

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

Wood County, Ohio

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Fire and EMS Coverage:

Center Township

Freedom Township

Middleton Township

Troy Township

Webster Township is responsible for maintaining township roads, taking care of two cemeteries, and providing fire and EMS services to residents while trying to be as fiscally responsible as possible with residents' tax dollars. Read on to learn how Webster Township is spending its resources to better the community.

Roads Improvements

Road improvements are the name of the game during the summer months, and 2022 was no different. Webster Township tar and chipped seven miles of the 36.8 miles it is charged with maintaining. Alexander Road from State Route 199 to Fish Road was tar and chipped, as well as Nelson Road from Silverwood Road to Anderson Road, and both Chamberlain and Silverwood Roads from the southern township line to Nelson Road. All of the roads were Durapatched if needed by the Wood County Engineer's Department, and spots on seven roads were patched by Premier Patching. Anderson and Dowling Roads as well as other small sections were bermed. The Township spent a total of \$108,500 on road improvements in 2022.

Why Tar and Chipping?

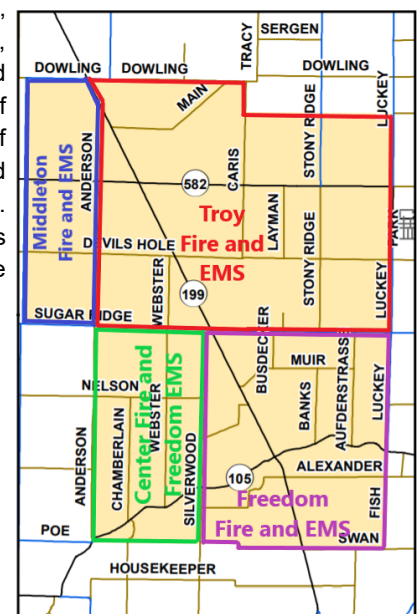
Tar and chipping, or chip sealing as it is also known as, is a popular way to improve roads in this area. A thin layer of tar is spread across the road, and then small stones are rolled into the tar which then hardens. Tar and chipping is a very cost effective way to improve a road, which is why Webster Township often improves multiple miles a year in this way. Tar and chipping costs between \$13,000 and \$18,000 per mile depending on the width and profile of the road and can be expected to last 5-7 years. In comparison, repaving one mile of road costs over \$100,000 and can be expected to last 10-15 years. Tar and chipping can extend the life of the pavement by covering up cracks and other imperfections. There are drawbacks to tar and chipping such as loose stones making their way into yards and temporary slower driving conditions, but overall, the Trustees believe the benefits outweigh the negatives.

Whose Roads are Whose?

Webster Township must keep all its roads maintained, bermed, mowed, and clear of snow. The Township is responsible for Alexander, Anderson, Aufderstrasse, Banks, Burgess, Busdecker, Caris, Chamberlain, Devils Hole, Dunipace, Layman, Main, Muir, Nelson, Silverwood, part of Stony Ridge, and Webster Roads. The Township shares part of Anderson Road with Center Township, part of Dowling Road with Perrysburg Township, and Fish and Swan Roads with Freedom Township. State Routes 105, 199, and 582 are ODOT's responsibility, and the remaining roads are under the County's care.

Fire and EMS

Rather than having its own fire department, Webster Township contracts with Center, Freedom, Middleton, and Troy Townships to provide fire and EMS protection for its residents. In 2022, the township paid \$126,341 for these services. The revenue to cover this expense comes from a 3.1 mill levy that has been continually supported by voters. This equates to \$0.31 for every \$100 in valuation.



Fire and EMS Coverage Map

Webster Township Zoning

Webster Township is zoned, which means there are rules and regulations for houses, buildings, ponds, etc. All of these rules can be found in the Zoning Resolution on the Township's website. The Zoning Resolution covers setbacks from property lines, minimum lot size, frontage requirements, junk vehicles, permitted property usage and much more. The Township is zoned agricultural with only a few exceptions.

The Zoning Inspector, David Welling, has been appointed by the Trustees to enforce the Zoning Resolution by means of issuing permits for new construction and making sure residents stay in compliance. Permits are required for houses, accessory buildings, additions, pools or ponds, some fences, signs, and satellite dishes as well as road bores or road cuts. Conditional use permits can be issued for in-home businesses, which would otherwise not be allowed.

Zoning Boards

The Zoning Commission has five members and one alternate and has been meeting to work on updating the Zoning Resolution. The Zoning Commission has been looking into various issues that have come up in the Township or in nearby townships that are not covered in the current Resolution such as solar panels and nuisance properties.

The Board of Zoning Appeals comes into play when a resident does not meet the requirements for a zoning permit. The resident can appeal to the BZA, made up of five members and one alternate, and have his case heard by a jury of his peers. The BZA may approve an appeal if a hardship is found.

If anyone is interested in serving on either the Zoning Commission or Board of Zoning Appeals, please contact a township official. Each member serves a five year term.

Active and Inactive Cemeteries



Webster Township has one active cemetery, Webster Township Cemetery off of State Route 199 and north of State Route 105, and one inactive cemetery, Old Belleville Ridge Cemetery on the south-east corner of Carter and Dowling Roads. There are 180 veterans buried at Webster Township Cemetery and 15 veterans buried at Old Belleville Ridge Cemetery.

Informational Kiosk Coming Soon

This past October, Webster Township was awarded a grant of \$2,500 from the Ohio Department of Commerce to build and install an informational kiosk at Webster Township Cemetery. This kiosk will house a map of both sections, an indexed list of burials, a list of plots available for sale, a list of veterans, the cemetery rules, and contact information. The Trustees hope the kiosk will make finding the resting place of a loved one much easier.

