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# ORANGE TOWNSHIP NEWS & VIEWS

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### 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 at 7:30 p.m., or as needed, 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](http://www.orangetwp.org).

### 2014 Fire Department Open House



## NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

**ON OCT. 9, 1871, THE GREAT CHICAGO FIRE STARTED.** This tragic fire killed about 300 people, left 100,000 homeless and destroyed more than 17,000 structures (Paramedics, 1998).

One popular legend claims that Mrs. Catherine O'Leary was milking her cow when the animal kicked over a lamp, set the O'Leary's barn on fire and started the fiery conflagration. The city of Chicago was fast to rebuild and soon began to remember the event with festivities. The Fire Marshals Association of North America (FMANA) believed the 40th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire should be observed in a way that would keep the public aware of the importance of fire prevention (Paramedics, 1998).

On Oct. 9, 1911, FMANA sponsored the first National Prevention Day. In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first national Fire Prevention Day proclamation. By 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the first National Fire Prevention Week, which was Oct. 4-10, 1925. He noted that in the previous year approximately 15,000 lives had been lost to fire in the United States. President Coolidge's proclamation stated, "This waste results from conditions that justify a sense of shame and horror; for the greater part of it could and ought to be prevented...it is highly desirable that every effort be made to reform the conditions that have made possible so vast a destruction of the national wealth." (Paramedics, 1998).

**National Fire Prevention Week** is always the week in which Oct. 9 falls. Each year, a specific theme is chosen and is commemorated throughout the United States (Paramedics, 1998). **On Sunday, October 11th, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**, the Orange Township Fire Department will open both fire stations for the public to stop and tour. Your firefighters will be on hand to provide tours of the buildings, show apparatus and equipment and answer questions.

Paramedics, T. S. (1998). *The Story on how Fire Prevention Week became a National effort...* Retrieved August 25, 2014, from San Diego Paramedics: <http://www.publicsafety.net/prevention.htm>



### CHIMNEY SAFETY

**MAINTENANCE** - Good maintenance is a very important step in preventing chimney fires!

- Have your chimney checked every year by a qualified chimney professional.
- Burn only well seasoned hardwoods.
- Install a chimney cap.
- Install a carbon monoxide detector.
- Have your chimney sweep ensure that your chimney has an appropriate liner.
- Following a violent storm, earthquake, flood or lightning strike, have your chimney inspected for damage - inside and out.

**PREVENTION** - Remember prevention is your best defense against fire.

If you have a wood or coal stove, be sure it is installed at least 36 inches away from the wall. Keep combustible materials well away from the stove and chimney connector. Place an approved stove board under the unit to protect the floor from heat and hot coals which might drop out.

**BE PREPARED** - Know what to do in case of fire. If you suspect a chimney fire, evacuate your home and call 9-1-1.

## TRUSTEE CORNER

BY DEBBIE TARANTO, TRUSTEE

**IT SEEMS THAT WITH THE START OF SCHOOL**, you can see fall and cooler weather around the corner. Fall is a favorite season for me in Orange Township, as it is truly a spectacular sight in all of our parks and along our roads and trails. We live in a beautiful community.

The summer is always a busy time for us. There is a lot of upkeep, road construction, resurfacing and repair. Most of our roads were all built around the same time, thus they tend to need resurfaced or repaired about the same time. Financially that is not a realistic option for us to do. So the procedure is to go out during the winter months, take an inventory of all the roads and rate them on a scale of 1-10. We then repair the roads that are rated the worst first. Our goal is stay within a budget and not have to have a roads levy that many areas have to have. We are all looking forward to the Orange/Rt 23 road repair that is starting in the spring, with road widening and additional turn lanes. We also have begun the process to begin work on E. Powell Road and Bale Kenyon and Bale Kenyon from Orange to Lewis Center Road. Between Orange Township and Delaware County roads, we should be seeing a lot of activity in the next five years.

Probably the most often asked question I receive over the last year is: "When will there be a trail over the railroad tracks on Orange Road?" The answer is still not definite, but I want you to know, we are working on it. The railroad considers any crossing a safety issue for them and tends to make it a challenge to get one done. We have asked Congressman Pat Tiberi to step in and help us get this accomplished. His office is working with the railroad to expedite this endeavor. So hopefully soon we will have a way to cross the tracks safely.

I'm sure by now many of you have heard of the unfortunate theft occurrence in our Zoning Department. It is unfortunate and steps have been taken so that it is not possible for this to happen again. New procedures have been put in place and this should not be an issue moving forward. We have hired a new Planning and Zoning Director, Anthony Hray. Anthony comes to us with much experience from Franklin County. I really look forward to what Anthony can bring to us here in Orange.

Aggregation has begun for our electric in July of this year. The goal was to create a cost benefit for our residents, and you voted for it overwhelmingly last November. Overall it has been a pretty smooth process with little confusion. It is a win/win situation for all of us because there are no fees associated with joining or leaving. You always have the option to leave the aggregation program if you do not like it.

