

Wayne's Flames

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Wayne Township Fire Department Receives Grants to buy Equipment

NEW EQUIPMENT

Throughout 2022, the Wayne Township Fire Department received multiple grants to buy additional equipment. This equipment is a great addition to better serve our residents and community. With this equipment we can properly provide emergency services to our taxpayers, community, and surrounding jurisdictions.

This equipment can be extremely technical and require a high skill level. Many hours of training have been conducted and completed by members of the Department to properly perform these rigorous tasks.

Our specialized equipment inventory consists of:

- Ice Water Rescue Equipment
- Grain Bin Rescue Equipment
- Technical Vehicle Extrication Equipment

WE ARE VERY THANKFUL TO HAVE RECEIVED THESE GRANTS AND LOOK FORWARD BEING ABLE TO PUT OUR NEW EQUIPMENT TO USE!



ANNUAL INSPECTIONS

Starting in 2023 all Wayne Township businesses falling under the state of Ohio Fire Code will have an annual Fire Inspection scheduled by Wayne Township Fire Inspectors. All Wayne Township businesses will be required to follow the Ohio fire Code.

For questions or concerns please contact Lieutenant Dominic Bruno by calling 513-217-0555 or by email at dbruno@waynetownship.net

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TRUSTEE MEETINGS

The Wayne Township Trustees regular meeting dates are the 3rd Monday of each month. All meetings are at 7 p.m. and are held at the Township Hall. Every meeting is open and all township residents are encouraged to attend.

TRUSTEEREPORT

By Bill Jones, Trustee

HELLO ALL AND WELCOME TO THE WAYNE TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER.

It is the very beginning of spring while writing this so one of the important things for all property owners is to check your lands for the POISON HEMLOCK plant. I personally know little about this plant but apparently it is very harmful to humans and needs to be sprayed. If you don't know what this looks like, it is easy to look up through google.

We have had changes of positions in the township. Daniel Hoit has accepted a position elsewhere leaving our zoning position open. Through many discussions, it has been decided that fiscal officer Laura Daley will not only carry out her duties as the elected fiscal officer but now she will be doing our zoning as well. This will be a better arrangement for the township for people wanting to get in touch with our zoning official. Now, we have a new number for calling the township office at 513-217-7317. Also, we have installed a "Ring" doorbell at the township building so if Laura is not there, ring the doorbell and she can talk directly to you through the doorbell system. As a last resort, you can call Laura's cell number, 513-783-3126. All of this has been done to have better communication when our residents need help or information. Welcome to Laura in a new capacity.

We are working on a fire tax levy for November. I know, not good news but here is why. We have received complaints in person and in some of our meetings with the time it takes to respond to life squad calls. This is not only a problem for Wayne Township but all over Butler County and the U.S. in general. The trustees asked the fire department what needs to be done to do our best to make sure we have personnel in place when a medical emergency happens, so we don't have our current problem of, at times, not being able to get a crew. We are making this as a proposal to our citizens, not a threat of pulling services, but if something isn't done soon, it is possible we may lose people to other agencies or God forbid, someone needs us, and we are unable to respond. We will have more information on this in the coming months with the financials, etc. Please watch our meeting agendas to see when and where these discussions will be.

After an accident over a year ago, we finally have our life squad back in operation. With the way things are in this world at this time, we had a terrible time getting parts for the squad.

If you all don't know, there is a Wayne Township Facebook Chat where our residents can join and talk about topics. Check it out on Facebook.

Have a great spring and see you in the fall.

TRUSTEEBRIEF

By Ed Truster, Trustee

GREETINGS WAYNE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS.

I would like to take this time to say goodbye to our zoning administrator, Daniel Hoit. Congratulations to Daniel on his new assignment and his future career. Daniel will still be serving Wayne Township as our Wayne Township Fire Captain. We appreciate his service and commitment to our community. With Daniel's departure, we had an opening within our zoning office. This position has been filled with Laura Daley. Laura will not only be serving as our township fiscal officer, but also as our township zoning official.

Laura's office can be reached through her email: fiscalofficer@waynetownship.net or her office phone number: 513-217-7317.

This is a new number since we recently changed phone carriers.

We also have another change in one of our phone numbers.

Our Wayne Township NONemergency firehouse number is now 513-217-0055.

Speaking of changes in phone numbers, there will be a change to the area codes here in Wayne Township beginning April 28, 2023. According to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, the area code 513 will soon run out of available numbers. Now anyone who is assigned a new phone number will be given the new area code 283. At this time there will be no changes to existing numbers.

Spring is here. With spring comes many outdoor activities. Our farmers will be out on our township roads with their equipment along with our township maintenance workers. Please keep everyone safe and use caution when traveling our roads.

