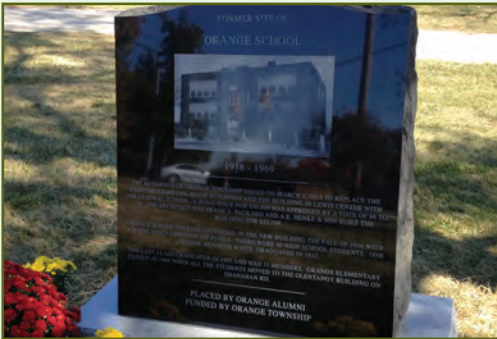


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ORANGE TOWNSHIP NEWS & VIEWS



ORANGE SCHOOL

A BEAUTIFUL SUNRISE provided the backdrop the morning of October 21st as we gathered for the Orange School dedication ceremony at Old Township Hall to celebrate the local living alumni of Orange School. Trustee Debbie Taranto and Olentangy Local School District Superintendent Mark Raiff welcomed the crowd, we were then joined by two Orange School alumni, Amelia Hall and Dean Nichols who recounted fond memories of their days spent at the school. Lastly, the Olentangy Orange High School acapella signing group, Above the Noise treated the crowd to the National Anthem and Orange Alma Mater.

Orange School first opened its doors in the fall of 1916 and continued to operate until 1969 when students were moved to the buildings on Shanahan Road. Orange School was previously located at the corner of Orange Road and S. Old State Road and housed kindergarten through 12th grade. The monument was created to commemorate the school and the residents who attended it and is placed at Old Township Hall for everyone to see and enjoy.

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.

TRUSTEE CORNER

BY DEBBIE TARANTO, TRUSTEE

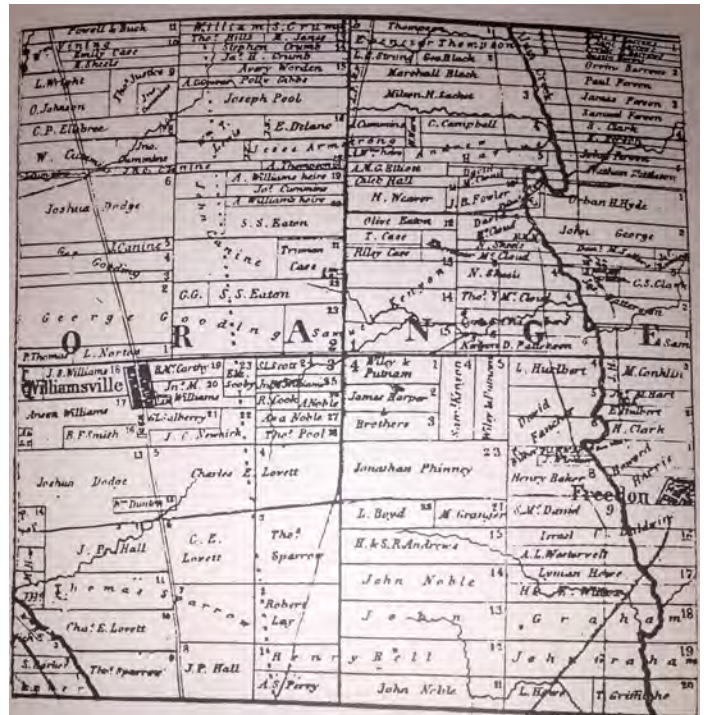
BICENTENNIAL

IN THE COMING NEW YEAR, ORANGE TOWNSHIP WILL BE CELEBRATING ITS 200TH YEAR! WOW. In the coming newsletters I would like to share with you some of the history over the last 200 years and where Orange Township began. I would like to thank Luella Yarnell, who did amazing research about Orange Township and wrote the book, "History of Orange Township in Delaware County, Ohio. The street "Evadell" in Villages of Oak Creek is named after her mother. This area is where the farm was that Luella grew up on. With her permission, I will share with you some of the history that she researched.

Virgil Township? Believe it or not, but that was the first name given to our township. However it was not to the liking of the early settlers and they readily changed it to Orange Township. There is no definite answer on how they chose Orange. It possibly came from England, where they came from, or the first name of Orange Pierce of the Berkshire area, or even William of Orange in England.

Some of the early settlers were George and Phoebe Gooding. They squatted in a log cabin where Highbanks Park is currently located. They eventually built The Gooding House which still stands today along Route 23. Little did they know when they built that house, that the area would become a hub of Orange Township: North Orange Park, swimming pool and one of our fire stations. Route 23 was a dirt road that would eventually become a four-lane highway.

