



City of Waterville

# The Canal Post

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March, April & May

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## CITY OF WATERVILLE CONTACT INFORMATION

TOWN HALL GENERAL INFORMATION	878-8100
UTILITY BILLING	878-8101
PUBLIC WORKS	878-8108
INCOME TAX -REGIONAL INCOME TAX AGENCY	800-860-7482
POLICE (NON EMERGENCY- M-F 8AM-4:30PM)	878-8184
FIRE (NON EMERGENCY- M-F 8AM-4:30PM)	878-0165

FOR **NON-LIFE THREATENING EMERGENCIES**

AFTER HOURS CALL: 419-878-6666

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TOWN HALL 25 N. SECOND ST. 878-8100

OFFICE HOURS: MON - FRI. 8 AM - 4:30 PM

Visit us at: [www.waterville.org](http://www.waterville.org)

## EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 21st

10:30 a.m.

Conrad Park Recreation Building  
808 Michigan Ave.



Come join the FUN!

If you are interested in gardening, or just want to get some fresh air and sunshine this summer, consider Volunteering to help with the many city gardens!

Contact the Public Works Dept.  
at 419-878-8108 for more information.



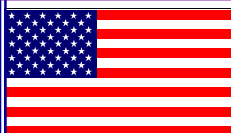
Please Remember **ALL** City of Waterville Income Tax must now be sent to R.I.T.A..

(see page #2 for more Tax Information)

### PLEASE NOTE:

**CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED**

**At noon on April 3rd for Good Friday**



**And Monday May 25th**

**To Observe Memorial Day**



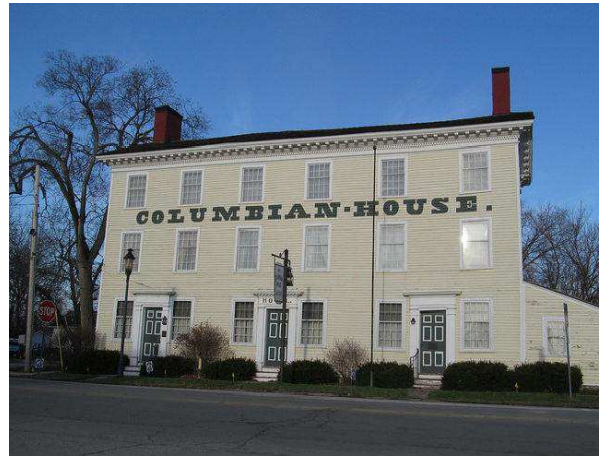
# Safest City In Ohio!!

Here at the [Movoto Real Estate](#) Blog, we've analyzed crime data in cities and towns across the country. Today, we're setting our sights a little smaller (in a good way) by focusing on one of the most important parts of [Ohio](#): small towns, and, in particular their safety.

We created an analysis to look at the safety of over 100 small towns in Ohio. Once we crunched the numbers, we found the winner to be none other than Waterville!

Here are the 10 safest small towns in Ohio:

1. **City of Waterville**
2. [City of Madeira](#)
3. [City of Seven Hills](#)
4. [City of Kirtland](#)
5. [City of Powell](#)
6. [City of Broadview Heights](#)
7. [City of Munroe Falls](#)



**Waterville Area Chamber of Commerce** *Community Garage Sale*

*June 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.*



**UNLIMITED TRASH PICK-UP** The Semi-Annual Unlimited Garbage Pick-up is scheduled for Waterville residents on: **Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**

*Residents are requested to have all properly prepared materials curbside by 7 a.m.*

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.





## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

**You can find the Waterville Income Tax Ordinance on our website [www.waterville.org](http://www.waterville.org) and R.I.T.A.'s [www.ritaohio.com](http://www.ritaohio.com)**

### **What is the City of Waterville Income Tax rate and what type of income is taxable?**

The income tax rate is 2%. Generally, gross income (including income which is deferred) and business net profits are taxable. Sec.171.03(a)-(g)

### **I am retired. My only income is from Social Security, company pension, interest and dividends. Am I required to file a City of Waterville income tax return?**

No. You are not required to file an income tax return with Waterville, nor does Waterville tax you on these types of income. However, if you have not already done so, you must file a **final** return stating this, along with verification of retirement income. Once you have filed a final return we will not send you income tax notices in future years. Sec. 171.03 (h)

**Please note:** if you return to work, any earnings (other than retirement income) would be subject to the Waterville income tax and you would be required to file with us.

