



# The Canal Post

# WINTER

IN WATERVILLE

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

**Dec. 24th - Noon**  
**Dec. 25th - Closed**  
**Jan. 1st - Closed**  
**Jan. 19th - 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](http://www.waterville.org)**

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

## City Council

**Mayor :** Lori Brodie 8119 Bridgehampton Dr. 419-367-9699

<b>City</b>	Micheline Krise	420 Elm St	819-9052
<b>Council</b>	Charles Larkins	63 A Naugatuck Way	343-5121
<b>Members</b>	Barb Bruno	137 S. River Rd	878-8865
	Tim Pedro	514 Cedar Lane	878-2364
	John Rozic	724 Village Parkway	878-7405
	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 8TH**

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

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## EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

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

Ed Metzger ~ Volunteer Firefighter ~ 20 Years

James Bagdonas ~ Administrator ~ 10 Years

## ~~Waterville Historical Society~~



### *Word from the Archives at Wakeman Hall:*

The Wakeman Archival Center received a 13 page booklet with color illustrations titled *Safety Sue and her Friends*, copyright 1946. It discusses safety, walking, playing and bicycling aimed toward children and distributed by Wades Soda Grill, Lunches and Fountain Service in Waterville. This booklet was found by Jane Crosby of Monclova, Ohio. Jim Conrad spoke with Marje Fowler and learned that Wades Soda Grill was located at 19-19 1/2 North River Road, one door south of *Smoke and Fire* (formerly the Waffle Dog Restaurant). Apparently the Greyhound Bus used to stop in front of the two stores.

Beginning November 1 through April the The Wakeman Archival Research Center will be open by appointment, and depending on the weather conditions and availability of staff, the archives will be open Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. Look for the "Open" flag on the front of the building. Located upstairs at Wakeman Hall, 401 Farnsworth Road, the archives is starred by Waterville Historical Society volunteers and contains records of Waterville organizations, businesses, churches, schools, cemeteries, etc., as well as family files and local history. Admission is free.

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



## BOOK YOUR WINTER



### For the kiddos:

Storytime sessions start the week of January 26, and our popular **Sit, Stay, Read** with the dogs starts on Feb . 17.

**For the tweens:** Pokemon Card Trading event on January 24.

*Plus lots of other fun and educational programs to get you reading and sharing with friends.  
Stop in and check out our events flyers today!*

### For the adults:

Six **IPAD** classes during the month of January (maybe you will get one as a holiday gift!), and Fighting Identity Theft program on February 25.

*Stay tuned for lots more activities that will bring you to the Waterville Branch Library throughout the rest of winter and spring.*

**Waterville Branch Library / 800 Michigan Avenue / Waterville, OH 43566 / Karen Wiggins Manager**

### Expert & Impartial Renovation Advice Home Renovation Loans as low as 3.5%\*

If your home is 50 years or older, the Heritage Home Program in Lucas County can help you maintain and repair it with free technical assistance and access to low -interest financing.

Most home repair projects are eligible: **Painting ~ Kitchen & Bath remodeling ~ Electrical work  
Roof replacements ~ Driveways ~ Landscaping and MUCH MORE!**

Contact the Lucas County Land Bank at **419-213-4293** to learn more or schedule a technical assistance visit.

The Heritage Home Program in Lucas County is operated by the Lucas County Land Bank, with the support of the Heritage Home Educational Society, Waterford Bank, and Lucas County Treasurer Wade Kapszukiewicz. \*Loan rates through Waterford Bank after approved underwriting, current as of August 2014.

**[www.LucasCountyLandBank.org](http://www.LucasCountyLandBank.org)**

## 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. 26th and will continue until Jan. 9th

You may also bring your tree to the

### Clean Wood Recycling Facility

At 6730 Anthony Wayne Trail

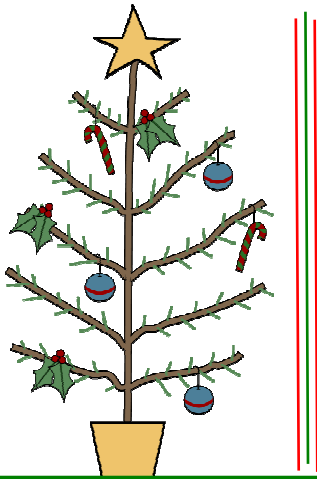
During the following hours:

Saturday January 3rd - 11 am - 4pm

*(weather permitting if not drop off date will be Jan 10th)*

**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**



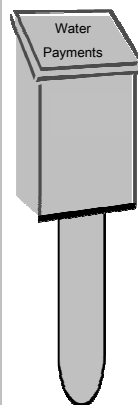
### REMINDER ALL CITY OF WATERVILLE TAXPAYERS:

**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](http://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. .



When your new Phone Book arrives, don't forget to **RECYCLE** the old one!



