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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AT THE PARKS

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.



CELEBRATE FOURTH OF JULY!

PLANS ARE UNDER WAY FOR THE 2015 ORANGE TWP PARADE! The parade begins at 10am on July 4th and will start at the Oak Creek Center. Parade participants will head east on Powell Rd., north on S. Old State Rd., east on Orange Rd. and will finish up the Olentangy Orange Middle School. Please note that these roads will be closed from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. on July 4th!

TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

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.

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

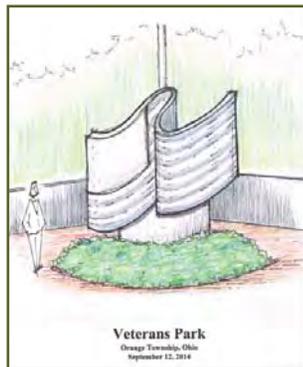
ZONING COMMISSION AND BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETINGS are held Tuesdays and Thursdays, as needed 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall.

ORANGE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK BOARD & ORANGE TOWNSHIP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD A complete list of meetings for 2015 is listed on our website: www.orangetwp.org.

ORANGE TOWNSHIP NEWS & VIEWS

TRUSTEE CORNER

BY ROBERT W. QUIGLEY, TRUSTEE



WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE The Orange Township Veterans Memorial is moving forward. Local Olentangy Orange High School Student, Amelia Dewey, originated the design for the outdoor memorial. Matt Croghar and Kyle Benecke, also local Olentangy Orange High School Students, came up with the theme “Heroes Not Forgotten.” We once again thank all the students who participated in the contest.

The next phase of the project is raising the funds to make the memorial a reality. Your donation will create lasting memories of those who served our Country from Orange Township.

There will be several ways that individuals and families, organizations and clubs and businesses can donate. Soon there will be options to purchase an engraved brick that will be placed at the memorial, fund one of several benches that will surround the memorial, fund one of 6 flag poles located at the memorial, or simply make a charitable donation. More information is to come on how to purchase a brick. Look for updates on the Orange Township website at www.orangetwp.org and click on Veterans Memorial.

You can also donate in any increment you would like with the following two options. A special fund has been established with the Delaware County Foundation, a non-profit community foundation that will manage the donations. You can visit them at www.delawarecf.org and click on the PayPal donate button on the home page. At the end of the process enter the name of the fund: Orange Township Veterans Memorial. PayPal automatically deducts their fee before we receive any money. Therefore, if you have a significant gift, we recommend a check be mailed to the Foundation. Checks should be made payable to the Delaware County Foundation. Please note Orange Township Veterans Memorial in the memo line of the check. Gifts should be mailed to Delaware County Foundation, 3954 N. Hampton Dr. Powell, OH 43065. If you would like to make a donation of stock, please contact the Foundation at (614) 764-2332.

We really appreciate everyone who has participated so far and look forward to getting this project underway.



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A FIREFIGHTER (PART II)

A continuation of our Spring 2015 Feature



SO THE FIRST HALF OF THE SHIFT was quiet and fortunately no one needed our help. That's not the case for the rest of the shift. The temperature outside is around 10 degrees with a wind chill well below zero. It has snowed on and off pretty much all day. On top of the several inches of snow we had the night before and throughout the day, we have about six inches of snow on the ground.

5:30 pm, the tones drop for a structure fire. Dispatch advises there are flames visible as reported by a neighbor. I learned long ago that when dispatch advises there is fire reported next door, across the street from or even in the area of, we are about to go to work. While en-route to the scene with our engines, ladder and medic truck, dispatch advises there is one person possibly trapped. If the adrenaline wasn't already pumping through the responding firefighters, it is now! Keep in mind road conditions are terrible. Getting to the scene has taken us a few extra minutes. It seems like it had taken us forever to get on scene when in reality it has taken less than 10 minutes. I remember when I was young, only 19, when I experienced my first fire fatality. It was a horrible experience that still brings tears to my eyes when I think about it. Although I know there was nothing that could have been done, every firefighter on that scene felt like they failed the family as well as the little boy and girl that were upstairs playing with a lighter. It is those experiences and tragedies that drive us to be the best we can.

