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Washington Township . . . Your Community, Your Future

Every second counts

Dialing 9-1-1 for help isn't a common occurrence for most of us. So, when we are faced with making the call, it's no surprise that we can feel stressed and even panicked. After all, we're in the midst of an emergency!

If you know what to expect when you call 9-1-1, you will be better able to help the dispatcher get you the equipment and staff you need, quickly.

When the dispatcher asks, "Where is your emergency?" provide the address. If you are at a place of business, provide the name of the business.

If you aren't sure about your location, provide as much information as possible about your surroundings such as the name of the nearest street or intersection and details about the site (landmarks, in a ravine, near the river, etc.)

Provide a description of your emergency. Be specific, yet brief. Then, allow the dispatcher to ask questions so they can gain a clear picture of the situation.



Dublin Dispatchers assign first responders and equipment to emergency scenes, based on the information they receive from the 9-1-1 caller.

Stay on the phone. Do not hang up until the dispatcher tells you to do so. The City of Dublin's dispatchers are trained as Emergency Medical Dispatchers so they may give you instructions for how you can help until EMS arrives. For example, you may be

Levy was approved, thanks to you

This past November, 78% of Washington Township and Dublin voters approved the renewal of the Fire Department's 8.25 mill operating levy. The levy request was the result of extensive discussion among Trustees and staff leaders about how to balance resident expectations for top-notch services with increasing costs.

The approved five-year plan will allow service excellence to remain a top priority while also keeping our budget in balance. This will be accomplished through cost savings from changes in business processes, contracted services, staff compensation adjustments, and community partnerships.

We appreciate your trust in our ability to serve as stewards of your hard-earned

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asked to gather information based on your observations of the patient and/or surroundings, or assist with care such as supplying a blanket or performing CPR.

tax dollars and welcome your questions and comments about the programs and services we provide. Find our contact information at wtwp.com, under "Elected Officials."

Report illegal dumping

Illegal dumping of household or commercial trash, tires, and other industrial waste is a growing problem in Franklin County. Referred to as an open dump, this form of waste “disposal” is often found along secondary roads, utility right-of-ways, ditches, on abandoned lots, in open fields, near construction sites, and along railroad tracks.

Besides being illegal, open dumping is ugly and poses health threats to all living things.

Because of the places and time of day they dump, it is difficult to catch these criminals in the act. That’s why law enforcement needs residents to report what they see, even if it’s after the fact. Every case is investigated and can result in prosecution, a feat that would

not be possible without funding from the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio and support from Franklin County Public Health, Franklin County Prosecutor’s Office, Franklin County Sheriff’s Office and the City of Columbus Division of Refuse.

To report an open dump in Franklin County, go to www.itsacrime.org or call 614-871-5322.



By the Numbers

**2015 emergency calls increased
7.8% from previous year**

- 1476 Fire/Rescue calls
- 3881 EMS calls
- 5357 Total emergency calls
- 2610 Fire safety inspections
- 859 CPR certifications
- 979 CPR trained
(Dublin high school students)
- 451 Child car seats fitted

Fish with a Firefighter

Try fishing with our firefighters!

We’ll introduce you to the

basics, including

safety, baiting hooks, “reading” the

bobber, and removing fish from

hooks. There are plenty of Bluegill,

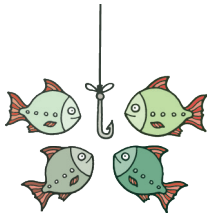
Bass, and Sunfish in this pond so everyone will have some level of

success almost immediately. Poles and supplies provided. Dress for the

weather and wear closed toe shoes.

Thursday, May 5, Ages 7-11, \$9

Register at
dublinohiousa.gov/recreation



SPRING AHEAD MARCH 13!

Daylight Savings Time *begins*

Invite us to your block party

Is your neighborhood having a block party this summer? Firefighters will stop by during your neighborhood event with one of our available trucks (emergency calls may alter our arrival time and/or duration of visit). To schedule a visit, call Kori at 614-652-3947 or email khurley@wtwp.com.



Free CPR Certification Class Wednesday May 18 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

@ the Dublin Community Recreation Center

Beginning April 1st, residents can register for our annual, complimentary CPR with AED certification class on May 18 at the Dublin Community Recreation Center, from 6-9 p.m.

Participants must be at least 12 years old by the class date. To accommodate the maximum number of people in the space we have available, we won't have tables or chairs available so please wear comfortable clothes suitable for activities on the floor.

CPR certification cards will be issued at the end of the class to all who fulfill the minimum course requirements: (1) participation in the entire class and (2) satisfactory completion of the CPR skills test, administered at the end of the course.



Register at wtwp.com, beginning April 1st. Space is limited.

Citizen Fire Academy accepting applications

Feel the force of a charged fire hose, the ferocity of fire, and the shearing power of hydraulic cutters strong enough to dismantle an automobile.

Put your hands on the equipment. In full firefighter turnout gear, you'll get

a feel for many aspects of the job of a professional firefighter/paramedic.

Residents are invited to complete the online application by August 1st. The first of six weekly sessions will begin September 1st.

