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**Fiscal Officer to Retire After 28 Years of Service**

Joyce Robinson, who has served as the elected Fiscal Officer for Washington Township since March 1996, will officially retire on March 31, 2024 after 28 years of service. She has agreed to serve in an interim capacity as Deputy Fiscal Officer until a new Fiscal Officer is appointed by the Board of Trustees.

“I’ve loved serving as the Township’s Fiscal Officer,” Robinson said. “But I’m looking forward to having more time to spend with my family and grandchildren.” When Robinson began her first term as Fiscal Officer in 1996, the Township’s budget was approximately \$11.4 million and the population of Dublin/Washington Township was 24,456. Fast forward to 2024 and the Township’s budget is

\$29.9 million, and the population of Dublin exceeds 50,000. “Dublin has grown tremendously during my tenure, and I’m fortunate to have dedicated staff who have assisted me in managing the significant financial responsibility that came with this growth.” Washington Township employs 110 full-time, approximately 15 part-time employees, and operates four fire stations and an administration/training center.

Robinson takes pride in her accomplishments. “The Fiscal Office consistently maintains clean financial audits, sound investment practices, and healthy cash reserves necessary to respond to a growing community. I’ve been fortunate to work over the years with a number of elected Trustees, all of whom were committed to positioning the Washington Township Fire Department to respond to the unprecedented growth we’ve experienced over the last thirty years.” Mike Keenan, who previously served as Trustee (1984–2004), agreed. “We always valued Joyce’s input, she made sure we had the proper funding to manage the growth we experienced and she kept the Board on track with the budget.” Current Trustee Charles Kranstuber, who has served since 2006, concurred. “Joyce has been a steady hand in safeguarding the finances of the Township and providing fiscal guidance to the Board of Trustees.

As her tenure comes to a close, Robinson added “I would like to thank all the residents for supporting the Township and for allowing me the opportunity to serve them for 28 years. It is an amazing

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**Request a Program**

Would you like the Fire Department to stop by your block party this summer with a fire truck? Do you want to schedule a station tour? Would you like a fire safety talk at your next HOA meeting? The Fire Department can help with a number of programs. Request a Program forms are available on our website: [wtwp.com](http://wtwp.com).

## Fiscal Officer to Retire After 28 Years of Service (cont.)

township and our services are “top drawer” as former Township Trustee Larry Eberhart used to say! It’s truly been an honor to serve the community all these years.”

Board Chair Stu Harris stated “On behalf of all the employees of Washington Township, we congratulate Joyce for 28 years of dedicated service to the Township,” with Vice Chair Jan Rozanski adding “we wish Joyce all the best in a well-deserved retirement.”

## Simple Steps for Lawns, Water, and Your Community

(from our friends at Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District)

- Mow High: Longer grass is stronger grass: it shades the soils, prevents weed seed germination, grows deeper roots, and better absorbs and filters rainfall.
- Mulch clippings: Leave clippings on the lawn. Grass clippings quickly breakdown and return valuable nutrients and organic matter back into the soil where earthworm and microbes thrive. Rich soil helps absorb and filter rainfall reducing erosion and run-off.
- Use the right fertilizer: Always choose a lawn fertilizer that is phosphorus-free, unless a soil test shows a need for this nutrient.
- Clean up: Keep grass clipping, leaves, and fertilizer off of sidewalks, roadways and other hard surfaces and out of our waterways.

## Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives

Smoke alarms are essential tools for protecting your home or business from the dangers of fire. These small devices can make life-saving differences by alerting you to the presence of smoke, allowing you to react swiftly and effectively in the event of a fire.

Smoke alarms are designed to detect even the smallest traces of smoke, signaling the presence of a fire long before it becomes a major threat. Fires can occur any time of day; working smoke alarms provide continuous protection for your home or business.

Ideally, all homes should have working smoke alarms in every sleeping room, hallway, and on every level of your home including the basement. Smoke alarms should not be located within ten feet of cooking appliances to help eliminate false alarms. Mounting smoke alarms on a ceiling is the preferred location; wall-mounted smoke alarms should be no more than twelve inches from the ceiling.

Many smoke alarms are hardwired with a battery backup. Hardwired smoke alarms are often times interconnected, meaning if one alarm activates all the alarms within your home sound. Hardwired smoke alarms still have a backup battery in each device that needs replaced twice a year. Sealed battery smoke alarms have a sealed battery with a ten-year life span, it is important to know if your alarms are of the sealed battery type or have a changeable battery.