### **My child works. Is there an age minimum for filing a Waterville Tax Return?**

No. If your child earned documented wages (they received a W2 or a 1099) he/she is required to file. Sec. 171.03 (a) (1)

### **My spouse and I file separately at the federal/state level. Do I have to file the same for Waterville?**

No. At the municipal tax level, there is no advantage in filing separately. However, we do suggest filing jointly.

### **I live in an apartment and do not own any real estate in Waterville. Do I still have to file a Waterville income tax return?**

Yes. Apartment dwellers within the City limits are residents of Waterville and are required to file an annual Waterville income tax return. Sec. 171.03 (a) (1)

### **Can I have my employer withhold my Waterville taxes?**

Employers are not required to withhold for your city of residence however many will upon request. This is called "courtesy withholding". An employee must contact their human resource and/or payroll department to see if courtesy withholding is an option. Your employer will need to contact R.I.T.A. 1-800-860-7482 for information on setting up a withholding account.

### **I am a college student, living and working outside Waterville. Do I need to file a return and pay tax on that income?**

Yes, assuming Waterville is considered your domicile (i.e., you are eligible to vote in Waterville, you file a State of Ohio tax return with a Waterville address, etc.).

### **I pay tax to my city of employment. Do I still owe Waterville tax?**

Yes. If you work in and pay taxes to another municipality you are allowed a credit of up to 1.5% for tax paid to another municipality. Therefore, if your city of employment tax rate is at least 1.5%, the amount of tax that you owe for Waterville is .5%. If you work in a municipality with a tax rate of less than 1.5%, your Waterville tax due is based upon the difference in rates.

**Example:** Your city of employment tax rate is 1%. You are allowed that 1% credit and would owe Waterville 1% of your gross wages.

### **I'm self-employed but my business has not shown a profit. Am I required to file a return?**

Yes. All residents or non-residents conducting a business within Waterville must file an annual return and report the net profits or net losses of said business. The leasing of real or tangible property (i.e. income from a rental property) that you own is

considered a taxable business activity that must be reported.

Losses from the operation of a business, including rental losses, are not deductible from W-2 income, but they may be carried forward for a period of five (5) years to apply against subsequent profits. Sec. 171.03 (e)(g)

### **If I file a Federal extension does that automatically extend my due date for my Waterville Return?**

No. You must submit a copy of your federal extension or a written request for extension to Waterville on or before the original due date of the return. Sec. 171.05 (g)

### **If I file an extension, does my payment still have to be made by April 15<sup>th</sup>?**

Yes. An extension only extends the amount of time that you have to file. Your payment is still due by April 15 (or the original due date of the return). Statutory interest will be charged on payments made after the original due date.

### **As a Landlord what are my responsibilities with regards to my tenants?**

You are required to file with the City of Waterville a report indicating the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all tenants within thirty (30) days of occupying a residence or business or vacating a residence or business. Sec. 171.18

### **Who can I call for help in preparing my city tax return?**

You may contact R.I.T.A. at their toll free phone number 1-800-860-7482, M-F, 8:00am – 4:30pm for answers to questions or for assistance with your return. You may also visit the FAQ section of their website [www.ritaohio.com](http://www.ritaohio.com)

### **Am I required to file Estimated Payments?**

Please see information at bottom of this page.

#### ESTIMATED PAYMENT SCHEDULE

1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
1/1 to 3/31	4/1 to 6/30	7/1 to 9/30	10/1 to 12/31
Due 4/15	Due 7/31	Due 10/31	Due 1/31

### **1st Quarter ESTIMATED INCOME TAX DUE April 15th**

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 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 Chapter 171.07) must file a declaration of Estimated Taxes if you anticipate owing more than \$100 (new threshold)(City Ordinance 01-14) in income tax during the taxable year.

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.

**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.

\*Chapter 171.02 (bb)

# 2015 Trash & Recycling Schedule



Refuse Pick-Up is  
**ALWAYS** on  
**Monday** with these  
exceptions in 2015:

**\* Memorial Day**

Pick-up will be **Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**\* Labor Day**

Pick-up will be **Tuesday September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Refuse Pick-Up  
**Will NOT be Delayed for  
these Holidays**

## Holiday

**Martin L. King Day**  
**President's Day**  
**4<sup>th</sup> of July**  
**Easter**  
**Columbus Day**  
**Veteran's Day**  
**Thanksgiving**  
**Christmas Day**  
**New Year's Day**

## Regular Monday Pick-Up Date

**January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015**  
**December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015**  
**December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**2015**  
**Unlimited Pick-up Dates:**  
Monday June 15<sup>th</sup>  
Monday October 5<sup>th</sup>



**NOTE:**

**2015**  
**UNLIMITED**  
**PICK-UP**  
**June 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**&**  
**October 5<sup>th</sup>**

Mark your calendars!  
Start your spring cleaning!  
**Waterville Community**  
**Garage Sale Days!**  
**Garage Sale Days are June 11-13.**  
And as luck would have it the  
Unlimited Trash Pick-up is June 15<sup>th</sup>!



