

## Recovery Continues...



**WE EXTEND OUR THANKS AND GRATITUDE TO OUR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK THIS PAST YEAR IN THE REBUILDING OF OUR COMMUNITY!!!**



## Welcome Home!



## *From the desk of Mayor Gary W. Manier*

We continue to pray for our residents and for our recovery.

We are so thankful for so many and want to extend our thanks to the following for all their work early on and for the work that continues today:

- ◆ The men and women of the Washington Police Department and Fire Department including Dispatchers and Administrative personnel;
- ◆ City Administrator Tim Gleason and City Staff;
- ◆ The Chamber of Commerce for handling business recovery;
- ◆ The Rotary Club and all our civic organizations;
- ◆ Bethany Community Church for handling volunteers throughout the year;
- ◆ The local news media and Chicago news media who continue to tell our story which continues to bring volunteers to our area; and
- ◆ For all who have volunteered - we will never forget those who came to our rescue and aid!



A special thanks to the Washington Ministerial Association for all their work in preparing a very memorable One-Year Remembrance service!

Lada and I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year ~ we are looking forward to great things in Washington in 2015!

*Together we can...together we will!*



GOD BLESS WASHINGTON,

*Gary W. Manier*

Gary W. Manier  
Mayor



# Washington Stronger!

# Thank You...Thank You...Thank You!

In appreciation for all their service to our community I would like to thank and recognize all the elected officials and City employees for not only their outstanding work this past year in the recovery process but for all the work they do each and every day to help our residents and our community!

*Stacy W. Warner*

- ◆ Robert Abel
- ◆ Jessica Adolphson
- ◆ Joshua Albee
- ◆ Ed Andrews
- ◆ Paula Arnold
- ◆ Lyle Baele
- ◆ Charlie Baker
- ◆ Todd Baker
- ◆ Joanie Baxter
- ◆ Zach Bean
- ◆ Mike Biggs
- ◆ Jordan Bond
- ◆ Michael Boyer
- ◆ Scott Bradbury
- ◆ Steve Brandt
- ◆ Ron Brinker
- ◆ Pat Brown
- ◆ Mike Brownfield
- ◆ Bob Brucks
- ◆ Nathan Burchette
- ◆ Tony Burgard
- ◆ Brian Butler
- ◆ Justin Casey
- ◆ Jacob Cernek
- ◆ Gene Dakin
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- ◆ Don Dingleline
- ◆ Ellen Dingleline
- ◆ Dianne Durr
- ◆ Mark Feeney
- ◆ Austin Fischer
- ◆ Dan Foster
- ◆ Ross Fuller
- ◆ Jim Fussner
- ◆ Tyler Gee
- ◆ Jim Gee
- ◆ Tim Gleason
- ◆ Jeanette Glueck
- ◆ Greg Gordon
- ◆ Zach Green
- ◆ Ryan Grossman
- ◆ Megan Gschwind
- ◆ Buck Hagey
- ◆ Debora Haines
- ◆ Jamie Hellinga
- ◆ Kent Henderson
- ◆ Greg Hines
- ◆ Steve Hinken
- ◆ Becky Holmes
- ◆ Kirk Hoog
- ◆ Craig Humphreys
- ◆ Ryan Hunsinger
- ◆ Rick Janes
- ◆ Joshua Jeffries
- ◆ Wally King
- ◆ Ken Klekamp
- ◆ Jeff Klinke
- ◆ Becky Kumer
- ◆ Ted Lott
- ◆ Tony Maggio
- ◆ Brad Marshall
- ◆ Dannielle McAllister
- ◆ Jason McCombs
- ◆ Matt McCormick
- ◆ Cara McGowan
- ◆ Carol Moss
- ◆ Carl Muller
- ◆ Jon Oliphant
- ◆ Frank Parod
- ◆ Greg Patterson
- ◆ Moriah Peterson
- ◆ Heather Powell
- ◆ Brad Powers
- ◆ Tim Randall
- ◆ Cory Reneau
- ◆ Kyle Richard
- ◆ Mike Rogers
- ◆ Josiah Rose
- ◆ Gene Schneider
- ◆ Kevin Schone
- ◆ Brian Simpson
- ◆ Keegan Smith
- ◆ Steve Smith
- ◆ Jean Snoko
- ◆ Dave Stark
- ◆ Jeff Stevens
- ◆ Jennifer Stone
- ◆ Linda Storer
- ◆ Derek Thomas
- ◆ Don Volk
- ◆ Jill Webb
- ◆ Troi Westbrook
- ◆ Mary Westerfield
- ◆ Tyler Willi
- ◆ Laina Winkler
- ◆ James Wireman

