

Charter Township of Washington

COMMUNITY INFORMATION GUIDE

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

57900 Van Dyke
Washington MI 48094

General Phone #
586/786-0010

Fax #
586/786-0404

Office Hours
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Monday – Friday; except
Holidays (see Holiday Schedule)

For your convenience, a drop box is located at the entrance of the Municipal Building for Water/Sewer Bills, Tax Payments, and Absentee Ballots.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Supervisor.....Dan O’Leary
Clerk.....Kathy Bosheers
Treasurer.....Mike Nicely
Trustee.....Stan Babinski
Trustee.....Abby Jacobson
Trustee.....Sebastian Previti
Trustee.....Harold Miller
Deputy Treas.....Michele DeClercq
Deputy Clerk....Christine Krawczyk

WELCOME TO WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

Washington Township is a Charter Township operated under the Michigan Charter Township Act. A seven member board comprised of a Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, and four Trustees govern the Township.

These members determine Township policy, evaluate the public needs of the community and approve the allocation of public funds. The Board members are elected to four year terms in the presidential election years.

The regular business meetings of the Board are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Washington Township Municipal Building, 57900 Van Dyke, Washington, Michigan. Call the Township or visit our website (www.washingtontownship.org) for an update on meeting dates.

Citizen participation is welcome at all Board meetings and time is reserved for those who may wish to address the Board on any matter.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Washington Township was originally surveyed in 1816, and was subsequently organized as a Township in 1827, only five years after Macomb County was formed. At the time of its formation, Washington and Bruce Township were combined. The Township’s first inhabitants, other the Native Americans, were from New York and settled near the Village of Romeo. The remaining residents were widely dispersed throughout the combined two townships. A total of 40 families inhabited the 72 square mile area. The Township has historically been a productive farming community, with a strong emphasis on orchards. Residential homes now stand side by side with some of our historic orchards and farmland. The Township is 36 square miles: from 26 Mile Rd to 32 Mile Rd and from Dequindre to Hayes Rd. The current population is 25,000.

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GOVERNMENT SERVICE DIRECTORY

<u>Service</u>	<u>Government Agency</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Animal Control	Macomb County Animal Shelter	586/469-5115
Bruce Township		586/7524585
Comcast	Communications	800/427-7662
Channel 6/Local	Communications	586/697-5344
Chamber of Commerce	Romeo/Washington	586/752-4436
Court 42 nd District	Honorable Denis LeDuc	586/752-9679
Fire & Ambulance	Washington Fire Dept (business)	586/781-6161
	Emergency ONLY	9-1-1
Health/Public	Macomb County Health Dept	586/469-5235
Libraries, Washington	Graubner Library	586/752-2583
Libraries, Romeo	Kezar Library	586/752-2583
Macomb, County of	General Information	586/469-5100
Museums	Washington Historical Museum	586-786-5304
	Romeo Historical Society	586/752-4111
	Friends of the Octagon House	586/781-0084
Octagon House		586/752-6543
Newcomers Club		
Parks	Stony Creek Metro Park	586/782-4242
Parks & Recreation	Washington/Bruce/Romeo	586/752-6543
Police	Macomb County Sheriff	586/469-5151
Post Office	U.S.P.S.	800/275-8777
Public Utilities	Detroit Edison	800/477-4747
	S.E.M.C.O.	800/624-2019
Road Commission	Macomb County Road Maintenance	586/463-8671
Schools	Rochester Community Schools	248/726-3000
	Romeo Community Schools	586/752-0200
	Utica Community Schools	586/797-1000
Secretary of State	Romeo Office	586/767-6424
Senior Center	Washington Facility	586/786-0131
	Romeo Facility	586/752-9601
Transportation	S.M.A.R.T.	866/862-5515
	S.T.A.R.	586/752-9010
Trash	G.F.L.	866/772-8900
Village of Romeo		586/752-3565

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Township Offices are generally closed for the following holidays:

New Year's Eve/New Year's Day
 Martin Luther King Day
 President's Day
 Good Friday
 Memorial Day
 Independence Day
 Labor Day
 Columbus Day
 Veterans Day
 Thanksgiving Day
 Christmas Eve/Christmas Day

Any changes will be posted at the Township Municipal Building and Website:

www.washingtontownship.org

SPECIAL EVENTS

Michigan Peach Festival www.peachfestromeo.com
 Labor Day Weekend

Art & Orchard Festival www.artandorchard.com
 2nd Weekend in June

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONIES

Contact Parks & Recreation for dates and times:
 586/752-6543

CEMETERIES

The Township owns and maintains six cemeteries in the township; two of which have available lots for sale:

Mt. Vernon Cemetery (28 Mile & Mt. Vernon Rd)
 Powell Cemetery (Powell Rd, btn 30 & 31 Mile Rd)

For information please contact the Clerk's Office:
 586/786-0010 ext. 251

MACOMB COUNTY TRAILWAYS MASTER PLAN

For more information contact:
 Macomb County Department of Planning & Economic Development
 Macomb County Administrative Building
 One South Main Street, 7th floor
 Mt. Clemens, MI 48043
 586/469-5285

GOLF COURSES

Romeo Golf & Country Club	586/752-9673
Orchards Golf Club	586/786-7200
Glacier Club Golf Course	586/786-0800
Greystone Golf Course	586/752-7030
Stony Creek Golf Course	586/781-9166

TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENTS

SUPERVISOR – Dan O’Leary

The Supervisor is the moderator at the Township meetings and is the spokesperson for the Township in general. Under the direction of the Township Board, the Supervisor oversees the operations of the Assessing, Building, Planning & Zoning, DPW, Ordinance Enforcement, and Fire & Ambulance departments. The Supervisor also works directly with the Macomb County Sheriff to implement the law enforcement agreement between the Township and Sheriff for full-time police services. The Supervisor also works with other County departments to insure the health and safety of the residents.