Training Manager Jamie Ross has designed the Fire Academy curriculum to provide residents with a snapshot of the Washington Township Fire Department through a blend of demonstrations, hands-on experiences, and classroom lectures.

Led by firefighters, paramedics and Certified Rescue Technicians, the curriculum is designed to be informative, fun, and flexible in accommodating a range of fitness levels. Please join us!

To apply, complete the online application at wtwp.com.



Dig in to community gardening

Reserve your community garden plot at Amlin Crossing Park while they last. You don't need experience, just a willingness to learn and maintain your garden plot for the duration of the growing season. Learn from other gardeners and reap the rewards of a harvest that you can claim all your own.

To request the use of a plot for the 2016 season, download the gardener's packet at wtwp.com, complete the agreement, and mail or bring it with

your payment to 6200 Eiterman Road (M-F, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Plot reservations will not be confirmed without applicant fees and a signed gardening agreement.

A limited number of plots are available. Plots will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Gardeners will be notified of their plot assignment no later than March 30th. Should demand exceed plot availability, gardeners will be placed on a waiting list.



Car seat fitting videos at your fingertips

The Fire Department offers free car seat fittings, by appointment. It's easy and convenient to make an appointment online at wtwp.com. However, if you need instructions



right away or just a quick refresher on how to move a car seat to another vehicle, you can now access our instructional videos, when it's convenient for you. In three segments, Firefighter/Paramedic and certified Car Seat Technician Jeremy Ross explains how to (1) adjust and secure a seat base, (2) adjust a five-point harness, and (3) secure a seat using your vehicle's belt and latch system. Take a look! www.wtwp.com

Paramedics participate in study on patient assessment

The Washington Township Fire Department is partnering with researchers from the University of Pittsburgh and OhioHealth in a study to investigate the potential impact that specialized paramedic training may have on patient treatment and outcomes.

Currently, no specific nationwide, evidence-based guideline or method exists for paramedics to evaluate their patient's level of illness, the medical resources they need, or how these

factors may impact their movement through the emergency department.

Washington Township paramedics will be evaluating a triage instrument that is widely used in Canada by paramedics and firefighters to classify patients before and during transportation to the emergency department. The information obtained from their work will be combined with and compared to studies evaluating two other patient evaluation instruments. The goal is to identify factors that affect a paramedic's

ability to consistently determine a patient's illness level and the number of resources a patient may need.

The information obtained from this study is expected to positively impact paramedic training programs and promote the role of the paramedic within a developing collaborative, community-centered, pre-hospital care system.

April food drive to **FIGHT HUNGER**

During the month of April, firefighters will hold a food drive to benefit the Dublin Food Pantry and Mid-Ohio Foodbank. Donations can be dropped off any time of day, at any of the Township's four fire stations located at: 6255 Shier Rings Road, 4497 Hard Road, 5825 Brand Road, and 5750 Blazer Parkway.

Canned, boxed, and dried foods are easiest for the Pantry and Foodbank to store and distribute. Please note: Donations that have passed their expiration date must be discarded.

If your business, community group or youth club is looking for a community service project, why not organize a collection among your members?

Call us at 614-652-3920 if you need assistance delivering your group's collected food items to one of our fire stations. We thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity!



Lights and sirens on...then off

Have you ever witnessed an emergency vehicle in response mode, with lights and sirens activated, navigating through and around traffic, and then suddenly, stop responding?

The lights and sirens turn off, the vehicle loses speed, and it may even turn around.

This scenario is not uncommon among first responders like firefighters and police officers. It means that they are no longer needed on the emergency for which they were called.

When an emergency dispatcher receives a 9-1-1 call, he/she dispatches the trucks, equipment and staff they believe the call warrants. Since the response vehicles don't always originate from the same location, resources arrive at different times. The first firefighters at the scene assess the situation and report it to the dispatcher. Based on this updated information, the dispatcher in turn updates the required resources for the emergency. It may be the case that there are more, different, or fewer resources needed.

Since the number of resources available in any given fire or police department are limited, it is important to maintain as many as possible in ready mode or "in service" so they can answer the next call.

In the case when fewer resources are needed, you may witness an emergency response vehicle stop responding as first responders have been told they are no longer needed at the scene.

Household hazardous waste collected in Dublin April 23

The Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) will hold a collection for household hazardous waste at Ashland, Inc. (5200 Blazer Parkway) in Dublin, on April 23, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: Latex paint will not be accepted. This product, once dried, is not considered hazardous and can be disposed of in the trash. Latex paint will dry if exposed to the air. Simply leave the lid off the paint until it dries or use a paint hardener, available in hardware stores.

BUSINESSES

To inquire about the disposal of hazardous materials at a commercially licensed facility, call 614-294-1300.

PERMANENT DROP OFF SITE

645 East 8th Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43201
(Corner of E. 8th and Essex Ave.)

Hours are:

Wednesday 12pm-6pm
Thursday 9am-5pm
Friday 12pm-6pm
Closed holidays

Phone-614-294-1300

Residents can bring old lawn chemicals, oil paint, paint strippers, acids, insecticides, etc. for environmentally safe disposal.

