

Community

We value honest & respectful relationships both internally and externally. New community events took place, including the Independence Day Parade and Founders Festival.



Pride

We value the satisfaction of a job well done. The allocation of funds to purchase the first orange colored fire apparatus took place in 2023.



Results

We value accomplishments done with integrity. Several park and community improvements occurred in 2023, including relocation of the community gardens to Glen Oak Park.



Development

We value continuous personal & organizational growth. 12 Firefighters were awarded badges in 2023 and the Director of Operations received the Patriotic Employer award.



Stewardship

We value the efficient & effective use of resources. Several grants were awarded to the Township for various projects including facility updates at Township Hall Park.



To view the full State of the Township document, scan the QR code or visit the website, orangetwp.org



State of the Township

2023 was another successful year here at Orange Township! The year marked many achievements such as hosting two new events (4th of July Parade and Founders Festival), creating economic development tools, approval of our fire levy to maintain our level of services and we cannot forget our first set of pickle ball courts at North Road Park. As I speak on behalf of the Board of Trustees (Lisa Knapp, Mike Ringle, and Erica Fouss), we are truly proud of the work going on within and around the Township. We had 26 new commercial builds in 2023 which brought new businesses to our community. Orange Township continues to be a great place to live, work, and play. That is all thanks to YOU! Our mission is to serve the residents of Orange Township by offering vital services to enhance their value of life and support those who live, work, and partner with us. We stayed true to our mission as we consistently delivered services to our community through administration, fire, human resources, roads, parks, facilities, fiscal, and zoning. This is our second year preparing a State of the Township report detailing all of our department's accomplishments. The report is broken down by our core values – Community, Pride, Results, Development, and Stewardship. The report is available on our website. To the left, you will see photos of some of the initiatives and improvements we made for our vibrant community. We are looking forward to making 2024 even better! Thank you for your continued support.



-Orange Township Administrator
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Public Works and Parks Report

As mentioned in the State of the Township, many notable improvements around Orange Township include:

- Addition of restrooms, a shelter, a parking lot expansion and four pickleball courts at North Road Park
- Construction of new community gardens at Glen Oak Park
- Pond renovation and wetland enhancement at Township Hall Park
- Installation of a 9-hole disc golf course at Township Hall Park
- Completion of 2 multi-use trail projects: Lewis Center Road Phase 3 and Green Meadows Drive
- Construction of new cricket field at Alum Creek Below Dam Recreation Area through an agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers

Orange Township is excited to see the completion of 2 more projects in the first half of 2024, including the Veterans Memorial and the completion of the first phase of Bale Kenyon Road. The Veterans Memorial is on track to be completed prior to the Orange Township Memorial Day ceremony.

The Bale Kenyon Road widening project is multi-phased that will see much needed improvements along Bale Kenyon Road from Orange Road to East Powell Road and will include a multi-use path along the west side of the road. The first phase experienced unprecedented and unexpected delays with utility relocations, but the road was reopened in December. Additional asphalt work is expected to take place in the spring of 2024, closing out Phase 1. Phase 2 preparations will begin in the early part of 2024 with tree removals and utility relocations in anticipation of road construction that will begin later in 2024. The third and final phase is expected to begin in 2025. The phased approach that is being utilized for this project is being done to capitalize on the variety of grant funding available, reducing the amount of Road Levy and General Fund dollars required to cover the cost of construction.

Additional planned projects in 2024 include:

- Extending Green Meadows Drive past Home Road to Lewis Center Road
- Resurfacing of multi-use trails at Township Hall Park
- Construction of a new trail along Rail Timber Drive
- Replacement of playground surfacing at Glen Oak Park
- Adoption and implementation of Active Transportation Plan

In 2024, Orange Township hopes to secure grant funding to begin construction of the multi-use trail along East Powell Road, providing pedestrian and biking connectivity from Lyra Drive to South Old State Road.

REMINDER: Please keep parked cars and trash cans off of streets to allow plow trucks to come through easily. And if you see a plow truck slow down and move over. Stay alert and stay safe!



Green Meadows Trail Extension



Bale Kenyon Road Widening



Veterans Memorial Construction



Lewis Center Trail

A new year brings the opportunity to reflect on our accomplishments and plan for the future. When I was sworn-in as trustee, I said I wanted to focus on expanding our trail network and stretching our tax dollars. In 2023, the multi-use trail was extended and a rapid flashing beacon was installed along Lewis Center Road to provide greater access to Alum Creek State Park. When the multi-use path is completed down Bale Kenyon Road after its widening, much of the Township will be able to bike over to the Ohio to Erie Trail from their neighborhood. We are diligently working towards the day when we can connect the entire Township. The Township also formed a joint economic development district in 2023. A JEDD will allow the Township to recover some of the costs for providing services to new commercial developments so that residents are not paying for increasing demands for services. We have much for which to be thankful and the future is bright. I am excited to see what we accomplish as a community in the year ahead.



