



The Canal Post

WINTER

IN WATERVILLE

2013 - 2014

*The City offices
will be closed for the
following dates:*

Dec. 24th - Noon
Dec. 25th - Closed
Jan. 1st - Closed
Feb. 17 - Closed

*We wish all of our residents and their families
Happy Holidays
and a healthy and prosperous New Year!
From the City of Waterville
Mayor, City Council and Staff*



CITY OF WATERVILLE CONTACT INFORMATION

Town Hall General Information	878-8100
Utility Billing Department	878-8101
Income Tax Department	878-8102
Public Works Department	878-8108
Police (Non Emergency M-F 8-4:30)	878-8184
Fire (Non Emergency M-F 8-4:30)	878-0165

Town Hall

25 N. Second St. Waterville, Ohio 43566

James Bagdonas - Administrator

Office Hours: 8am - 4:30 pm

Visit us at www.waterville.org

**FOR NON LIFE THREATENING EMERGENCIES AFTER
HOURS CALL: 419-878-6666**

City Council

Mayor : Lori Brodie 8119 Bridgehampton Dr. 878-8818

City	Mike Metzger	861 Maple Lane	878-2801
Council	Ann Cherry	7656 Shoemaker Dr.	878-8071
Members	Barb Bruno	137 S. River Rd	878-8865
	Tim Pedro	514 Cedar Lane	878-2364
	Jeff Marty	504 Michigan Ave.	878-9999
	Jim Valtin	142 Wilkshire Dr.	878-0127

**CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS
ARE HELD ON
THE 2ND & 4TH MONDAY
OF THE MONTH AT 7:30PM
DECEMBER ONLY 1 MEETING
DECEMBER 9TH**

**(VIEW LIVE:
ON TIME WARNER CABLE CH. 5)**

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REMINDER

ALL CITY OF WATERVILLE TAXPAYERS:

All Income Tax correspondence must be sent to the Regional Income Tax Agency (R.I.T.A.). The municipal building can no longer receive payments or tax returns. If you have any questions concerning your tax account please contact R.I.T.A. via their toll free phone number is 1-800-860-7482. Many questions can be answered on their website at www.ritaohio.com.

Please feel free to contact the City (419-878-8102) with any questions or concerns you may have, however, assistance with individual Tax Returns will only be available through R.I.T.A. .



EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

*The City of Waterville wishes to recognize the following employees
for their continued commitment to our community.*



Name	Title	Years of Service
<i>Michelle McCann</i>	Assistant Finance Officer	10 years
<i>Gabe Rogers</i>	Police Sergeant	10 years
<i>Nancy Perry</i>	Account Clerk	5 years
<i>Craig Cluley</i>	Volunteer Firefighter	5 years

~~Waterville Historical Society~~

Waterville Ordinance NO. 107

Imagine what life was like in Waterville in 1900 when this ordinance was passed! The Waterville Historical Society has received many old documents from the Village of Waterville which have been organized and preserved at Wakeman Archives.

An ordinance to Prevent the Playing of Games and Shooting on Sunday

Be it ordained by the Council of the Incorporated Village of Waterville, Lucas County, Ohio, THAT:

Section I. It shall be unlawful for any person within the corporate limits of this village on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, to engage in playing at any game of ball, marbles, pitching quoits, or any other game or sport, or to engage in any game of billiards, pool, or bowling at any saloon or other public place; or to discharge any fire-arm of any kind except for the purpose of destroying some vicious or destructive animal or bird.

Section II. Any person violating any of the provisions of the is ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not more than ten dollars, and the costs of prosecution, and the person so fined shall stand committed until such fine and costs are paid.

Section III. This ordinance shall take effect from after its passage and after publication.

Done at the council chamber this 26th day of February, 1900.

A.J. Taylor, clerk

George Utz, Mayor

Attn: Families, friends, community members:

**Ring in the New Year & Celebrate WHS'
50th Anniversary with us!**



Who: Waterville Community & Friends

What: Help us kick off our 50th anniversary!

When: Tuesday, December 31, 7:15 - 8: 15 pm

Join the Waterville Historical Society for:

~Music! Pealing Bells! Cannon & Musketry Fire!

**~Welcome the General: Anthony Wayne from
Waterville's early history!**

~Refreshments! Fun for all!

The event is free and open to the public!