Alum Creek was a popular area for the early pioneers to settle. Lee Hurlburt was one of the first settlers, sometime before 1812. He named the area "Africa". This is probably where we get the name Africa Cemetery which is located off of S. Old State by Berlin Church. No roads existed at this time and an Indian Trail along Alum Creek became the first cleared road in the area. After the initial clearing, more settlers began to arrive. Lee Hurlburt built his house at the corner of Orange Road and Bale Kenyon. A sawmill was built in this area, and you started seeing log cabins being converted over to frame houses. Ancestors of Hurlburt live in the area to this day. Around 1900, Hurlburt's son Ezra built a large barn on the property. Today this is the barn that faces I-71 and has the Ohio Bicentennial Logo painted on it. The Bale Kenyon/Alum Creek area is a very historical area for Orange Township and has a lot of rich history.



Early Orange Township Territory

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

BY MATT NOBLE, FIRE CHIEF

ON NOVEMBER 3RD, YOU THE RESIDENTS OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP APPROVED the renewal of the existing fire/EMS levy with a reduction of 0.5 mills. This means residents will pay approximately nine dollars less per \$100,000 home value than previously paid. The fire department was able to reduce the fire levy from 7.5 mills to 7 mills because the valuation of Orange Township increased. The increased valuation is as a result of continued construction growth producing an estimated \$7.5 million from the 7 mill fire levy.

As you look around the Township, you can easily see the growth. Mt. Carmel is finishing construction of a new Fitness and Health complex located on the East side of US Route 23, North of Menards and just south of the Orange Township pedestrian bridge. This facility will also include an Emergency Department. Just East of Orange Township Fire Department Station 361 on Gooding Boulevard, Nationwide Children's and OhioHealth are building a combined Children's Close to Home Urgent Care and OhioHealth adult medical facility. A new assisted living, similar to the Inn at Olentangy Trails, is under construction on South Old State Road across from Little Bear. In addition to those projects, new residential neighborhoods are being built at a steady pace with many more projects currently before zoning.

As you can see, growth is not slowing down in the Township. Currently the fire department is responding to approximately 2,000 calls for service per year. With the continued growth, we are estimating an additional 200 calls for service per year from just the projects mentioned above.

The recently approved fire levy will allow the fire department to: continue providing fire, EMS and rescue services; provide for minimal growth necessary to continue providing these services; establish a capital plan for aging apparatus and equipment; and provide a long term plan to get the fire department as far into the future as we can without increasing future levies.

We welcome anyone wishing to stop by either fire station to visit and tour anytime. Your firefighters are always happy to educate and answer questions related to the fire service and fire prevention.

FLASH FIRES



The Orange Township Fire Department has responded to a couple of **FLASH FIRE INCIDENTS** in the last couple months relating to the outside electric meter box. It appears the ground below residential outside electrical meter boxes is settling, causing the electric line to pull from the connection points inside the meter box and go to ground. This is creating an arc and flash fire. In some cases, the gas line, phone and cable lines are becoming electrified. We ask residents to check their electric meter boxes and if they see any indication of lines being pulled (circled area in picture below), to call an electrician or you can contact us at 740-548-6346 and we will be happy to stop out and check. For your safety please do not touch the lines or box.

FISCAL REPORT

JOEL SPITZER, FISCAL OFFICER

Fund Name	Beginning Balance 01/01/2015	YTD- Revenue	YTD- Expenditures	Adjustments	Ending Balance 10/31/2015
General	\$3,734,964.74	\$2,928,381.30	\$2,081,520.29	\$100.00	\$4,581,925.75
Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$231,483.89	\$32,165.94	\$51,341.15		\$212,308.68
Gasoline Tax	\$311,435.00	\$150,120.10	\$198,377.70		\$263,177.40
Cemetery	\$80,134.76	\$4,200.00	\$12,666.66		\$71,668.10
Special Fire Levy	\$2,262,617.66	\$8,629,214.52	\$6,465,726.31		\$4,426,105.87
Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$360,690.59	\$169,728.54	\$172,758.95		\$357,660.18
Parks/Rec	\$3,659,916.15	\$2,146,128.37	\$925,427.92	\$449,984.87	\$5,330,601.47
Parks & Rec Improv	\$640.43	\$0.31	\$0.00		\$640.74
Permanent Improvement (Fire Station)	\$1,940.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$1,940.00
Future Fire Station	\$55,067.15	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$55,067.15
Perm Improv (GM/HM Roundabout)	\$997,690.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$997,690.00
Perm Improv (E. Orange Rd #1)	\$995,050.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$995,050.00
Perm Improv (E. Orange Rd #2)	\$999,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$999,400.00
Perm Improv (Orange Rd/US 23)	\$982,630.01	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$982,630.01
Perm Improv (W. Orange Rd)	\$999,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$999,500.00
Perm Improv (Bale Kenyon Rd)	\$992,596.75	\$0.00	\$1,574.90		\$991,021.85
Public Works Commission Projects	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$50,000.00
Cemetery Bequest	\$3,690.92	\$2.07	\$0.00		\$3,692.99
	\$16,719,448.05	\$14,059,941.15	\$9,909,393.88	\$450,084.87	\$21,320,080.19

