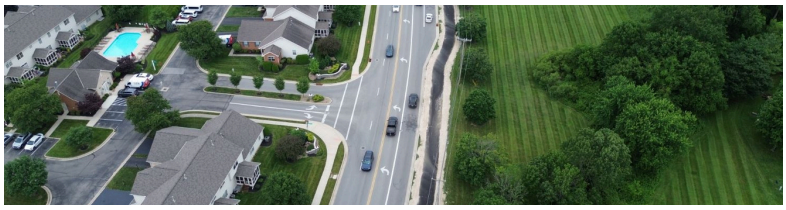
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Roads Levy

Orange Township residents will see a new Roads Levy on the ballot, the language will read as an additional levy. The proposed levy is scheduled to replace two existing 0.5-mill road levies that are set to expire at the end of 2027. Rather than continuing those two levies separately, the proposed measure would allow both to expire and combine them into a new 1-mill levy, capturing the value of new development and property growth in the Township.

The proposed 1-mill levy is estimated to generate approximately $2.2 million annually, those funds dedicated exclusively to maintaining Orange Township roads. The Township is responsible for maintaining roughly 113 centerline miles of roads, making the road system one of the largest infrastructure responsibilities managed by the Township.

Road levy funds are used for the ongoing work required to maintain safe and functional roads throughout the community. This includes road resurfacing and repairs, pavement maintenance, road materials, drainage-related work, snow removal, and other expenses directly related to maintaining the Township's road system. Orange Township's road levy is a dedicated source of funding for these needs, helping provide the resources necessary to maintain the roads residents use every day. As Orange Township continues to grow, maintaining existing infrastructure while planning for the future remains an important part of serving the community. The proposed levy would be an annual increase of $7 per $100,000 of appraised value.





Parks Levy

This November, there will be a Parks Renewal Levy on the ballot. The original parks levy was first approved by voters in 2007 and has played an important role in the growth and development of our community's parks and recreational amenities.

Over the years, Orange Township has worked to be a responsible steward of the funds provided through the parks levy. Today, Orange Township maintains approximately 20 miles of multi-use paths, providing residents with opportunities to walk, run, bike and connect with the community.

The proposed renewal will focus on three important areas: continuing to expand and maintain Orange Township's trail network, maintain parks and playgrounds, and support the ongoing operation and upkeep of the North Orange Aquatic Center. As the Township continues to grow, maintaining these amenities and ensuring they remain safe, accessible and enjoyable for residents is an ongoing priority.

The estimated cost of the proposed parks levy is $80 per year for a home with an appraised value of $400,000, or $20 per $100,000 of appraised value.





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Fire Department Open House

We invite the community to join us for our annual Fire Prevention Week Open House!

Bring the whole family and spend the day with your local firefighters on October 4th, 2026 from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Fire Station 361, 7700 Gooding Blvd., to tour the fire station, explore fire trucks and emergency equipment, meet our firefighters, and participate in fun, hands-on activities for all ages. And, of course, no open house is complete without free hot dogs and popcorn!

This is a great opportunity to get to know the men and women who serve our community, ask questions, see your fire department in action, and learn how you and your family can stay safe in an emergency. We look forward to opening our doors and welcoming our neighbors! Come see your fire department, meet your firefighters, enjoy some food, and learn how we work every day to protect Orange Township.







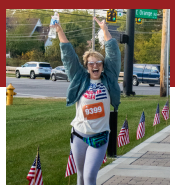


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1-800-828-8171
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Residents age 62+ who are head of household qualify for a senior discount (10% off base rate). Proof of eligibility are required. Please contact Rumpke for more information

HEROES NOT FORGOTTEN 4 MILER

Saturday, October 10th
9:00 a.m.



Join us to honor and remember the brave men and women who have served in our nation's armed forces.

The Heroes Not Forgotten 4-Miler returns to Orange Township on October 10 at the newly renovated Bicentennial Barn at McCammon Creek Park. The race honors and remembers our nation's veterans while bringing the community together in support of those who have served.

This year, we are proud to partner with Mission Warmth, which supports unhoused individuals throughout the Columbus area, with a special focus on veterans. Participants and community members can help by donating requested items to support those in need.

Sign up to participate here!



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Lewis Center Chamber of Commerce

Did you know Lewis Center has its very own Chamber of Commerce? And did you know there are more than 200 members? Come meet some of the amazing businesses, restaurants, organizations, and entrepreneurs that help make Lewis Center such a great place to live, work, and shop at the Lewis Center Chamber of Commerce Taste & Explore event, held at the Ohioan Hotel & Event Center!