The Wakeman Archival Research Center, located upstairs at 401 Farnsworth Rd. in Waterville, beginning November 1st will be open by appointment only until May, 2014. Staffed by Waterville Historical Society volunteers, the archives contain records of Waterville organizations, businesses, churches, cemeteries, schools, ect., as well as family files. Donations of similar documents and photographs, especially family genealogies, are most welcome.

**To schedule an
appointment call
419-878-3425
or
419-878-2576**



Christmas Tree Curb Side Recycling

This holiday season, the City of Waterville will again offer curb side pick-up of live Christmas trees.

Collection will begin on Dec. 27th and will continue until Jan. 10th

You may also bring your tree to the

Clean Wood Recycling Facility

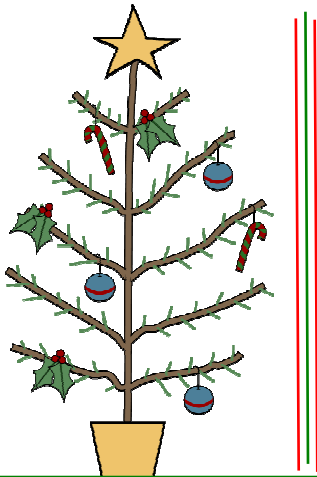
At 6730 Anthony Wayne Trail

During the following hours:

Saturday January 4th - 11 am - 4pm

**All Christmas trees need
to be free of:**

**All tinsel, garland, decorations and lights
Or they will NOT be accepted**



TREE BRANCH

With the winter season upon us, high winds and ice storms can cause fallen tree branches. If you have limbs down from trees please place them in the City right-of-way and our Public Works Dept. will work as quickly as possible to remove them.

Thank You!

TRASH & RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Always Delayed: *If on Monday:*

MEMORIAL DAY / 4TH OF JULY / LABOR DAY / CHRISTMAS DAY / NEW YEARS DAY

Never Delayed

MARTIN L. KING / VETERAN'S DAY / COLUMBUS DAY / PRESIDENT'S DAY



3rd Annual "Y for you Community Online Auction"

Anthony Wayne Community YMCA's Annual Scholarship Pledge Drive. The Auction Items will be featured from February 2nd - 22nd.

This is going to be an Online Auction and the details are to come. Please contact Gail McNeely, Branch Director to make a donation to this auction. The auction is for all areas of business to participate in.

Contact Gail at 419-441-0013 or gmcneely@ymcatoledo.org

Your local YMCA offers Branch memberships to our location only. Please stop by and tour our newly remodeled facility, and receive \$10 off an 8-week session of classes or "one Free" line-backer session. For membership information please contact Gail McNeely, Branch Manager 419-441-0013 or gmcneely@ymcatoledo.org.



Elected Officials: *Lori Brodie, Mayor*

City Council: Barb Bruno | Ann Cherry | Jeff Marty | Michael Metzger | Tim Pedro | Jim Valtin

Appointed Officials:

Phillip L. Dombey - Law Director
Kevin Heban - Prosecutor
Melissa Purpura - Asst. Prosecutor
Steve Schult - Treasurer

Staff

Jim Bagdonas - Administrator

Dale Knepper - Director of Finance & Administration

Administration

Michelle McCann Melissa Cook
Mischell Sloan Nancy Perry
Zoning Department ~ Jerry Hannewald

Fire Department: *Patrick Wambo - Chief*
Steve Parsons - Retired Chief

Keith Moosman	Greg Wilcox
Robert Grogan	Robert Schardt
Ken Blair	Bruce Meyer
Howard Ducharme	David Beakas
Alan Huber	Kevin Noward
Todd Boatfield	John C. Cannon
Randy King	Ed Metzger
Sharon Parsons	Chris Shoemaker
Doug Meyer	Josh Jacobs
Paul Schaafsma	Craig Cluley
Randy Mead	Kevin Harrow
Jeff Dorner	Tom Friess
Randy Ruble	Nick Simon
Dustin Ellinwood	Kate Brown
Justin Piasecki	Nick Richmond
Steven Brubaker	Dan Kiser
Tyler Ellis	Kurt Westenkirchner
Andrew Sobota	Brittany Miller
Matthew Dauterman	Barrett Dorner
Jonathon Guardiola	Justin Crunkilton
Jodi Shaneyfelt	

Police Department: *David LaGrange - Chief*

Becke Hickman	Dave Morrison
Mike Shaneyfelt	Rob Canup
Larry Albright	Art Linger
Gabe Rogers	Steve Hallett
Joe Valvano & Buster	Tina Nicolai
Bobby Jo Newman	

