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Street Resurfacing Project

Here is a general guide telling what to expect when a street is resurfaced:

Everyone, especially children and pets, should stay clear of the work area. About one week before the resurfacing, the project's contractor will deliver a letter to area residents describing the project and include contact information. Residential paving in Wapakoneta is done during the daytime, generally between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Step 1 of actual resurfacing: Milling, typically, the first step of the resurfacing process is milling or grinding away the old surface. On-street parking will be prohibited during this work. Vehicles will still have access in and out of driveways. One to seven days after milling, paving unless delayed by weather, the paving will occur within a few days of the milling. Paving is done in the following steps: Application of a sticky layer called the tack coat, which helps the asphalt adhere to the roadway. Avoid driving or walking on tack coat. Next, a new layer of asphalt is laid down on the pavement with paving machines. Rollers will follow the paving equipment. Resurfaced street can be driven on as soon as construction crews re-open the street. After the paving some work may remain. This can include application of pavement markings, cleanup and replanting grass if needed. Be safe around resurfacing projects. Slow down when driving through or near any road construction site. Be alert for construction workers and law enforcement officers. The milled street before the new layer of asphalt is applied will have a rough surface. Drivers, cyclists and pedestrians should use caution, especially near protruding manhole covers. A list of the streets to grind and pave are as follows:

W. Auglaize Street
Phillips Drive
S. Blackhoof Street
Logan Street (Pearl to Vine)

Eastown Drive
Magnolia Street
Court Street (Benton to Washington)
Park Drive

City Volunteer Opportunities

The City of Wapakoneta is seeking individuals who are interested in serving on any of the city's various standing commissions, committees, and boards. Interested individuals may contact city offices or members of council to find out more about current available openings.



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Recycling Available

All residents are invited to use the recycling containers located at 110 East Harrison Street. Items you may recycle here include cardboard, mixed plastic, mixed paper, glass containers, tin, and aluminum. Please remember to rinse all food containers.



A Message from the Police Chief:

Law Enforcement is both a difficult and dangerous profession. Officers must constantly be aware of not only the safety of the citizens they are dedicated to protect, but of their own safety, too. Procedures may appear unnecessary, however, even the most routine traffic stop can be potentially dangerous. By understanding what is going to happen and what will be expected ahead of time may eliminate possible misunderstandings. This guide offers common sense advice on handling a basic traffic stop which can help ensure the officer's safety and your own. Procedures may vary, however, if you are driving and see the flashing lights of a law enforcement vehicle in the rearview mirror, follow these guidelines:

1. Pull over to the right side of the roadway and position your vehicle as far out of the lane of traffic as possible.
2. Turn off your engine and any other device (radio, etc.). Roll down your driver's window and any tinted windows. Keep your seatbelt on. If it is dark, turn on the interior lights and your hazard flashers.
3. Stay calm & ask passengers to remain quiet and calm, too. As the officer approaches, put your hands in plain view preferably on the steering wheel or in plain sight. Stay seated & inside the vehicle unless you are asked to get out. Make all movements slowly. The officer is watching carefully to make sure a weapon is not being drawn or something is being hidden.
4. Ask for identification if an officer is not in uniform or if the patrol vehicle is unmarked.
5. Usually, you will be asked for your valid driver's license & proof of registration and insurance. You do not have to have to be told why you were pulled over before you comply. When you do move, say that you are going to then move slowly. Put your hands back on the wheel while the officer checks your license and vehicle status.
6. Answer questions politely and honestly but be brief. Remain calm and respectful. Let the officer know if you are carrying a weapon and if you have a legal permit.
7. Follow the officer's directions concerning getting out of the vehicle; suspicion of alcohol use; possession of illegal objects; or safety violations. Do not resist a pat down.
8. Be polite and do not argue if you are given a ticket. The matter can be contested later in court. The citation may show the date and location of the court date, if not call our local department.
9. Don't be surprised if other patrol vehicles appear. Remember, your interaction may be recorded for everyone's safety.