



ORANGE TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER



Township Hall Park Pond at
S. Old State and Orange Roads

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Trustee Corner

I just want to take a moment to reflect on 2014 and take a look at what is to come. 2014 was a busy year for Orange Township. Trails continue to connect the township, businesses continue to develop, and the township continues to find ways to communicate to the residents.



Walker Wood Park Playground

An addition to the parks system was developed with land donated from the Walker Wood HOA. Additional trails were completed and a pedestrian bridge was erected over US Route 23 ensuring a safe connection of all trails. In an effort to find ways to improve communication and simplify resident's interaction with the township, the ability to purchase yearly season passes online for the aquatic center was implemented and a township Facebook page was created. As the township always strives to find ways to be more efficient, an intergovernmental agreement with the County has allowed the township to find a lower cost solution for IT support.

Orange Township will continue to see new things as we look at 2015 and beyond. Next to the new pedestrian bridge we welcome Mount Carmel who is building a new health and fitness center and Children's Hospital is also looking to build a Close to Home just off of US Route 23. As we see more businesses coming to the area, our

goal is to encourage businesses to stay. The Orange Township Economic Development Advisory Board is working with the County to create a Business Appreciation event.

Traffic continues to be a problem in the area. The county plan to alleviate the congestion at South Old State and Polaris is moving forward and the Home Road realignment will begin. Although the county is responsible for roads like South Old State, Powell, and Lewis Center roads, the township has taken the steps toward improving the intersections of Orange Road/US Route 23 and Lewis Center/Bale Kenyon Roads. For a safer pedestrian commute, the township is working with the railroad to build a safe pedestrian crossing to connect the trail along Orange Road and install better devices to cross Orange Road.

The township understands the importance of community and with an overwhelming attendance at the Movie in the Park last year, the township is going to expand its commitment to community events. Working with local organizations, we hope to add additional dates for Movie in the Park in the summer. In addition to Movie in the Park and Music in the Park, we are looking to add other type of events throughout the year.

To honor our Veterans, the township is looking to build a memorial with donations at the corner of S. Old State and Orange Roads. A contest was held at a local high school and many wonderful designs were submitted. The conceptual design that won was created by an Orange High School student, Amelia Dewey. More information will come on its progress and if you are interested in supporting the memorial, please contact Township Trustee Robert Quigley at 740-548-5430 or email rquigley@orangetwp.org

I have only mentioned a few items and there are many more exciting things going on in your township. If you would like to learn more, please follow us on Facebook, go out to our website at www.orangetwp.org, come to a scheduled trustee meeting, or just give us a call 740-548-5430.



2014 Music in the Park

Thank you
Robert Quigley, Trustee

Calendar of Community Events

The Olentangy Area Senior Citizens meet the first Wednesday of each month at the Orange Township Hall. For more information contact Daleen Dotson 614-389-4799.

Township Meetings

Trustee Meetings are held the first and third Mondays of the month, 7 p.m. at the Township Hall

Zoning Commission and **Board of Zoning Appeals** meetings are held Tuesdays and Thursdays, as needed 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Orange Township Community Park Board Complete list of meetings for 2015 is listed on our website: www.orangetwp.org.

Orange Township Economic Development Advisory Board Complete list of meetings for 2015 is listed on our website: www.orangetwp.org.

A complete schedule of all township meetings can be found on our website www.orangetwp.org, or follow the Notify Me ✓ link to sign up for our list serve notifications.

Coming Soon to a Park Near You:

Music in the Park – currently scheduled for June 20 with a rain date of June 27.

Movie in the Park – currently scheduled for August 7 with a rain date of August 22. Movie to be determined

Information will be posted on our website www.orangetwp.org as it becomes available, or follow the Notify Me ✓ link to sign up for our list serve notifications.

Help us Celebrate Earth Week!

Neighborhood Challenge Orange Township challenges you and your neighbors in “operation clean sweep”. Gather your friends to pick up trash and recyclables in your neighborhood (or an area in Orange Township) and the Orange Township Maintenance crew will supply gloves and collection bags for everyone! On Friday during Earth Week (April 24th) Orange Township will pick up the collection bags at a location you select.