The Township is continuing its discussions with other Townships and will approach the Delaware County Commissioners on the duplication of EMS services in the Township. The overall goal is to have a countywide solution that is the most cost efficient to all taxpayers. We will keep you apprised as we move forward in the discussions.

Last, you will see a renewal with a reduction on the November ballot for the Fire Levy. Fire Chief Matt Noble worked diligently on the budget and with the cost saving measures that were put in place during the last levy term; we were able to bring a reduction to the levy for the next term. The Fire Levy is for the operation of a Fire Department in Orange Township.

As always, communication is key when understanding Township government, why we do the things we do and any questions you may have. I encourage you to sign up on the listserv online to keep up to date on what is happening in the Township, [www.orangetwp.org](http://www.orangetwp.org) and join our Facebook page, "Orange Township, Delaware County Ohio."

## FISCAL REPORT

JOEL SPITZER, FISCAL OFFICER

| Fund Name                            | Beginning Balance<br>01/01/2015 | YTD-<br>Revenue        | YTD-<br>Expenditures  | Ending Balance<br>07/31/2015 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| General                              | \$3,734,964.74                  | \$2,640,840.04         | \$1,654,075.66        | \$4,721,829.12               |
| Motor Vehicle License Tax            | \$231,483.89                    | \$22,952.65            | \$37,389.97           | \$217,046.57                 |
| Gasoline Tax                         | \$311,435.00                    | \$104,899.55           | \$63,377.70           | \$352,956.85                 |
| Cemetery                             | \$80,134.76                     | \$1,700.00             | \$6,941.72            | \$74,893.04                  |
| Special Fire Levy                    | \$2,262,617.66                  | \$8,153,591.32         | \$3,653,370.47        | \$6,762,838.51               |
| Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax | \$360,690.59                    | \$116,838.08           | \$40,699.14           | \$436,829.53                 |
| Parks/Rec                            | \$3,659,916.15                  | \$1,976,101.33         | \$548,000.44          | \$5,537,910.91               |
| Parks & Rec Improv                   | \$640.43                        | \$-                    | \$-                   | \$640.65                     |
| Permanent Improvement (Fire Station) | \$1,940.00                      | \$-                    | \$-                   | \$1,940.00                   |
| Future Fire Station                  | \$55,067.15                     | \$-                    | \$-                   | \$55,067.15                  |
| Perm Improv (GM/HM Roundabout)       | \$997,690.00                    | \$-                    | \$-                   | \$997,690.00                 |
| Perm Improv (E. Orange Rd #1)        | \$995,050.00                    | \$-                    | \$-                   | \$995,050.00                 |
| Perm Improv (E. Orange Rd #2)        | \$999,400.00                    | \$-                    | \$-                   | \$999,400.00                 |
| Perm Improv (Orange Rd/US 23)        | \$982,630.01                    | \$-                    | \$-                   | \$982,630.01                 |
| Perm Improv (W. Orange Rd)           | \$999,500.00                    | \$-                    | \$-                   | \$999,500.00                 |
| Perm Improv (Bale Kenyon Rd)         | \$992,596.75                    | \$-                    | \$1,574.90            | \$991,021.85                 |
| Public Works Commission Projects     | \$50,000.00                     | \$-                    | \$-                   | \$50,000.00                  |
| Cemetery Bequest                     | \$3,690.92                      | \$1.48                 | \$-                   | \$3,692.40                   |
|                                      | <b>\$16,719,448.05</b>          | <b>\$13,016,924.45</b> | <b>\$6,005,430.00</b> | <b>\$24,180,936.59</b>       |

## FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

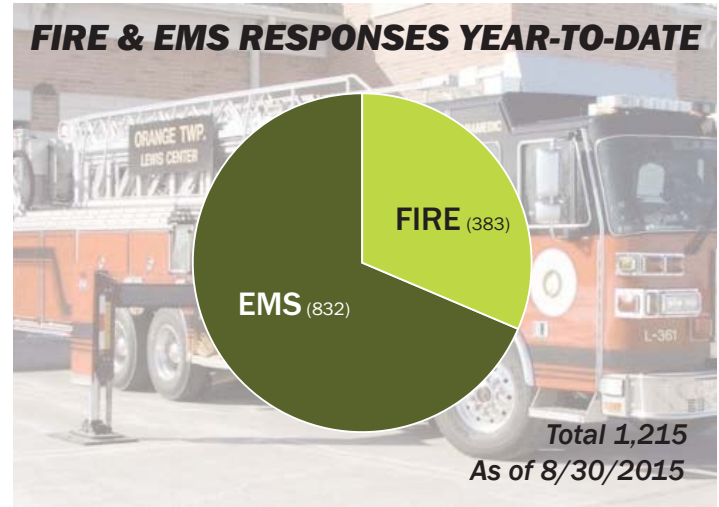
**WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**, your fire department has placed on the November 2015 ballot a renewal of the existing fire levy with a decrease in millage from 7.5 mills to 7.0 mills. That is a reduction of 0.5 mills to tax payers which equates to an annual reduction of approximately \$9.00 per \$100,000 home value. The renewal of the fire levy will allow the fire department to continue providing fire and EMS services to the residents and replace aging equipment and apparatus.

