

WELLINGTON TOWNSHIP

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FALL/ WINTER 2023/2024

Snow Emergency Classifications

Pursuant of Ohio Attorney General Opinion 86-023, the sheriff of a county may declare a snow emergency and temporarily close county and township roads within his jurisdiction for the preservation of the public peace. Attorney General Opinion 97-015 allows the sheriff to close state and municipal roads.

LEVEL 1: Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Roads may also be icy. Motorists are urged to drive very cautiously.

LEVEL 2: Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Roads may also be very icy. Only those who feel it is necessary to drive should be out on the roads. Contact your employer to see if you should report to work. Motorists should use extreme caution.

LEVEL 3: All roadways are closed to non-emergency personnel. No one should be driving during these conditions unless it is absolutely necessary to travel or a personal emergency exists. Employees should contact their employer to see if they should report to work. Those traveling on the roads may subject themselves to arrest.

View the state's weather-related road closures & restrictions, at the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) traffic website www.ohgo.com.



Prepare/Replenish Winter Emergency Kits for Your Vehicles

Suggested Supply List:

- Battery-powered radio, flashlight & extra batteries,
- Blanket or sleeping bag
- Snow brush and ice scraper
- Booster (jumper) cables
- Emergency flares, shovel, state map
- First Aid Kit and necessary medications
- Extra windshield fluid
- Sand or non-clumping cat litter to help with tire traction
- Fire extinguisher (5-lb, A-B-C type)
- Extra clothing, boots, hats and gloves or mittens
- Cell phone and car charger

In Memoriam Trustee LeRoy Brasee



September 14, 1936 - May 28, 2023

Snow Plow Safety

Watch out for Blind Spots – The plow driver's field of vision is limited. If you can't see the plow's side mirrors, the driver can't see you. Stay two to three car lengths behind the plow.

Ice and Snow ... Take it Slow - Snowplows travel well below the posted speed limit. Be patient. Try not to pass the plow. Watch for sudden stops or turns.

Beware of Snow Clouds – Snowplows often create clouds as they clear the roads. These snow clouds can reduce your ability to see.

Lorain County Public Health

O&M PERMIT

What is O&M?

Lorain County Public Health (LCPH) works to protect people and the environment by making sure that Home Sewage Treatment Systems (HSTS) work as designed - if HSTS don't work properly, they may negatively impact local watersheds by adding bacteria and pollution. LCPH is responsible for overseeing the proper maintenance of more than 20,000 HSTS many of which we have limited information about.

All homeowners with a HSTS in Lorain County are required to have an O&M permit issued by LCPH:

- Newly enrolled homeowners will receive a 3 year permit.
- LCPH will send permit information and invoice to homeowners in December 2023. The permit fee of \$120 are due by January 31, 2024.

What's next? The invoice will be sent by mail or email in December 2023. After payment is received, the permit and permit conditions will be available digitally.

Grants and Financial Assistance

Financial assistance may be available to help Lorain County homeowners to replace a failing HSTS, or to connect to an existing sanitary sewer and properly abandon their HSTS. This grant program is intended for systems that pose an immediate threat to the health and safety of occupants, the community, and the environment.

Grant funds are limited, time sensitive, and available for homeowners who meet income requirements. Please contact Jill Lis at jlis@loraincountyhealth.com or 440-322-6367 with questions about financial assistance.

Septic Tank Maintenance

A septic tank should be inspected every 1 to 3 years and pumped every 3 to 5 years. The frequency of pumping the septic tank depends on the tank size, number of people in the household, habits of water use as well as the amount of solids accumulated in the tank. Contact your local septic system professional for more information.

www.loraincountyhealth.com

FYI- 2020 Census - Population of Wellington Township is
1,341



Zoning Fee Increase

Wellington Township Trustees implemented a Zoning fee increase that began on August 1st, 2023. The complete list of fees and the Zoning Book are located on the Wellington Township website www.wellingtontownship.org

Contact Zoning Inspector Steve Majesky if you have questions regarding zoning at 440-787-7180 or you may email him at :

wellingtontwpzoning@yahoo.com

Township Website

www.wellingtontownship.org

Visit the township Facebook page
For public announcements search:

Wellington Township Public Announcements

Trash & Recycling Services

Wellington Township does not have a contract with any trash hauling company for residential pick up. Residents are responsible for setting up their own trash pick up and recycle services. Contact your local trash haulers for more information.

Contact Us

Trustees:

David Fisher 440-213-0219

Fred Pitts 216-780-4609

Dr. William Spreng 440-213-1792

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***

Trustee meetings are open to the public and are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.
Meeting location is the Maintenance Facility meeting room located at 105 Maple Street.



Lorain County
Office On Aging

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Board of Directors for the Lorain County office on Aging announces that as of October 23, 2023, Nicolle Belmore Pierse will be the new Executive Director for the agency replacing Lauren Ksiazek.

Nicolle has a traditional Social Work academic background with both a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Social Work. She also has a Masters in Adult Learning.

Lorain County Office on Aging Southern Satellite Office (SSO)

105 Maple Street Wellington, OH 44090.
Phone: 440-647-0777

Lorain County Office on Aging (LCOOA), Southern Satellite Office (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, 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 transportation needs through our Medical Transportation Program.

****Interested in assisting seniors near you with snow plowing and shoveling? Contact the office and let us know where you live, how much you are able or interested in helping and if there is a fee involved. Thanks!*

Office Hours:

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 P.M.

***Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 P.M.**

***Appointments preferred on Tuesdays Closed on Holidays**

Lorain County Office on Aging- Southern Satellite Office Update

We are excited to announce some changes recently made at the Southern Satellite Office regarding home delivered meals and some new programming coming later in 2023. We have successfully transitioned home delivered meals to our partner provider, Neighborhood Alliance. This transition occurred primarily due to capacity issues with the SSO and in order to be more efficient with our finite resources in Lorain County. We have 100% confidence that our clients will enjoy their relationship with Neighborhood Alliance's Senior Nutrition team.

We can now look forward to using our funds to relaunch our Restaurant Voucher Program in the southern part of Lorain County. Conversations with potential restaurants are ongoing and we anticipate announcing the start of the program in November 2023. We have also been working with Lorain County Community Action Agency to bring their utility assistance services to our SSO. LCCAA will provide an Advocate one day per week to work with older adults in need of utility assistance, right in Wellington. Our SSO Coordinator, Brittany Knight, will also be trained on these programs, so that she may assist homebound older adults with accessing these critical supportive programs. Lastly, you will soon see our Transportation Van zipping around the southern part of Lorain County, as we reallocate one of our vans and drivers to solely serve southern Lorain County. We anticipate this transition occurring in November 2023 as well.

While we have thoroughly enjoyed providing home delivered meals to our clients in southern Lorain County, we are so excited to be able to offer more programming aimed at supporting rural older adults as they navigate their aging journey. We appreciate your patience as we navigate these changes to our programming and look forward to continuing to serve rural older adults in southern Lorain County for many years to come!

Lauren Ksiazek, MSW, LSW* *(Former) Executive Director

Township Dumpster Days for 2024

Saturday, January 20

Saturday, March 16

Saturday, May 18

Saturday, September 21

Remember to bag loose items!

NOTE NEW HOURS- Dumpsters are available for residents from 9:00a.m.-12:00p.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, paint, 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.*

***Check with the Lorain County Solid Waste Management for current days, times and locations for tire and other waste disposal and recycling opportunities. Solid Waste Management District 440-329-5440
<http://www.loraincountyohio.gov/solidwaste>**

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