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# ORANGE TOWNSHIP NEWS & VIEWS

**BICENTENNIAL  
CELEBRATION EVENT:  
OCTOBER 9, 2016, 1:00PM**  
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BY DEBBIE TARANTO, CHAIRMAN

In conjunction with our newest park opening, name revealing and Fire Department Open House we will be hosting an Orange Township Bicentennial Celebration Event in honor of Luella Martin Yarnell on Sunday, October 9th at 1:00pm.

Many of you have followed the bicentennial history I've shared over this past year, including sharing with me your sadness of Mrs. Yarnell's passing. Mrs. Yarnell wrote The History of Orange Township in Delaware County, Ohio and allowed me to share with you, from her book, the history of Orange Township and where we began. With Mrs. Yarnell's passing, we dedicated this year's bicentennial celebration in honor of her and her family who dedicated so much time, effort and love for Orange Township. Mrs. Yarnell would call me about once a month last year "reminding" me that this was THE YEAR! So I look forward to sharing this special day with you and honoring her request.

This Celebration Event commemorates the 200 years since the founding of Orange Township in 1816. The Celebration Event will feature information, articles and artifacts from the Township's past, the sealing of a time capsule to be opened in 2116, guest speakers and activities for children.

The Bicentennial Celebration Event, park name revealing and dedication will take place at the newest park located on the east side of the bike/pedestrian bridge across Rt 23. There will be parking in the Mt. Carmel parking lot by the bridge and on Gooding Blvd. If you would like to include something to be put into the time capsule, which will be opened in 100 years, please drop it off at the Township Hall before October 9th. We hope you will join us at 1:00pm on Sunday October 9th for all the fun and festivities, including cake and punch at the fire house afterward kicking off National Fire Prevention Week. I look forward to sharing this special day with you and celebrating our wonderful Township.



**Fire Prevention Week**  
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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 9th, from 2:00 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, 201, from San Diego Paramedics: <http://www.publicsafety.net/prevention.htm>

## PARK LEVY AND ROAD LEVY ON THE BALLOT THIS NOVEMBER

On Tuesday, November 8th - Orange Township residents will be asked to vote on two proposed Township levies: a renewal with a reduction to 1-mill for the Park and Recreation Levy and a new 0.5-mill Road Levy.

These levies, if both pass, will cost the owner of an Orange Township home with a market value of \$250,000 a total of \$6.90 in additional taxes per year.

A levy is stated in terms of millage (mills) based on a percentage of real property. Value of a levy is established by the Auditor's Office based on the value of the real property. The proposed Park Levy is a renewal with a reduction to 1.0 mill Levy. The estimated annual valuation of the renewal levy with reduction is \$1,109,000.00. The Road Levy is a new 0.5 mil levy with an annual valuation of \$578,888.00.

### Park Levy

The current Park and Recreation (1.5 mill) Levy will expire at the end of 2016. In order to keep the parks and trails maintained and to continue to construct new trail connections and park amenities the Orange Township Board of Trustees have decided to put a renewal with a reduction (1.0 mill) levy on the ballot November 8th.

Levy dollars are used to operate and construct all park and trail facilities. Park levy funds can ONLY be used for Park and Recreation. Operations include park staff, tools, equipment and materials used to clean, maintain

and repair the park facilities. This includes small items like toilet paper and cleaning supplies to larger projects. Trail and park projects that the Park Department will be constructing in 2017 include development of the donated 22 acre parcel on North Road into a park and soccer fields, a trail connection from Orange Road along Bale Kenyon Road into Alum Creek State Park and crossing the rail road tracks on E. Orange Road.

The Park Department is able to REDUCE the park levy amount for several reasons. First, we are prudent and efficient with your tax dollars; we utilize a limited staff that is knowledgeable and resourceful to keep costs down. Second, we have been very fortunate to have received park land and trail easements through donations. Lastly, the Park Department has been very successful in obtaining grant money to construct trails within the community.

### Road Levy

The new Road (0.5 mill) Levy will allow our Road Service Department to address the increasing need for improved road maintenance. Between 1996 and 2006, close to 50 miles of new roads were constructed in Orange Township. Now ten years later, these roads are in need of repairs and resurfacing; however, the road revenues continue to decrease while the need for improvements continues to increase. Money collected from the Road Levy can ONLY be used for upkeep and repair to Orange Township Roads.