Call Please call Orange Township to make arrangements to pickup bags and gloves for use as you clean up an area. We will also take calls to arrange pick up of those bags. 740-548-5430

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New Trail Crossings Being Installed

Orange Township has had two of the pedestrian crossing signals damaged by accidents that have left the crossings along E. Orange Road at Township Hall and Blue Holly without crossing lights. Instead of replacing the current crossing system Orange Township will be upgrading all three mid-block trail crossings to pedestrian crossings with RRFBs (Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons). The crossing updates include the new high intensity flashing lights, additional cross walk signage, additional pavement markings and the addition of the State Law signage reminding motorists to YIELD to pedestrians within the crossing. We hope that this will provide a safer crossing and enhance your trail experience. The crossings have been delivered and shall be installed as soon as the weather permits. Please contact Beth Hugh with any questions at bhugh@orangetwp.org.

Working Smoke Detectors Save Lives

Having working smoke detectors in your home and an escape plan with two ways out greatly increases your chances of surviving a fire. Most smoke detectors installed today have a life span of about 8-10 years. After this time, the entire unit should be replaced. It is a good idea to write the date of purchase with a marker on the inside of your alarm so you will know when to replace it. Some of the newer smoke detectors already have the purchase date written inside. In any event, always follow the manufacturer’s instructions for replacement. Batteries should be replaced at least twice a year, remember “change your clock change your battery”.



A Day in the Life of a Firefighter

"Beep, beep" the alarm goes off, it's 4:30am, and it's time to start the day. As I stand in front of the mirror shaving my 3 day stubble, I wonder what the next 24 hours has in store. Last shift was really busy, will this one be too? Will we have enough personnel to put all of our trucks in service? What kind of runs will we take? More than likely someone will need our help today. We had several inches of snow fall overnight so I will need to leave a few minutes earlier than normal. My goal is to get to work a little early in case there is an auto accident due to road conditions. If a run comes in at shift change, the off going crew has to take it and I know they would like to get off on time. Before I walk out the door though, I need to make sure I have everything I need, if I forget something I just have to do without. I won't be back home until tomorrow and I definitely can't run home at lunch to get anything.

It's 5:45am, with coffee in hand and all needed items accounted for, I am finally pulling out of the driveway. The roads are kind of nasty but I should still make it to work on time. I just wish people would drive more carefully in these conditions but there is always at least one that has to fly by everyone.

It's 7:15am and I finally make it. I now have 15 minutes to get changed into my uniform and to get all of my gear together, maybe even grab a second cup of coffee before roll call.

It's 7:30am, time for roll call. This is something we and most other departments do every morning. It is the opportunity for the on-coming and off-going crews to get together and pass on important information such as road closures, equipment failures, personnel issues or scheduled events for the day. Its also the time for truck assignments. Obviously we have multiple trucks, ambulances and fire trucks. We are all cross trained as paramedics and firefighters so we take turns on any given truck. Today is my day to be in charge of the medic. I am assigned with 2 of my other crew members, one to drive and the other to help me with patient care. It is my responsibility to make certain the truck is fully stocked, checking all cabinets and " first in" bags to ensure I am ready for any call that may come in. Oh, and I can't forget to make sure the necessary paperwork the state requires to be filled out for accountability is complete. After all this is done, I am ready for any call to come in, be it an auto accident, medical emergency, assistance call or even a house fire. One thing never changes, we always have to be ready to go.

It's 9:30am, and all the trucks are checked ready to respond. Now station duties begin. The standard cleaning of the kitchen, bathrooms, sweeping and mopping of the floors are completed. We all pitch in so we can get these chores done quickly. This is also the time we decide on meals. I volunteer to cook today and no one objects. So, I make up a menu for the day. Grilled cheese sandwiches with tomato soup for lunch and homemade chicken pot pies for dinner! Everyone's money is collected, grocery list is made and we are now ready for our daily trip to the grocery store. This is not one of my favorite tasks of the day. This sometimes leaves me feeling unappreciated and discouraged. For some reason, people have

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Orange Township Fire Chief Matt Noble

Orange Township is pleased to announce, Fire Chief Matt Noble has earned credentials recognizing him as an Ohio Fire Chief. Chief Noble was granted the designation by the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association and is the first chief officer in Delaware County to be credentialed by the association.

"The Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association (OFCA) and the Ohio Fire & Emergency Services Foundation (OF&ESF) have identified the need to further enhance the professionalism of chief fire officers throughout the State of Ohio by the establishment of a uniform credentialing program. The goal of the program is to ensure a strong degree of accountability. The Credentialing Program sets forth the goals needed for chief fire officers to establish a higher degree of professionalism so that fire chiefs may be better prepared to serve their department, their community, and other organizations. The goal is to promote the professional development of the chief fire officer in Ohio and to assist these chiefs in their daily operations, management, and leadership." (Association, 2014)

