

OFF ROAD VEHICLE TRAFFIC

We have finally reached our Tipping Point

A Tipping Point is loosely defined as when a situation reaches level where something happens. Such is the case with off-road vehicle operation. Newport Township's residents have many ways of having fun and enjoying Township amenities. One example is the use of off-road vehicles. Our wooded areas and unpaved trails provide hours of recreational opportunity to many who enjoy getting off the beaten path. Unfortunately, as with any program or activity, there are those who take liberties above and beyond what is acceptable. Obviously, common sense should include respect for others within the community. With that as a backdrop, Newport residents are being put on notice that unsafe and illegal operation of off-road vehicles (quads & side by sides) will NOT BE TOLERATED. All Commissioners have heard numerous complaints from residents about inconsiderate and dangerous use of off-road vehicles; therefore, they have tasked our police officers with enhanced monitoring and enforcement of relevant law. Particular emphasis will be given to driving on Township roadways. Violators will be apprehended and ticketed under the newly announced crack down. All operators of off-road vehicles are advised to take this notice seriously... We have reached the tipping Point.

Peter Wanchisen, Township Manager