Crossing Guard~ Cindy Cressy

Public Works Dept: *Ken Blair - Director*

Rick Meiring - Assistant Director

Jodi Shaneyfelt	Rick Hannum
Al Bruns	Jim Ludwig
Doug Meeker	Jeff Strayer
Mac McCann	

Tarta Representative : Ted Kaczorowski

COMMITTEES

Planning Commission:

Doug Parrish | William Burns | David Kerscher
John Wasserman | Benjamin Hildebrand

Board of Zoning Appeals:

Mike Roetter | Larry Sheridan | Bob DeMatteo
Pauline Glaza | Raymond Luk

Public Safety Committee:

Jeff Marty & Mike Metzger ~ Council Reps
John Morse | Scott Yoder | Donald Clark | Tim Guzman
Jeff Brough | Irma Shoemaker | Steven Miller

Parks & Rec Committee:

Ann Cherry & Jim Valtin ~ Council Reps
Paul Frank | Ron Reitz | Albert Geha | Mary Duncan
Charles Larkins

Historic District Commission:

John Pezzino | Rob Black | Al Blackwood
Debbie Hanna | Judy Pitman

Fire Dependency Board:

Tim Pedro & Barb Bruno ~ Council Reps
David Beakas | Randy King | Rex Childers

Civil Service Commission:

Tom Titus | John Rozic | Joseph Fausnaugh

Charter Review Commission:

Donald Schurr | Tamara Fitch | Karen Kontak
Charles Larkins | Kevin Pawlicki

Tree Commission:

Ann Cherry & Barb Bruno ~ Council Reps
Mary Beth DeMatteo | Peg Ryan | Nancy Bucher
William Albert | Diane Durbin | Win Sturgeon
Laura Nilsson

Finance Committee:

Lori Brodie ~ Mayor Tim Pedro ~ Council Rep
Jim Bagdonas ~ Municipal Administrator
Dale Knepper ~ Finance Director
Steve Schult ~ Municipal Treasurer
Tom Titus | Sonja Delaney | Debbie Hanna
James Seiwert

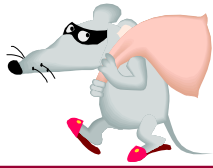
Public Works Committee:

Jeff Marty & Barb Bruno ~ Council Reps
Greg Aubell | Penn Pritchett | Tom Shoemaker
Mark Petrell | Ric Roach

The City of Waterville wishes to recognize the individuals mentioned on this page, for their contribution to our community during 2013. Waterville continues to be a great place to live & work due largely to the combined efforts of these Residents, Committee Members & Employees.



HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS



This holiday season, don't let the spirit of giving lull you into giving burglars, muggers, and pickpockets a better chance to do their dirty work. Crooks love the holidays as much as everyone else, but mainly because it's an opportune time for crime.

Homes jam-packed with glittering gifts. Stores, malls and downtown streets teeming with unsuspecting shoppers. People rushing around, stressed out and careless, looking for last-minute gifts, trying to get everything done. It's enough to make a crook giddy with holiday joy.

Here are some tips on how to celebrate safely this holiday season:



IF YOU ARE TRAVELING



Get an automatic timer for your lights.

Ask a neighbor to watch your home, shovel snow, and park in the driveway from time to time.

Don't forget to have mail and newspaper delivery stopped. If it piles up, it's a sure sign you're gone.

Fill out a "request for security check" form at the Waterville Police Department or online at:

www.waterville.org.

IF YOU ARE OUT FOR THE EVENING

Turn on lights and a radio or TV so it looks like someone's home.

Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave, even if it's just for a few minutes.

Don't display gifts where they can be seen from outside.



IF YOU ARE SHOPPING

Stay alert and be aware of what's going on around you.

Park in a well-lighted space, and be sure to lock the car, close the windows and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk.

Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay with a check or credit card whenever possible.

Deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers. Don't overburden yourself with packages. Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Put a wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket.



IF A STRANGER COMES TO THE DOOR BEWARE:



Criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts. And it's not uncommon for people to try to take advantage of others' generosity during the holidays by going door-to-door for charitable donations when there's no charity involved. Ask for identification, and find out how the funds will be used. If you aren't satisfied, don't give. Help a charitable organization you know and like instead.

