

## The True Cost of a Mile of Road

When we drive down a freshly paved street, it's easy to take smooth asphalt for granted. But behind every mile of roadway is a significant investment—not just to build it, but to keep it safe and drivable year after year. On average, constructing one mile of a two-lane urban road can cost between \$2 million and \$5 million, depending on land conditions, materials, and traffic needs. Wider arterial roads, bridges, or highways push that cost much higher. Even a “simple” residential street requires surveying, drainage, curbs, and sidewalks in addition to the pavement itself. Once built, the real work begins. Roads wear down quickly under constant use, weather, and freeze–thaw cycles. Maintenance costs typically break down like this:

\*Routine maintenance (patching potholes, crack sealing, striping): \$5,000–\$15,000 per mile per year.

\*Resurfacing (new layer of asphalt every 10–15 years): \$150,000–\$300,000 per mile.

\*Full reconstruction (when the base fails, every 25–30 years): \$1 million or more per mile.

Over its lifetime, the cost of maintaining a single mile of road often equals or exceeds its original construction cost. Every tax dollar invested in roads supports not only smoother commutes but also:

\*Lower vehicle costs (less wear-and-tear on tires and suspensions).


\*Improved safety (well-maintained roads reduce accidents).

\*Economic vitality (businesses, schools, and emergency services depend on reliable access).


Preventive care—like sealing cracks or resurfacing on time—saves money long-term by extending a road's life. Studies show that \$1 spent on timely maintenance can save \$4–\$10 in future reconstruction costs.

Orange Township residents will see a .5 mil levy on the ballot this fall that would go directly to repairs and maintenance for the township's 112 miles of roadway. This is a 2 year levy that will generate an additional 1.1M annually for the resurfacing of township streets. A recent study showed that nearly 25% of township roads are candidates for resurfacing while another 63% are in need of preventative maintenance.

## Founders Festival at Evans Farm



Orange Township is throwing our annual community gathering on  
**Saturday, September 27, 2025, from  
2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**  
Head over to Evans Farm  
off of Lewis Center Rd. for a blast!



Get ready for bouncy inflatables, mouthwatering food, cool vendors, and fun games including a scavenger hunt with a grand prize up for grabs! Best part? Entry is free for all!

Don't forget to check out all of the tasty treats and awesome finds from the vendors!

OUR ELECTED  
OFFICIALS



Michael Ringle, Chair



Erica Fouss, Vice Chair



Lisa Knapp, Trustee



Donna Batten, Fiscal Officer



## Heroes Not Forgotten Race



The Orange Township Heroes Not Forgotten 4-Miler community race will be held October 11, 2025 to honor and remember the brave men and women who have served in our nation's armed forces. This patriotic event brings together runners, walkers, and supporters of all ages to celebrate the legacy of our local heroes in a meaningful and energizing way. Featuring a scenic course through the township, custom race medals, and a supportive atmosphere, the 4-Miler is more than just a race—it's a tribute to courage, sacrifice, and community spirit. Proceeds from the event support veteran-focused initiatives, making each step taken a stride toward giving back. By clicking the link below, you can learn how to be a sponsor or a volunteer for the race. You can also view the route and register to participate - <https://www.orangetwp.org/heroes-not-forgotten-4-miler/>



### Fright Fight

Do you go all out decorating your house for Autumn?

Similar to the Light Fight, Orange Township is judging homes for the Fright Fight.

There will be prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners!

Enter your house by October 10th to have a chance to win!

Go to

<https://www.orangetwp.org/fright-fight/>



### Red Cross Blood Drive

We're excited to announce our next community blood drive, and we need your help to make it a success! Donating blood is one of the simplest, most impactful ways to support those in need.

A single donation can save up to three lives.

**Date: Friday, October 17, 2025**

**Time: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Location: 1680 E. Orange Rd.**

Whether you're a first-time donor or a regular hero, your contribution is critical. You can help to make all the difference for someone undergoing surgery, cancer treatment, or trauma care.

Click the link below to schedule your appointment:  
<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=OrangeTwp>



## Did You Know?

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission typically recommends that Trick-or-Treat be held on the Thursday before Halloween when October 31st falls on a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday?

Since Orange Township follows their recommendations, Trick or Treat will be held on Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**\*Contact your HOA to learn if any changes have been made for your neighborhood.**

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## **Orange Township Fire Department ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE**

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