If you have any questions regarding Park Levy Reduction or the Road Levy please check the Orange Township website at [www.orangetwp.org](http://www.orangetwp.org) or contact Beth Hugh, Maintenance & Parks Director at [bhugh@orangetwp.org](mailto:bhugh@orangetwp.org).

## FISCAL REPORT

JOEL SPITZER, FISCAL OFFICER

Fund Name	Beginning Balance 01/01/2016	YTD- Revenue	YTD- Expenditures	Adjustments	Ending Balance 06/30/2016
General	\$4,337,200.82	\$1,551,879.84	\$3,190,441.28	-	\$2,698,639.38
Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$213,031.87	\$20,835.01	\$13,628.09	-	\$220,238.79
Gasoline Tax	\$258,533.82	\$90,686.69	\$70,443.36	-	\$278,777.15
Cemetery	\$70,544.98	\$2,050.00	\$5,365.17	-	\$67,229.81
Special Fire Levy	\$3,158,962.08	\$4,321,237.51	\$3,053,542.35	-	\$4,426,657.24
Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$372,476.65	\$105,804.84	\$15,280.58	-	\$463,000.91
Parks/Rec	\$5,267,510.30	\$1,182,807.38	\$487,814.42	-	\$5,962,503.26
Parks & Rec Improv	\$640.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	-	\$640.81
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)	\$981,427.51	\$1,000,000.00	\$214,093.63	-	\$1,767,333.88
Perm Improv (W. Orange Rd)	\$999,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-	\$999,500.00
Perm Improvt (Bale Kenyon Rd)	\$989,446.85	\$1,000,000.00	\$118,948.00	-	\$1,870,498.85
Public Works Commission Projects	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-	\$50,000.00
Cemetery Bequest	\$3,693.47	\$2.23	\$0.00	-	\$3,695.70
	<b>\$19,752,116.31</b>	<b>\$9,275,303.50</b>	<b>\$7,169,556.88</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$21,857,862.93</b>

## SHOCKS ARE A NUISANCE, YET POSE NO HEALTH THREAT

FROM AEP OHIO

Have you ever gotten a little shock from touching a parked car or a random metal object when you've been near a power line? Such shocks are startling and a bit of a nuisance, yet rest assured – they won't hurt you. AEP Ohio follows the National Electric Safety Code, which specifies guidelines for safeguarding the public and utility workers around electricity devices and equipment, such as power lines.

So what causes these shocks?

Energized power lines, electrical wiring, appliances, TV, hair dryers, computers and other electrical devices all produce electric fields. An electric field – invisible lines of force produced by electric voltage – is a natural occurrence that can't be eliminated or confined.

Electric fields can cause such shocks when a person touches a metal object that is near electrical lines and equipment. A good example is a vehicle parked near or within a power line right of way, such as AEP Ohio's transmission line that is adjacent to North Orange Park on Gooding Boulevard in Orange Township.

Getting such a shock is influenced by many factors, including:

- line voltage
- distance (both vertical and horizontal distance)
- type of material (conducting or non-conducting)
- type of soil (resistance to electrical charge)
- location and size of object you touch
- atmospheric conditions
- personal physiology
- insulating capability of one's shoes

Typically, such shocks occur when vehicles are parked in or next to the right of way of a 345-kilovolt (kV) or larger line. Vehicles and other objects that are metal can conduct electricity. These objects are more likely to build up a charge and may deliver an annoying shock when you touch them. You feel the shock because you become a path to ground for electric current.

Predicting the likelihood of nuisance shocks is impossible. Yet, we do know this: they are harmless and pose no health risk.

At AEP Ohio, we work continually to keep the public safe near its lines and equipment, and to meet or exceed all

state and federal safety regulations associated with its power system. This includes the transmission line that runs past North Orange Park.

For more information, please contact your Orange Township Board of Trustees or contact Brett Schmied at 614-552-1929 or by email at [beschmied@aep.com](mailto:beschmied@aep.com).

## RECREATIONAL FIRES, BONFIRES

Per 2011 Ohio Fire Code Section 307.4.2, a **Recreational fire** shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition. The fire should not exceed 5 feet by 5 feet by 5 feet high.

