

# WELLINGTON TOWNSHIP

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SPRING/SUMMER 2020

## Do I Need a Permit?

With spring rapidly approaching, some of us are eager to get started on that home improvement project we've been contemplating for weeks, months or even years!

With all the planning that is necessary to achieve a successful project, the last thing on our mind is the requirement to obtain a zoning permit before beginning our project.

A zoning permit is required to insure the project adheres to the current requirements of the Wellington Township Zoning Resolution and is intended to help protect the property owner against potential violations that could lead to a disgruntled neighbor who feels they've been aggrieved or legal action being taken against the project owner in extreme cases.

Generally speaking, projects (residential/commercial/industrial) that require a zoning permit include:

- New construction
- Accessory buildings (garages, barns, storage sheds, etc.)
- Additions/remodel of existing structures
- Ponds, swimming pools, fences, signs

Remodeling projects that are carried out solely inside an existing structure and do not alter the exterior structure, in any way, are not required to obtain a permit.

If in doubt when contemplating any home improvement project, it's always best to check with the zoning inspector before getting started to avoid any potential zoning violations or permit fee penalties.

You can contact zoning inspector Steve Majesky via email at: [wellingtontwpzoning@yahoo.com](mailto:wellingtontwpzoning@yahoo.com) or by calling (440) 787-7180.

### REMAINING DUMPSTER DAYS FOR 2020:

Saturday, March 21, 9:00a-1:00p

Saturday May 16, 9:00a-1:00p. Lorain County Pride Day!

Saturday, September 19, 9:00a-1:00p

*Remember to bag loose items! Coffee and donuts provided!*

**Explosive targets are legal to purchase but...**

**NOT TO USE in Ohio!!**

[2923.17 - Ohio Revised Code](#)

(A) No person shall knowingly acquire, have, carry, or use any dangerous ordinance.

(B) No person shall manufacture or process an explosive at any location in this state unless the person first has been issued a license, certificate of registration, or permit to do so from a fire official of a political subdivision of this state or from the office of the fire marshal.

Whoever violates division (A) of this section is guilty of unlawful possession of dangerous ordinance:

**"a felony of the fifth degree."**

Whoever violates division (B) of this section is guilty of illegally manufacturing or processing explosives:

**"a felony of the second degree."**

### ISSUE 17 LCCC RENEWAL

The funds will be used to:

- Keep education affordable and high quality.
- Keep university transfer programs strong.
- Protect College Credit Plus.
- Develop new programs and services necessary for high demand careers.
- Keep technology and labs up to date.

# TWP ROAD PROJECT REPORT

Wellington Township Trustees submitted these roads to the County Engineers for public bidding as potential 2020 Chip & Seal Projects:

Peck Wadsworth from Quarry to Pitts  
Peck Wadsworth from State Route 58 to West Road  
Pitts Road from State Route 18 to Peck Wadsworth  
Pitts Road from Peck Wadsworth to North Line

## 2020 Lorain County Engineer Projects

Hawley Road Bridge #0823, Wellington Twp. Estimated construction cost **\$425,000**—89% Ohio Public Works Commission, 11% Local.

### *Future Engineer Project in Progress:*

Peck Wadsworth Bridge # 0783, Wellington Twp. Estimated construction cost **\$1,101,000** —80% Federal, 20% Ohio Public Works Commission.

## South Lorain County Ambulance District

2019 was another record setting year here at the District. SLCAD provided care for 1998 calls throughout the District. In 2018 SLCAD completed 1439 so we had an increase of 37% in run volume.

SLCAD provided CPR classes to over 200 residents last year. Bystander CPR is critical to survival of the sudden cardiac arrest victim and we continue to educate the public. If you are interested, please call us at: 440-647-5803.

SLCAD also participates in Active Shooter and Mass Casualty Incident Training to be prepared for the unthinkable. Along with this, SLCAD staff will be wearing protective, reflective vests on all calls to ensure their safety. We strive to provide excellent patient care to all the residents of our district.