**\*\*\* Windy Recycling\*\*\***

When we have extremely windy weather, a lot of our recyclables are ending up down the street, instead of in the truck.

Here are some suggestions for when the wind is blowing:

**Put the heaviest items on the top of the bin.**

**Put your garbage bag on the top of the bin.**

**Consider keeping lighter items for an extra week.**

*Together we can help the environment as well as keep our City clean!*

## **Waterville Fire Association and** **Carl Conrad** **Memorial Scholarships**

If you are or know of a graduating senior please be aware of the opportunity to apply for the Waterville Fire Association and Carl Conrad Memorial Scholarship.

The student shall currently reside in the City of Waterville Fire District. ( Not specifically limiting the scholarship to a student of Anthony Wayne High School)

The Application and rules are available at the Fire Department, Town Hall and the guidance department at Anthony Wayne High School, and also through the Waterville Fire Association.

Once completed all applications must be returned to:

The Waterville Fire Department  
c/o Scholarship Committee  
751 Waterville Monclova Rd.  
Waterville, OH 43566

APPLICATION DEADLINE April 10, 2015 by 7:00 p.m.

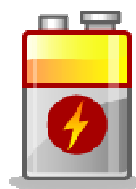


## **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS**

Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015

At 2:00 a.m.

Don't forget to set your  
clocks **forward** one hour!



**Don't forget to**  
**REPLACE**  
**the batteries in your**  
**SMOKE DETECTORS!**



## CITY OF WATERVILLE EMPLOYEES

### EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

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

**Melissa Cook**

**Utility Billing Clerk**

**10 years of Service**

*Thank you for your service!*

The City of Waterville is always interested in hearing opinions and comments from its residents. Please utilize this or any other written form to tell us of your suggestions about our city.

**Mail or Hand Deliver to:**

The Waterville Municipal Building  
25 N. Second St. Waterville, OH 43566

\*Contact information must be given for a response.

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

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

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

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## WATERVILLE COUNCIL SCHEDULE

(VIEW LIVE ON  
TIME WARNER CABLE CH. 5)

**MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE  
2ND & 4TH  
MONDAY  
OF THE MONTH AT 7:30 PM**

**EXCEPT JUNE, JULY, AUGUST & DECEMBER  
THOSE DATES WILL BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE AS SOON  
AS AVAILABLE**

The "Green" building at  
**Conrad Park**



**Planning a Bridal Shower?**

**How about a lovely setting for  
a small wedding?**

**Planning a Baby Shower?**

**Looking for a place to hold a  
meeting?**

**Hosting a Birthday Party?**

The Gazebo at  
**Conrad Park**



**The Shelter Houses at Baer Park & Waterworks Park**

**You don't need to leave Waterville to find just what you are looking for!**

**All of these facilities are available for rental to all!**

**For more information on how to reserve any of these facilities:**



**Call Town Hall at 419-878-8100 or visit [www.waterville.org](http://www.waterville.org)**



## News from the Waterville Area Chamber of Commerce



**Call for  
Reservations Today!!** Save the Date  
Saturday March 21, 2015



the 2015  
wine & art  
**Masquerade Ball**  
at Valleywood Golf Club  
13501 Airport Highway, Swanton

Presented by:  
the Waterville Area Chamber of Commerce

### Community Garage Sale days

**June 11-13**

**to be included on the map,  
the cost is \$10 Sign up at the  
Chamber of Commerce Office**

**122 Farnsworth Rd.**

**Questions? Call 419-878-5188**



For more information visit [www.watervillechamber.com](http://www.watervillechamber.com)

## Waterville Historical Society

The Waterville Historical Society has launched a new website, [www.watervillehistory.org](http://www.watervillehistory.org). Visitors to the site will be able to learn of upcoming programs and events under the "Activities" link as well as discover interesting facts about Waterville history by clicking on "Did You Know?" Marie Conrad's first person account of ice skating on the canal is under "Featured Stories," followed by the origin of Baer Park. A photo of artist Jim White's oil painting of Wakeman Hall is found under "What's New?"

