

Orange TOWNSHIP SUMMER 2026 NEWSLETTER



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Heroes Not Forgotten 4-Miler

Orange Township is proud to announce the second annual Heroes Not Forgotten 4-Miler, taking place on Saturday, October 10, 2026. This special event brings together residents, families, veterans, and community supporters to honor the service and sacrifice of the men and women who have defended our nation.

This year's race will begin at the soon-to-be renovated Delaware County Bicentennial Barn in McCammon Creek Park. Orange Township extends its sincere appreciation to the Preservation Parks District of Delaware County for hosting the race start at this historic location. As our nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of American independence, the Bicentennial Barn serves as a fitting backdrop to recognize the invaluable contributions veterans have made to preserving the freedoms and opportunities we enjoy today.

The Heroes Not Forgotten 4-Miler is more than a race; it is a community tribute. Participants of all ages and abilities are encouraged to join us as we honor those who have served while enjoying the beautiful surroundings of McCammon Creek Park and our Veterans Memorial. Proceeds from the event will support Township veterans initiatives and programs that recognize and assist local veterans throughout the year.

Whether you are an experienced runner, a casual walker, a veteran, or simply someone who wants to show support, we invite you to be part of this meaningful event. Registration is now live, and participants are encouraged to sign up early to secure their spot.

Join us on October 10th as we come together to remember, honor, and celebrate our veterans—because our heroes are never forgotten.



Scan this QR code to register!

Powell Road Trail Completion



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The multi-use path connection from South Old State Road to Lyra Drive, on the north side of E. Powell Road, is complete! This was a collaboration between the Delaware County Engineer and Orange Township, and was partially funded by grant money. This long-awaited link provides trail access to the Polaris area and beyond!



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E-Bike Safety

E-bikes are everywhere! Understanding the different classes and where they are allowed to operate is important for everyone's safety.

Class 1 and 2: Can go up to 20 mph. Allowed on roads, bike paths.

Class 3: Can go up to 28 mph. Allowed only on roads. Riders must be at least 16 years old & wear a helmet.

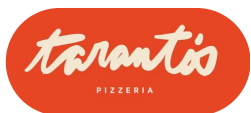
Electric Dirt Bikes/Pit Bikes: Throttle-powered with no pedals. Intended for off-road private property use only.

E-bikes may be ridden on sidewalks only when the motor is not engaged. When riding on roads, all bikes must follow traffic laws. Lights are also recommended for night-time riding.

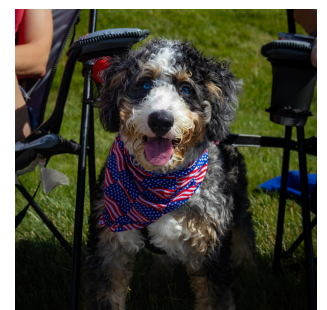
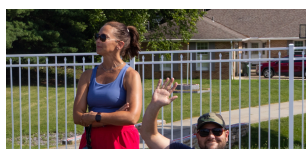
As a parent, I'm glad to see young people spending time outdoors, but we have had several close calls involving e-bikes and vehicles. Please take time to review these rules with your children to help keep everyone safe!



Thank you to everyone who showed up to watch and participate in our Independence Day Parade!



Thank you to our silver sponsors!





North Orange Aquatic Center

Night Swims

Night Swim Dates: July 17 & August 7

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 \$12.00 without a membership.

We want your feedback! Share your feedback to make the 2027 season even better!



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Fiscal Focus - What is the Homestead Exemption?

The Homestead Exemption is a statewide property tax relief program. In Delaware County, the program is administered by the County Auditor's Office under guidelines established by the Ohio General Assembly and the Ohio Department of Taxation. Eligible seniors and disabled homeowners can lower their property taxes by shielding a portion of the home's value from taxation. Under current rules, it removes \$25,000 of the market value from an eligible taxpayer home's assessment. The exemption covers your primary home and up to one acre of the surrounding land.

For example: If your home is appraised at \$100,000, your taxes will be calculated on \$75,000.

For new applicants to qualify, your Ohio Adjusted Gross Income must be \$41,000 or less.

For further information, please contact the Delaware County Auditor's Office at (740)833-2900 or visit <https://auditor.co.delaware.oh.us/homestead/>



Food - Inflatables - Games - Vendors

North Road Park

Sunday, September 27 | 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.



Scan this QR code for more information, or to register!

orangetwp.org/founders-festival



Fire Department Updates

Station 362 Update

You may have seen the construction fencing and activity on the corner of South Old State Rd. and Orange Rd. We are excited to announce that construction is officially underway on the new Station 362, which represents a significant investment in the safety and future of our community. Designed to meet the needs of our growing township, the new station will provide modern facilities for firefighters, enhance emergency response capabilities, and ensure our department is prepared to serve residents for decades to come. We look forward to sharing updates as construction progresses and bringing this new public safety resource to Orange Township.