"Credentialed participants will be required to renew their credentials every three years. The OFCA, through this program, has attempted to establish occupational education, fire service related training, and experience criteria relevant to the position of fire chief. This process provides an equal opportunity for the volunteer, paid-on-call, or full-time applicant to meet the minimum criteria for achieving the Ohio Fire Chief credential." (Association, 2014)

"By participation in this program, an applicant agrees to abide by a Mission Statement and Code of Professional Conduct. The credentialing process will be solely administered by The Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association Credentialing Committee." (Association, 2014)

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an issue with us eating. The main questions we get are, "What am I buying for you to cook today?" or "Why are you bringing the fire trucks to the store to do personal business?" That being said, I believe citizens are misinformed, but it is still disheartening. We try to explain that our food purchases are in no way taxpayers money but it is our money and that we bring the trucks so 1. We don't have to put a truck out of service for only one person to go and 2. If a call comes in, we can drop everything and respond immediately. There have been numerous times we have left a cart full of groceries to go on a run. Thank goodness the employees of the store puts our things to the side so we can swing by and pick them up on our way back to the station. Sometimes our explanations are successful, but not always. None the less though, the random "thank you for what you do" or word of appreciation from someone who needed our services in the past reminds me of why I love my job.....helping someone in the time of need.

It's now 12:00, lunchtime. I enjoy lunchtime at the fire department. This is the time we can all catch up on what went on since last shift. I am fortunate to work with the group of people I do. We all have very similar family dynamics and devote our days off to our children. So there are plenty of stories to share with each other about dance recitals, baseball or softball, band performances and even the sleepless nights when they are sick or teething. By all means, these people are my second family. I spend 1/3 of my life with them.

At 13:00, lunch is over now and our day continues. The state requires us to get multiple hours of continuing education to maintain our paramedic and firefighter certifications so we decide on what we want to train on today. Every shift we try to train on skills we don't use everyday. We never want to forget how to do something. Do we train on our medical skills or fire skills today? Last week we trained on ice rescue and I have to admit that water was freezing, but this is the season and we need to brush up on those skills. For today, the choices are needle decompressions which are utilized for

someone with a collapsed lung or surgical cricothyroidotomy for a patient with an obstructed airway. Or fire? We could train on different search patterns or techniques on ventilating structures. We voted fire training today.



It's now 16:30, it's time to prepare dinner. Hoping to have dinner on the table by 18:00. While I am cooking dinner, the lieutenant is finishing up on daily paperwork and the rest of the crew is doing odd and ends around the station.

At 18:00, dinner is served! Today it is served on time. Fortunately, today has gone well, we haven't had any runs and got plenty accomplished. What most people don't understand is it's always a good day when our trucks aren't screaming through the township. It means no one has been hurt, gotten sick or has been displaced from their home due to fire. This is a good day...so far that is.....but we still have 12 more hours to go.

Area Variances for Deck and Pools

Most area variances involving residential properties involve relief from setback requirements when residents want, for example, to build a deck, an addition to their home or install a pool.

When applying for a deck or pool permit, there are setback requirements that must be met. If the deck or pool extend into the setback, an area variance is required prior to receiving a permit.

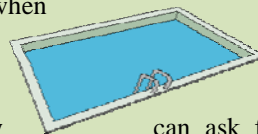
When a resident needs relief from the provisions or requirements set forth in the zoning code, they can ask for a variance from the code as long as such will not be contrary to the public interest as determined by the township's Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA).

An area variance may be granted by reason of the exceptional narrowness, shallowness or unusual shape of a specific piece of property, or by reason of exceptional topographic conditions, or other extraordinary situations or conditions of such parcel of property.

In the event that the variance requested relates solely to area requirements established or imposed by the code, the BZA shall have the power to authorize a variance from the terms of the code upon a finding that literal enforcement of the code will result in practical difficulties and that the spirit of the code will be observed and substantial justice done.

To learn more, contact the zoning office at 740-548-5430.

Come help us make Orange Township a better place to live and work.





Orange School 1916-1969

Before 1915, Orange Township had eight, one room buildings that were the school for the students in the area. In 1915 it was decided to build one central school that housed all grades. A bond was issued for \$30,000 and was approved by a very close vote of 86 to 79. The building was built by A.E. Henke & Son for \$23,799.00.

Orange School started operating in the new building in the fall of 1916 with a total enrollment of 180 pupils. There were 40 high school students, and one senior, Kenneth White, who graduated in 1917. The first floor housed grades 1-4 and the second floor was grades 5-12.

The last class graduated in 1953 and had 11 students, and the school closed to all students in 1969 when all grades were transferred to the Olentangy School building on Shanahan Road which housed grades K-12. This school is Olentangy Shanahan Middle School today.