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☐ Print - delivered in the mail

How often would you prefer to receive the Wayne Township Newsletter?

☐ Once per year

☐ Twice per year

☐ Four times per year

Which of these accounts do you have currently?

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☐ Mobile Phone

☐ Instagram

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Print and mail survey to:
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TRUSTEEBRIEF

By Tim Taylor, Trustee

HERE WE ARE IN THE SPRING OF 2023. SO MANY CHANGES COMING OUR WAY.

I want to wish the best to Daniel Hoit on his new job as he leaves the township after eight years as a township employee.

We just took delivery of our new tractor and mower. This was much needed and we will be purchasing a new dump truck in the near future to replace our oldest truck of twenty years. We will be selling two tractors, an arm mower and transmission jack. Watch for these items to be listed. We will have this posted on our website and buildings and township meetings when we are ready to sell these items.

I have lived in Wayne Township my entire life. I have six grandchildren that attend Edgewood school district, I have driven a school bus for almost 25 years there also. I feel like we are blessed to live in this township and have such a good school for our community. Our township is run like a business and our schools with all our cost of everything going on.

We have 14 pieces of equipment that use diesel in township maintenance and two squads and four fire trucks that use gas and diesel. Our buildings are run on propane and fuel oil. We have paving prices that have soared due to petroleum based products that are used. I want to thank our fiscal officer that has done a great job appropriate the funds to make the best of the situation.

I have been working on getting Wayne Township tornado sirens. Rodney Creech, the State Representative and EMA director Matt Haverkosi have been helping us to find grants to help purchase the sirens. I know most have cell phones or weather radio's but if a tornado siren saves one life it would be worth it.

I want to end by thanking the EMS and fire department that service our township. I appreciate what they do everyday.



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POISON HEMLOCK AND WILD PARSNIP: CONTROL THEM NOW!

Author: Joe Boggs; Assistant Professor, Ohio State University Extension

Poison hemlock (*Conium maculatum* L.) and wild parsnip (*Pastinaca sativa* L.) are combined in this report because these invasive non-native weeds are increasingly found growing together in Ohio. However, the defense chemicals of these weeds are very different and have vastly different modes of action. This is important to understand relative to management options as well as medical treatments for exposure to these highly dangerous weeds.

Life as a Biennial

Poison hemlock and wild parsnip belong to the so-called carrot family, Apiaceae (= Umbelliferae). They superficially share floral characteristics with other members of the carrot family such as Queen Anne's lace (*Daucus carota*); however, this non-native biennial blooms much later in the season.

Poison hemlock has a biennial life cycle. The first year is spent in the "vegetative stage" as a low-growing basal rosette; the stage that is currently very apparent. Plants "bolt" during the second year "reproductive stage" to produce erect multi-branched stems topped with umbrella-like flowers.

Poison Hemlock

Poison hemlock was imported into the U.S. as an ornamental in the late 1800s from Europe, West Asia, and North Africa. Rogue plants remained relatively rare until around 30 years ago. Since that time, poison hemlock has elevated its profile from an uncommon oddity to a common threat.

This non-native is one of the deadliest plants found in North America. It is the plant used to kill Socrates as well as the Greek statesmen Theramenes and Phocion. Poison hemlock plants contain highly toxic piperidine alkaloid compounds, including coniine and gamma-coniceine, which cause respiratory failure and death in mammals.

All parts of the plant are poisonous: leaves, stems, seeds, and roots. However, the toxins must be ingested or enter through the eyes or nasal passages to induce poisoning. **The toxins do not cause skin rashes or blistering.** Regardless, this plant should not be handled because sap on the skin can be

Wild parsnip is also reported to have a biennial life cycle. However, it may occasionally behave as a monocarpic perennial spending more than a year in the vegetative stage before flowering once and then dying.

Mature poison hemlock plants can measure 6–10 ft. tall. Mature wild parsnip plants are shorter in stature but still impressive at up to 4–5 ft. tall. Both are prolific seed producers with seeds remaining viable for 4–6 years for poison hemlock and around 4 years for wild parsnip



rubbed into the eyes or accidentally ingested while handling food. Immediate emergency medical attention should be sought if an accidental poisoning from this plant is suspected.

All stages of the poison hemlock plant have bluish-green leaves that are 3-4 times pinnately compound. The deeply cut **parsley-like leaflets** have sharp points. Flowering plants have hairless, light-green to bluish-green stems that are covered with obvious purplish blotches; *Maculatum* means 'spotted'. Clusters of tiny white flowers are borne on structures called umbels that look like upside-down umbrellas.

