LOCATED ON N. 2nd St. ACROSS FROM THE MUNICIPAL BLDG. PARKING LOT. IT IS FOR WATER BILL PAYMENTS. THE DROP OFF SLOT IN THE MUNICIPAL **BLDG. IS ALSO AVAILABLE** 24 HOURS PER DAY



Please don't wait! UPDA YOUR HOME PHONE OR CELL PHONE

ACCURATE CONTACT INFORMATION ALLOWS THE WATER DEPARTMENT TO CONTACT YOU IF THERE IS ANY ISSUE WITH YOUR WATER SERVICE OR YOUR CONSUMPTION. IF YOU HAVE RECENTLY CANCELLED YOUR LANDLINE PHONE AND ARE NOW ONLY USING YOUR CELL PHONE OR CHANGED YOUR HOME PHONE NUMBER.....PLEASE CALL THE CITY OF WATERVILLE WATER DEPT. AT (419) 878-8101 AND UPDATE THIS INFORMATION.

Bulk Item Tags for Monday Trash Pick-up are available at Townhall for \$12.00

Did you know.....

That if you call the Water Dept. and give us a beginning and ending meter reading when you fill your swimming pool, you can receive a credit on the sewer portion of your utility bill. You must call in the readings to (419) 878-8101 & have a pool permit to receive this credit!







Waterville Rotary Foundation Fishing Derby Registration and Release of Claims

On behalf of the minors listed below, I understand and do hereby release and discharge the Waterville Rotary Foundation, it's members, the City of Waterville and their respective agents and employees, from any and all claims, demands, actions and cause of action of every name and nature I now have or might have upon or against the Waterville Rotary Foundation, it's members, the City of Waterville, or their respective agents and employees and especially from all claims arising out of any and all personal injuries, damages, expenses and any loss or damage whatsoever resulting or to result from the duties and actions of the Waterville Rotary Foundation, the City of Waterville and their respective agents.

CHILD/CHILDREN REGISTRATION (AGES 6-14)

PRINT NAME	AGE
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ADDRESS	
ZIP CODE	PHONE

ADULT/GUARDIAN REGISTRATION

I, the undersigned, having full custody over the above named minors and fully understanding the above statements and on their behalf, hereby give my consent for the above named minors to participate in this event and release and discharge the parties listed in the first paragraph from any and all liability and damages.

PRINT NAME OF GUARDIAN/PARENT		
SIGNATURE	DATE	
ADDRESS	the second s	
ZIP CODE	PHONE	
E-MAIL ADDRESS		
(Please provide e-mail address if y	ou would like to be sent a reminder closer to	
the event date)		
FISHING DERBY SPOTS AVAI	LABLE TO THE FIRST 60 REGISTRANTS	
PLEASE RETURN	REGISTRATION FORM TO :	
THE CITY	OF WATERVILLE	
25 N. SECOND	ST. WATERVILLE, OH	
BY FRIDAY	Y SEPTEMBER 10, 2021	
FISHING DERBY TO BE HELD SATURDAY, SEPT. 18th		

Important Reminder

We ask that all residents read the following reminders to assist us in keeping the City's storm sewers clear of debris and

hazardous materials. We can all be a part of the solution to storm water pollution if we practice common sense in our daily

routines. Some examples are:

- When mowing grass, avoid blowing clippings into
- the street. They clog drainage basins and storm
- pipes.
- Never drain antifreeze, motor oil or paint into a
- storm basin or storm sewer.
- Never dispose of any household chemicals or any
- animal waste into the storm system.

Fertilizer Use - Fertilizing right before it rains may seem like a good idea, but if the rainfall amount is heavy the fertilizer will not have time to soak into the soil and will wash off into the local rivers, creeks and ditches, often through storm drains. It will also wash off if you fertilize too often or too much at one, wasting your money\$\$\$



To keep water away from the house foundation, the ground on all four sides are sloped down from the house. If the property is large enough, the run off water is reabsorbed into the subsurface and recharges the water table, without effecting the house foundation.

In the case of present day subdivisions, building lots are too small and concentrated for this to happen. The addition of roads to service these subdivisions provides a solution to this problem. Storm sewer systems that drain the roadways also provide outlets for backyard and side yard areas of the building lots and for the sump pumps located in the basements. In the newest subdivisions the catch basins are located in the back corners of every two lots.