### UTILITY DROP OFF BOX

With the winter weather upon us, you may want to try out our outside Utility Drop Off Box. It is located on N. Second St. across from the Municipal Building Parking Lot. It is a silver box with 2 silver poles in front. It is just before you get to the Post Office Mail Box. Please be sure to put your account number in the memo part of your check !

Of course the lobby will still be open M-F / 8 - 4:30 to accept payments as well, there is also a drop slot inside of the building.

*The City of Waterville wishes to recognize the individuals mentioned on this page, for their contribution to our community during 2014. Waterville continues to be a great place to live & work due largely to the combined efforts of these Residents, Committee Members & Employees.*



**Elected Officials:** *Lori Brodie, Mayor*

**City Council:** Barb Bruno | Micheline Krise | Charles Larkins | John Rozic | Tim Pedro | Jim Valtin

### **Appointed Officials:**

Phillip L. Dombey - Law Director  
Ted Riley - Prosecutor  
Steve Schult - Treasurer

### **Staff**

**Jim Bagdonas - Administrator**

**Dale Knepper - Director of Finance & Administration**

### **Administration**

Michelle McCann                      Melissa Cook  
Nancy Perry

**Zoning Department ~ Jerry Hannewald**

### **Fire Department: *Patrick Wambo - Chief***

Keith Moosman	Greg Wilcox
Robert Grogan	Robert Schardt
Ken Blair	Howard Ducharme
David Beakas	John C. Cannon
Alan Huber	Ed Metzger
Randy King	Craig Chuley
Chris Shoemaker	Kevin Harrow
Doug Meyer	Tom Friess
Paul Schaafsma	Nick Simon
Randy Mead	Kurt Westenkirchner
Jeff Dorner	Brittany Miller
Randy Ruble	Barrett Dorner
Kate Brown	Garrett Daugherty
Steven Brubaker	Aaron Plante
Tyler Ellis	Frederick Anderson
Andrew Sobota	Ashley Whitehead
Matthew Dauterman	Wendy Kidd
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
Bobbie 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	Wes Martin

## **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:**

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

### **Parks & Rec Committee:**

Tim Pedro & Jim Valtin ~ Council Reps  
Paul Frank | Ron Reitz | Rose Kandik | Mary Duncan  
Christina Cordes

### **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 | James Reiter | Joseph Fausnaugh

### **Charter Review Commission:**

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

### **Tree Commission:**

Barb Bruno ~ Council Reps  
Mary Beth DeMatteo | Peg Ryan | Nancy Bucher  
William Albert | Diane Durbin | Win Sturgeon  
Laura Nilsson | Pam Blewett—Ex-Officio

### **Finance Committee:**

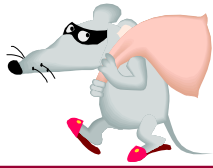
Lori Brodie ~ Mayor      Micheline Krise ~ Council Rep  
Jim Bagdonas ~ Municipal Administrator  
Dale Knepper ~ Finance Director  
Steve Schult ~ Municipal Treasurer  
Tom Titus | Sonja Delaney | Debbie Hanna  
James Seiwert

### **Public Works Committee:**

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

**Tarta Representative :** Ted Kaczorowski

## **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](http://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 2015. 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!*





## 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, here or found online at [www.waterville.org](http://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.

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I would like to purchase an engraved brick  
[\_\_\_ 4" X 8"] [\_\_\_ 8" X 8"] (check one).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

A check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

**PLEASE CLEARLY PRINT COPY (No Logos) EXACTLY AS IT IS TO APPEAR ON YOUR BRICK\* (Including spacing and punctuation); All engravings will be centered & will use both upper & lower case letters**

Line 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Line 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Line 3: \_\_\_\_\_



*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.