Photos and descriptions of the society's four properties, information about the society, galleries of old photos from the Wakeman Archives, copies of the past four WHS newsletters, how to become a member, volunteer opportunities, how to donate items as well as financial support, and location and contact information are easily accessed on the website. It will be updated regularly with new stories and information.

Learning about the area's rich history and the many pioneers who lived and worked to build the community will connect people to that heritage, the society believes, and inspire them to become involved in its preservation.



WATERVILLE  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

### 2015 Wednesday Programs

March 18, 7 PM

#### 'Meet Nellie Bly'

speaker: Betty Metz  
Browning Masonic Community

April 15, 7 PM

#### 'On Business, Pleasure & Tragedy: Passenger Ships of the Great Lakes'

speaker: Christopher Gillcrist  
Wakeman Hall

May 20, 7 PM

#### 'Illegal Gambling Clubs of Toledo'

speaker: Terry Shaffer  
Wakeman Hall

October 14, 6 PM

#### "Ghostly Encounters II, New Visions"

Speakers: Local Re-enactors  
Wakeman Cemetery

November 18, 7pm

#### "History of Stereography"

Speaker: Bill Albert  
Wakeman Hall

December 16, 6 PM

#### Annual Christmas Dinner

Members & Friends  
Langley Hall, former Governor's Inn

Visit us anytime at: [watervillehistory.org](http://watervillehistory.org)



### Waterville Historical Society 2015 Saturday Activities



#### Open Houses & Walking Tours Schedule:

Downtown walking tour starts at the Robbins House at 9 AM  
Uptown walking tour starts at Wakeman Hall at 11 AM  
Robbins & Sargent Houses open from 9 AM until Noon  
Wakeman Archival Ctr., open from 10 AM-2 PM

Roche de Boeuf, 09.26, "Pioneer Arts" + more! 9 AM-4 PM

#### Saturday dates:

May 30, June 27, July 25, August 29, September 26

Visit us anytime at: [watervillehistory.org](http://watervillehistory.org)

# WATERVILLE BRANCH LIBRARY NEWS TO USE

## Book Your Spring.....at the Waterville Branch Library!

Storytimes are in full swing and we have other children's programs coming up on Makerspace, Tiny Terrariums, and Minecraft. For adults we are presenting a program on the historical Tiedtke's store, sessions on the use of the media site Linked In, and a budgeting program called Living Great, Spending a Lot Less". Or you could join one of our Book Discussion groups and enjoy digging a little deeper into a popular title. Stop in and check out our events flyers today!

## National Library Week is April 13-18

And we are celebrating with a Family Snorey-Time for ages 0-6 on Tuesday April 14 at 6:30 p.m. (pajamas encouraged). Plus, the Friends of the Library will be hosting a Book Sale on April 17-18, and an Edible Book Contest on April 18. You won't want to miss the creations that result!

Our Fax Machine is now a FREE service at the Branch (US numbers only and unlimited number of pages.) And don't forget our Scanner is also FREE and will scan to either a flash-drive or e-mail. Plus two **Meeting Rooms** ready for public use that will seat about 40 persons and have Internet, laptop or DVD projection available.

Your Bridge to reading, leisure, and information needs. Check Us Out!

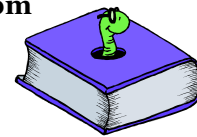
Stop in and see us soon during these expanded hours.

**Monday - Tuesday: 9 am-8:30 pm | Wednesday - Saturday: 9 am-5:30 pm**

**Waterville Branch Library**

800 Michigan Ave | Waterville, OH 43566

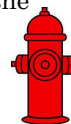
419-878-3055



## Fire Hydrant Flushing & Testing

Fire Hydrants are flushed once a year to avoid rust build-up in the waterlines and to insure adequate fire protection. Hydrants will be flushed on a rotating basis, each Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, afternoon throughout the year.

Since the location of testing varies from week to week, residents are asked to check their tap water on these days prior to doing laundry, to avoid the possibility of rust coming through the lines. For those residents who do laundry during the time of testing, a rust remover is available and can be picked up at the Municipal Building.



Even though this is the spring edition of the Canal Post, it is only March so this article may still be relevant.

## WHY IS SNOW ALWAYS LEFT AT THE END OF MY DRIVEWAY?

Unfortunately, this is one of the consequence of owning a home in Northwest Ohio. Despite popular opinion, crews do not place snow in driveways on purpose. There is no practical way for the snow plow operator to cut off the window of snow when crossing a driveway. This problem is especially acute in cul-de-sacs because this is a very confined space. Cul-de-sacs require that all of the snow that is on the roadway within that confined space be placed along the outside of the circle. The problem is compounded by the fact that each homeowner then must clear their driveway, which places large piles on the corners of the drives.

