

# Orange TOWNSHIP SPRING 2025 NEWSLETTER

Congrats to the Olentangy Orange High School Girls Wrestling and Boys Basketball teams for winning OHSAA championships this year! Go 'Neers! Your community is very proud of your achievements and hard work. Orange Township is working on special signage to be located in a permanent place in the township honoring our high school championship teams each year. Keep up the good work!

**Lisa Knapp**  
Trustee



## A message from Olentangy Orange High School:

Congratulations to the OOHS theatre students and program! The CAPA Marquee Awards recognize excellence in high school theatre in central Ohio, by adjudicating the shows and nominating 5 schools in each category. Out of 26 schools, Orangelight Productions' musical, Sweeney Todd School Edition, received 7 nominations! The red carpet awards ceremony will be held on Friday, May 9th at 7:30p.m. at the Ohio Theatre.

## Weather or Not, It's Spring!

Spring has arrived in Ohio! With the opportunity to enjoy our paths and parks, comes the seasonal risk of tornados. A little over a year ago, tornadoes passed through central Ohio causing fatalities in Logan County and extensive damage to Berlin High School. This tragedy naturally focused our community's attention on early warning infrastructure so we can protect our community even better in the future. If you work in Columbus or are shopping at the Polaris Mall, you may have heard the weekly test of the City's sirens on Wednesdays at noon. Alum Creek State Park is also home to two tornado sirens, but not every area of our Township is within earshot of these sirens.

Resident safety is always our first priority. We have started discussions with the Olentangy School District to potentially partner on installing two new sirens, hosted by the School District but funded by the Township. These strategic partnerships will ensure residents can more safely enjoy all of our outdoor recreational amenities, in a fiscally responsible manner.

**Michael Ringle**  
Trustee



## Independence Day Parade Grand Marshal



We're honored to announce that Mr. Larry Beckwith will serve as the Grand Marshal for the 2025 Independence Day Parade! A decorated Vietnam veteran, three-time Purple Heart recipient, and proud resident of Lewis Center, Larry embodies courage, resilience, and a lifelong dedication to service. At 77, he and his wife Beverly—celebrating 54 years of marriage this October—have built a legacy of family, love, and community. Larry's heroic story and unwavering patriotism inspire us all, and we're thrilled to have him lead this year's celebration. Let's give him the recognition he so deeply deserves!



In early March, the Township partnered with SourcePoint to host two caregiver crash courses at Township Hall. SourcePoint's Interim Community Programs Administrator, Laura Smith, shared some realities of caregiving in the U.S.: people are living longer, the fastest growing segment are those 85 and older, and 1 in 4 families are providing care for their loved ones, many with no outside assistance. Laura discussed what daily living skills to assess in our loved ones, the importance of a family meeting and specific documents (will, POA, etc), finances, potential house modifications, and a list of a number of different community based resources. She also educated us about the reality of common caregiver anxieties and reminded us that we are not alone, whatever stage we are in.

Our next community classes will be with the Delaware Public Health Department. Both at 10a.m., May 13th they will share practical tips for healthy eating including shopping, cooking & gardening and May 20th will be the importance of strong relationships to our mental and physical health. We hope to see you there!

**Erica Fouss**  
Trustee



## **NIGHT SWIM DATES**

**JUNE 20**

**JULY 18**

**AUGUST 15**

The Aquatic Center will close at 8:00 p.m. and reopen at 8:30 p.m. and remain open until 10:30 p.m. Night swims are free to members or \$12 without a membership.



## **Healthy Eating**

The Healthy Eating Class provides practical tips for shopping, cooking, and gardening while emphasizing the importance of essential nutrients that support overall well-being. It also highlights the benefits of maintaining a clean kitchen and making informed food choices to promote a healthier lifestyle. Additionally, the program stresses the importance of staying hydrated to keep the body functioning optimally.

## **Social Connections**

The Social Connections Class highlights the vital role of relationships in supporting both mental wellness and overall health. Strong social connections can help reduce the risk of disease, improve sleep quality, and lower stress levels. By fostering meaningful interactions, this program encourages a healthier and more fulfilling lifestyle.



**Community Room**  
**7560 Gooding Blvd**

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.



## **Aquatic Center Opens Soon!**

Get ready to make a splash—the North Orange Aquatic Center officially opens for the season on May 23rd! Summer fun is just around the corner with swimming, sunbathing, and unforgettable memories waiting to be made. Whether you're diving in for laps or lounging poolside with family and friends, there's something for everyone. Mark your calendars and let the countdown to summer begin! The Aquatic Center will be open daily, 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.



**Purchase  
memberships here!**





# A Behind-the-Scenes Look at Road Maintenance in Orange Township

One of the most common questions we hear from Orange Township residents is: "When is my road going to be paved?" It's a fair question—and an important one—but the answer is often more multifaceted than it seems. With 112 miles of roadway in Orange Township, determining when each road will be resurfaced requires a thoughtful, data-driven approach that balances need, cost, and available resources.

## How We Evaluate Roads

Each year, our Township staff conducts a thorough evaluation of every single road in the township. Roads are rated based on visible surface conditions—like cracking, heaving, settling, potholes, and drainage issues. From there, we then assess the curbs and gutters, storm sewers, curb ramps, striping needs and then the type and volume of traffic that typically uses the roadway. Collectively, these factors guide us in identifying the roads most in need of resurfacing.

## When Resurfacing is Necessary

When a road does require resurfacing, the cost goes beyond just laying new asphalt. ADA compliance mandates that all curb ramps must be updated to current standards. We also assess and repair curbs, gutters, and storm sewers before any resurfacing begins—it's far more cost-effective to address those issues upfront.



## Zoning Reports

If you've ever wondered where to access current zoning reports or find the schedule for upcoming zoning meetings, Orange Township has you covered. All zoning information—including active applications under review by the Board of Zoning Appeals, Zoning Commission, and Board of Trustees—is available on the Orange Township website and Facebook page. Stay informed and involved in the decisions shaping your neighborhood.

Do you have  
a zoning question?

[orangezoning@orangetwp.org](mailto:orangezoning@orangetwp.org)



Sign up for  
the email list!

Did you hear the big news? The email distribution lists through the Orange Township website got a refresh and redesign! Sign up to receive notifications about Trustee Meetings, Zoning Updates, and General News and Events. You can sign up today by scanning the QR Code below.





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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these 2025 events!

<b>Board of Trustees Regular Meeting</b>	May 7   3:00p.m.   Township Hall
<b>Blood Drive</b>	May 8   8:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.   Township Hall
<b>Thriving Together: Healthy Eating</b>	May 13   10:00a.m. - 11:00a.m.   Community Room
<b>Thriving Together: Social Connections</b>	May 20   10:00a.m. - 11:00a.m.   Community Room
<b>Board of Trustees Regular Meeting</b>	May 21   3:00p.m.   Township Hall
<b>Memorial Day - Offices Closed</b>	May 26   All Day
<b>Board of Trustees Regular Meeting</b>	June 4   3:00p.m.   Township Hall
<b>Board of Trustees Regular Meeting</b>	June 18   3:00p.m.   Township Hall
<b>Juneteenth - Offices Closed</b>	June 19   All Day
<b>Independence Day Parade</b>	July 4   10:00a.m.   Olentangy Orange Middle School
<b>Independence Day - Offices Closed</b>	July 4   All Day



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