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Sometimes it takes a tragedy to increase our own awareness on certain topics. It is important for our community to know and understand the importance of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) as a life saving technique.

Cardiac arrest happens when there is the stoppage of a person’s heart. When this occurs, all blood flow is stopped and brain damage can occur in as little as 4 minutes. Most victims of sudden cardiac arrest appear healthy and have no known heart disease or any risk factors as indicators that this may happen. Sadly, there are approximately 383,000 cardiac arrests that occur out-of-hospital of which 88% occur at home. Statistics show that 70% of people in the presence of a cardiac arrest victim feel helpless because they do not know how to perform CPR. When CPR is performed, immediately after a person suffers from cardiac arrest, their survival chances are improved 2-3 times as compared with the victim who receives no CPR.

Cardiac arrest is not the same as a heart attack, which occurs when blood flow to the heart is blocked. You use CPR to revive someone who has stopped breathing or whose heartbeat has stopped (cardiac arrest). Not everyone who has a heart attack needs CPR because not all heart attacks cause the heart to stop beating.

The City of Northwood Fire Department offers CPR classes to individuals, groups, and businesses who request a class. There are no age requirements and the class can be taught to anyone who can perform the chest compressions. During a CPR class, you will learn the risk factors for heart disease, signs and symptoms of a heart attack, how to recognize cardiac arrest and how to perform CPR. The classes, which typically last 2-4 hours can be taught at the Fire Station, or with groups, they can be given at your location.

For additional information about our First Aid/CPR Programs or to schedule a course, please contact Lt. Jeremy Beckman at jbeckman@northwoodfire.com.
NOXIOUS WEEDS OR GRASS

In accordance with Northwood Codified Ordinances, Section 674, no owner of property, lessee, agent or tenant of land within the corporate limits of the City of Northwood, Wood County, Ohio, shall permit noxious weeds or grass to grow that are about to spread or mature seeds, or which are eight inches or more in height. All noxious weeds or grass which are eight inches or more in height shall be cut and destroyed.

Failure to comply will result in the performance of this work by the City of Northwood with owners of the property affected being billed for the costs. The rate will be a minimum of $125.00 per hour; if over one hour of time is involved, $125.00 for each additional hour. If said billing is not paid, such expense will be assessed upon the property and made a lien thereon, and will be collected in the manner provided by law.

SPRING BRUSH PICK UP

The City of Northwood Streets Department will conduct a SPRING BRUSH PICKUP beginning on April 24, 2017.

Brush pickup is for any routine yard maintenance or tree trimmings done by the homeowner.

The program is NOT intended as a means for homeowners to dispose of entire trees.

ZONING PERMITS

Are you planning a spring or summer project for your home? Maybe adding a pool or fence; maybe adding a shed in your back yard? Many outside improvements require a zoning permit through the Planning and Zoning Department.

Please visit http://www.ci.northwood.oh.us/ and under Department you can access the Zoning page for more details and/or call Kimberly Vaculik at 419.693.9329.

As road construction season picks up there will be many individuals working on various projects. Please drive with extra caution in work zones, for your own safety and for the safety of the workers. Please also drive cautiously if you see our Maintenance Department crews picking up brush. The City of Northwood trucks are blue and our crews wear neon green reflective gear. Here are some safety tips to remember:

- Be cautious and alert. When you see the orange signs, cones, barrels or message boards in the work zones, pay attention.
- Reduce your speed and watch for workers, machinery and adverse conditions while in a work zone.
- Pay attention to flaggers in orange vests directing traffic.
- Keep a safe distance between your vehicle and traffic barriers, workers, equipment and other vehicles.
A Note from the Northwood Chief of Police, Thomas S. Cairl:

An approved Proclamation was put before the Mayor to recognize the Public Safety Telecommunicators who serve the citizens of the City of Northwood daily in countless ways. The work of these “unseen first responders” is invaluable in emergency situations, and each of these dedicated men and women deserves our heartfelt appreciation. We call upon our citizens to observe the week of April 9th through April 15th, 2017 as “NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK”, with appropriate appreciation and support for these outstanding individuals in making our hometown and our homeland safer every day.

An approved Proclamation was put before the Mayor to recognize the members of the law enforcement agency of Northwood for their essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of Northwood. We call upon our citizens and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organization to observe the week of May 15th through May 21st 2017 as “NATIONAL POLICE WEEK”, with appropriate ceremonies in which all our people may join in commemorating police officers past and present, who by their faithful and loyal dedication to their responsibilities have rendered a dedicated service. We call upon our citizens of Northwood to observe Monday, May 15th 2017 as “NATIONAL POLICE OFFICIERS MEMORIAL DAY” in honor of the Police Officers who through courageous deed, have lost their lives or have become disabled in the performance of duty.

THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD & NORTHWOOD SCHOOLS PRESENT

Safety Town

JUNE 5 - 8, 2017 AT FIRE STATION 83, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM DAILY

Children ages 4 & 5 will enjoy four days of safety sessions, consisting of railroad safety, poison control, weather safety, fire trucks, ambulances, child IDs, car seat technician, school bus, police cars & more. Lunch will be provided.