TAKE A HOLIDAY INVENTORY:

The holidays are a good time to update or create your home inventory. Take photos or make videos of items, and list descriptions and serial numbers. If your home is burglarized, having a detailed inventory can help identify stolen items and make insurance claims easier to file. Make sure things like TVs, stereo equipment, cameras, camcorders, jewelry, silver, and computers, are on the list.



ENJOY THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON:

Last but not least, don't let holiday stress get the best of your holiday spirit. Make time to get together with family, friends, and neighbors. And think about reaching out in the spirit of the season and helping someone who's less fortunate or lonely.



Do your part to make the holidays a safe and happy time for everybody - except criminals.



SAFETY TIPS FOR USING ALTERNATIVE HEAT SOURCES

With the cost of heating a house on the rise, many people are looking at alternative sources for heat this winter. Be sure that any alternative heating source that you are considering is properly installed and follows all manufacturers' safety procedures before operating the appliance.

Whether you use your fireplace regularly each year or not, you should have it cleaned and inspected. You should avoid using coal, charcoal, trash or paper wrappings in your fireplace. These items burn extremely hot and can cause chimney fires. Here are just a few safety tips to keep in mind this heating season.

- ♦ Your gas cooking stove and oven should not be used as a heating source. This is due to the danger of Carbon Monoxide that could build up in your home. Carbon Monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that can be fatal when breathed.
- ♦ Kerosene heaters should be placed on level, hard and non-flammable surfaces. Store kerosene fuel in containers intended and marked as such. Never use gasoline in a kerosene heater. Even small amounts of gasoline can cause a fire when accidentally mixed with kerosene. Always refuel the heater outside and only after it has cooled.



- ♦ Generator usage also increases during the winter months. Remember - never use a generator in your home or attached garage. It should be operated in a well-ventilated area and protected from the elements. It should only be refueled outside and after it has cooled down.
- ♦ Every home should have working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors; they can save your life.



SIDEWALK ICE & SNOW MAINTENANCE

With cold weather upon us, we would like to remind all residents that by City ordinance:

"Sidewalks must be clear of ice and snow at all times. Snow and/or ice should be removed within the first twelve (12) hours after daylight, following or during a fall of snow." (Section 521.06)



Certain ice control techniques can be very harmful to concrete. Rock salt and fertilizers (commonly referred to as de-icers that contain calcium) will deteriorate sidewalks. These substances will pit the concrete surface. The abrasive effect combined with the chemical reaction will have an extremely corrosive impact.

It is best to use shovels and ice tools to maintain sidewalks along with de-icers, sand or ash.

There are many *non-calcium* products available to control snow and ice that contain additives minimizing the corrosive impact of the active ingredients.

If you choose to use a calcium de-icer, Calcium chloride is less harmful than rock salt.



5 STEPS TO SAFER SHOVELING

The average shovelful of snow weighs 20 pounds, and all that lifting can lead to blisters, muscle strains, back injuries and even heart attacks.

So be careful!

❄ Warm up first.

Running in place or stretching beforehand will release chemicals in the muscles that help prevent injuries.

❄ Take breaks.

Aerobically speaking, shoveling is comparable to weightlifting. Pace yourself and drink plenty of fluids.



❄ Get a good grip.

Wear gloves thick enough to protect the skin from blisters. Space your hands apart on the handle to increase your leverage and make it easier to lift the snow.

❄ Lift safely.

Squat with your legs apart, knees bent and back straight. Keep the shovel close to your body. Push the snow instead of lifting it, and throw snow forward - don't twist your body while lifting, carrying or throwing.

❄ Watch for warning signs.

Health experts advise people at risk of heart attack, such as smokers and individuals with diabetes or high blood pressure, to take it easy while shoveling. Stop and get help immediately if you experience persistent shortness of breath, chest discomfort, weakness or excessive sweating.



Calling all City residents with green thumbs!

(or anyone who would like to spend time outside)

The City is looking for volunteers to help tending to the City's Flower Gardens for 2014. So if you have a green thumb, or would just like to get some sun and help with the beautiful gardens in Waterville please contact :

The Municipal Building at
419-878-8100



If you have an elderly or disabled neighbor, please take a few minutes to help them clear their walks.

Your kindness & consideration will be Appreciated!





The Waterville Fire Department



Volunteer Firefighters Needed

The City of Waterville Fire Department is looking for persons that would be interested in becoming volunteer firefighters. Waterville's Fire Department is staffed by 30 volunteers, and 15 part-paid personnel that work 12 hour days during the workweek. The fire chief is the only full-time employee of the fire department. Across Ohio, the need for volunteer firefighters to fill the ranks of the fire service continues to be a challenge for small communities. Approximately 75% of fire departments in Ohio are staffed by volunteer firefighters.