Phone # (586) 786-0010 ext. 261
Fax # (586) 992-3821

BUILDING DEPT – Mike Bommarito

The Building Department is responsible for the enforcement of the State of Michigan Building, Electrical, Mechanical and Energy codes. The office issues all permits for building construction to insure that work is completed in compliance with all applicable codes. The office reviews all plans before permits are issued. Zoning administration is responsible for interpretation and enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance.

Phone # (586) 786-0010 ext. 211
Fax # (586) 786-0404

Inspection Line (586) 786-0010 ext. 212

CLERK – Kathy Bosheers

The Clerk is the official keeper of Township Records and acts as the Freedom of Information Coordinator. The Clerk serves as the Chief Financial Officer and Purchasing Agent. The Clerk’s office prepares the Board of Trustees Agendas and records their minutes. The Clerk and her staff administer all Federal, State and Local elections and keeps voter registrations. All questions concerning Township records, meetings, agendas, budgets, elections, and the sale of cemetery lots within the Township should be directed to the Clerk’s office.

Phone # (586) 786-0010 ext. 251
Fax # (586) 677-4238

Deputy Clerk: Christine Krawczyk

PLANNING/ZONING – Dana Coleman

All questions concerning the process of all land, zoning and rezoning, and subdivision and land development plans should be directed to this department. This department also provides administrative support duties for the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Planning Commission meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Zoning Board of Appeals meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Both boards meet at the Municipal Building.

Phone # (586) 786-0010 ext. 262

TREASURER – Mike Nicely

All questions concerning taxes, the receipt of Township funds, and special assessment district payments, should be directed to the Treasurer’s office. Summer taxes are payable July 1st through September 14th, and winter taxes are payable December 1st through the last day of February, and may be paid at the Treasurer’s office, at local banks or online. Sewer and Water bills may also be paid at the Treasurer’s office.

Phone # (586) 786-0010 ext. 24
Fax # (586) 786-0021

Deputy Treasurer: Michele DeClercq

ASSESSING – Deb Susalla

The Assessing department determines the property value for every parcel of property within the Township on a yearly basis. The Assessor is required by law to assess all property at 50% of current market value. This includes homes, factories, commercial property, vacant land and personal property (machinery and equipment for commercial or industrial properties).

Phone # (586) 786-0010 ext. 23

TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENTS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT- Kathy Bosheers

The Finance Dept. verifies financial transactions and services all Township departments in regards to accounts payable, payroll, record keeping and human resource needs.

Phone # (586) 786-0010 ext. 251

Fax # (586) 786-5417

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT – Frank Prainito

The Ordinance Enforcement Officer is responsible for the enforcement of signs and abandoned vehicles, investigates complaints and enforces Township laws and ordinances.

Phone # (586) 786-0010 ext. 27

PARKS & RECREATION – Clara Russell

The Parks & Recreation Department, serving Washington and Bruce Townships and the Village of Romeo, provide parks, playgrounds, baseball-softball-soccer fields, tennis and basketball courts, two senior centers, walking trails and a community center, as well as programs and activities for all ages. Parks and Recreation also operates the Senior Transportation program.

General Office & Community Center

Phone (586) 752-6543

Fax # (586) 752-1118

Senior Activity Centers

Romeo (586) 752-9601

Washington (586) 786-0131

CABLE TV - WBRW

WBRW Channel 6 is the Cable Access Studio serving Washington Township, Bruce Township and the Village of Romeo. WBRW is part of the non-profit Michigan Community Media. The studio provides training, facilities and equipment to community residents, students and organizations for production of local television

Phone # (586) 697-5344

Fax # (586) 697-5343

PUBLIC WORKS – Rich Amormino

Washington Township contracts with the Detroit Water & Sewer Department for municipal water and sewer. Sewer and water is provided to approximately 10,000 residents. Washington Township has about 90 miles of water and sewer mains.

Michigan Department of Environment and Quality certified operators staff the Department. The Department oversees community sidewalks, drainage, and other public works projects. All questions concerning the municipal water and sewer should be directed to the Public Works department.

Phone # (586) 786-0010 ext. 221

Fax # (586) 752-6463

FIRE/AMBULANCE – Chief Brian Tyrell

A full-time Fire Chief, Assistant Chief, full and part-time Firefighters/Medics, and a full time dispatcher operate the Washington Township Fire Department.

Burning permits are available at Fire Station # 1 (11300 27 Mile Rd) and online at www.washingtontownship.org.

Fire Chief - Brian Tyrell

Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshal – Rob Schmelzer

Phone # (586) 781-6161 (non-emergency)

POLICE SERVICES/9-1-1 Emergency

The Township contracts with the Macomb County Sheriff's Department for five full-time deputies to patrol the Township 24 hours a day; seven days a week. The Sheriff's Department and the Michigan State Police provide other routine patrols. Residents interested in neighborhood watch programs, crime prevention tips, or other services offered by the Sheriff's Department are welcome to contact the Sheriff through this non-emergency number:

Phone # (586) 469-5151

SENIOR TRANSPORTATION – S.T.A.R.

Senior and physically challenged transportation is available through the Parks & Recreation department on a 24 hour advanced reservation basis. This service also coordinates with SMART Transportation for trips outside the immediate areas.

Phone # (586) 752-9010