Alarms should be tested once a month using the alarms test button. Everyone should understand the sound the alarms make. Having and practicing an escape plan is important for everyone to know and understand. Replace your smoke alarm if they are more than ten years old. The smoke alarms manufactured date is located on the backside of each smoke alarm.

The Washington Township Fire Department is always willing to answer any questions you may have regarding your smoke alarms and assist with battery or alarm replacement if need be. For additional information, contact the fire prevention bureau by calling the Washington Township Fire Administration Building at (614) 652-3920.



## Ohio Weather

We all joke about how Ohio's weather is always changing...and it's true! Know what to do before weather hits and where to go if you're caught in severe weather. According to the National Weather Service, there are several tips to make yourself & those around you prepared for severe weather.

### **BEFORE: Being prepared is key!**

**Be Aware of What's Happening Locally:** Stay alert and be aware of the forecast when making plans.

**Make a Plan:** Have a weather plan that you share with your family.

**Prepare Your Home:** Keep trees and branches trimmed near your house. If you have time before severe weather hits, secure loose objects, close windows and doors, and move any valuable objects inside or under a sturdy structure.



### **DURING: If severe weather strikes, follow your action plan.**

**At Your House:** Go to your secure location if you hear a severe thunderstorm warning. Damaging wind or large hail may be approaching. Take your pets with you if time allows.

**At Your Workplace or School:** Stay away from windows if you are in a severe thunderstorm warning and damaging wind or large hail is approaching. Do not go to large open rooms such as cafeterias, gymnasiums or auditoriums.

**Outside:** Go inside a sturdy building immediately if severe thunderstorms are approaching. Sheds and storage facilities are not safe. Taking shelter under a tree can be deadly. The tree may fall on you. Standing under a tree also put you at a greater risk of getting struck by lightning.

**In a Vehicle:** Being in a vehicle during severe thunderstorms is safer than being outside; however, drive to closest secure shelter if there is sufficient time.

### **AFTER:**

**Stay Informed:** Continue monitoring local weather. More severe thunderstorms could be headed your way.

**Contact Your Family and Loved Ones:** Let your family and close friends know that you're okay so they can help spread the word. Text messages or social media are more reliable forms of communication than phone calls.

**Assess the Damage:** After you are sure the severe weather threat has ended, check your property for damages. Contact local authorities if you see power lines down. Stay out of damaged buildings.

**Help Your Neighbor:** If you come across people that are injured and you are properly trained, if needed, provide first aid to victims until emergency response team members arrive.





## Spring/Summer Fire Safety

It's that time of year! The sun is shining, the weather is warming up and fire safety is as important as ever. Now is a great time to do a little "spring cleaning" around the house.

### Here's a simple "Spring Cleaning: Fire Safety Edition" Checklist:

- Change batteries in all smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Replace any equipment that is older than 10 years including smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors and fire extinguishers.
- Do you have a fire extinguisher? Fire extinguishers should be in the kitchen and near heating/utility appliances at a minimum.
- Clean under & around appliances, especially in the kitchen and laundry room.
- Dry vegetation around your house can be a quick, fire starter. Trim any tree branches or bushes that are near your home.
- Store gasoline for mowers in a safe place.
- Maintain a 10-foot clear 'fire zone' around structures.
- Check outdoor electrical outlets and appliances.
- Service your grill while inspecting propane tanks and lines for leaks while storing propane in a safe place.
- Keep a 100-foot garden hose with an attached nozzle connected and ready for immediate use.
- Don't overload electrical sockets.



## Hydrant Flushing

Annual Hydrant flushing will be occurring throughout May. It is expected that the flushing will take up to six weeks and will be occurring daily throughout our service area. There are two main reasons why hydrants are flushed. First, a fire hydrant is in essence a valve and to make sure it works when needed it is important to "exercise" a fire hydrant. Additionally, hydrants are flushed to remove mineral deposits that may occur inside the pipes.

Just a reminder, hydrant flushing may cause water to become rusty or discolored. If this happens, run your faucets until the water is clear. It is possible for laundry water to also be impacted when washing clothes due to the potential of rust.

