

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.

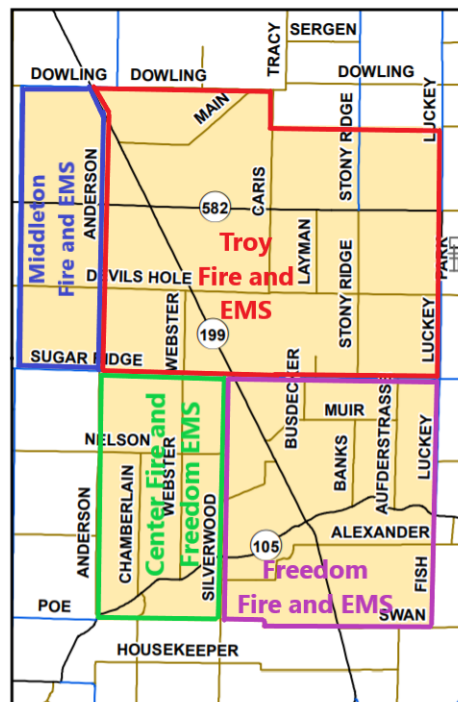
Roads Improvements

Every summer Webster Township improves some of the 36.8 miles it is charged with maintaining in an effort to keep all of the roads in good driving condition. This year Caris Road, Layman Road, Alexander Road from State Route 199 to Silverwood Road, and Dowling Road from Lime City Road to Caris Road were all tar and chipped. Troy Township and Perrysburg Townships will both share the expense of the shared sections of Caris and Dowling Roads respectively. This year Webster Township spent \$57,000 on road improvements.

Tar and chipping is a very cost effective way to extend the life of a road. A road that has been tar and chipped may go 5-7 years before it will need improved again. On the other hand, paving a road costs around six times as much as tar and chipping and only lasts 10-15 years before needing improved again.

Which Roads are the Township's Responsibility?

Webster Township must keep all its roads maintained, bermed, mowed, and clear of snow. The Township is responsible for Alexander, part of Anderson, Aufderstrasse, Banks, Burgess, Busdecker, part of 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, part of Caris Road with Troy Township, and all of 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 Coverage Map

Fire and EMS

Center, Freedom, Middleton, and Troy Townships provide fire and EMS protection for Webster Township. Even though each department has its own coverage area, all the departments have a mutual aid agreement in place. This means all the departments will be notified when an event occurs within the township, no matter whose coverage area it falls in. In 2023, the township will pay \$126,341 for these services. Voters have continually supported Webster Township's 3.1 mill levy which is only used to pay for fire and EMS protection. This levy is up for renewal on November 7, 2023. Voters will notice a change in the ballot language from previous years, per new statewide regulations. The ballot will now state the levy "amounts to \$74 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for three years, commencing on 2024, first due in calendar year 2025."

Cemeteries in Webster Township

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 southeast corner of Carter and Dowling Roads.



The new informational kiosk

Database of Burials and Kiosk Now Completed

After three and a half years, the database of all the graves in Webster Township Cemetery has been completed. This database tracks which graves are occupied, owned, or available in a user-friendly format and includes information about each burial. This database is a culmination of old lists that preserved the names and dates from gravestones that are no longer legible and many walk-throughs of the entire cemetery. An index of all the burials sorted by last name is now available on Webster Township's website at www.woodcountytownships.com/webster.

A new informational kiosk can be found at the entrance of the cemetery. This kiosk was funded in part by a \$2,500 grant from the Ohio Department of Commerce. A large map of both sides of the driveway will be posted as well as the cemetery rules and other relevant information. A printed index of burials and a list of available graves are available now on the side of kiosk and can be referenced while you peruse the grounds. Please return these lists to the kiosk before you leave the cemetery so others can use them as well. The Trustees hope the database and kiosk will make finding the resting place of a loved one much easier and will ensure even those with illegible gravestones are not forgotten.

Upcoming Events

On December 16, 2023, 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 after which volunteers will disperse to all the cemeteries where they will lay a wreath on each veteran's grave. Each wreath is sponsored by a \$17 donation with a "Buy 2, Get 1 Free" promotion available. The Eastwood Key Club and the two local American Legion Posts are collecting sponsorships forms which can also be found on the Eastwood Community Wreaths Across America Facebook page. Visit www.wreathsassamerica.org for more information. When making a donation online, please make sure to select Eastwood Key Club as the Local Sponsorship Group.