Per 2011 Ohio Fire Code section 307.4.1, a **bonfire** shall not be conducted within 50 feet of a structure or combustible material unless the fire is contained in a "pit container". Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 50 ft. of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition. The bonfire should not exceed 3 feet by 3 feet by 2 feet high.

### RECREATIONAL AND BONFIRES GUIDELINES

- Use Clean, dry sawn firewood, or manu-factured logs
- Do Not Use Building materials, pallets, yard waste, food waste, wastepaper, petroleum based materials.
- Per 2011 Ohio Fire Code Section 307.5, fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished.
- A fire extinguisher, water bucket, garden hose, dirt or sand shall be located with in close proximity to the recreational or bonfire.
- Per 2011 Ohio Fire Code Section 307.2.1 The fire code official is authorized to order the extinguishment by the responsible person or the fire department, if the fire creates, adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation.
- Prohibited Outdoor burning Statewide in unincorporated areas during the months of March, April, May, October, and November between the hours of 6:00 am and 6:00 pm.
- Fires must be more than 1000 feet from neighbor's inhabited building.
- No burning during air pollution alert, warning, or emergency
- Fire/smoke cannot obscure visibility on roadways, railways, or airfields.
- NO BURNING with in a village or city limits or restricted areas.

This list is compiled from the **2011 Ohio Fire Code**, the **2013 Ohio EPA clean air regulations** and the **Ohio Division of Forestry**.

## SCHOOL BUS SAFETY LAWS

There are two specific Ohio laws that deal with School Bus operations:

**Section 4511.75** of the Ohio Revised Code Section (A) states that all vehicle drivers shall stop at least ten feet from the front and rear of a school bus that has activated its visual Stop Signal lights.

Under Section (C), when a road is divided into four or more lanes, vehicles traveling in the opposite direction of the stopped school bus do not have to stop. This is an allowance under Section (D) that mandates that

children are to be picked up on the residence side of the roadway. This avoids the need for children crossing multi-lane streets.

**Section 4511.751** allows the Sheriff's Department to issue citations to motorists that fail to stop for school buses that have activated their visual stop signal based on a statement from the bus driver alone - unlike most traffic offenses that require an officer to witness the offense.

Please help keep our children safe by stopping when appropriate!



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### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**, Township Hall on 10/19 and 12/14. Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to schedule an appointment.

**CPR/AED**: 9/10 and 12/10 at 9:00-11:30am and **BASIC FIRST AID** 12:30-3:30pm at OTFD Station #361 (Gooding Blvd). Check out [www.orangetwp.org](http://www.orangetwp.org) for more details.

**TRASH, RECYCLING AND YARD WASTE PICKUP SCHEDULE** will be delayed week of November 22nd (Thanksgiving Day).

Orange Township Administrative, Fiscal, Maintenance, Park and Zoning Departments **WILL BE CLOSED** on Thursday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day and Thursday, November 24 & Friday, November 25th in observance of Thanksgiving.

**CAR/BOOSTER SEAT INSPECTION** 4:00-7:00pm OTFD Station #361 (Gooding Blvd.) 10/5, visit [www.delawarehealth.org](http://www.delawarehealth.org) or call 740-368-1700 for more details.

**BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION EVENT & PARK NAMING** held on Sunday, October 9th from 1pm-2pm on the east side of the bike/pedestrian bridge over US 23.

**ORANGE TOWNSHIP FIRE PREVENTION OPEN HOUSE** will be held at Station #361 (Gooding Blvd.) & Station #362 (S. Old State Rd.) on Sunday, October 9th from 2pm to 4pm.

**ORANGE TOWNSHIP TRICK OR TREAT**, Monday, October 31st from 6pm - 8pm.

**11/6/16 TIME CHANGE**, remember to change your smoke alarm batteries.

**NOVEMBER 8, 2016 DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!!** Contact the Delaware County Board of Elections for more information at <http://www.co.delaware.oh.us/boe/>.

**THE DELAWARE GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT** holds a monthly clinic at Township Hall the 1st Wednesday of each month from 10-11:30am. Contact [www.delawarehealth.org](http://www.delawarehealth.org) for more information.

