

Oxford Township Newsletter

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Township meetings are held the second tuesday of each month at 8:00 P.M. (8:30 DST) at the township hall, 5125 Shoemaker Road. Any changes and special meetings will be published in the Delaware Gazette and on the township website. Cancellations will be posted on the door of the township hall. The public is welcome to attend.

Website:

www.oxfordtwp.org

Mail correspondence to:

Oxford Township

5606 Steamtown Road

Ashley, Ohio 43003

Township Hall is now OPEN for rentals!!

We are pleased to announce, after a long year the Oxford Township Hall and Shelter House are open and available to rent to township residents. There are full kitchen facilities for your use in the township hall. A contract agreement must be signed and a security deposit of \$50.00 (checks preferred - not cash) is required. As of January 1st of any calendar year, any date for that calendar year may be requested to be reserved. If requesting a reservation for January or February, you may request a day for those two months as of November 1st of the prior year. **To make a reservation please contact Ricky Foor at 740-815-3582.**



“The Friends of Ashley Business Group” are hosting a Farmers’ Market on the fourth Saturday in June, July and August.

They are seeking vendors to participate at the market. If you are a food (fresh or prepared) vendor, home based business, or local agency interested in participating, please contact Ameer at the Wornstaff Memorial Public Library by phone (740)-747-2085 or email asword@wornstafflibrary.com

Applications available at the library. A fee (to be determined) will be required from vendors.

DO YOU HAVE BUILDING PROJECT? DO YOU NEED A PERMIT?

The last year and a half have been a difficult time for all of us and now that we are returning to a new normal you may have plans for projects around the house and property. As your plans come together, please keep in mind that your project may require a zoning permit to verify compliance with the zoning regulations. Please review the following information for what projects require zoning approval:

Section 28.02 - Zoning Certificate Required: No structure, which exceeds two hundred (200) square feet in size, shall hereafter be located, constructed, reconstructed, enlarged or structurally altered nor shall any work be started upon same, nor development begun, until a zoning certificate for the same has been issued by the Oxford Township Zoning Inspector, which certificate shall state that the proposed building and use, and/or development comply with all the provisions of this Zoning Resolution or the approved Development Plan.

If you have questions or need information for obtaining a permit, please visit the Oxford Township webpage at www.oxfordtwp.org or give me a call at 740-272-6338.

ZONING BOARD MEMBER NEEDED! The township has a vacant alternate seat on the Oxford Township Zoning Commission Board. The alternate would fill in at the meetings when a board member is unable to attend. Anyone interested please contact one of the Oxford Township Board of Trustees; James Hatten, Craig Pittman or Steve Lewis.

2020 PERMIT STATISTICS:

Permits were issued for the following: (2) New Residences, (3) Additions, (5) Accessory Buildings, (1) Inground Pool and (1) New Industrial Building.

Duane Matlack – Oxford Township Zoning Inspector

WORNSTAFF MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

As you read this newsletter, our Summer Reading Program (June 7, 2021 to July 19, 2021) has begun. This year, like last year, we will have no in-person programs. Each Children's group (Storytime Baby to Kindergarten, Monday 1st grade to 12 years old, Teens aged 13 years old through High School) will have weekly Take and Make projects placed in tubs at the front door of the library. Each group will have a reading log and will receive prizes for the time read. You can stop by the library to pick up reading logs or visit our website (www.wornstafflibrary.com) to print logs at your home.

We will also offer a Summer Reading Program for adults as well. Each adult can complete a BINGO card. There will be a prize for completing a BINGO and then entry for a raffle prize.

In 2020, the library received funds from the Estate of Fraser Bell. The Board of Trustees and staff have decided to use the funds for "wish list" items. We used a portion of the funds to purchase the new sign in the front yard of the library. One of items on our list is a Little Free Library at the Oxford Township Park. There are over 100,000 registered libraries in 100 countries. The "library" should be installed this summer. It will contain weeded and/or donated books. Need something to read and can't make it to the library, stop by and take a book. Finished a book and you no longer need or want, considering donating it to the Little Free Library for someone else in the community to read.

This year, we will be updating our network and cabling at the library. Currently, our network sits under our office desk. As you may guess, this takes away leg room and also offers limited space for growth. Our network will be moved to the basement. We will also be placing additional Wi-Fi access points to have consistent coverage throughout inside and outside the building. The cabling will also connect to our security cameras and allow easier updates.

Our hope is to return to in-person programming in the fall especially with the removal of the State of Ohio Health orders. You can check out our current programming on our website (www.wornstafflibrary.com), stop by the library to pick up our monthly newsletter, or you can subscribe to our email listserv.

If you ever have questions or concerns, I am available for a chat. Thank you, Amee

DID YOU KNOW...

- Oxford township has 19.81 center line miles of roads.
- Cost to chip and seal a mile of road is about \$13,347.00.
- There are 64 culverts to maintain. There were 5 culverts replaced in 2020.
- There are 11 bridges.
- The township used about 156 tons of salt last winter at a cost of \$88.77 a ton.
- A township road & bridge renewal levy, with no increase, will be on the November 2, 2021 ballot.