## Lorain County Public Health Operation and Maintenance Program (O&M)

The O&M program protects water quality by tracking and monitoring the proper operation and maintenance of household sewage treatment systems (STS) or “septic systems”. LCPH is responsible for overseeing approximately 20,000 STS across Lorain County. This program is required by the State of Ohio and ensures these systems are not harmful to the environment. LCPH is hosting town hall meetings across the county in 2020 and 2021 to inform residents about this program. A local meeting is scheduled below:

**April 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Penfield Township Hall, Community Room (41012 State Route 18 Wellington, OH 44090)**

## 2020 Census [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)

Participating in the census is required by law, even if you recently completed another survey from the Census Bureau. A complete and accurate count is critical for you and your community, because the results of the 2020 Census will affect community funding, congressional representation, and more.

## Contact Us

### Trustees:

**Fred Pitts 216-780-4609**  
**Leroy Brasee 440-213-4035**  
**Nancy Fisher 440-610-9092**

### Fiscal Officer:

**Virginia Haynes 440-647-7194**

### Zoning Inspector:

**Steve Majesky 440-787-7180**

### Fire District: 440-647-2245

Ambulance District: 440-647-5803

Sheriff's Office: 440-329-3752

*\*For emergencies dial 9-1-1*

## ISSUE 16- Wellington Schools' Improvement Bond & Maintenance Levy

- Establishes a dedicated fund by law for school maintenance use only
- Protects the community's investment by keeping up with maintenance
- Extremely low interest rates make now an ideal time for school improvements
- Westwood Elementary School is 60 years old and needs major infrastructure repairs including the school HVAC, Roof, and Parking Lot with new Safety Lighting
- Wellington High School is 50 years old and needs a new Roof & Parking Lot with Security Lighting and Speed Controls for Safety
- Cost is \$8.43/month on a home value of \$100,000.

## Did you know?

Wellington Fire District has been serving its residents with pride since 1881.

The District is still one of the largest in the state and consists of :

Village of Wellington,  
Wellington Township,  
Brighton Township,  
Huntington Township,  
Penfield Township, and  
Pittsfield Township.

The district provides fire, rescue, and public education services to a coverage area of 125 square miles, and 13,000 residents.

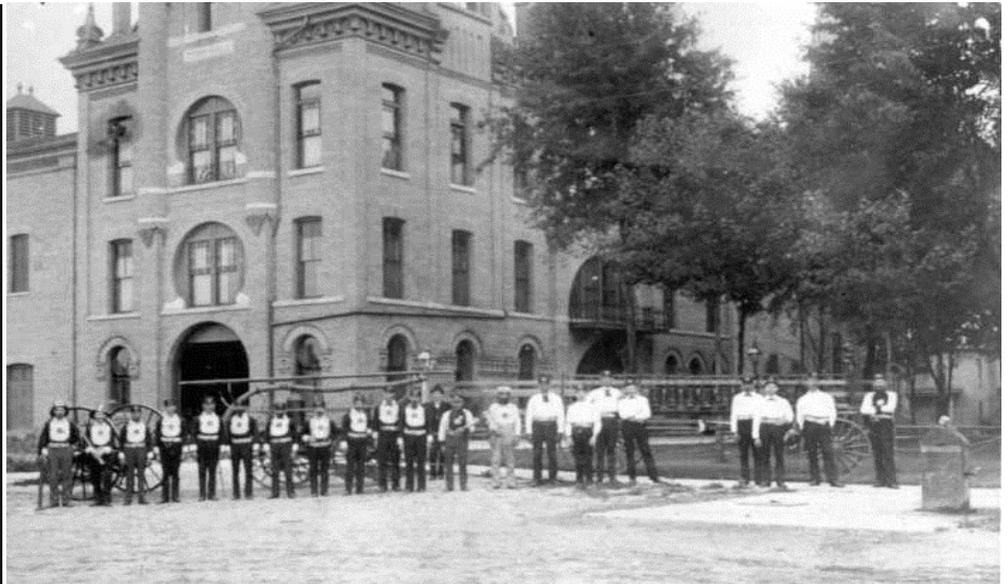
## Office on Aging SSO

Lorain County Office on Aging, SSO serves the Townships of Wellington, Brighton, Huntington, Penfield, Pittsfield, and Rochester and the Villages of Rochester and Wellington.