Firefighter Training

Members of the department participate in daily training to maintain and enhance their skills. Recently, firefighters partnered with OhioHealth for a three-day training program at the Delaware Area Career Center training grounds, focusing on firefighter rescue techniques and advanced medical skills. Additionally, 12 department members successfully earned Trench Rescue Operations-level certification, and six firefighters were ropes rescued certified, further expanding the department's technical rescue capabilities and preparedness for complex emergencies.



Open House

It's approaching quickly! The Orange Township Fire Department's Annual Open House will be held on October 4th from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Fire Station 361 (7700 Gooding Blvd.).

Join us for an afternoon of family-friendly fun as you meet your firefighters and paramedics, tour the fire station, explore the apparatus, and participate in interactive demonstrations and activities. We look forward to welcoming the community and showcasing the people, equipment, and services that help keep Orange Township safe.



Why Don't We Want To Resurface Roads?

When residents see crews working on crack sealing, patching, or applying treatments to roads that still look to be in good condition, a common question is, "Why aren't you just paving the road?" The answer is simple: our goal is to keep roads from needing costly resurfacing for as long as possible.

Think of your roads like your home or your vehicle. Regular maintenance—such as changing the oil in your car or replacing a few shingles on your roof—is much less expensive than replacing the entire engine or roof. Township roads are no different. By investing in pavement preservation, we can extend the life of our roads, reduce long-term costs, and make the best use of taxpayer dollars.

Pavement preservation focuses on maintaining roads while they are still in good to fair condition. Once water begins entering cracks in the pavement, it weakens the base beneath the road and accelerates deterioration. Small cracks become potholes, potholes become major failures, and eventually the only option is a complete resurfacing or reconstruction at a much higher cost.



Orange Township

Socials

AUG 11 | SEPT 8 | OCT 13
10:00am - 12:00pm

North Orange Park Community Room
7560 Gooding Boulevard, Delaware



You're Invited! PUBLIC HEARING

- Thursday,
July 23, 2026
- 11:00 AM
& 6:00 PM

MEETINGS TO BE HELD AT:

ORANGE TOWNSHIP HALL

1680 E ORANGE RD, LEWIS CENTER, OH 43035

How We Repair Roads

Orange Township uses several proven preservation techniques to slow this process:

Crack Sealing fills cracks before water can penetrate the pavement. This simple treatment helps prevent further damage and can significantly extend the life of the road.

Mastic Repairs address larger cracks and localized areas of deterioration that are too extensive for traditional crack sealing. Mastic is a durable asphalt material that restores these trouble spots and helps keep them from becoming larger failures.

Micro Surfacing is a thin protective layer applied over existing pavement. It restores skid resistance, seals the surface, and protects the underlying asphalt from weather and oxidation. While it doesn't add structural strength, it can add several years of service life at a fraction of the cost of resurfacing.

Asphalt Rejuvenation replaces the natural oils that asphalt loses over time from exposure to the sun and weather. By restoring flexibility to the pavement, rejuvenation helps reduce cracking and slows the aging process, extending the pavement's lifespan before more expensive repairs become necessary.

These preservation techniques cost only a small percentage of what it takes to mill and resurface a road. In many cases, several rounds of preventive maintenance can be completed for less than the cost of one resurfacing project. This allows the Township to maintain more miles of roadway each year while stretching available road funding further.

Eventually, every road will require resurfacing. However, the longer we can keep a road in good condition through timely maintenance, the more value we receive from the original investment. Waiting until a road has visibly failed often means the damage has progressed beyond inexpensive repairs, resulting in significantly higher costs.

Our goal is to provide residents with safe, reliable roads while being responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars. By preserving roads before they fail, Orange Township can keep more roads in better condition, reduce long-term maintenance costs, and ensure that every road dollar goes as far as possible.

The next time you see a crew sealing cracks or applying a preservation treatment to a road that still looks "good," remember—that's exactly the point. The best time to preserve a road is before it needs to be resurfaced.



JOIN US IN PERSON!

Share your thoughts, learn how DCT FLEX could improve local transportation options, and ask your questions.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these 2026 events!

Night Swim	July 17 8:30pm - 10:30pm North Orange Aquatic Center
Delaware County Transit Open House	July 23 11:00am AND 6:00pm Township Hall
Zoning Commission Meeting	July 28 6:30pm Township Hall
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting	August 5 3:00pm Township Hall
Night Swim	August 7 8:30pm - 10:30pm North Orange Aquatic Center
Orange Township Social	August 11 10:00am - 12:00pm Community Room
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting	August 19 3:00pm Township Hall
Olentangy District First Day of School	August 20 All Day
Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting	August 20 6:00pm Township Hall
Blood Drive	August 21 9:00AM - 3:00pm Township Hall
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting	September 2 3:00pm Township Hall
Labor Day - Offices Closed	September 7 All Day
Orange Township Social	September 8 10:00am - 12:00pm Community Room

WE'RE HIRING!



Scan the QR
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open positions

Sign up for
the email list!