PARK DEPARTMENT RECEIVES GRANTS

ORANGE TOWNSHIP PARK DEPARTMENT is proud to announce that we have been awarded TWO Grants from Clean Ohio Trails Fund (COTF) totaling \$599,323.00. These grants were awarded for two trail projects that will extend the Orange Township trail system and provide access into the Alum Creek State Park. The first grant is the Bale Kenyon Road Trail. A multi-use trail will be constructed as part of the road improvement project along Bale Kenyon Road from E. Orange Road to Lewis Center Road. The second grant is the Bale Kenyon Trail into Alum Creek State Park which will continue the trail into Alum Creek State Park, crossing the spillway and into the playground area. Construction of these trails will start in 2016 and be completed with the road improvement project also expected to be completed in 2016.



SNOW REMOVAL

When snow is in the forecast, please park your vehicles in your driveway and do not place trash or recycle bins in the street. It is the residents responsibility to clear the snow from mailboxes.

Snow plows can be dangerous; never allow children to play near the street when the plows are present. We request that you never allow children to play near the street when the plows are present. Children hidden in the snow and tunnels can be injured; in addition, ice and objects from the street can be thrown from the plows.

Your comments and concerns are important to us. Please contact Beth Hugh, Maintenance & Parks Director at bhugh@orangetwp.org or (740) 657-2630 with any of your snow plow concerns. During a snow event it is best to email.

Snow Plow Tips:

- Snow plow drivers are often limited in their ability to see when plowing the roadways, please keep a safe distance from the trucks and be courteous.
- Don't crowd the Plow!!
- Reminder-when approaching stop signs, be sure to slow down in advance to avoid sliding into intersections. Many of Orange Township's roads intersect at heavily travelled County and State highways.
- **Residents are advised it is against the law to shovel or plow snow into any public roadway in the state of Ohio, this includes Orange Township roads.**

ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

THE LONG AWAITED INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS to Orange Road and US 23 intersection will begin in 2016. The construction will provide turn lanes for both east and west bound traffic. The intersection improvements are the first phase of three phases for Orange Road improvements. The next two phases will include improvements to Highfield and Green Meadows intersections and will be completed over the next couple of years.

2016 will also bring improvements to Bale Kenyon Road which will include lane widening and a multi-use trail between E. Orange Road and Lewis Center Road. Delaware County will be completing improvements at the intersection of Bale Kenyon Road and Lewis Center Road by constructing a round-about. Both road projects are anticipated to be complete by 2017.

Orange Township would like to thank everyone in advance of their patience and understanding during the road construction projects. Please remember to obey all construction signs and speed limit reductions to keep the workers safe.



ORANGE TOWNSHIP SLEDDING HILL AND SKATING POND



WHAT'S THAT YOU SAY... YOU DIDN'T KNOW WE HAD A SLEDDING HILL OR ICE SKATING POND!

Opened in 2010, both of these little gems are located at Glen Oak Park (7126 Blue Holly Drive); the park also includes shelters, restrooms and ample parking. While the sledding hill will be open all season long (snow permitting) the skating rink

is only open when the ice is at least 4" thick. Don't worry, only the lower pond is used as the skating pond as park staff keep the water level between 18"-24" deep. Residents will be notified via social media if the skating pond is open or closed; in addition, there will be a sign located at the park letting residents know the status as well.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE Township Hall 12/30, 2/24 and 4/27, visit www.redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment.

CPR/AED 3/12/16 9:00-11:30am and **BASIC FIRST AID** 12:30-3:30pm at OTFD Station #361 (Gooding Blvd). Check out www.orangetwp.org for more details.

TRASH, RECYCLING AND YARD WASTE PICKUP SCHEDULE will be delayed one day during the week of December 21st (Christmas Day) and December 28th (New Year's Day); please refer to Rumpke's website for additional information www.rumpke.com.

Orange Township Administrative, Fiscal, Maintenance, Park and Zoning Departments **WILL BE CLOSED AT NOON ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24-25, 2015** in observance of Christmas Day, **FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2016** in observance of New Year's Day, **MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2016** in observance of Martin Luther King Day and **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2016** in observance of Presidents' Day.

ORANGE TOWNSHIP is always looking for volunteers to fill vacancies and alternate spots on our Economic Development Advisory and Park Boards as well as our Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. For more information check out our website at www.orangetwp.org



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