Michael Ringle
Trustee Vice Chair

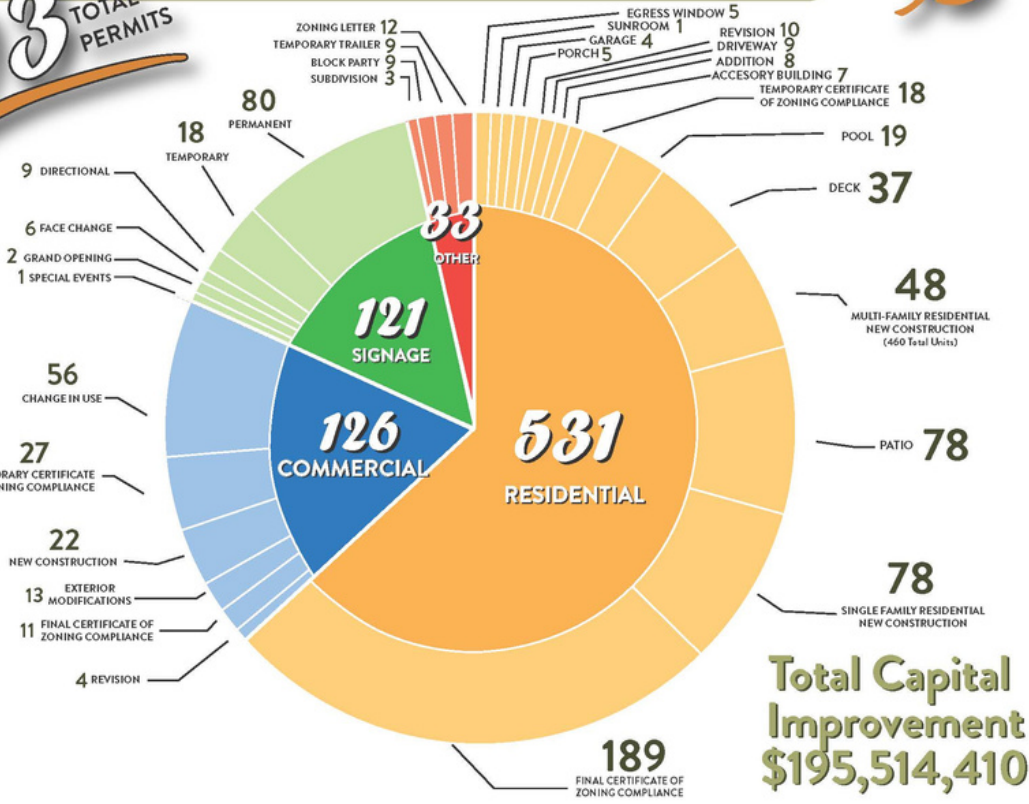
2023 Orange Township Zoning Applications Report

803 TOTAL PERMITS



Zoning

2023 was a record year for the Orange Township Zoning Department! We processed a total of 803 zoning permits, which is the highest number of permits on record. That includes 531 residential permits, which ranged from new homes to pools, decks and patios, and 126 commercial permits, along with 121 signage permits. We also tracked the total cost of construction for all projects in Orange Township, which amounted to approximately \$195,500,000! We are looking forward to what 2024 will bring!



Total Capital Improvement \$195,514,410

Do you have a zoning question?
orangezoning@orangetwp.org



HOME SAFETY

Lithium-Ion Battery Safety

Lithium-ion batteries supply power to many kinds of devices including smart phones, laptops, e-scooters and e-bikes, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys, and even cars. If not used correctly, or if damaged, these batteries can catch on fire or explode.



The Problem

- These batteries store a large amount of energy in a small amount of space.
- Sometimes batteries are not used the right way; batteries not designed for a specific use can be dangerous.
- Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective. They can overheat, catch fire, or explode.

Safety Tips

- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- Put batteries in the device the right way.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.

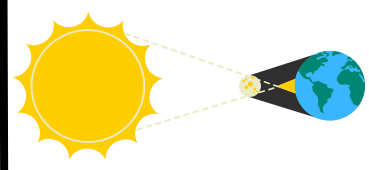
FISCAL CORNER

Fiscal Officer Lisa Kraft recently reported that Orange Township earned over \$1.2 Million in investment income in 2023. The fiscal office strategically managed the cash in the townships checking account as well as laddering the investments, resulting in this strong financial performance. More importantly, the investments in the Township's portfolio meet the Ohio Revised Code and Township Investment Policy requirements.



Lisa Kraft
Fiscal Officer

Total Solar Eclipse



On April 8, 2024 a total solar eclipse will occur over the United States. Parts of Orange Township and Delaware County are in the line of totality. The next time the United States will see a total Solar Eclipse is August 23, 2044 and it will only be visible in Montana and parts of North Dakota. Scan the QR Code for more information and events in Delaware County celebrating the day.





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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these 2024 events!

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

February 7 | 3:00p.m. | Township Hall

Business Appreciation Breakfast

February 13 | 7:30a.m. | Township Hall

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

February 21 | 3:00p.m. | Township Hall

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

March 6 | 3:00p.m. | Township Hall

Zoning Code Presentation

March 13 | 5:30p.m. | Township Hall

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

March 20 | 3:00p.m. | Township Hall

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

April 3 | 3:00p.m. | Township Hall

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

April 17 | 3:00p.m. | Township Hall

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

May 1 | 3:00p.m. | Township Hall

Shredding Event

May 11 | 10:00a.m. - 1:00p.m. | North Orange Park

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

May 15 | 3:00p.m. | Township Hall