The first engine arrives on scene to find and confirm that we have a working structure fire. They advise that there are flames coming from the left side and rear of the structure. They are also met in the front yard by the homeowner in nothing but a pair of shorts. He is able to confirm that he was alone and no one else is in the residence. Our first objective is to establish water supply. One crew pulls the hose off the fire engine while another crew connects to the nearest hydrant. The fire officer on scene walks around the house and sizes up the scene quickly, and makes a plan of attack on the fire. That night, despite the extreme cold and adverse weather conditions, we know exactly what needs to be done without hesitation.

We started the attack by suppressing the fire through an outside window to limit the fire spread to the rest of the structure. This technique is called a transitional fire attack. If fire is visible from an opening, a water stream is applied to knock down the fire, while another crew prepares to enter the structure and finish extinguishing the fire. This technique helps to limit fire damage and make the environment inside a little better. Once a crew can advance a fire hose into the structure, they take over all fire fighting operations from within.

While the fire is being extinguished, we still have to clear the structure and confirm there is no one else inside. When the search is complete, we have to start the overhaul process. This entails making sure the fire is completely extinguished by opening up ceilings, walls, and removing any debris from the area of the fire. We also try to preserve anything in the structure that may be of value to the homeowner, either by removing belongings or covering with plastic sheeting. We know and understand that any fire can be a devastating and traumatic event. Part of our job is to lessen the loss as much as we can and provide the caring and compassionate assistance that is needed and deserved.

On this particular fire, we were there until 1:00 am. Everyone was cold, wet and exhausted. When we were finally able to leave the scene we had extinguished the fire, performed the overhaul, provided assistance to the homeowner, secured their belongings and investigated the cause and origin of the fire.

Upon returning to the station, there was still a tremendous amount of work that still needed to be done. We have our equipment to clean and inspect, turnout gear and protective clothing to wash, and all the hose used has to be changed out and washed, so we can be prepared for the next alarm.

At 3:00 am, we were able to rest and get a few hours of sleep. Thankfully on that cold and miserable morning, no one else needed us to respond in their time of need.



LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES

Do you have children's books that you would like to share with others? Orange Township has installed three new Little Free Library locations for you to deposit or pick up children's books that others have shared. The Little Free Library boxes have been installed at Township Hall, North Orange Park and Walker Wood Park. Please visit, deposit a book, pick up a book and enjoy reading. A Special Thank You to the Delaware County District Library, Orange Branch for donating several books for children and adults to start the sharing.

GREEN MEADOWS DRIVE EXTENSION

Orange Township would like to thank AEP and Delaware County Engineers Office for the extension of Green Meadows Drive from just north of North Central Drive through AEP property ending just east of Menards. Currently this extension provides an additional route via Orangepoint Drive to US 23 and the businesses on Orangepoint Drive and Graphics Way. AEP paid for the \$800,000 extension which was constructed by Trucco Construction and managed by the Delaware County Engineers Office.

YARD SALE/OPEN HOUSE SIGNS

The zoning office would like to remind residents that yard sale signs do not require a permit, but the Orange Township Zoning Resolution stipulates that yard/garage sale & real estate sales/open house signs be placed only on lots where the sale is being held or the property that is being sold.

More information can be found on our website at www.orangetwp.org

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

COMPILED BY MATT NOBLE, FIRE CHIEF

Laws, Codes, Standards, Rules and Best Practices that Govern Fire Departments

FIRE DEPARTMENTS ARE GOVERNED by laws, codes, standards, rules and best practices when it comes to operations. The Orange Township Fire Department is no different when it comes to this governance. Some of the laws, codes, standards, rules and best practices by which we operate under include Ohio Revised Code (ORC), Ohio Administrative Code (OAC), National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Ohio Board of Pharmacy, Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG's).