<u>QUARTER</u>	<u>ESTIMATED PAYMENT DUE</u>
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

**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](http://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.

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

### 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.

## Household Tips for Saving Water Every Day

*You pay for every drop of water you use, so why waste it !!*

- \* A dripping faucet can waste 3-10 gallons a day.
- \* A toilet leak could waste up to 200 gallons a day.
- \* Inspect your faucets, toilets, water-using appliances for leaks and select more water-efficient Appliances.

### In the House:

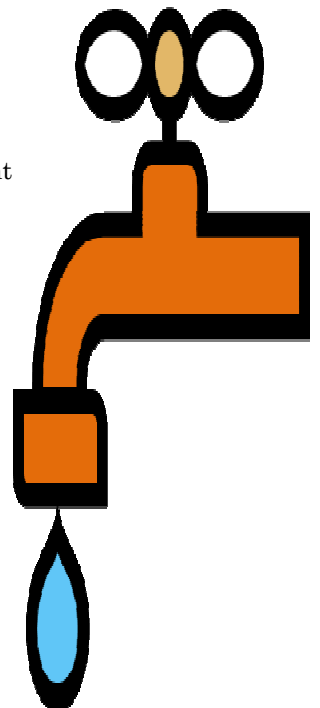
- \* Insulate hot water pipes.
- \* Run full loads of laundry & dishes
- \* Wash vegetables in pan or stopped sink.

### In the Yard:

- \* Wash your car on the lawn.
- \* Only water your lawn when needed with one inch, watering in the morning or late evening.
- \* Keep water on the lawn and off of the pavement.
- \* Sweep, don't hose, sidewalks and driveways.

### In the Bathroom:

- \* Use a few drops of food coloring in the tank to check toilets for leaks.
- \* Make a low-flow toilet by placing a weighted 1-liter plastic bottle in the tank.





## 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.**



Police Chief  
Dave LaGrange

## Common Questions From Waterville Residents (Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About City Ordinances, but were afraid to ask!)

The police department fields questions quite frequently from citizens about various City ordinances. Among the most common are questions about the so called “*leash law*,” temporary signs such as garage sale signs, hunting in the City limits, and clearing sidewalks of snow and ice after a Winter storm.

So here’s the facts, ma’am – just the facts !

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**Leash Law:** Actually, there isn’t what you would commonly call a leash law in Waterville. Normally, a leash law requires dogs to be kept on a leash whenever they are off the owner’s property. But Waterville’s ordinance is a bit different.

Ordinance 505.01 refers to *any animal or fowl* running at large on public property, or on private property without consent of the owner. So its not just dogs, but also cats, chickens, ducks and even the occasional purple three-headed newt !

Very closely related to this are two other City ordinances. Section 505.08 requires the owner or caretaker of a dog, a cat, or other animal to pick up any defecation left on public property or the property of another. In other words, if your dog, cat or other animal you are caring for leaves a pile on City property, or on the private property of another, you are required by this section to remove it. And section 505.09 prohibits allowing a dog to create a nuisance by barking or howling.

*Taken together, these three ordinances require that your animals be controlled, clean and quiet.*

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**Temporary Signs:** This is a big one – especially during garage sale season. Ordinance 1315 prohibits any temporary sign on the public right of way, except those that have been erected by, or approved by the City. This includes ground signs, and signs attached to trees or poles.

Generally, the public right of way is the area from the public sidewalk on one side of the street to the public sidewalk on the opposite side of the street. This includes the green space – or *Street Lawn* – between the sidewalk and the curb. Garage sale signs, real estate signs, or any other type of temporary sign is simply not permitted in this area. Through the course of a typical year, City employees remove and disposes of hundreds of these temporary signs.

The reason for this ordinance, and the City’s strict enforcement of it can be seen in many of the surrounding communities. Some intersections in area communities are so littered with signs that it makes that entire area look like a garbage dump. So to keep Waterville clean and free of sign blight, this ordinance is aggressively enforced.

However, there are two locations on the public right of way where temporary signs are permitted. One is the strip of median between Wilkshire and Edgerton, at Michigan Avenue. The other is at the corner of Canal St and the Anthony Wayne Trail.

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**Hunting:** There’s no need to go into a lot of explanation here. Hunting, or discharging a firearm within the City limits, is prohibited ! Sorry !

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**Clearing Sidewalks of Snow/Ice:** This one also doesn’t require a great deal of explanation. If you have a public sidewalk adjacent to your property, Ordinance 521.06 requires that snow and ice be removed within 12 hours after daylight, after the snow/ice storm ends.