In a cul-de-sac, it is extremely difficult to have the truck push snow onto a center island. Trucks are not built to be articulated into an angle that would allow placing a portion of the snow on the island, and centrifugal force causes the snow to move off of the plow toward the outside of the circle. The Public Works Department's goal in clearing all streets is to maintain as much of the normal pavement width as possible, while at the same time, allowing acceptable access to the mailboxes by the postal carriers.

One thing you can do to reduce the amount of snow that is plowed in front of your driveway is to place as much of the snow as possible to the right side of your drive, as you face the street. This reduces the chance of snow previously removed from the driveway being pushed back onto your drive. This suggestion, however, may not work in cul-de-sacs that have driveway openings placed close together.



## ZONING MATTERS

### NEW RV PARKING RULES



Parking in driveways for campers, motor homes, camping trailers, boats and all other recreational vehicles has been limited to twenty four (24) hours in a calendar week. The NEW LIMIT IS SEVENTY TWO (72) hours in a calendar week.



### 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 sign may be displayed for a garage or yard sale, and such signs shall not exceed four square feet in area or contain any 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.

Please feel free to contact our Zoning Department with questions Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. - Noon. 419-878-8100

## What You Should Know About Trees in the City Right-of-Way

The Public Works Department of the City of Waterville is responsible for the maintenance of trees located in the public right-of-way, generally located within the city along the public streets between the sidewalks and the curbs, as well as within the public parks and other grounds owned by the City.

Before planting, trimming or removing trees from the public right-of-way, it is necessary to obtain a permit from the Tree Commission. A fine may be imposed for failure to obtain the required permit.

If you desire to plant a tree in the City right-of-way on your property, or would like the City to plant a tree there, you may submit a written request to: Waterville Tree Commission; c/o Town Hall 25 N. Second Street Waterville, Ohio  
Requests for a tree to be planted by the City will be considered as funding becomes available.



## PROPER CARE FOR YOUR TREES

### Trimming and Pruning

Trimming of trees located within the public right-of-way to a safe height (6'6" to 7') above the sidewalk and more extensive pruning may be requested by submitting a written request to:

Public Works Department  
c/o: Town Hall  
25 N. Second Street  
Waterville, OH, 43566

The Public Works Department will direct your request to the Waterville Tree Commission. Any tree limbs thought to be hazardous should be immediately reported to Town Hall at 419-878-8100 or The Public Works Department 878-8108.

### Mulching

There are many benefits to mulching your trees. It helps maintain soil moisture and helps to control weeds. Some mulch can improve soil structure and drainage. Organ-

ic mulch is preferred to inorganic materials, due to the soil enhancing properties of organic materials.

If you choose to mulch the trees on your property, it is important that you do so properly. Too much mulch may actually harm the trees. Over mulching or creating a "mulch volcano" may cause problems for trees, inviting insects and disease. It is better to mulch wide than mulch deep.

It is also important to keep the mulch away from the trunk of the tree. It is best to form a ring of mulch around the tree, keeping the mulch six inches away from the trunk. A depth of two to four inches of mulch is generally recommended. This will hold water but won't invite insects and disease to infest the trunk.

### Watering

With summer just around the corner and the onset of warm, dry weather, it is important to water the trees on your property. It is especially important for newly planted trees to get regular watering.

### More Information

If you have questions regarding the topics covered here or other tree information, there are many resource pamphlets from the International Society of Arboriculture available at Town Hall.

### WHY PLANT A TREE?

- ⚙ Trees produce oxygen while cleaning our air and water.
- ⚙ Trees are natural air conditioners and can reduce cooling costs up to 50%.
- ⚙ Trees increase property values up to 20%.
- ⚙ Trees provide wildlife habitat.
- ⚙ Trees produce a sense of roots in an established community
- ⚙ Trees can help reduce stress.
- ⚙ Trees are beautiful







# “FLASH POINTS”



## Volunteer Firefighters For Our Community

Are you up for the challenge? The Waterville Fire Department is looking for individuals that are community-minded, that would be interested in supporting the fire department as a Volunteer Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician. We are currently looking for persons that reside within the City limits, or within a 1 1/2 mile perimeter of the City of Waterville. Contact the Fire Department at 419-878-0165, or stop by for a tour - see what we're all about.

### Outdoor Fires








The Waterville Fire Department staff is frequently asked about such issues as open burning and recreational fires. The Department also responds to 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 and enjoyment 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 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 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 are important points to remember:

-  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, barbecue 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 to 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 party to extinguish the fire.