Memorial Day Service

The Troy-Webster American Legion Post 240 holds a service with the firing squad every year on Memorial Day beginning at 9:00 A.M. at Webster Township Cemetery. The ceremony is then performed at Old Belleville Ridge Cemetery as well as three other local cemeteries.

Wreaths Across America

On December 17, 2022, a Wreaths Across America event will be held at both of Webster Township's cemeteries along with at least six other

local cemeteries. A short ceremony will be held at Eastwood High School, and then volunteers will disperse to all the cemeteries where they will lay wreaths on all the veterans' graves.

Eastwood's Key Club, the two local American Legion Posts, and a few community members are taking charge of securing sponsors. Each wreath is sponsored by a \$15 donation with a "Buy 2, Get 1 Free" promotion available. This year, the WAA team is hoping to gather donations for 1,500 wreaths. Check out the Eastwood Community Wreaths Across America Facebook page for the specific sponsorship form, or visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org for more information. When making a donation online, please make sure to select Eastwood Key Club as the Local Sponsorship Group.



Election Day

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8, 2022. There are no township issues on the ballot this year. Voting in person will take place at the American Legion Hall in Pemberville instead of at the Township Hall. The polls will be open from 6:30 A.M. to 7:30 P.M. Visit www.co.wood.oh.us/boe to register to vote, apply for an absentee ballot, or see election results.

Address Signs

There are many green 911 address signs missing throughout the township, and many of the older signs have lost their reflectivity. If anyone wants a new sign or wants to update their old sign, contact Isaac Bailey.



Webster School Property

Improvements, a Little at a Time

A new merry-go-round, swing set, and springs have been added to the playground this summer thanks to a grant received from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. This grant of \$14,583 will cover 75% of the cost of the equipment, freight, and installation. The old equipment outside of the curbs has been removed. Some pieces have been scrapped and some will be auctioned off in the future. Webster Township received another grant from the Wood County Park District of \$8,954 to help with the cost of building a shelter house next to the new playground. Construction will begin as soon as the permit is approved at the county level. This fall, Webster Township will again apply for the WCPD Local Park Improvement Grant to fund either picnic tables for the shelter house, benches, or a teeter totter to complete the playground.

Softball Fields

This past year, Velocity and Northwest Ohio Eagles had up to six teams utilizing the two ball diamonds throughout the spring, summer, and/or fall seasons. Electricity was run from the storage building to the concession stand which has made stocking the refreshments and snacks much easier. Thank you to all the coaches and volunteers who spend so much time maintaining and improving the ball diamonds, batting cages, and concession stand throughout the year.

Going Forward

Webster Township is always looking for opportunities to make the Webster School property more of an asset to the community. The township is currently planning on applying for a large grant through ODNR next summer which may include demolishing the old bus garage, repaving the parking lot, adding a paved walking path around the perimeter of the property, or adding more pavement to the parking lot to create a basketball court. If anyone has ideas of ways to better utilize this property, please get in contact with a Trustee or attend the special township meeting on November 28, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

Community Clean-Up Day

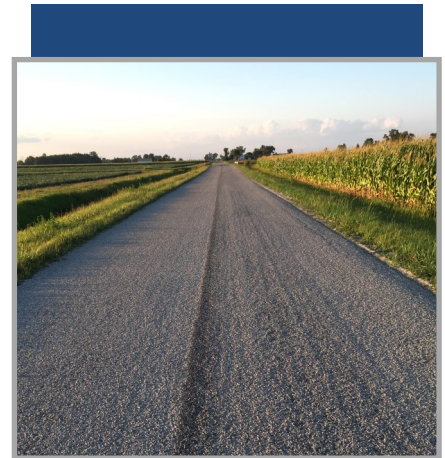
Webster Township will hold its annual Roadside and Community Clean-Up Day on April 29, 2023. After a great turnout last year, the Township will again provide dumpsters at the Webster School property from 8:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. for trash disposal. This is a great opportunity for residents to do some spring cleaning in their houses, barns, and around their properties. A scrap bin will be provided, but tires will not be accepted. If any resident has garbage they would like to get rid of but has no way of hauling it, please contact a Trustee. As always, residents are encouraged to take some time to pick up litter along the roadsides to help keep our community clean.

Grants Received

Webster Township tries to take advantage of grant money when available. Since 2019, the township has been awarded the following grants:

Year Awarded	Amount	Grantor	Purpose
2019	\$ 975	Ohio Dept. of Commerce	Cemetery mapping project
2019	\$ 500	OTARMA	Road sign inventory stickers
2020	\$ 14,015	Wood County Park District	Sidewalk, curbs, safety surfacing
2021	\$ 500	OTARMA	Fire extinguishers, safety equipment
2021	\$ 18,315	Ohio Dept. of Transportation	New road signs
2021	\$ 8,954	Wood County Park District	Partial funding for materials for shelter house
2021	\$ 14,582	ODNR	75% of merry-go-round, swing set, three springs and installation
2022	\$ 500	OTARMA	Safety light for tractor
2022	\$ 2,500	Ohio Dept. of Commerce	Informational kiosk

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Hall Rental

The Township Hall, located on the corner of Sugar Ridge Road and State Route 199, is available for gatherings. For \$100, anyone is able to rent the hall for the day. Groups or organizations may also use the hall for scheduled meetings.

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