Individuals that are interested in volunteering must be at least 18 years of age at time of applying, and possess a high school diploma or GED. In addition, volunteers must reside within the City of Waterville Fire Department's fire jurisdiction - which is the City and portions of Waterville Township. Volunteers are trained at the starting level, which in Ohio is a 36 hour mandatory fire course; and within the first year are also required to become Emergency Medical Technician-Basic service providers. Volunteers train every Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning, providing flexible schedule for persons that may work various shifts. In addition, volunteers are compensated for their time, which includes training and fire and emergency medical service incidents. If you are interested and would like to learn more about this opportunity to serve your community, please stop by the Waterville Fire Department, located at 751 Waterville-Monclova Road, Monday through Friday, and ask to speak to the fire chief about applying.

You can also contact us at watervillefire@waterville.org, or call 419-878-0165.



CITY OF WATERVILLE ENGRAVED BRICK PROGRAM

Become a part of Waterville's history with the purchase of an engraved brick for you or your loved ones! Bricks are located in the entranceway of the clock tower building at the corner of the Anthony Wayne Trail and Farnsworth Road and are visible to thousands of visitors to downtown Waterville each year.

Engraved bricks make a great permanent gift and are an excellent way to commemorate any special occasion, to recognize family members or to provide a lasting memorial for a loved one. Each brick you purchase helps to support revitalization efforts in downtown Waterville.

Engraved bricks are available in two sizes:

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

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

To order your engraved brick, simply complete the form, found online at www.waterville.org under the Form tab. You can also pick up a form at the Municipal Building and drop it off or send it to the City of Waterville, 25 N. Second St., Waterville, Ohio 43566-1491.

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



*Perfect Gift for that
hard to buy for person
on your list :)*

ESTIMATED INCOME TAX DUE

City of Waterville Estimated Tax Payments are due Quarterly. Payments should be sent to the Regional Income Tax Agency (R.I.T.A.)

When completing your tax return if you complete the Estimated Tax Section Line #20 on an Individual Tax Return (Form 37) R.I.T.A. will send you quarterly invoices. If you did not fill in the form, or if you were not aware that you were going to be submitting Estimated Payments, you can complete A Declaration of Estimated Tax (Form 32). Every person who anticipates any taxable income (City Ordinance 171.07) must file a declaration of Estimated Taxes if you anticipate owing more than \$10 in income tax during the year.

QUARTER	ESTIMATED PAYMENT DUE
1ST ~ January 1 to March 31	APRIL 15
2ND ~ April 1 to June 30	JULY 31
3RD ~ July 1 to September 30	OCTOBER 31
4TH ~ October 1 to December 31	JANUARY 31



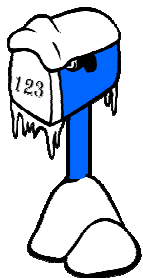
If you need further information please visit the R.I.T.A. website www.ritaohio.com, or call their toll free phone # 800-860-7482 for assistance.

ATTENTION: Landlords, don't forget to update any changes in tenant status in the properties that you own in Waterville. You can find the forms on our website www.waterville.org under the Income Tax Link. *Chapter 171.18 Ord. 34-11*

ATTENTION: All Tenants, as a *tenant in the City of Waterville you are required to pay municipal income tax to the City. If you have not already done so, please contact R.I.T.A. to set up an account.

*Chapter 171.02 (bb)

MAIL BOX CHECK



Now is the time to check your mailbox to insure that it will withstand the winter snows. The City of Waterville will not repair any mailboxes which are damaged as a result of snow and/or ice or any other objects dispersed by the snowplow. It is the homeowners' responsibility to maintain their mailbox to withstand the rigors of a winter snow. Mailboxes should not overhang any curb nor pavement surfaces used as part of the travel lanes. The City will only replace/repair mailboxes that are actually hit by the snowplow, but will not repair any mailboxes which overhang the curb edge of pavement.

MED RETURN

DRUG COLLECTION UNIT



The Med Return box is located in the rear entrance of City Hall. It is available during normal City Hall business hours. Anyone (not just Waterville residents) may deposit unused prescription and OTC medications in the box.