ALL EVENT INFORMATION, LUNCH OPTIONS & REGISTRATION CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT EVENTBRITE.COM. PLEASE REGISTER YOUR CHILD BY MAY 15TH.

REGISTER AT EVENTBRITE.COM QUESTIONS? SAFETYTOWN@NORTHWOODPOLICE.COM
A Note from the Chief of the Northwood Fire Department,
Joel Whitmore:


As a volunteer fire department we rely on the dedication of our residents to provide life-saving fire and emergency medical services to the community. We are always looking for people to fill the role of a firefighter. Most people are unaware that even though we are called volunteers, we are compensated for our time during emergency responses and while in training. Our current firefighters are a mix of members who were drawn into the fire service at a young age and have taken their training and experience gained to become career fire and EMS professionals elsewhere but still serve Northwood on their days off. Other members have employment in a field other than the fire service but do this as a very rewarding part-time job.

If you are interested in a new challenge, come and check us out. You can stop at one of our training sessions or sign-up to do a ride-along with us. For more information, call us at 419 690-1647 or via e-mail at firechief@ci.northwood.oh.us. You can also visit our website at www.northwoodfire.com.

NEW ENGINE DEDICATION

On Saturday April 1, 2017 the fire department had a dedication ceremony to place into service a brand new fire engine. This apparatus replaces a 1989 truck that served the city well. The new engine is housed at Fire Station #83 on Tracy Road. The event included a flag raising ceremony by VFW Post 2984 and a performance by the Black Swamp Pipes and Drums.

This dedication, also referred to a wet down and push in, is a fire house tradition dating back several centuries. This tradition stems from the horse drawn pumper days when the horses were washed down after the run and returned to their stalls after the call. The firefighters would also wash down the horse-drawn equipment and push it back into the station. Our wet down consisted of Mayor Ed Schimmel, City Administrator Bob Anderson and retired fire department members Dale Miekis, Tom Pack, Paul Everhardt and Pat Caligiuri dousing the engine with buckets of water followed by current fire department members, family and friends pushing the truck into the station.
Northwood Court

6000 Wales Road ~ Northwood, Ohio 43619
(419) 693-9325 ~ (419) 697-3296 (Fax)
www.northwoodcourt.com

C. Drew Griffith, Magistrate
Laura Schroeder, Clerk of Court
Rose Chambers, Deputy Clerk
Brian Ballenger, Prosecutor

Northwood Court hears both criminal and traffic misdemeanor cases. Court sessions are held once per week on Thursdays, at 2:00 p.m. Pre-trials are scheduled twice per month with our Prosecutor and heard along with the regular docket.

In the unfortunate event of receiving a citation, online payments can be made on the courts website at: www.northwoodcourt.com.

You may contact the court Monday—Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The City of Northwood Tax Office is located in the Municipal Building at 6000 Wales Road, Northwood, Ohio 43619. Our Office hours are Monday– Friday 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

To make your tax payments online, please visit:

www.officialpayments.com/pc_template_standard.jsp?body=pc_step2_amount_body.jsp

for fast, easy, and secure processing.

Forms are available on our website, http://www.ci.northwood.oh.us/ and clicking on Departments and clicking on Tax in the drop down menu provided. On the left side of the page you will see a menu for Forms & Reports, as well as other useful information for your tax needs. If you have any questions, please call the Tax Department at 419-693-9326.

Please remember the IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text messages or social media channels to request personal or financial information. In addition, IRS does not threaten taxpayers with lawsuits, imprisonment or other enforcement action. Recognizing these tell-tale signs of a phishing or tax scam could save you from becoming a victim.
The State of Ohio has released a 2017-2018 Budget forecast, in which it proposes centralized collection of net profit tax on the income of a non-individual. This centralized collection would affect 16.73% of the total revenue of the City of Northwood, a city that is supportive of creating a business-friendly environment, with a top-priority in attracting and maintaining businesses within the corporate limits. Our efforts have been successful in adding over 1,500 jobs and millions of dollars of new investments from January 2015 through December 2016.

The City of Northwood is opposed to the encroachment upon the City of Northwood’s rights of local self-government conferred by the Ohio Constitution. We feel that the State of Ohio should partner with successful communities such as Northwood in growing the economy and access to high-paying jobs rather than taking local revenue to grow State government.

The City of Northwood is strongly opposed to revisions on municipal tax collection that decreases local control and flexibility while increasing the size of an overreaching centralized State government at the expense of local government, as well as revisions, reversed compromises and broken promises made by the State, such as the Local Government Fund, financially harming the City of Northwood and other local governments resulting in local tax increases.

This matter was brought to City Council on March 23, 2017 where a motion was passed to oppose this proposed budget for 2017-2018 and a resolution has been sent to the Governor of the State of Ohio, adopted by the Council of the City of Northwood on March 23, 2017.
ARE YOU A VETERAN LIVING IN WOOD COUNTY?