This is also a great time to make sure that your hydrant is visible. Please avoid planting landscaping including bushes or flowers. In the event of an emergency, our crew needs to be able to access a hydrant quickly.

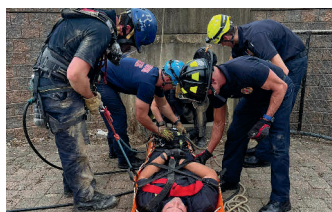


## Training

Washington Township Fire Department conducts many different training scenarios both at the fire stations, administration offices, and out in the community. The goal is to ensure our crews are ready and prepared when called upon in an emergency.

Training includes:

- CPR & AED Training
- Cardiac Arrest: Pediatric & Adults
- Outdoor Water Safety (on the Scioto River)
- Hose/Water Training
- Active Shooter/Firefighter Down
- Ropes Training
- Car Extrication
- Search & Rescue
- Confined Spaces Rescue
- Tower Training: including physical agility and ladder training



### 2023 ANNUAL STATS:



EMS:	4931
Fire:	2188
TOTAL:	7119
An average of 19.5 per day	



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## Classes

### Red Cross Babysitting

This course educates young individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to safely and responsibly give care for children and infants. This class helps participants develop the leadership skills, learn how to develop a babysitting business, keep themselves and others safe, help children behave, and learn about basic child care. Please bring a lunch to class.

**Ages: 11-15**

**Date: Tuesday, June 4**

**Time: 9am-3pm**

**Location: Washington Township Administrative Offices • 6200 Eiterman Rd, Dublin, OH 43016**

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

**Registration is required: [wtwp.com/classes-programs/classes/](http://wtwp.com/classes-programs/classes/)**

### CPR for Teens

Do you need CPR training for your summer job? Are you starting to babysit? Learn CPR and how to use an automatic external defibrillator, or AED. Developed by the American Heart Association, this class addresses pediatric and adult CPR, recognizing and relieving a choking victim, recognizing the signs of a heart attack, and how to use an AED.

**Ages: 12-17**

**Date: Tuesday, June 18**

**Time: 5:30pm**

**Location: Washington Township Administrative Offices • 6200 Eiterman Rd, Dublin, OH 43016**

**Fee: \$35 (Township/Dublin residents), \$45 (non-residents)**

**Registration is required: [wtwp.com/classes-programs/classes/](http://wtwp.com/classes-programs/classes/)**





# Classes

## Storytime at the Fire Station

We'll read a story, meet Sparky, our big furry fire safety mascot, and take a tour of the fire trucks. Pre-registration is required as space is limited. Parents/guardians must accompany children.

**Ages 4 & up**

**Date: Monday, July 15**

**Location: Station 93 – 5825 Brand Rd.**

**Time: 10am**

**Fee: Free**

**Please register one spot/ticket per child (child information only) at [wtwp.com/classes-programs/classes/](http://wtwp.com/classes-programs/classes/)**

## Infant CPR for Expecting & New Parents

If you are expecting or adopting a child, have a newborn at home, or will be babysitting your new grandchild, this class is for you! React quickly with the knowledge and skills that can help a baby if they are choking or need CPR. Although this is an American Heart Association course, you will not receive a completion card. Our certified car seat technician will offer tips on securing your child's car seat.

**Ages: 18 and up**

**Date: Tuesday, May 7**

**Time: 5:30 pm**

**Location: Washington Township Administrative Offices • 6200 Eiterman Rd, Dublin, OH 43016**

**Fee: Free**

**Registration is required: [wtwp.com/classes-programs/classes/](http://wtwp.com/classes-programs/classes/)**

## First Responder Teen Academy

Interested in a future career as a first responder? This hands-on program will give high school students a chance to explore the exciting career options available in Emergency Responding Services. Dublin Police Officers and Washington Township Firefighters will take you into their world of work as first responders in our community, while teaching and sharing various skills and experiences needed to succeed. Register at: <https://dublinohiousa.gov/healthy/>

**Age: 15-18**

**Date: June 24-28**

**Time: 9am-3pm**

**Location: DPD & WTFD**



## Wetsuits & Way-cool Trucks

Bring your family, friends, or neighborhood playgroup for a morning of fun! The Washington Township Fire Department will have a variety of activities to help make your summer safe!