Many of the students who attended Orange School still live in the area today. They are part of the history of Orange Township and contributed so much to our community. Can you imagine going from one Central School for all grades and now having over 22 buildings within the Olentangy School system!

Orange Township will be erecting a monument recognizing Orange School near the original site where Fire Station 362 now sits at the corner of Orange Road and S. Old State Road. The monument will be placed near the Old Township Hall for everyone to be able to see and enjoy.

I would like to thank the Orange Alumni who participated in creating this monument and their desire to share with the rest of the community some of our history. Amelia Barrows Hall, who helped lead this endeavor, has fond memories of her years at Orange. Amelia states, "I will forever cherish my 12 years at Orange School". Luella Martin Yarnell, who has written a wonderful book on the history of Orange Township, states, "During my 12 years of walking to school every day things changed very little --we lived in the country." Homer Viers commented, "I remember mom getting us up and ready for school, Jack, Homer, Stella, Jim and Don. We played basketball and the bus always stopped at the Delaware Creamery in Delaware for ice cream on the way back to Orange School. Carol Case Moffett, who's husband, Marion Moffett, was a Orange Township Trustee for over 7 years and has the main meeting room at the Township Hall named after him, states, "My uncle Clarence Case was in the second graduating class of Orange High School in 1918. My father graduated from Orange in 1931. I attended Orange through grade nine, and was a member of the third graduating class of Olentangy High School in 1956. I can remember many great times and teachers while at Orange and still have close friends with whom I went from grade one through grade twelve. Orange Township was (and still is) a great place to live and raise one's family." And I couldn't agree more with Mrs. Moffett, Orange Township IS a great place to live! By appreciating and recognizing our roots, and the historical value it brings us, we can appreciate and welcome our future.

Debbie Taranto, Trustee

Electric Aggregation Program

Orange Township is providing you with the opportunity to join with other residents to save money on the electric you use. Savings are possible through a concept called government aggregation, where Township officials bring together citizens to gain group-buying power for the purchase of electric from a retail supplier certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. Township voters approved this program in November 2014.

Orange Township is currently in the process of completing its' certification with the PUCO. After the certification is complete, early March 2015, the Township will go out to bid for the electric service and shortly after that the offer details will be mailed to residents and small business owners. Be sure to check your mail for a letter from Orange Township that describes the terms and conditions of the new program in the next 50-60 days. If you choose to take advantage of the program you do nothing, do not send in the opt-out form. Members will be given 21-days to opt out however please remember there will be no early termination fee so you can try out the program and leave if you're not happy at any time. After the 21-day period the electric service switch will be made the following billing cycle.

Please check back to Orange Township's web site at www.orangetwp.org as the information will be updated once a new electric agreement is in place. Should residents have additional questions or concerns they should contact Trebell, LLC 1-877- 861-2772.



The need is constant.
The gratification is instant
Give blood.

Redcrossblood.org 1-800-RED CROSS

Orange Township Community

1680 E. Orange Road
Lewis Center, Ohio 43035

2015 Blood Drive Hours:

1:00pm to 6:00pm

Wednesday, April 22

Wednesday, June 24

To schedule an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: Orangetownship

9-volt Battery Safety

9-volt batteries power our smoke alarms, household items and toys. They can be found in most homes. But these batteries can be a fire hazard if not stored safely or disposed of with care.



The problem

- 9-volt batteries can be dangerous. The positive and negative posts are close together. If a metal object touches the two posts of a 9-volt battery, it can cause a short circuit. This can make enough heat to start a fire.
- It is unsafe to store 9-volt batteries in a drawer near paper clips, coins, pens, or other batteries. Do not store common household items such as steel wool, aluminum foil, and keys near 9-volt batteries. If these items touch the two posts, there is a greater risk of a fire starting.
- Weak batteries may have enough charge to cause a fire. Some fires have started in trash when 9-volt batteries were thrown away with other metal items.

Storing 9-volt batteries

- Keep batteries in original packaging until you are ready to use them. If loose, keep the posts covered with masking, duct, or electrical tape. Prevent the posts from coming in contact with metal objects.
- Keep them someplace safe where they won't be tossed around.
- Store batteries standing up.
- 9-volt batteries should not be stored loose in a drawer. Do not store them in containers with other batteries.

Disposal

- 9-volt batteries should not be thrown away with trash. They can come in contact with other batteries or pieces of metal.
- 9-volt batteries can be taken to a collection site for household hazardous waste.
- To be safe, cover the positive and negative posts with masking, duct, or electrical tape before getting rid of batteries.
- Some states do not allow any type of battery to be disposed of with trash.