**So there it is. Its not the winning lottery numbers or the secrets of the universe.  
But it is good information to keep you from receiving a visit from your friendly police.**



*Fire Chief*  
*Patrick Wambo*

# Waterville Fire Department

## "FLASH POINTS"



### Fire Hydrants and Snow Falls!

The City of Waterville obtains its water from an elaborate water piping system from the City of Toledo. An important part of that system is the fire hydrants. Most of the fire hydrants throughout the city are city-owned and maintained; others on the outskirts of town or into Waterville Township are owned and maintained by Lucas County government.

Fire hydrants are an important piece of the fire department's fight against fire. Fire apparatus on the average only carry about 700 gallons of water, and for some 'working fires' would be used up in a matter of minutes. Thus, it is important for firefighters to be able to locate and have full access to fire hydrants. This is where you fit in!

You can assist the fire department in the winter months by keeping a fire hydrant in front of your home clear of snow, especially large accumulations that can pile up around hydrants located closer to street curbs than others. If you can, please shovel snow away from hydrants by at least 3 feet in all directions. It takes firefighters time and effort to clear accumulations of snow and be able to connect fire hoses. In addition, some fire hydrants are lower to the ground than others, and are difficult to see if covered with snow. The fire department staff has been working on applying markers or flags to certain hydrants that appear to be in this type of situation. However, not all hydrants receive markers or flags for visibility. By helping the department with removal of snow around hydrants, you are part of an important team that keeps Waterville fire safe.



### Carbon Monoxide

Carbon monoxide is a product of the combustion, or burning, of fossil fuels such as natural gas, propane, wood-burning stoves, or internal combustion engines – such as an automobile. You cannot see, smell or taste carbon monoxide – it is a deadly, poisonous gas that leads to injury and deaths each year across the country. Carbon monoxide, the gas that is a little heavier than the air we breathe, can cause you to become sick, or can be fatal, within a short time period, depending upon different factors. Young children and older adults (especially with a history of chronic illnesses) are more susceptible to carbon monoxide poisoning than young adults. Carbon monoxide however, does not discriminate – it can be fatal to humans and animals.

Carbon monoxide is given off in various ways within homes. Fireplaces not vented properly, or forced air furnaces with old or damaged heat exchangers or flues, natural or propane gas kitchen stoves that are old or not maintained, water heaters that have plugged flues or are not maintained properly. If not installed or maintained properly, these heat-producing appliances have the habit of giving off this deadly gas named carbon monoxide. In addition, people that run their cars or other vehicles with internal combustion engines inside their closed garage doors are in danger of being asphyxiated with the gas.

If you start to have symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning, such as a headache, excessive drowsiness for no explanation, nausea and or vomiting (flu-like symptoms), contact the Waterville Fire Department – by calling 911 - for immediate assistance.

So basically: have your home's furnace maintained by a licensed heating contractor; your wood-burning fireplace examined by a professional chimney sweep; and have problems with such appliances as water heaters or other natural gas fueled appliances serviced or repaired by professionals – such as licensed plumbers. Another important device that will add to your safety is a carbon monoxide detector, which can be available at local home improvement stores. These devices need to be installed in the correct location(s) in your home – so follow the manufacturer's directions or contact the fire department or your gas company representative for assistance.

#### CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) POISONING



# Division of Soil and Water Resources

## Fact Sheet

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# Facts about Flood Insurance

Flooding is one of the perils not covered by a standard homeowners insurance policy. It is simply impossible for private insurance companies to spread the potentially huge flood loss payments over large enough numbers of policyholders to make such insurance coverage economically viable. To overcome this problem, Congress created the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in 1968 to provide affordable flood insurance through a federal subsidy. However, Congress specified that such insurance can only be sold in communities that regulate floodplain development and apply for participation in the NFIP. In Ohio, over 600 municipalities and 86 counties participate in the NFIP. Although the federal government states that over 200,000 structures are within Ohio's mapped floodplains, only about 12 percent of these structures are covered by flood insurance. A major reason why there are so few insured structures is that not enough is known about flood insurance. What little information is known is often incorrect. Listed below are some of the more frequently encountered misconceptions followed by the facts.