The agency provides: Social Work Support Services, Home Delivered Meals, Transportation to Healthcare Appointments, Chore Services, Housekeeping Services, Aging and Disability Resource Center, Emergency Food Pantry, and the Kinship Caregiver Program.

We are always seeking volunteers to assist our at home neighbors with the Home Delivered Meals Program and Transportation Programs.

Please contact us at 440-647-0777 for any service or volunteering inquiries.



## Wellington Fire District will place operating levy on March 17<sup>th</sup> ballot

With the current levy of 2.75 mills set to expire at the end of this year, the Wellington Fire District will be asking residents for their support on the March 17<sup>th</sup>. This levy is the district's only source of revenue for annual operations, as well as, providing and maintaining apparatus, equipment, and facilities. After considerable strategic planning for capital equipment replacement, and careful consideration of budget, and financial forecasting for the next five years, it was determined that the district **WOULD NOT** ask for an increase in millage. **Issue 15**, will request a **replacement only** of the current 2.75 mills. This millage equates to a yearly cost of \$96.25 per \$100,000 of property valuation, or just \$ 8.02 per month!

Currently the District's operating and capital purchasing budget averages nearly \$740,000 annually. In addition to district operations, planned capital expenditures over the next 5 year operating levy period of 2021 to 2025, include replacing a 2001 pumper truck, a heavily utilized brush/utility vehicle, a refurbish of the 1992 Heavy Rescue truck, and a complete replacement of an antiquated radio system. These capital expenditures, all necessary, and part of a continued planning process, helps ensure there will be no unseen financial burden to our residents in the future. It should be noted that in the fifty years of its existence, the Wellington Fire District has only raised their tax millage a total of 1.5 mills!

The district personnel are trained to standards higher than what the state requires and remains eager to assist its residents in any way possible. Some of the many certifications include Fire Officer 4, Firefighter II, Emergency Medical Responder through Paramedic, Inspector, Instructor, Investigator, Swiftwater, Diver, Trench Rescue, Confined Space, and Hazardous Materials.

**Township website: [www.wellingtontownship.org](http://www.wellingtontownship.org)**

Visit the Township **Facebook** page for public announcements

Search: **Wellington Township Public Announcements**

# Pride Day Event Saturday May 16

Pride Day will be held on Saturday May 16, 2020 from 9a.m.—1p.m. at the Wellington Township Maintenance Facility 105 Maple Street. There will be dumpsters available and scrap and Freon Appliances will be accepted. The Township will accept canes, wheelchairs, walkers, eyeglasses and cell phones. Residents may also drop off batteries from a car or lawnmower. No hazardous or infectious wastes, brush, waste oil, bricks, rocks, concrete, dirt or any material that is prohibited by state or federal law from being landfilled will be accepted.

## The Township will NOT be collecting tires.\*

Pride Day events include blood pressure checks by the Ambulance District along with Fire District with equipment. Information will be available by different local agencies including Herrick Memorial Library, the SSO and more. Refreshments will be served inside the Maintenance Facility. This event is in coordination with the Lorain County Commissioners and the Lorain County Solid Waste Management District.



\*Scrap Tire Collection Site Information Line:  
440-329-5440

Lorain County Collection Center

540 South Abbe Rd., Elyria

Mondays 12-4pm Wednesdays 12 to 6pm

Saturdays 9am– 3pm



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