

We are getting excited for the start of spring! I'm looking forward to taking walks in our parks and trying out the new disc golf course at Township Hall Park. In the winter newsletter we highlighted some of the wonderful things that happened in Orange Township in 2022. 2023 will be another great year! In addition to our typical warm weather activities that are held in the parks like baseball, soccer, cricket, basketball, flag football, kids playing on our playgrounds, and fun at the pool, this year we are adding 4 pickleball courts to the Township! They will be at North Rd. Park and should be complete this summer.

In the roads world, we are excited for the widening of Bale Kenyon Rd. between Orange Rd. and Kendal Ln. The road will be closed over the summer and once it's complete we'll have bike path on the west side of the road. We even have some fun, community-wide events occurring throughout the year. There was a township wide photo scavenger hunt April 7-16. July 4th we'll see the Orange Township Independence Day parade! This is the first parade that's organized by the township, and we are looking forward to once again coming together as a community to celebrate America!



-Erica Fouss
Trustee Chair



Did you know....

Orange Township Fire Department has two stations:

- Station 361 - 7700 Gooding Blvd
- Station 362 - 7307 S. Old State Rd.

OTFD will be holding CPR Basics Courses at both stations!

OTFD hosted a CPR Basics course on March 25th at Station 361. Several residents learned life saving techniques about how to perform CPR and use an AED. The next CPR Basics Course will be May 6th at Station 362. You do not need to register for the Basics Course, just stop in, it only takes a few minutes to learn how to save a life. If you would like to become CPR Certified you can reach out to the Fire Department by emailing cpr@orangetwp.org



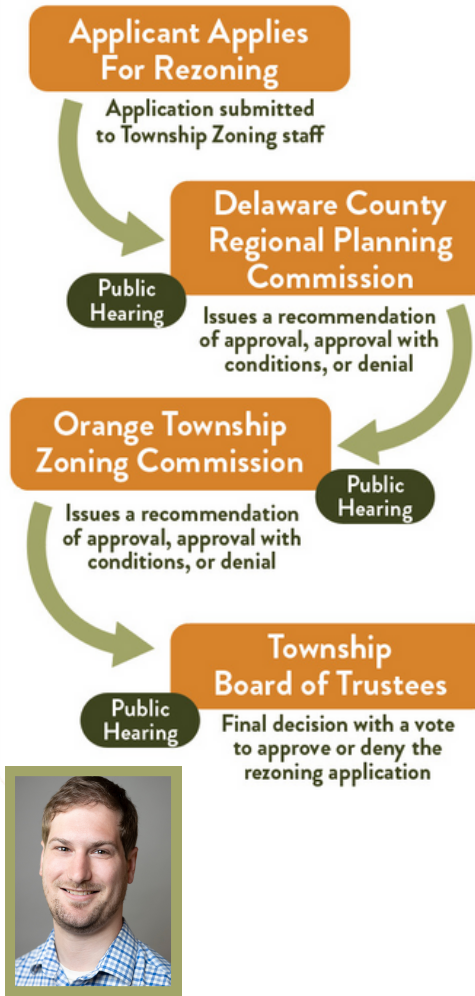
Register to be in Orange Township's Independence Day Parade here!



What is Zoning?

Zoning is Orange Township's primary tool to regulate growth and development of the community. At its core, zoning is a set of rules that govern how properties can be used. Many aspects of zoning can be handled administratively, but certain situations require the public meetings of various boards and commissions. When a property owner wants to change the zoning district of their property, this is called a re-zoning, and there are a number of steps in this process. First, the property owner would apply for a re-zoning to Orange Township. The first public meeting is with Delaware County Regional Planning, which issues a recommendation to the Township as to whether the re-zoning should be approved or denied. Then, the Orange Township Zoning Commission holds a public hearing, and issues its own recommendation as to whether to approve or deny the re-zoning. Finally, the application proceeds to the Board of Township Trustees, which holds its own public hearing, and ultimately votes to approve or deny the re-zoning, taking into account the recommendations of the previous meetings. The entire re-zoning process can be long and complicated, but it is an integral part of how zoning works.