Outlined below are just a few examples of laws, codes, standards, rules and best practices that we follow:

LAW

Both ORC and OAC are law and we have to follow law. Some examples of laws that we follow include:

Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 3737.82 states that the fire marshal shall adopt a State Fire Code, which shall consist of rules relating to all aspects of fire safety.

The State Fire Code (1301:7-1-03) Section FM-102.7 Authority at Fires and Emergencies states "the fire chief or his authorized representative shall be in charge at the scene of a fire or other emergency involving the protection of life and/or property, and shall remain in charge until authority is relinquished."

The ORC Chapter 3737.80 Hazardous Materials Emergencies Coordination; Local Fire Department Chief states "in any emergency situation relating to the prevention of an imminent release of a hazardous material, to the cleanup or disposal of a hazardous material that has been released, or to the related mitigation of the effects of a release of a hazardous material, the chief of the fire department in whose jurisdiction the emergency situation is occurring or his designee is responsible for primary coordination of the on-scene activities of all agencies of the state, the United States government, and political subdivisions that are responding to the emergency situation until the chief relinquishes that responsibility to a representative of one of the responding public agencies and so notifies that representative.

STANDARDS

NFPA is an international nonprofit association, established in 1896 to create codes and standards, research, as well as training and education with the intention to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards. Standards, such as those set forth by NFPA, are not law; however, they are established as best practices that fire departments should work to follow and if they do not and an injury or death occur, the fire department could be held liable. An example of an NFPA standard is:



NFPA 1710, the Standard for the Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations, and Special Operations to the Public by Career Fire Departments, establishes a career fire departments shall have on the scene of a structure fire in a typical 2000 square foot, two-story, single-family dwelling without a basement and with no exposure, twelve firefighters within eight minutes. For response to fires in medium or high hazard occupancies, additional resources shall be dispatched on the initial alarm.

This standard is why someone might see a lot of fire and EMS equipment on the scene of a fire. Orange Township, not unlike other fire departments in Delaware County, does not have the staffing to fight a fire by itself. We have to rely on our neighboring fire departments to help as they rely on us to help them.

RULES

Because Orange Township Fire Department provides Emergency Medical Services (EMS), we have to follow not only law but also rules set forth by ORC, Ohio Board of Pharmacy and DEA. Some examples of those laws and rules include minimum standards for practitioners' handling controlled substances and security requirements for practitioners (Title 21 CFR 1300). This is why firefighters must perform truck checks daily on all apparatus including medic vehicles. References include:

U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration, Office of Diversion Control, *Controlled Substances Security Manual*

Nancy Caroline's Emergency Care in the Streets, Canadian Edition
By Nancy L. Caroline

SOG'S (BEST PRACTICES)

Your fire department also operates from SOG's. Many of the departments SOG's are the same standardized SOG's used by other fire departments in Delaware County and beyond. The Delaware County Fire Chiefs' Association has been working to revise and in some cases develop standardized SOG's so fire departments in Delaware County will operate the same especially when working with each other. Much like NFPA standards, SOG's are best practices that fire departments should work to follow for safety.



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MORE COMMUNITY EVENTS

NIGHT SWIM AT NORTH ORANGE PARK AQUATIC CENTER, 8:30pm-10:30, \$2.00 per person 6/12, 6/26, 7/10, 8/14.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE Township Hall 6/17 12-6, visit www.redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment.

TRASH, RECYCLING AND YARD WASTE PICKUP SCHEDULE will be delayed one day during the week of Sept 6-12 (Labor Day); please consult Rumpke's website www.rumpke.com for details.

ORANGE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE, FISCAL, MAINTENANCE, PARK AND ZONING DEPARTMENTS will be closed on Friday, July 3, 2015 in observance of July 4th and Monday, September 7, 2015 in observance of Labor Day.

BBQ AT NORTH ORANGE PARK AQUATIC CENTER, 7/25 time to be determined.

NORTH ORANGE PARK AQUATIC CENTER pool hours change from 11:00am-8:30pm to 11:00am-8:00pm 8/2/15-9/7/15.



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