In older subdivisions this space

may be 4 to 6 lots. The back of the lots are set to grade to help drain to these catch basins, this area is often referred to as a drainage easement.

Except for other utilities such as electric, gas, phone, cable TV, etc. that share this easement, no buildings, sheds, or trees should be installed in this area.

The height of the ground should not be changed without first reviewing the drainage map for your area and established grade elevations. the Remember, if you make any changes property you could cause to your an adverse effect on a neighbors 3 lots away from property even you. Some building lots in the Village do not have access to the storm sewer systems and therefore rely on the surrounding ground to provide drainage for those lots.

If you are having backyard drainage problems, here are some items to consider to help solve the problem:

a) Is your property part of an established drainage system? Some backyards are part of a detention basin and are designed to hold water in heavy storms

- b) Is your property graded correctly to drain to the catch basin?
- c) Did someone change the drainage plan by adding dirt, sheds, trees, catch basin plugged, etc. on their property?
- d) If you are not part of an established drainage system, is the ground on your property frozen? (early spring rains can cause flooding if the ground is still frozen), or mostly impervious (heavy clay or rocky subsurface).
- e) Is your property graded to drain water away from your house? (a word of caution here, you may not run water onto a neighbors property except through an established drainage system).

For a copy of a blueprint for typical lot grading, please contact:

The Public Works Department at (419) 878-8108.



Summer Safety Tips

As the warm weather heads our direction, here are some tips to help keep you safe:

- Keep valuables in your car out of plain view when the vehicle is unattended
- When passing cyclists on the road, use caution, and stay at least 3 feet away
- Make sure to wear the proper helmet and safety equipment when riding a bike, scooter, or skateboard
- Drive slowly on residential streets, kids are often outside playing
- Parks are often crowded this time of year, so be courteous to others when parking





Keeping our Community Safe!



Courtesy Hangers

Over the summer, you may notice a little blue slip of paper hanging on a door, or on your car's windshield. Don't worry, it's not a ticket! It's our way of saying that an officer spotted something that looked out of the ordinary, and stopped to check on it. This allows us to keep the community safe, and lets you know that we stopped by.



Fireworks: What Does The Law Say?

Independence Day is just around the corner, and with it comes fireworks. Here are a few reminders:

- Per the Ohio Revised Code, no person shall discharge, ignite, or explode any fireworks in the State of Ohio, except for licensed exhibitors of fireworks authorized to conduct a fireworks exhibition (O.R.C. 3743.65).
- The only firework products permitted in Ohio for use without a permit are designated "trick and novelty" such as smokes, sparklers, snaps, and snakes.
- Keep in mind that even trick and novelty fireworks can cause serious injury. Carefully read and follow the directions on the device packaging, and use them only under adult supervision.





The City of Waterville is accepting applications for the full-time position of Police Officer. Duties include patrol, traffic enforcement, investigating crimes, completing written reports, testifying in court, interacting with citizens, and other related duties. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age, but no older than 35 at the time of the appointment, possess a high school diploma or GED (College degree is preferred), have a valid Ohio driver's license and a current Ohio Peace Officer certification that meets the requirements of ORC §109.77. A copy of the diploma/degree must be submitted with the application. A copy of the OPOTA peace officer certification must be submitted before completion of a competitive civil service exam and all other testing. Applicants may not have any felony or domestic violence convictions. Position requires working varied hours, weekends and/or holidays, in all weather conditions. Pre-employment physical and drug test required. Step 1 pay is \$23.91 per hour. Applications may be obtained at http://waterville.org/ or at the Waterville City Hall-25 N. Second St.







Happy Retirement!

Congratulations to Officer Tina Nicolai, who announced her retirement from Waterville Police **Department.** Tina graduated from the police academy at **Owens Community College in** 1991, and has served the City of Waterville for the past 25 years. Over the course of her career, Tina has been involved with the Safety City program, as well as the department's property/evidence room. From all of us at the Waterville Police Dept., thank you for your 25 years of faithful service to the community, and best of luck to you in all your future endeavors.