The Troy-Webster American Legion Post 240 holds a Memorial Day service with the firing squad every year 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.



Community Clean-Up Day

Webster Township will hold its annual Roadside and Community Clean-Up Day on April 13, 2024 from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Residents are encouraged to take some time to pick up litter along the roadsides and dispose of it at the Webster School property where dumpsters will be provided. This is also great time for residents to do some spring cleaning in and around their houses, barns, and properties and dispose of any trash for free. 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, contact a Trustee. Please take this opportunity to help keep Webster Township a clean community we can all be proud of.

ARPA Revenue

Webster Township received \$139,980 from the American Rescue Plan Act in 2021 and 2022. The township used \$9,259 to purchase six picnic tables for the shelter house and has allocated up to \$129,000 towards the purchase of a new Volvo truck. The remaining funds must be allocated by the end of 2024 and must be spent by the end of 2026.



The new shelter house with picnic tables

Election Day

Election Day is Tuesday, November 7, 2023. The 3.1 mill fire and EMS levy is on the ballot for renewal. Trustee Mark Bushman and Fiscal Officer Julie Foos are up for reelection. Voting in person will take place at the American Legion Hall in Pemberville. 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, view the issues, apply for an absentee ballot, or see election results.

GovDeals Auction

In the next few weeks, Webster Township will be auctioning off various items on GovDeals.com. Look for printers, two fuel tanks, miscellaneous road signs and posts, plow lights, chain link fencing and posts, plastic playground barriers, and the merry-go-round that used to be at the Webster School playground.

Township Budget

Webster Township receives revenue from property taxes, gas tax distributions, local government distributions, vehicle registrations, hall rentals, sales of cemetery plots, athletic field reservations, zoning permits, and interest. Not including the ARPA revenue which was a one-time occurrence, the township received \$523,000 in 2022 in revenue. Webster Township tries to supplement its revenue with grants, and received \$38,120 from grants in 2022 alone.

Webster School Property

More Improvements

A new shelter house was constructed next to the playground thanks in part to a grant received from the Wood County Park District in the amount of \$8,954. Six picnic tables have been installed in the shelter house and can be used for outdoor gatherings or for a place to sit and watch the softball games. The shelter house will be available on a first come first serve basis. New trash cans have been placed around the property in an effort to keep the area litter-free. The Wood County Park District also funded two benches placed around the playground. In addition, North Branch Nursery donated a few trees which will provide some much needed shade in the future.

Softball Fields

Velocity, a Bowling Green based softball organization, continues to invest in the property as they utilized both ball diamonds throughout the spring, summer, and fall seasons. During the softball seasons, Velocity has multiple practices and/or games scheduled on the diamonds nearly every day. Velocity installed new aluminum bleachers, repainted the inside of the concession stand, erected new outfield fencing, and is working on enclosing and improving the dugouts. 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.

What's Next?

Webster Township is always looking for opportunities to make the Webster School property more of an asset to the community. The township is currently working on securing funding for a paved path around the perimeter of the property. This path will make the ball diamonds and concession stand much more accessible and will provide a great place for anyone in the community to walk or bike. If anyone has ideas of ways to better utilize this property, please contact a Trustee or attend the special township meeting on November 27, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

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, 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.

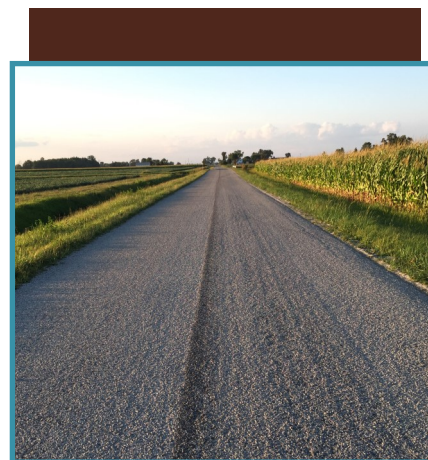
Zoning Boards

The Zoning Commission has five members and one alternate and has been meeting to work on updating the Zoning Resolution. The 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. The BZA may approve an appeal if a hardship is found. If anyone is interested in serving on either board, please contact a township official. Each member serves a five year term.

Work in the Right-of-Way Permit

In 2023, the Trustees approved a new work in the right-of-way permit. This permit is for new driveways, utility work, storm taps, or other projects that connect to the township's infrastructure so the Trustees know who to contact in case of damage to the road or the right-of-way. Contact David Welling for more information.

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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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