Management

Unfortunately, poison hemlock and wild parsnip are becoming more common throughout Ohio and many other states in the upper Midwest as well as states in the eastern U.S. Worse, owing to the lack of awareness (e.g., identification) or poor management practices, or both, these dangerous non-native weeds are increasingly being found growing in close proximity to people which increases their risks to human health.

Additionally, it is not unusual to find poison hemlock and wild parsnip growing together which can create misinterpretations of exposure symptomatology. This may account for some online resources incorrectly attributing skin blistering to contact with poison hemlock.

Mechanical management of poison hemlock can be used if it is certain that no wild parsnip is lurking within the poison hemlock. Still, personal protection equipment is strongly recommended particularly eye protection, gloves, and clothing to cover arms and legs to prevent sap from entering through the eyes or skin wounds. Hand-pulling and tilling are effective options if the area is immediately over seeded with grasses or other competitive plants to help suppress poison hemlock re-establishment from seeds germinating this fall.

Mowing can also be used; however, given that a sizable percentage of the current low-growing rosettes may escape the blade, it's best to delay mowing to target bolting plants. String trimmers are also effective but present an even greater risk of flinging sap compared to mowing. All mechanical control options should be applied **before plants begin to flower!** Waiting until after plants flower, or worse after seeds are produced, can increase an infestation by removing canopy competition.

Given the extreme risk of phytophotodermatitis from wild parsnip sap, mechanical control is problematic. Hand-pulling is a high-risk endeavor and not recommended. Likewise, tilling could release a huge amount of harmful sap. There have been reports of sap spattered by mowers and string trimmers producing phytophotodermatitis on exposed arms and legs of equipment operators.

The safest approach to controlling this invasive weed as well as poison hemlock is to use herbicides. Of course, as always, **read and follow label directions** paying close attention to application sites, recommended rates, warnings against making applications close to desired plants (e.g. trees) or near water, and whether surfactants are recommended to enhance herbicide efficacy.



Both poison hemlock and wild parsnip are susceptible to several selective and non-selective post emergent herbicides. However, keep in mind that non-selective herbicides such as glyphosate (e.g. Roundup) can also illuminate plants that compete with these weeds. Herbicidal openings produced by non-selective herbicides provide perfect opportunities for more wild parsnip and poison hemlock to spring forth from previously deposited seed. Thus, it's important to have a plan for establishing competitive plants such as over-seeding with grasses.

Selective post-emergent herbicides will preserve competitive plants. Herbicides effective against wild parsnip and poison hemlock include clopyralid (e.g. Transline), triclopyr (e.g. Pathfinder II), metsulfuron (e.g. Escort XP), and combination products such as 2,4-D + triclopyr (e.g. Crossbow), or 2,4-D + mecoprop + dichlorprop (e.g. Triamine). Applications made now and before plants start to flower can significantly reduce infestations of both wild parsnip and poison hemlock.

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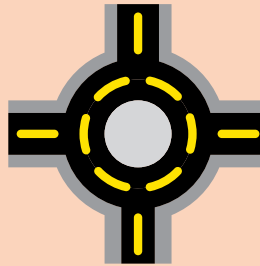
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APPROACHING & ENTERING A ROUNDABOUT

1. SLOW DOWN and be prepared to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk.
2. READ THE SIGNS & MARKINGS. CHOOSE the correct lane BEFORE entering the roundabout.
3. Pull up to Yield Line, LOOK TO THE LEFT & CHECK FOR APPROACHING TRAFFIC within the roundabout. CIRCULATING TRAFFIC HAS THE RIGHT-OF-WAY.
4. ENTER THE ROUNDABOUT when there is an adequate gap in traffic.



EXITING A ROUNDABOUT

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2. Obey the signs, & STAY IN YOUR LANE to your exit. Never change lanes within a roundabout. (Keep left to turn left through the roundabout, & keep right to turn right.)

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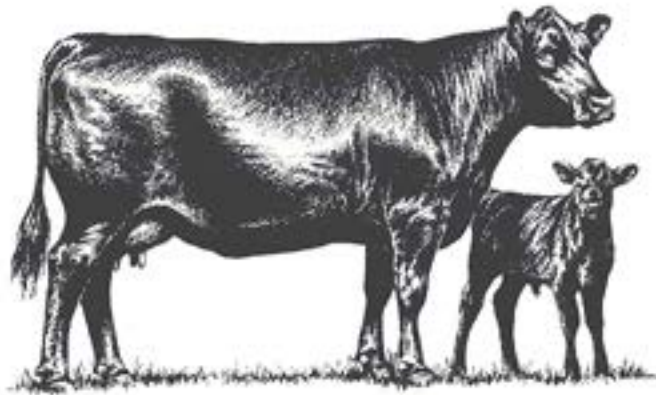
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