~ In memory of former Public Services Supervisor Troy Pfeifer who passed away suddenly this past fall ~

# Your commitment to the citizens of Washington is to be commended!

## DOES YOUR HOME HAVE A BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE?

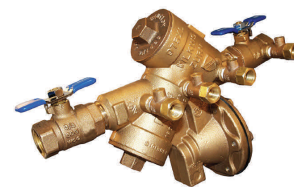
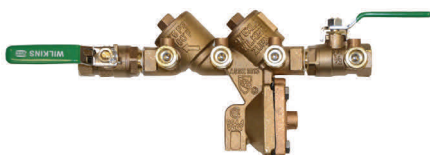
Please notice the survey form inserted in your newsletter. Every two years, the Illinois EPA requires public water systems to conduct a Cross-Connection Control Device (CCCD) survey. This can be done by mailer or an in-person survey.

The City already maintains an inventory of residential devices and chances are that if you have one, you receive annual reminder letters to have that device tested. We have also worked to track tornado impacted homes that had such devices; suspending their testing notices while the water was shutoff and helping to insure they are brought back online with the appropriate certifications.

The most common device in a residential setting would be a Reduced Pressure Zone or “RPZ” unit. In nearly all cases, an in-ground lawn irrigation system would require and have such a device. (**Note: a simple garden hose does not have such a requirement since they are considered temporary connections.**)

So why the survey? It is possible for a homeowner to complete a do-it-yourself installation without realizing the requirements for backflow prevention. Of the City’s 4816 residential accounts, nearly 60% have dual meters for water only billing.

Please take a quick moment to complete the survey to see if you have (or need) such a device in your home. We are not seeking to penalize anyone who might not be in compliance and will work with you to help insure the safety of all of our drinking water. A few various models of RPZ follow:



If you are uncertain as to whether you have an RPZ device installed on your lawn irrigation system, please contact Cara McGowan at Washington City Hall at 444-1121 or [cmcgowan@ci.washington.il.us](mailto:cmcgowan@ci.washington.il.us). The City maintains a list of regional licensed plumbers that have the additional Cross-Connection Control Device Inspectors (CCCDI) certification to assist in gaining compliance.

### References:

77 Ill. Adm. Code 890 Backflow Prevention Devices  
225 ILCS 320 Illinois Plumbing License Law



## WASHINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS. . .

As the year is winding down I wanted to pass along a few thoughts about last year. In January, we hired two new officers (L. Jordan Bond and Troi Westbrook). Officer Bond came to us from Peoria District 150 Police and Officer Westbrook came to us from Colona Police Department and they are settling in well. On October 31<sup>st</sup>, Officer Jim Fussner retired after 27 years of service. Jim was an integral part of the Department and we thank him for his years of service and wish him well in his retirement. Officer Jacob Cernek left in January 2014 for military service in Kuwait, returned to us safe and sound in November, and after spending some time with his family is now back to work. We thank him for his service to our country! Several special events occurred throughout the City this year, including Clydesdale Week, which kept officers very busy and shows our community’s commitment in moving forward from the events of 2013.

I also wanted to put out a few quick reminders to residents now that the Christmas season is upon us: 1) lock your vehicles – the vast majority of car burglaries are from unlocked cars; 2) take your valuables out of your car – if it’s valuable to you, it’s valuable to someone that didn’t pay for it; 3) if you are ordering packages to be delivered, please make certain you will be home to get them or arrange for an alternate drop site (friends, family, work, etc.) – nothing is more tempting to thieves than a package sitting on someone’s doorstep; 4) drive safely – with all the holiday traveling, you need to pay attention not only to your driving habits, but others as well; and 5) always remember to wear your seatbelts, no texting while driving, watch your speed, and please don’t drink and drive.