- Tour Sparky's fire safety house
- Watch a fire department's dive team demonstration in the Recreation Center pool (11am)
- Learn about bicycle safety
- Play games
- Check out our fire truck, medic and Dublin Police Department vehicles & equipment

**Date: Friday, June 28**

**Time: 10 am-11:30am**

**Location: Dublin Community Recreation Overflow Parking Lot**

**Fee: Free!**

## Free Hands-Only CPR

This course is intended for anyone who wants to learn CPR, but does not need a course completion card to meet a job requirement. It's ideal for community groups, parents, grandparents, caregivers and students. Topics include:

- Adult, child and infant CPR and AED.
- How to help a choking adult, child, and infant.

**Ages: 12 and up.**

**Date: Tuesday, May 21**

**Time: 5:30pm**

**Location: Washington Township Administrative Offices • 6200 Eiterman Rd, Dublin, OH 43016**

**Fee: Free**

**Registration is required: [wtwp.com/classes-programs/classes/](http://wtwp.com/classes-programs/classes/)**

Register at [wtwp.com](http://wtwp.com)

### CPR & AED Certification

Learn CPR and how to use an automatic external defibrillator, or AED. Developed by the American Heart Association, this class addresses pediatric and adult CPR, recognizing and relieving a choking victim, recognizing the signs of a heart attack, and how to use an AED. This class is not for healthcare providers.

**Ages: 12 and up**

**Dates: Tuesday, April 30, June 4, July 16, or August 20**

**Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm**

**Location: Washington Township Administrative Offices • 6200 Eiterman Rd, Dublin, OH 43016**

**Fee: \$35 (Township/Dublin residents), \$45 (non-residents)**

**Duration: allow 2 hours**

**Registration is required: [wtwp.com/classes-programs/classes/](http://wtwp.com/classes-programs/classes/)**

### Until Help Arrives

If you are ever involved in or witness a traumatic accident, will you know what to do until first responders arrive? This course will walk you through each step: how to recognize that there is a problem, how to assess the surroundings so you can act safely, what information is most important to share on your 911 call, and the care you can administer until law enforcement and or fire/EMS arrive. Washington Township Fire Department Battalion Chief Mike Riebel and emergency dispatcher (Northwest Regional Emergency Communications Center) Stephanie Skipworth present this class in a format that includes lecture, demonstrations and hands-on skills practice. This class is suitable for ages 13 and up. Parent/guardian must accompany (and be a registered participant) 13-16 year olds.

**Ages 13 & up (ages 13-16 need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian).**

**Date: Tuesday, April 23**

**Time: 6pm-9pm**

**Location: Washington Township Administrative Offices • 6200 Eiterman Rd, Dublin, OH 43016**

**Fee: Free**

**Registration is required: [wtwp.com/classes-programs/classes/](http://wtwp.com/classes-programs/classes/)**



### Citizen Fire Academy

The Citizen Fire Academy (CFA) is a school like no other– no homework, no tests, and super cool teachers: Firefighter/Paramedics. They'll show you some of the tools and techniques they use as emergency responders and you'll get the chance to climb, cut, smash, carry, crawl, hang suspended, pull, and push your way through several firefighting, EMS, and rescue techniques. Washington Township/City of Dublin Residents preferred. If you are interested in participating in the 2024 class, fill out the application on our website: <https://wtwp.com/fire-ems/fire/citizens-fire-academy/>

**Ages 18 & up**

**Date: Thursday, August 8, 15, 22, 29, September 5, 7 (9am-5pm) & 12**

**Time: 6pm-9pm**

**Location: Washington Township Administrative Offices • 6200 Eiterman Rd, Dublin, OH 43016**

**Fee: Free**

### College Safety Prep

Dublin Police Officers and Washington Township Prevention Bureau will help prepare students to be safe at college. Campus fire safety is important for students and parents to learn. Fire Inspectors will talk about various fire safety tips, what students should take with them, and things to check for at college housing. Dublin Police will talk about following safety tips: basic personal safety, parking lot awareness, theft prevention and sexual assault prevention. Parents and/or students are welcome.

**Ages: Current/Future College Students & Parents**

**Date: Wednesday, May 1**

**Location: Washington Township Administrative Offices 6200 Eiterman Rd., Dublin, OH 43016**

**Time: 6-7pm**

**Fee: Free**

**Registration is required: [wtwp.com/classes-programs/classes/](http://wtwp.com/classes-programs/classes/)**

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