The Med Return box will not accept pill bottles or packaging. So residents will need to empty the pills into the drop chute, then dispose of the containers themselves. Liquids and creams are not accepted.

The Med Return box was paid for by the AWAKE coalition. It cost \$695. Mac McCann at Public Works modified the drop chute to prevent pill bottles and other containers from being deposited.

WATERVILLE'S SNOW EMERGENCY PARKING BAN

In order for the streets to be cleared, it is necessary to ban parking on streets during a "snow emergency".

A snow emergency exists when snow reaches an accumulation of 4" (four inches) or more.

"From the inception of a snow emergency until 24 hours thereafter, or until such time as the snow has been removed, if such time is sooner, no owner of any vehicle shall be permitted to park or stand on any municipal street." (Section 351.15)

Vehicles may be parked for a period of not longer than 15 minutes from the actual loading or unloading of passengers or property if snow removal equipment is not being operated on such street and no other ordinance restricting parking is violated.

Whenever such an emergency exists, the Municipal Administrator shall make a reasonable attempt to announce the emergency by informing at least two radio and/or T.V. stations with a normal operating range covering the community.

However, owners and operators of motor vehicles are responsible for assessing existing weather conditions and the depth of snowfall and should comply with the parking restrictions.

"No person shall cause or permit snow to be moved, placed, or stored over or on any portion of the paved right-of-way of any street from any location on private property."

Please help us keep your streets safe and free of ice & snow.



Pre-Storm Parking Ban Important Notice!



When 4" or more of snow is forecast, we ask that residents remove their cars from the streets prior to the storm. This will allow our crews to begin clearing the roads as quickly and thoroughly as possible.

Please **DO NOT** wait until **AFTER** the snowfall begins to move your vehicle.

3 LEVELS FOR ROAD EMERGENCY IN LUCAS COUNTY

With the winter season upon us we would like to provide you, once again, with the definitions of the 3 snow levels that the news media will be using.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the City of Waterville Administration offices at 419-878-8100, or the Waterville Police Department at 419-878-8184.

LEVEL I Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Roads are also icy. *Drive very cautiously.*

LEVEL II Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Only those who feel it is necessary to drive should be out on the roadways. Contact your employer to see if you should report to work.

LEVEL III All roadways are closed to non-emergency personnel. No one should be out during these conditions unless it is absolutely necessary to travel. All employees should contact their employer to see if they should report to work.

Those traveling on the roadways *may subject themselves to arrest*. If extreme conditions exist (such as high winds with extreme wind chill factor) a **Level III *Red Alert** may be issued.

SAFETY TIPS FOR BLIZZARD CONDITIONS

As we all know, the weather in our area is very unpredictable. We feel it is important to provide you with the following tips to review *before* getting caught in any unexpected winter weather situations.

Avoid Overexertion & Exposure

Exertion from attempting to push your car, shoveling heavy drifts, and performing other difficult chores during the strong winds and bitter cold of a blizzard may cause a heart attack even for people who are in good physical condition.

Stay Inside Your Vehicle

Do not attempt to walk out of a blizzard. Disorientation comes quickly in blowing and drifting snow. Being lost in the open country in a blizzard is almost always certain death. You are more likely to be found in your vehicle.

Carbon Monoxide and Oxygen Starvation

Run the engine and heater sparingly, and only use the downwind window for ventilation. Freezing wet snow and wind driven snow can completely

seal a vehicle, make sure you have access to fresh air at all times.

Exercise by clapping hands and moving arms and legs vigorously from time to time to keep your body warm.

Turn on Your Dome Lights at Night to make sure your vehicle is visible. Do not permit all occupants to sleep at one time and keep good watch.



Winter Driving Tips

- * The leading cause of death during winter storms is motor-vehicle crashes. The following are winter driving tips from the Ohio Department of Public Safety.
- * **When driving in the snow**, accelerate, turn and brake slowly and gently. Always leave plenty of distance between you and other vehicles.

- * **On slippery roads** allow at least three times the normal distance to reach a full stop and avoid skidding. This means your safe distance behind a vehicle in front of you should be three times as far. And you must begin braking three times as far away from the stoplight or corner where you turn.
- * **In heavy snow**, keep your lights on.

- * **Clean the snow off your windshield**, headlights and taillights before driving. Stop and clean your windshield and lights if necessary.
- * **Keep your vehicle in top mechanical shape.**
- * **Listen to the weather forecast.**
- * **Remember sometimes the best winter driving strategy is to stay home.**