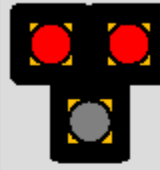
If the Fire Department requests that you extinguish the fire due to non-compliance, you are bound by Ohio law to comply with the request. Failure to do so may result in issuance of a citation for violation of open burning regulations.

*By Fire Chief ~ ~ Pat Wambo*

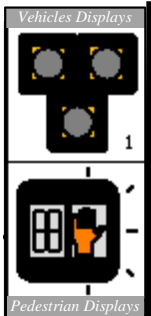
There will be a HAWK Beacon installed near the intersection of S. River Rd. and Waterville-Monclova near the Farnsworth Metro Park. It will make it safer for hikers and bikers to cross, and will be vehicle friendly when not in use. Below you will find a description of the Pedestrian Crossing System.

## HAWK Pedestrian Crossing System

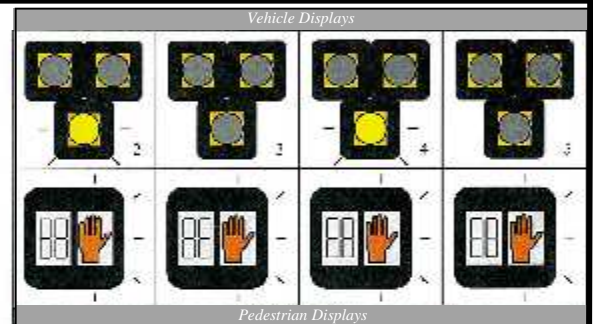
The HAWK Pedestrian Traffic Signal Display provides a unique traffic signal display for the motorist. The unique shape and operation of the HAWK signal provides improved safety for the pedestrian crossing a roadway, reduced delay to the motorist and a traffic signal system with minimal energy consumption. When the system is in rest, the vehicle signal displays are dark while the Don't Walk Raised Hand symbol on the pedestrian displays are the only indications displayed. The unique shape and operation of the signal displays quickly to identify the signal as a pedestrian crossing with the flashing yellow display, the dual red display and the alternating red display.



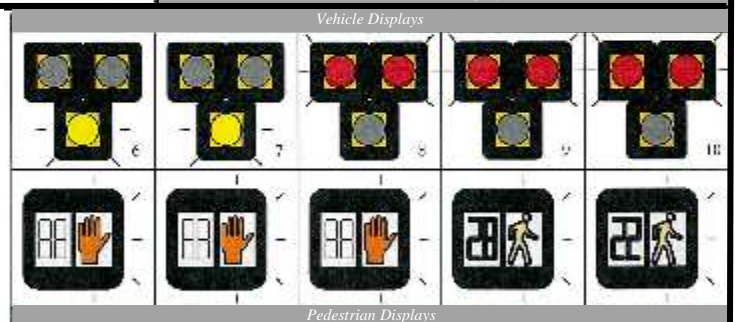
The vehicle indication remains dark when the pedestrian crossing is not in use. The raised Don't Walk hand symbol remains on during this timing interval. (Note: The number in the lower right corner of the signal display indicates the order in which the signal sequence will occur.)



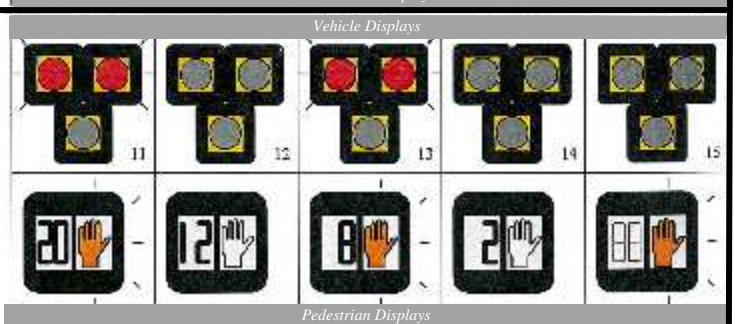
After the pedestrian button has been depressed, the yellow indication in the traffic signal head flashes yellow to indicate to the motorist that the display will soon be transitioning to a red display. The raised hand on the pedestrian display remains on during this time period.



Upon completion of the flashing yellow interval, the yellow display goes to a solid yellow for a period of time. After this timing period the dual red indication is displayed. After another clearance period, the Walking Person indication along with the countdown display becomes visible on the pedestrian display. The pedestrian may now start walking across the street. An audible system will also notify the pedestrian that they may now proceed across the street.