***Be safe and have a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year!***

Don Volk, Chief of Police, 444-1113, [dvolk@ci.washington.il.us](mailto:dvolk@ci.washington.il.us)

## DEVELOPMENT HAPPENINGS



The rebuilding continues in earnest! Through November, 434 rebuild permits have been issued. Of the homes destroyed by the tornado, 212 have been rebuilt and are occupied. Additionally, 775 total permits for unique addresses have been issued within the impacted neighborhoods. The City Council and staff cannot thank all of the residents enough for their diligence, patience, and perseverance over the last year. Without that, there would not be nearly as much progress made to this point.

Mark your calendars for Trees for Washington, Phase II, which will take place on April 24. More details will be released in February or early March. The first event on November 6 was very successful and allowed some residents to have new trees planted to replace those that may have been damaged or destroyed by the tornado. This second event will also allow homeowners the opportunity to request new trees to be planted on their lots through the generous donations of various organizations. Special thanks to Caterpillar, Trees Forever, Urban Forest Nursery in Mount Vernon, WA, and Living Land & Water for their labor and material contributions.

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## CITY MEETING SCHEDULES 2015

*All meetings are held in the Library meeting room at Five Points Washington, unless otherwise noted.*

- ◆ City Council—first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Standing Committees—Committee of the Whole, second Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m.; Public Safety, second Monday of each month, 5:30 p.m. at City Hall; Finance & Personnel, first Monday of each month, 5:30 p.m. at City Hall; Public Services, third Monday of each month, 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. \*Note—times may vary for Public Services, Public Safety, and Finance & Personnel meetings depending on agenda items.
- ◆ Planning & Zoning Commission—first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

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## CHRISTMAS TREE DROP-OFF SITE



The Tazewell County Health Department will offer a Christmas tree drop-off site at the Washington Park building located at 815 Lincoln Street (near the baseball diamonds) for this season's mulching program. Please remove all lights, ornaments, tinsel and plastic bags before drop-off. Trees can be dropped off between December 26th and January 15th.

Reach us by phone at 444-3196 or Website at [www.ci.washington.il.us](http://www.ci.washington.il.us)

**Mayor**  
Gary Manier

**Aldermen**

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Mike Brownfield, *Ward I*      Brian Butler, *Ward III*  
Carol Moss, *Ward II*      James Gee, Jr., *Ward IV*  
Tyler Gee, *Ward II*      Gene Schneider, *Ward IV*

**City Officials**

Tim Gleason, *City Administrator*  
Pat Brown, *City Clerk*  
Ellen Dingledine, *City Treasurer*

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**CITY OF WASHINGTON, WASHINGTON ILLINOIS**  
**RESIDENTIAL CROSS CONNECTION SURVEY**  
 - City of Washington Water Customers Only -

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address :** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email (Optional):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check the box or boxes that best describe the use of water at your residence:**

- Typical water usage, such as bathrooms, household laundry or dishwashing appliances, and outside water faucets. *(If this is the only usage that applies to your residence, please sign, date, and return.)*
- Private well(s) supplying any part of your residence
- Connected into a chemical or agricultural process
- Connected into an underground lawn sprinkler/irrigation system
- Connected into a fire sprinkler suppression system
- Connected into a swimming pool
- Connected into a boiler
- Yard hydrant
- Home based business *(if checked please describe below)*  
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**Please check the type or types of backflow prevention devices installed on your plumbing system:**

- Residential Dual Check (RDC)
- Double Check Valve (DC)
- Reduced Pressure Zone Device (RP)  
*(please note a (RP) is not a pressure regulator)*
- Pressure Vacuum Breaker Assembly (PVB)
- Spill Resistant Vacuum Breaker Assembly (SVB)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Existing device information is needed if checked above:**

**Manufacturer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Model:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Serial #:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Size:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**On line to:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

If backflow prevention devices are installed on your plumbing, fire protection or lawn irrigation system, they are required by Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to be tested annually and copies of the test reports be maintained on file with the water company. If you do not have current copies of the test reports on file with us, please attach copies to this survey.

**DATE:**

**SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL COMPLETING THE SURVEY:**

**E-mail your completed survey to: [cmcgowan@ci.washington.il.us](mailto:cmcgowan@ci.washington.il.us) or mail to:**

**City of Washington**  
**Attn: Cross Connection Control**  
**301 Walnut Street, Washington, IL 61571**  
**Fax: 309.444.9779 Phone: 309.444.1121**