

## The Light Fight

Orange Township's Holiday Light Fight is back! Judging will begin December 12, 2025 and this year we will be awarding 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The route of participating homes will be posted on our website and Facebook page. All registered houses will display an identifying yard sign. There are different categories of competition and a winner for each category.



## Letters to Santa

Drop off a letter to Santa in his official mailbox in front of Township Hall at 1680 E. Orange Rd. His elves will be collecting letters through December 19, 2025. Be sure to include your address to receive a return letter from Santa himself. An easy guided letter is attached to this newsletter.

## Blood Drive December 19, 2025

The American Red Cross will be at Orange Township Hall on Friday, December 19, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. To schedule an appointment to donate blood go to [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor code: **OrangeTwp.** or call Blood Program Leader, Valerie at 740-548-5430 ext. 3114 or call 1-800-RED CROSS.



You can help to honor local fallen veterans by laying Christmas wreaths at Africa Cemetery. Go to 5201 S. Old State Rd. on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10 a.m.

### OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS



Michael Ringle, Trustee Chair



Erica Fouss, Trustee Vice-Chair



Lisa Knapp, Trustee



Donna Batten, Fiscal Officer

# The Annual Orange Township Holiday Event

Are you ready for some holiday magic?  
The Orange Township Holiday Event will take place on Sunday, December 7, 2025 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The festivities will be at North Orange Park located at 7560 Gooding Blvd.

This year's celebration will feature performances by Olentangy Schools. There will be a festive train ride, and special visits from the Grinch, Santa, and Mrs. Claus! Plus, enjoy hot chocolate, coffee, and cookies served by Orange Friends Church and the Girl Scouts.



We'll also be collecting toys for the People In Need, Inc. Toy Drive. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy to the Orange Township Fire Truck.

Help us make the season brighter for local families!



## Serve on an Orange Township Volunteer Board

Orange Township is currently accepting applications from residents interested in serving on one of our volunteer boards, including the Veterans Committee, Public Safety Committee, and Parks Committee. These boards provide valuable guidance on township programs, services, and long-term community planning.

Each committee convenes approximately four times per year, offering a meaningful opportunity to contribute without a significant time commitment. Service on these boards allows residents to share their expertise, support community initiatives, and play an active role in the stewardship of Orange Township.

Residents who are committed to supporting our veterans, enhancing public safety, or advancing the maintenance and development of township parks are encouraged to apply.

Additional information and application materials are available on the Orange Township website.







Orange Township Fire Department

# Toy Drive



Toys Must Be New and Unwrapped

**November 20 - December 8**

**Fire Station 361**

7700 Gooding Blvd.  
Delaware, OH 43015

**Fire Station 362**

7307 S. Old State Rd.  
Lewis Center, OH 43035



People   
In Need, Inc.  
of Delaware County Ohio



# Winter Weather Reminders for Residents

As the winter season approaches, we would like to provide the following important reminders to ensure safety and efficiency during snow events:

## **1. Mailbox Maintenance:**

- Please inspect and repair your mailbox to address any loose screws, hardware, or missing components. Mailboxes should be sturdy enough to endure typical snow removal conditions. Orange Township is not responsible for damage caused by snow displaced by plows.

## **2. Roadway Obstructions:**

- To assist our plow drivers in effectively clearing roads, please limit on-street parking during snow events. If you reside on a cul-de-sac or an area with frequent street parking, consider relocating vehicles during snow events. Plows may bypass streets where obstructions prevent safe clearing operations.

## **3. Trash Can Placement:**

- Ensure that trash cans are placed on the apron of your driveway rather than along the curb or in the roadway.

## **4. Fire Hydrants and Storm Sewers:**

- Help keep fire hydrants and storm sewers visible and accessible by clearing snow from these areas.

## **5. Snow Removal Practices:**

- Avoid shoveling or blowing snow onto roadways, as this creates public safety hazards.
- When clearing your driveway or sidewalk, place snow on the left side of your driveway (as you face your house). This reduces the likelihood of snow being pushed back onto your driveway by plows.

## **6. Snow Removal Priorities: During snow events, crews prioritize primary roads before addressing secondary and tertiary roads.**

- Primary Roads include: Orange Rd, Bale Kenyon Rd, Green Meadows Dr, Highmeadows Village Dr, Rail Timber Dr, North Rd, and roads near schools.
- Secondary Roads serve as neighborhood collectors, such as Abbey Knoll Dr, Abbot Downing Blvd, Overland Trail, Pleasant Colony Dr, Bold Venture Dr, Oak Creek Dr, Mercier St, Parklawn Dr, Blue Holly Dr, and Evans Farms Dr, among others.
- Tertiary Roads include cul de sacs and other neighborhood streets
- Arterial Road Responsibility:
  - Major arterial roads like US 23, Powell Rd, Africa Rd, Lewis Center Rd, Shanahan Rd, and South Old State are managed by other jurisdictions, including ODOT and the Delaware County Engineer's Office.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping to maintain safe and navigable roadways this winter season.



# Dear Santa

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

My address is \_\_\_\_\_  
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I am \_\_\_\_ years old.

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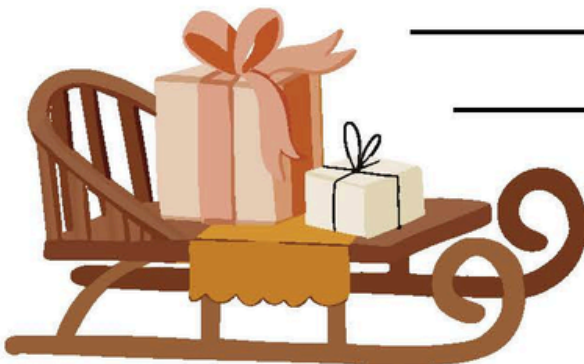
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