**Fiction** Flood damages are covered by my home - owners insurance.

**Fact** ~~Flood damages are normally not covered under a homeowners policy.~~ The owner must obtain coverage under a separate flood insurance policy.

**Fiction** Flood insurance is unavailable.

**Fact** Flood insurance is available in most Ohio communities. Over 700 Ohio communities participate in the National Flood Insurance Program.

**Fiction** You have to live in a floodplain to buy flood insurance.

**Fact** Any building in a community that participates in the NFIP is eligible whether or not the building is in a flood plain.

**Fiction** Flood insurance is expensive.

**Fact** The average cost of a flood insurance policy in

Ohio is \$776.00 per year..

**Fiction** My insurance agent can't sell flood insurance.

**Fact** Any licensed property indemnity agent or broker can sell the Standard Flood Insurance Policy.

## What types of losses can be insured?

**The Standard Flood Insurance Policy** covers direct loss caused by a flood (less the deductible). A flood is defined as a general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from overflow of inland or tidal waters or from the unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source. Flood insurance will not cover damages caused by high ground water, sewer backup, or subsurface flows unless the property has been, at the same time, damaged by surface floodwaters.

## What types of property can be insured?

Any walled and roofed building in a NFIP-approved community can be insured. A manufactured (mobile) home affixed to a permanent site and anchored can also be insured.

Two types of coverage are available for insurable buildings:

1. Structural coverage on walls, floors, insulation, furnace, and items permanently attached to structure.
2. Contents coverage that must be purchased separately from structural coverage.

## What cannot be insured?

Flood insurance does not cover property outside insurable building, vehicles, trailers on wheels, boats, animals, crops in the field, money, valuable papers, fences, outdoor swimming

### **Is the basement covered?**

The policy insures against damages caused by surface flooding only. It will not cover damages from seepage or sewer backup unless there is a general and temporary condition of flooding in the area and the flooding is the proximate cause of the seepage or sewer backup. For additional information consult the flood insurance policy. The policy offers limited coverage of basements. A basement is defined as any area of a building that is below grade on all sides, including the lower level of split or bi-level homes. The policy does not cover finished portions of a basement such as carpeting, paneling, or furnishings. Unimproved structural parts such as the foundation, walls, stairway, and utility connections are covered. It also covers unimproved (not taped or painted) drywall and insulation, sump pumps, water tanks, oil tanks, furnaces, water heaters, heat pumps, electric junction, and circuit breaker boxes, washers and dryers, food freezers, air conditioners, and cleanup.

Some private insurance carriers sell coverage for basement sewer backup or sump pump failure. Details will vary from company to company.

### **Is there a waiting period?**

Yes, there is a 30-day waiting period after a policy is purchased before coverage goes into effect. It does not cover damage in progress. When a policy is required by a lender as a condition for obtaining a mortgage, coverage takes effect at closing.

### **How are the rates set?**

Rates are subsidized for older buildings built before the community joined the **Regular Program Phase of the NFIP**. These buildings are also known as *Pre-FIRM* buildings because they were built before the date of the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) issued to the community. For most Ohio communities, this date is between 1977 and 1987. Rates for “Post-FIRM” buildings (buildings constructed after the Flood Insurance Rate Map took effect) vary depending on how high the buildings are above or below the base flood level. Rates are lower for buildings that have been properly protected from potential flooding.

### **How do I file flood insurance claims?**

Contact your insurance agent immediately after a

flood. The agent will file a written notice of loss with the NFIP and contact a claims adjuster. An adjuster will inspect the property as soon as possible. A few things may be undertaken before the claims adjuster arrives including:

- \*List and discard food and related items that could cause a health problem. If possible, photograph these items before discarding.

- \*Assess structural damage to the house and make a room-by-room inspection of the contents. Record damage found.

- \*If emergency repairs are needed to protect the house and contents from further damage and theft, don't wait for the insurance adjuster. Record and keep receipts of any work that is done.

After the above is done, wait for the claims adjuster's instructions on what can be discarded and what should be repaired. Don't discard items (except food and health-related items) until the adjuster makes the inspection. The adjuster may be able to make a partial payment to assist with immediate expenses.

*For more information about flood insurance, please contact your insurance agent or the NFIP in Lanham, Maryland at: 1-800-638-6620.*

*Other materials may be obtained at:*

*Ohio Department of Natural Resources*

*Division of Soil and Water Resources*

*Floodplain Management Program*

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