Oxford Township Zoning Board

Joel Bennington - Zoning Secretary
740-816-7543

Zoning Appeals Board:

Andy Wuertz
Owen Adams
Bob Thomas
Dave Wheeland
Tim Harrel
Greg Doubikin – Alternate

Zoning Appeals Board meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month if needed.

Zoning Commission Board:

Scott Lucas
George Patterson
Ginger Colley
Howard Thatcher, Jr.
Paul McCurdy
Vacant Seat – Alternate

Zoning Commission Board meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month if needed.

RUMPKE

Rumpke is proud to be your service provider!

Rumpke is a family-owned and operated waste and recycling company that has provided services to residents and businesses throughout the region for nearly 90 years. Founded in 1932, today Rumpke ranks among the largest service providers in the country. More than 500 communities throughout Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana, including Cincinnati, Columbus and Dayton, rely on Rumpke for reliable weekly service. Rumpke owns or operates 14 landfills; 12 recycling plants and employs 3600 team members. Drivers are needed! Anyone interested please contact www.rumpke.com.

Oxford Township has a contract with Rumpke through June 30, 2022. Oxford Township subsidizes your bill by paying Rumpke \$20.79 per resident per quarter. As a resident your current quarterly bill is \$29.63 with an increase in July, 2021 to \$31.14. If you have any questions with your Rumpke trash service please contact Rumpke at one of the following:

- service.cir@rumpke.com
- www.rumpke.com
- 1-800-828-8171

FROM THE DELAWARE PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT

Hazardous Waste Collection 2021



NEW 2021

\$20 per car

July 17th

9 am - 1 pm

Marion Fairgrounds
220 E. Fairgrounds St.
Marion, OH 43302

Must be a resident of
Delaware, Knox, Marion or
Morrow County.

**Residents
Only**

PHOTO ID REQUIRED

limit 10 cans of latex paint • 5 gallon containers and under • no empty containers

ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Adhesives- roof tar and driveway sealers

Automotive Fluids- antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, brake fluid, etc.

Batteries- alkaline, Ni-Cad, lithium, rechargeable, lead acid

Fire Extinguishers


Fluorescent Bulbs

Household Chemicals- pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, insecticides, etc.

Mercury and Mercury Containing Items

Paint and Paint Related Materials- aerosol, latex, oil based paint, varnish, sealers, primers, thinners, turpentine, stains etc.

Propane Cylinders- 20 pounds and under

Smoke Alarms- only if it contains a radioactive symbol → 

Have questions?

Give us a call at

740-223-4120



For questions, please contact our local liaison, Jenifer Way-Young at 740-203-2076.

SNOW PLOWS AND MAILBOXES

Another beautiful summer has begun. Summer work projects are in effect and being completed with a new outlook into the upcoming winter snow maintenance and snow removal. We ask that extra careful attention be given to all township snow removal equipment while they are trying to safely complete their tasks. These large trucks at night have a hard time seeing when working and backing, so please allow them space.

Secondly, snow blowing and shoveling snow into the roadway is not permitted according to the Ohio Revised Code. Obstacles that are in the roadway could cause residents to wreck or damage their vehicle.

Thirdly, all mailboxes need to conform to the United States Postal Service code as to the location from the edge of the road. Oxford Township will not be responsible for any repair or replacement of mailboxes that fail to meet the following requirements:

- The mailbox is located at a minimum of 6" from the edge of the pavement to the face of the mailbox.
- The mailbox is able to withstand the weight of snow removal, but not limited to having the following characteristics; No rotten wood or rusted metal; sturdy, stable post and mailbox; and no loose hinges, bolts or screws.

Oxford Township does recommend that all residents do a yearly inspection of their mailbox prior to the snow removal season. Inspection of damaged mailboxes due to snow removal will be made by the Oxford Township maintenance department. After the inspection, the maintenance department will review its results and determine whether the mailbox complied with the United States Postal Service Code and the requirements stated above along with whether the facts clearly indicate the damage was the result of Oxford Townships snow removal operations. If the maintenance department determines the mailbox met the above requirements and that the facts clearly indicate the damage was the result of the township operations, but not involving direct contact with a township vehicle that was reported as an accident, the mailbox will be repaired or replaced by the township, provided that the estimated cost does not exceed \$50.00 per mailbox. Any concerns or discrepancies can be addressed at any township meeting.

Lastly, tree trimming or removal; any trees including pine trees or other plants obstructing the roadway is the responsibility of the homeowner. If not addressed by the homeowner, Oxford Township has the right per Ohio Revised Code to trim or remove obstructions as necessary.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience. Have a safe and wonderful summer.
Jim Viers, Road & Maintenance Supervisor

TOWNSHIP ROADS

Last summer the completed 2020 Road Improvement Project for chip and seal included McCurdy Road, Whipple Road and a portion of Maloney Road. The total cost was \$45,173.34. This year's 2021 Road Improvement Project for chip and seal will include Shoemaker Road, from Steamtown Road to Ashley Road along with the driveway and parking lot at Oxford Township Park. The total cost will be \$65,156.55

EVENTS IN THE AREA

The **Ashley Corn Show** will be on August 5th, 6th and 7th held in downtown Ashley. Sponsored by the Ashley American Legion Post 518 and the Ashley Sons of the American Legion Squadron 518.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 2, 2021.