The Veterans Assistance Center wants to ensure you are registered with their office to make sure you are receiving all the benefits you are entitled to receive. Contact their office to learn more 419-354-9147.

The Ohio State University Extension Office strives to provide current, up-to-date information on agriculture and natural resources, family and consumer sciences, community development, horticulture and 4-H youth development. The Extension Office is a cooperative effort of the Ohio State University, the Wood County Commissioners and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

For More information visit: https://wood.osu.edu/

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT WOOD COUNTY COMMITTEE ON AGING?

The Wood County Committee on Aging has provided seniors throughout Wood County with the resources they need to maintain their independence and enjoy this season of life.

The Wood County Committee on Aging provides lunch options with suggested donation amounts, as well as dinner options with an RSVP required. Beyond these services, the WCCOA provides many other services, such as Home delivered meals for homebound seniors, Medical transportation, Mon– Fri, Caregiver information and education, Loans of durable medical equipment, walkers, canes crutches, etc. , screening clinics, application assistances for several programs, including Golden Buckeye Card Applications. WCCOA also has programs available to seniors throughout Wood County. To learn more about what the WCCOA has to offer, call 1-800-367-4935 or visit their website at, www.wccoa.net.
APRIL is Child Abuse and Prevention Month.

The City of Northwood has 80 pinwheels on display in Central Park, located on Oram behind the Municipal Bldg., to represent the number of investigations that were conducted by Wood County Children’s Services in Northwood last year, courtesy of Wood County Children’s Services.

City of Northwood Residents, we will be having a public information forum to discuss housing grants and incentives within the City of Northwood for our residents.

This will be held on:
Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., Municipal Building in Council Chambers, 6000 Wales Road, Northwood, OH 43619.

We encourage the Public to attend!

Josie Reinhart Community Room
6000 Wales Rd., Northwood, OH 43619
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 26, 2017
Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Wednesday, June 28, 2017
Wednesday, July 26, 2017
Wednesday, August 30, 2017

Northwood Food Distribution

811 was created to help protect you from unintentionally hitting underground utility lines while working on digging projects. Every digging job requires a call—even small projects like planting trees and shrubs. If you hit an underground utility line while digging, you can harm yourself or those around you, disrupt service to an entire neighborhood and potentially be responsible for fines and repair costs. Don’t assume you know what’s below. Protect yourself and those around you—Call 811 every time.

City of Northwood Residents, have you been to the NEWLY remodeled Wood County District Library Branch in Walbridge, Ohio? It is open for business, Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m. and Friday—Saturday 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. It is closed on Sundays. Located at 108 North Main Street, the newly expanded branch has a dedicated meeting room with a catering kitchen, and wide-screen, internet-connected monitors; expanded computer stations, and an Owl’s Nest tree in the children’s area to name a few new features. Check them out online for their calendar of events!

Wcdpl.org/WalbridgeLibrary

Don’t forget to LIKE our Facebook page @cityofnorthwood
for more information and updates about what’s going on in the City!
Happy Easter Northwood!

Saturday, April 22 12:00p—6p Spaghetti Dinner
at Fire Station #83 held by the Wood Co. Police Honor Guard.

Sunday, May 21st 12:00p—5p Chicken Paprikas Dinner
held by the V.F.D. Ladies Auxiliary.

Thursday, June 1—3, 2017 Rummage Sale
held by the V.F.D. Ladies Auxiliary.

Tuesday, June 5—June 8th 9:00a-12:00p The City of Northwood presents Safety Town 2017
will take place at Station #83.

Saturday, June 10th at 9:00p The City of Northwood will be having a MOVIE in the PARK NIGHT
At Central Park on Oram Dr. The Movie will be THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS.

Saturday, July 22 6:00p—10:00 p The City of Northwood will be having a MUSIC NIGHT
outside of the pavilion area of the Northwood VFW Post 2984 at 102 E. Andrus Rd.

Saturday, August 5th at 8:45p The City of Northwood will be having a MOVIE in the PARK NIGHT
At Brentwood Park. The Movie will be MOANA.
Spring Fire Safety Tips

Inside the Home:
- Check and clean your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Check your fire extinguishers
- Check for overloaded or damaged extension cords
- Prepare for storm related outages (make sure your flashlights and portable radios have batteries and that other supplies, such as bottled water, are stocked and available.)
- Practice exit drills with your family so everyone knows what to do in case of an emergency.
- Have a safe meeting place somewhere outside of your home in case of a fire.

Outside and Around the Yard:
- Make sure your address numbers are up and visible from the street
- Clean up yard debris. Cut back dead limbs and grasses
- Maintain a clear ‘fire zone’ of 10’ around structures
- Check outdoor electrical outlets and other electrical appliances
- Get your grill cleaned and serviced. Check all propane tanks and lines for leaks and damage
- Keep 100’ of garden hose with an attached nozzle connected and ready to use

Contact the Northwood Fire Department at 419-690-1647 or firechief@ci.northwood.oh.us for a few home safety assessments.
This includes the installation of a carbon monoxide detector and smoke detectors.