NORTH ORANGE AQUATIC CENTER-ORANGE TOWNSHIP
2015 SEASON POOL PASS APPLICATION FORM (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

**ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE PROCESSED AT TOWNSHIP HALL ONLY.
SEASON PASS APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE POOL.**

-PROOF OF RESIDENCY AND/OR AGE IS REQUIRED. PLEASE MAIL A COPY OF **A RECENT UTILITY BILL SHOWING CURRENT ADDRESS** ALONG WITH SEASON PASS FORM AND PAYMENT. SENIORS PLEASE INCLUDE A COPY OF YOUR GOLDEN BUCKEYE CARD.

-PAYMENT ONLY BY CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO: **ORANGE TOWNSHIP**

NAME: _____ **HOME PHONE:** _____

ADDRESS: _____ **WORK PHONE:** _____

CITY/ZIP: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT:	PHONE:
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E-MAIL, IF PROVIDED, WILL BE USED FOR BUSINESS RELATING TO ORANGE TOWNSHIP ONLY, EXCEPT AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

***REQUIRED FIELDS: FIRST NAME, LAST NAME, AGE, BIRTHDAY, & M/F**
PLEASE WRITE ADDITIONAL NAMES AND INFORMATION ON A SEPARATE SHEET

*FIRST NAME	*LAST NAME	*AGE	*BIRTHDATE (MMDDYY)	*M/F

BABYSITTER (MUST BE AT LEAST 16 YEARS OF AGE)			
NAME	AGE	M/F	CATEGORY
			\$25.00

**NO CHANGES AFTER ORIGINAL APPLICATION IS PROCESSED
ALL SEASON PASSES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERABLE**

CATEGORY	CHECK ONE	CATEGORY	CHECK ONE
YOUTH	\$ 85.00	FAMILY (3)	\$160.00
ADULT	\$ 90.00	FAMILY (4)	\$175.00
SENIOR	\$ 65.00	FAMILY (5)	\$185.00
FAMILY (2)	\$150.00	FAMILY (6)	\$200.00

ADD \$15.00 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL ELIGIBLE MEMBER AFTER 6

ONLINE APPLICATION

Season Passes may be purchased at:
www.orangetwp.org.
An additional fee of \$4.00 to \$6.00 is applicable to on-line registration.

Total = Category \$ _____ + Babysitter \$ _____ = Total Amount Due: \$ _____

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT. SIGNATURE: _____

MAIL FORM, REQUIRED PROOF OF RESIDENCY AND CHECK (**MADE PAYABLE TO: ORANGE TOWNSHIP**)

TO: ORANGE TOWNSHIP
ATTENTION: JOEL SPITZER, FISCAL OFFICER
SEASON POOL PASS APPLICATION (SPPA)
1680 E. ORANGE ROAD
LEWIS CENTER, OHIO 43035

POOL INFORMATION AND DEFINITIONS

RESIDENT: You pay Orange Township Park Levy and you're in tax district 27, 46 or 58. You can login to Delaware County Auditor web site @www.oh-delaware-auditor.governmax.org to verify your tax district.

CHILDREN 2 AND UNDER: (Birthdates must be after September 1st, 2012), ARE FREE, but must be listed on the application. Do not count when choosing the pass category and fee.

DEFINITION OF FAMILY: Family Pass Admits up to two named Parents in the same household and all dependent aged children (under the age of 23). Parents must be residents of Orange Township.

GRANDPARENT PASS: Admits up to two named Grandparents in the same household and all dependent aged grandchildren (under the age of 23). Grandparents must be residents of Orange Township. Select the correct corresponding Family pass category.

YOUTH: Children 12 and under will not be permitted upon the Aquatic Center grounds unless under the direct supervision of a parent or other responsible person at least 16 years of age.

BABYSITTER: One babysitter can be added to Season Pass Application as an additional person to the pass. However, all babysitters must be accompanied by the children without the parents at the pool. Babysitters may not utilize the pass individually. Babysitter must be at least 16 years of age.

SENIOR: Please include a copy of your Golden Buckeye Card with application.

DAILY & TWILIGHT PASSES ARE **NOT AVAILABLE IN ADVANCE**

OTHER FEES:	RESIDENT RATE	NON-RESIDENT RATE
DAILY PASS	\$6.00	\$12.00
TWILIGHT DAY PASS	\$4.00	\$10.00



NOTIFY ME

Sign up on the Township website www.orangetwp.org under Parks to be notified when Swim Lessons will be available.

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