After the pedestrians have had time to enter the crosswalk area with the Walk display showing, the pedestrian Walk indication transitions to the flashing Raised Hand display while the countdown display begins. At the same time the flashing Raised Hand display becomes visible, flashing dual red displays become visible to the motorist. With the dual flashing red displays, the motorist may carefully proceed provided the pedestrians have cleared the crossing. At the end of the countdown period, the solid Raised Hand is once again displayed and the traffic signal indications for the motorists go black.



If you would like to watch the HAWK Beacon in action you can visit

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mXgJcyCfMmy>

*it was shot in Delta Ohio by the Ohio Transportation*



Office Use

# Waterville Safety City 2015

Office Use

Student Registration Form (Please Print Clearly)

Registration Fee: \$30.00

COURSE DATES AND TIMES Mark first choice with a ☐ 1 and second choice with a ☐ 2
☐ Session One: 9:00 am -12:00 pm  
June 22,23,24,25,26

☐ Session Two: 1:00 pm -4:00 pm  
June 22,23,24,25,26

## STUDENT INFORMATION

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Hair Color \_\_\_\_\_ Eye Color \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

## PARENT INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

## MEDICAL INFORMATION

 List any medical problems or information our staff should be aware of (allergies, Medications, etc.)

## EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Doctor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

## WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I, personally and on behalf of the family members of the above listed child agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Waterville, its agents, employees and representatives, in their official and individual capacities from any and all liability claims, demands, suits, losses, damages and costs, including, but not limited to, attorney's fees, expenses, court cost, and interest, for or arising out of or in connection with the Waterville Safety City Program or from any activity, work, or thing done, permitted or suffered by the above listed child in or about the Safety City Program whether it be caused or arise out of the negligence or claim of the child or any of its family members or individuals invited to the activity conducted in connection with the Waterville Safety City Program or by the negligence of the City of Waterville or its employees, representatives or agents.

Parent / Legal Guardian Signature X \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this registration form to the Waterville Police Department at 25 North Second Street, Waterville Ohio 43566 along with \$30.00 cash or a check (non-refundable) payable to the City of Waterville c/o Safety City Program. If you have any questions

Call: (419) 878-8184 Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.





*Police Chief David LaGrange*

## City of Waterville's **POLICE DEPARTMENT**



### NIXLE: Another Tool for Spreading the Word - And Its Free!

The City of Waterville utilizes a number of tools to broadcast information to the community. In addition to media outlets, the City maintains an e-mail list of residents who wish to receive notifications and information about events in Waterville. The new electronic message board in Pray Park also provides relevant, timely information to the general public. And though these information tools are effective, they do have their limitations.

To assist in the dissemination of information to the public, the City also utilizes an on-line service called **Nixle**. The Nixle service is unique in that it allows the City to broadcast information, not only by e-mail, but also via text messaging directly to individual cell phones that have messaging service. This means important information can be widely disseminated very quickly.

Founded in 2007, Nixle works with approximately 4600 public safety agencies across the US to ensure citizens have timely access to vital information. By sending a text message with their home zip code to 888777, residents are instantly registered to receive text messages from local public safety agencies in their area. (\*)

Residents may also go to [www.Nixle.com](http://www.Nixle.com) to create a FREE personal account. Once registered, residents can tailor their Nixle notifications to the types of information they wish to receive, the method of delivery, and even set “quiet hours”.

Unlike social media networks such as Twitter and Facebook, Nixle employs a thorough screening process to verify that every agency joining Nixle service is authentic. Other security measures such as 2-step login verification help to safeguard agency accounts beyond the level of protection by other online services. All of this is done to ensure messages received from Nixle are genuine and reliable. (\*)

Messages always include a priority level so residents can immediately judge their urgency upon receipt. Nixle also provides the flexibility to direct how messages are received, based on priority.

The City used Nixle notification system, along with other methods of notification, to notify residents of a recent boil advisory after a water main break. Nixle was also used to notify residents of two recent snow emergencies. Waterville residents who were signed up for the free service received those notifications quickly.

One additional benefit of Nixle is that the basic Nixle service is free to law enforcement agencies. So there's no cost to the City for the service.

Currently there are 98 Waterville residents who have a registered account with Nixle. There are an additional 78 residents who have registered for text messaging only, by texting their zip code to Nixle. These 176 Nixle users represent only about 3% of Waterville residents.

There are no advertisements or hidden “gotcha” fees to residents or to the City. The Nixle service is truly free. So City officials are encouraging the remaining 97% of Waterville residents to take advantage of the Nixle service.