Local restaurants will be offering samples of their food and drinks for just $2 per sample. Best of all, admission to the event is FREE! Come discover the incredible businesses and organizations in and around Orange Township, meet local owners and entrepreneurs, and enjoy a taste of what our community has to offer. We hope to see you there!





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Marion Moffett

Moffett and Thompson Rooms

If you've ever been to Township Hall, you might have been in the Moffett meeting room where trustee meetings are held, or in the Thompson conference room. But you may not know why they were named that. These important rooms were named after two Orange Township Trustees who passed away in office: Billy Thompson, who served from 1985 to 1993, and Marion Moffett, who served from 1994 to 2001.

Although I did not know Mr. Thompson, prior trustees have had many good things to say about him. I did work with Mr. Moffett and greatly admired his ability to listen to residents with genuine concern, to see the big picture, and to calmly negotiate difficult situations. He was also instrumental in purchasing and developing our beautiful Township Hall and Park.

Both of these public servants truly cared about their community. Although they were gone too soon, their legacy lives on today.

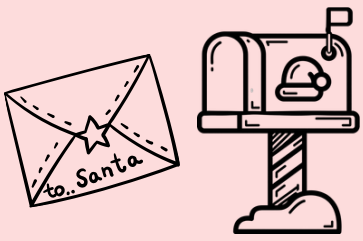
Holiday Event

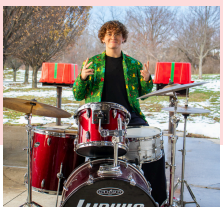
DECEMBER 6, 2026 4:30-6:30PM

North Orange Park | 7560 Gooding Blvd.

Free hot chocolate and cookies, tree lighting, train rides, and more! Bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate to Delaware People In Need! Santa and Mrs. Claus even cleared time in their schedule for a visit! Santa's mailbox will even be there for kids to write letters and drop them off!

Santa maibox will be at Township Hall November 18 - December 18. Families are welcome to drop off letters to Santa, please be sure to include name and address









WREATHS *across* AMERICA

December 19th, 10:00 a.m.
Africa Cemetery | 5201 S Old State Rd

Orange Township is proud to once again participate in Wreaths Across America, a meaningful tradition that honors and remembers those who served our nation. Wreaths can be purchased for $17 each. Want to help in another way? Sign up to be a volunteer!

We strive to make sure our local veterans are remembered and honored.

Scan the QR code to purchase a wreath or sign up to volunteer at this year's event.

FRIGHT FIGHT & LIGHT FIGHT

Fright Fight

Light Fight

Prizes awarded for 1st 2nd and 3rd place.

Fright Fight and Light Fight are community events were neighbors deck out their homes and vote on who has the best display. Scan the QR codes to register to participate!







Welcome to SourcePoint

Thrive after 55

Wednesday, December 16th, 11:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
800 Cheshire Rd, Delaware, OH 43015

Join the Community Engagement and Concierge Teams to learn more about all that SourcePoint has to offer. Following, there will be guided tours and the opportunity to chat with staff members at our resource fair. If interested, you may also enjoy lunch in Café 55 with others in our group. For Delaware County residents 55 and better, lunch is available on a donation basis.

To register, please call 740-363-6677

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these 2026 events!

Fire Department Open House	October 4 | 12:00pm - 3:00pm | Station 361
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting	October 7 | 3:00pm | Township Hall
Heroes Not Forgotten 4-Miler	October 10 | 9:00am | McCammon Creek Park
Lewis Center Chamber Taste & Explore	October 11 | 1:00pm - 4:00pm | The Ohioan
Columbus Day - Offices Closed	October 12 | All Day
Orange Township Social	October 13 | 10:00am - 12:00pm | Community Room
Blood Drive	October 16 | 8:30am - 1:30pm | Township Hall
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting	October 21 | 3:00pm | Township Hall
Trick-or-Treat	October 31 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Election Day	November 3 | 6:30am - 7:30pm
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting	November 4 | 3:00pm | Township Hall
Orange Township Social	November 10 | 10:00am - 12:00pm | Community Room
Veterans Day - Offices Closed	November 11 | All Day
Board of Trustees Special Meeting	November 16 | 10:00am | Township Hall
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting	November 18 | 3:00pm | Township Hall
Thanksgiving - Offices Closed	November 26 & 27 | All Day
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting	December 2 | 3:00pm | Township Hall
Holiday Event	December 6 | 4:30pm - 6:30pm | North Orange Park
Orange Township Social	December 8 | 10:00am - 12:00pm | Community Room
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting	December 16 | 3:00pm | Township Hall