-Robin Duffee, AICP
Director of Development and Zoning



"I've worked in zoning since 1998, when our population was just 8000. 25 years later it has quadrupled. During that time, I've seen so much growth and change in our community. What I've learned over the years is that the rezoning process involves negotiation, in order to create the best fit for Orange Township. When a plan meets our zoning code perfectly, regardless of whether it's good for our community, it is typically approved with few changes. Land owners have a constitutional right to develop their property, within certain parameters. A proposed development that doesn't meet our code can sometimes be an opportunity to ask the developer for changes and for more amenities and features that can benefit our community. This can include the preservation of scenic vistas along main roadways that otherwise would have been clear cut, and the clustering of homes in a single area to keep them hidden from view, as is the case in a recent rezone. This careful, balanced and personalized approach helps shape our community, can create diversity of appearance and use, and can be a win-win for everyone."

-Lisa Knapp
Trustee Vice Chair



Year End 2022 Financial Summary

Fund Name	Fund Balance 12/31/2022	2022 Revenue	2022 Expenditures
General Fund	\$7,921,382	\$4,145,304	\$3,400,524
Special Revenue Funds	\$18,686,570	\$15,090,652	\$14,054,859
Capital Projects Funds	\$124,781	\$50,007	\$14,972
Permanent Funds	\$3,926	\$44	\$0
Fiduciary Funds	\$5,834	\$0	\$125
Report Total	\$26,742,493	\$19,286,007	\$17,470,480

Figures have been rounded to the nearest dollar. For more financial information, visit orangetwp.org/departments/fiscal/ or OhioCheckbook.com

Orange Township Veteran's Memorial

The Orange Township Veterans Memorial continues to move forward. We received two significant anonymous donations last year, and we also obtained grant money from the State of Ohio! To further assist in funding the memorial, we are now selling commemorative bricks on the Orange Township website that will allow individuals and families to memorialize their loved one's military service. Prices start at \$25 and go all the way up to \$350 for the largest available options. The impact of inflation continues to challenge this project and many others that are still in process. We will continue to raise funds and seek donations in hopes we can construct the designed memorial without revisions. Thank you all for your generous support to date!



8"x8" Engraved Paver



4"x2" Engraved Paver



Scan to order a dedication paver to be installed at the Memorial



-Ben Grumbles

Trustee



Last, I am excited to share that a new Joint Economic Development District, or JEDD, is being finalized with expected completion in July of this year. This has been a personal goal since I began as a trustee in 2020 because it will ensure a sound financial future for Orange Township. I look forward to sharing more with the community as it becomes available in the very near future!

New Hires

Public Works Laborers

Hunter Jones - Hunter is from Radnor, Ohio, about 20 minutes north of Lewis Center. He enjoys fishing and hunting and he is excited to help out wherever he can!

Ben Buck - Ben is excited about his new journey with Orange Township! He enjoys sports, reading, and listening to music.

North Orange Aquatic Center

Ready for summer? Buy your pool membership today! Memberships can be purchased online and by township residents only. Please visit the Orange Township website for the link. New photos will be taken for the 2023 season. You can pick up the fob early and get your photo taken during these times, prior to the pool opening on May 26th!

May 7: 1pm-6pm

May 8: 3pm-8pm

May 9: 12pm-5pm



Night Swims

June 9: 8:30pm-10:30pm

July 21: 8:30pm-10:30pm

August 11: 8:30pm-10:30pm

The Community Garden has moved!

The Community Garden has been at Evans Farm for the past two years. Due to more rapid development coming to Evans Farm the Board decided to move the Garden to Glen Oak Park. All plots for this year are sold but be on the lookout next year if you want to get in!





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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these 2023 events!

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting	May 3 3:00pm Township Hall
Shredding Event	May 12 12:00pm - 3:00pm Township Hall
Shredding Event	May 13 9:00am - 1:00pm North Orange Park
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting	May 17 3:00pm Township Hall
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting	June 7 3:00pm Township Hall
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting	June 21 3:00pm Township Hall
Independence Day Parade	July 4 10am Orange High School
Founders Festival	September 30 North Orange Park
Holiday Light Fight	Dates TBD
Holiday Event	December 3 4:30-6:30 North Orange Park