\*Information provided by Nixle

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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.



## 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 fill out the form below 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.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Line 4 (8" X 8" ONLY): \_\_\_\_\_

Line 5 (8" X 8" ONLY): \_\_\_\_\_

Line 6 (8" X 8" ONLY): \_\_\_\_\_

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

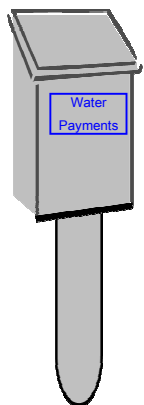


## **WATERVILLE WATER RATES TO INCREASE WITH APRIL 1, 2015 BILLING**

The City of Waterville purchases water from the City of Toledo under the terms of a contract between Toledo and Lucas County. All water used by Waterville customers first passes through a “master meter” that is used to calculate Waterville’s payments to Toledo for the water. The contract specifies: 1.) A surcharge above the rates paid by customers inside Toledo and 2.) The rate schedule per gallon for the water. According to the terms of the contract, both the amount of the surcharge and the rate schedule changed significantly on October 11, 2014. On that date, the surcharge paid by Waterville increased from 50% to 75% and the rate schedule for the water changed from a format that included lower rates per gallon as the total number of gallons used increased (commonly referred to as a declining block rate) to a single rate per gallon for all water used. The effect of a declining block rate gives large-volume users such as Waterville a lower price per gallon for much of the water used each month. This lower price was reflected in the rates paid by Waterville customers. The elimination of the declining block rate schedule by Toledo means that all water used by Waterville customers will be charged at Toledo’s highest rate per gallon. The net effect of these two changes results in a 68% increase in Waterville’s payments to Toledo.

Waterville’s Water Fund has been absorbing these increases since October 2014, but unfortunately, this cannot continue. It has been determined that a rate increase of 33% over the 2014 water rate is necessary to offset the additional costs from Toledo. This increase will take effect with the water bills rendered on and after April 1, 2015. An average customer using 5,500 gallons per month will see the water portion of their bill increase by \$8.14. Sanitary sewer rates will remain the same.

If you have any questions about your water bill please contact Melissa Cook at 419-878-8101 or email at [mcook@waterville.org](mailto:mcook@waterville.org).



### **UTILITY DROP OFF BOX**

If you haven’t tried it, 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.

\*\*\* Please note that it is not the US Mail Box which is Blue :)





# City of Waterville Alerts

The City of Waterville is pleased to announce City of Waterville Alerts, a notification system that provides emergency and/ or service alerts to the public via text (SMS) and email. The system is free and offered to anyone choosing to opt in, whether they live, work, play or have family in Waterville.

Public sign-up is available by visiting [www.lucascountyalerts.com](http://www.lucascountyalerts.com) and entering your name, desired contact information and address. Scroll to the listing for City of Waterville and make your selection for which type of notices you would like to receive. Lucas County Alerts will provide public notifications for emergencies to include, but not limited to snow emergencies, tornadoes, and AMBER alerts. Lucas County supplements current emergency warning methods such as outdoor warning sirens, the emergency alert system, and tone-activated weather radios.

The City of Waterville is partnering with Lucas County and several other municipalities for community alerts. Community alerts go beyond emergency alerts, providing our residents community information such as road closures, leaf pick up, trash schedules ect. The partnership provides a more efficient and cost effective system for the County and local communities to keep their residents informed.

## **Frequently Asked Questions:**

**Does this cost anything?** City of Waterville Alerts is a free service, provided by the City of Waterville. However normal message fees may apply. Contact your provider for more information about what fees apply to you.

**Why do you need my address?** If an emergency only affects a neighborhood or region within the county, City of Waterville Alerts has the ability to send an alert just to the residents that live in the affected area. By giving your address, you will be able to receive alerts about nearby emergency situations which may not affect the city.

**I don't live in Waterville. Can I sign up?** Yes, you can still sign up even if you are not a Waterville or even a Lucas County residents. Many people who work or have family in Lucas County choose to subscribe to stay aware of relevant emergency situations. However, you will not be notified of emergencies that occur outside of Lucas County.

If you work or have family in Waterville, but do not live here, you may want to enter the address of your workplace or family member's home to receive alerts about emergencies nearby that location.

**Why can't I sign up for voice calls?** Text messages and emails are the fastest and most efficient methods of sending emergency alerts to a large number of people. Voice calls - even automated ones- take a long time to send, and in an emergency situation, it is essential to get the message out as quickly as possible. It may take hours to send a voice call to every resident at times when residents need to know in a matter of minutes.

