

Fire Levy

Elm Valley Joint Fire District voters will be asked to support a Replacement Levy on the November ballot. This Operating Levy funds all daily operations of the Fire District, to include staffing, training, equipment and supplies to ensure the best possible service to our community.

Zoning

Please contact the Zoning Inspector Joel Staley at (740) 222-0090 prior to any construction to obtain proper permits and inspection in compliance with zoning regulations. Failure to comply could result in delays and other potential penalties.



Township Nuisance Properties

As we are all aware we have properties within our township which can be properly described as "nuisance properties" due to junk, unlicensed autos and trucks, trash and buildings that are in a state of disrepair on the property. This situation is a detriment to our Township and presents a health hazard and can harm our property values. Township Trustees do have legal recourse that is clearly stated in the Ohio Revised Code (the general laws of Ohio) which provide a legal process for the cleaning up of these properties. We have taken action in working with the Morrow County Health Department and the Morrow County Prosecutor and are beginning to have a positive effect on these situations. The Trustees initiated a cleanup on several nuisance properties. We have worked successfully with some property owners to remove debris and vehicles without legal intervention. We will continue to work with property owners and provide updates as we successfully pursue action with those properties in violation of code. The Township is currently working with concerned residents to address nuisance properties in the Township. This is an ongoing process to help ensure our community is safe and beautiful now and into the future.

Note: Passenger vehicle removal can often be provided at no cost to residents. Contact your Trustees or 24/7 Towing and Recovery Service 937-594-8216 for more information.

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Morrow County Regional Planning Commission: Tracey Parks

Township Meetings: 1st Monday of the month at 7:00pm., except when Monday is a holiday, then meetings are the 1st Tuesday following the 1st Monday.

Renergy News

Litigation continues between the Ohio Attorney General's Office and Renergy. Renergy has been notified by the Ohio EPA to provide a Best Available Technologies report for air pollution control by mid October. Any updates will be posted on the Township website and in our next newsletter.

Township Roads

All road signs and posts throughout the township have been updated and replaced, including new signs for railroad crossings, visually impaired and a hidden drive. The 2024 road resurfacing work was completed by **Small's Asphalt Paving Inc. Co** on TR 25, 157, 158, 162,241 and Oak Street along with some berming being completed. **SPH Construction** installed new and larger culverts on TR 245.

The Township has received the new **Freightliner** truck outfitted by **Dexter** for snow and ice removal ready to go for the winter season, ensuring our roads will be clear and safe for everyone. The Morrow County roads department announced they will begin striping a majority of the roads in the county. Thanks to the Morrow County Roads Department for the numerous roads that have been paved and sealed throughout the Township.

Thanks to **Ralph Miley** for the outstanding work he has done this mowing season keeping our Township roads clear of debris and for mowing and abatement of weeds in the ditches.

Westfield Township voters will be asked to support a Renewal Levy for Roads on the November ballot (**this would not involve a tax increase**). This will ensure our roads stay well maintained and safe now and into the future.

Westfield Township Website

Please visit the Township website where you can find useful information and news about our Township and Morrow County. Check it out at WWW.WESTFIELDTWP.ORG

Cemeteries

Flags were placed on all veterans grave markers in observance of Memorial Day and will be removed after Veterans Day weekend. Damaged flag holders and flags are being replaced and are provided by the Morrow County Veterans Service Office at no cost to the Township. New flags were installed on cemetery flag poles at Westfield, Baptist, Peak and Shawtown cemeteries. Please remember artificial flowers and decorations are permitted from November 1st to April 1st. All new grave markings need to be on a concrete footer. Plots are only available in the Westfield cemetery, contact a Trustee for details. We would also like to thank our contractor, **Custom Edge Lawn Care** for mowing and lawn maintenance of our cemeteries and Township Hall. They have done an outstanding job of keeping our community cemeteries and Township Hall neat and clean.

Township Hall

Agri-Electrical Service LLC completed inspection of electrical wiring in the attic area of the building identifying, isolating and repairing a grounding fault. The parking lot has been resurfaced by **Small's Asphalt Paving Inc. Co.** The grounds were cleaned of weeds, tree limbs and other debris.