Create your own butterfly rest stop

Who doesn't love butterflies? One species familiar to many Ohioans is the monarch. It's special because it is the only butterfly that migrates, as birds do, flying as far as 3,000 miles to reach its southern winter home in Mexico.

In spring, as warmer temperatures return around late March, overwintering monarchs mate, and their offspring begin the journey back north to their summer home. It takes two generations of monarchs to fly the distance between their winter and summer homes. And even though these successive generations have never made the trip, they know the way.

Their migration routes are well documented as they follow the same path each year. Along the way, they must overcome bad weather, drought, predators, and find habitat that provides ample food and shelter. Among these challenges, habitat loss has been the most detrimental to monarch survival as the prairie habitats that once dominated the Central U.S. are now largely weed-free agricultural fields and paved cities, devoid of plentiful milkweed, the one plant they can't live without. In fact, habitat loss is thought to be the biggest reason that more than 90% have vanished in the last 25 years.

Central Ohioans are privileged to be included in one of the paths or flyways that eastern U.S. monarchs follow as they migrate south in the fall. This means Central Ohioans are in an enviable position to help ensure they make it to their overwintering destination in the mountains of Michoacán in western Mexico.

One way to do this is by increasing the availability of habitat on their migration path. By maintaining plants in your landscape that monarchs

need to complete their lifecycle, you can improve the likelihood of their migration success.

Which plants do monarchs need to succeed? Milkweed is the only plant



Monarch larvae (center) on Scarlet Milkweed in the author's back yard, Summer 2015.

monarch larvae eat. Adults lay eggs on it and the developing larvae's diet is dependent on milkweed leaves. In addition to milkweed, monarch adults will take advantage of a variety of other

plants for nectar, the fuel they require to keep flying.

If you'd like to create a rest stop or way station in your yard for these beautiful butterflies to reproduce and refuel during their migration, it's easy to do. You'll need an area that receives at least eight hours of full sunlight daily. Offer at least one species (the more the better) of milkweed and nectar plant (see list below).

Keep in mind that herbicides and pesticides can't be used on or near these plants in order to be useful to butterflies.

Once you have your way station plants established, visit them daily, especially in August and September. You'll need a keen eye to see the caterpillars, which are well camouflaged, but it's a real treat when you do.

For more information, consult monarchwatch.org, a nonprofit educational outreach program based at the University of Kansas that focuses on the monarch butterfly, its habitat, and its spectacular fall migration. Get planting!

Plant a variety for both larvae and adults in your Monarch way station

Egg laying/food plants for larvae

Butterfly Weed (P)	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>
Swamp Milkweed (P)	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>
Common Milkweed (P)	<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>
Poke Milkweed (P)	<i>Asclepias exaltata</i>
Scarlet Milkweed (A)	<i>Asclepias curassavica</i>

Nectar plants for adults

Zinnia-Dahlia Mix (A)	<i>Zinnia elegans</i>
Indian Blanket (P)	<i>Gaillardia pulchella</i>
Purple Coneflower (P)	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>
Scarlet Sage (P)	<i>Salvia coccinea</i>
Mexican Sunflower (A)	<i>Tithonia</i>
Joe Pye Weed (P)	<i>Eupatorium purpureum</i>

(A) annual (P) perennial

Safety education classes



Red Cross Babysitting

Become a certified, confident and responsible babysitter. This six-hour class covers basic childcare, first aid, rescue breathing, accident prevention, and stages of youth development and supervision skills.

Ages: 11-15

Date: Saturday, April 23

Register by April 14

Friday, June 10

Register by June 2

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location: Township Administration, 6200 Eiterman Road

Fee: \$45 (Township/Dublin residents), \$50 (non-residents)

P.A.S.S. the Fire Extinguisher

Learn about the different types of fire extinguishers, where you should keep them in your home and then practice the steps of operating a fire extinguisher on a live fire (generated and controlled using our special training equipment).

Ages: 16 & older

Date: Tuesday, May 17

Register by May 9

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Location: Township Administration, 6200 Eiterman Road

Fee: \$10 (Township/Dublin residents), \$15 (non-residents)



Family Fire Safety

Learn great ways to keep your family safe, develop fire escape plans, and help your home be free from hazards. Go through Sparky's Safety House and learn what to do if there is a fire.

Ages: Families with children 5 & up

Date: Saturday, June 25

Register by June 16

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Location: Township Administration, 6200 Eiterman Road

Fee: Free (residents), \$10 per family (non-residents)



Cycling 101

No matter where you ride or how many miles you cover, every cyclist needs to wear safety gear and know the rules of the road, hand signals, and have riding skills to address all types of terrain, traffic, and unexpected road hazards. We'll cover these topics and then practice a few riding maneuvers that, if you master, will help you become a more confident cyclist. Participants must wear a helmet and provide their bicycle. Light snack provided. Instructors: members of the Washington Township EMS Bike Patrol, Dublin Police Bike Unit, and Dublin Bike Ambassadors.

Ages: 12-17

Date: Saturday, May 21

Register by May 12

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Dublin Community Recreation Center

Fee: \$10

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