Over the past several years, the fire department has been able to control costs and maintain most services while paying back a loan debt that was required to continue operating after the failure of the 2012 fire levy. These financial controls were successful; however, the department was unable to replace aging apparatus and incurred a slight reduction in services. Another big factor in controlling costs was the renegotiated collective bargaining agreement with the department's firefighters. As a result, the department is on track to save approximately \$1.2 million over the three year life of that agreement.

Orange Township continues to grow both residentially and commercially requiring the need for fire and EMS services. These services cannot be provided without the fire levy. Examples of continued growth in the township include a proposed residential project off of North and Lewis Center Roads; two additional assisted living projects, one of which is under construction now; an urgent care facility with

doctors' offices - currently under construction; and the completion of Mt. Carmel ER and medical facility.

Increased growth equates to additional call volume for the fire department. The Orange Township Fire Department receives nearly 2,000 calls for service per year. Due in part to the upcoming residential and commercial projects listed above, your fire department can project an increase in calls for service of approximately 200 additional calls per year, or a 10% increase in call volume. The township continues to grow, and the fire department needs to be able to handle that growth, making a fire levy a necessity. This fire levy balances that need with a slight savings to taxpayers.



## BUSINESS APPRECIATION DAY

Orange Township working in collaboration with Delaware County recently held the first Orange Township Business Appreciation Day. Business Appreciation Day was created to thank our community's existing businesses for the crucial roles they play in providing jobs, paying taxes and driving the economic engine of growth within Orange Township. This was an opportunity for both Delaware County and Orange Township to reach out to the business community in the Township to provide both information and resources to help them continue to be successful. It was also an opportunity for local businesses to provide feedback on concerns they as business owners might have and ask questions about local resources. Congressman Pat Tiberi, CEO of Delaware County Bank Ron Seiffert and representatives from the Delaware County Finance Authority were guest speakers for the day. The members of the Orange Township Economic Development Advisory Board and Delaware County Economic Development department worked together to make this a successful day.

## YARD SALE REMINDERS

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

The Zoning Department will allow signs at the subdivision entrance of the property having the sale/open house, on days the sale/open house showings are held, if you follow these guidelines:

1. The signs shall be placed at least (12) feet off the pavement of any road and/or within the landscaped areas of the entrances to the subdivision. Signs are not permitted on islands within the roadway.
2. Signs may not be placed at crossroads away from your subdivision.
3. Each sign must have the name & address of the party responsible for placing the sign (this can be located on the back in small print so it is not noticeable from the road).
4. Signs may not be placed on government road signposts or utility poles.

All other signs will be removed by the Township Zoning and/or Maintenance Departments.

Additional information can be found on our website at [www.orangetwp.org](http://www.orangetwp.org)



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### NOTIFY ME

Orange Township is now offering email alerts and reminders from the township. Sign up today at the Township website [www.orangetwp.org](http://www.orangetwp.org).



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### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**CPR/AED 9/19/15 9-11:30am** and **BASIC FIRST AID 12:30-3:30pm** OTFD Station #361 (Gooding Blvd.) Check out [www.orangetwp.org](http://www.orangetwp.org) for more details.

**DROP OFF EVENT:** b. Household Hazardous Waste 10/3/15 at Delaware County Fairgrounds. Visit [www.dkmm.org](http://www.dkmm.org) for more details.

**OTFD OPEN HOUSE 10/11/15 1-4pm** both fire stations.

10/21/15 **CAR SEAT CHECK** OTFD #362 (S. Old State Road) 4-7pm, visit <https://www.delawarehealth.org> for additional information.

**ORANGE TOWNSHIP TRICK-OR-TREAT 10/29/15 6-8pm**

11/1/15 **TIME CHANGE**, remember to change your smoke alarm batteries.

November 3, 2015 **DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!!** Check out the <http://www.co.delaware.oh.us/boe/> for additional information.

Orange Township Administrative, Fiscal, Maintenance, Park and Zoning Departments **WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2015** in observance of Veterans Day and **THURSDAY-FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26-27, 2015** in observance of Thanksgiving.

**TRASH, RECYCLING AND YARD WASTE PICKUP SCHEDULE** will be delayed one day during the week of November 22-28 (Thanksgiving); please consult Rumpke's website for more details [www.rumpke.com](http://www.rumpke.com).

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