



**Olmsted Township**  
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**FALL 2023**

## **MESSAGE FROM THE TRUSTEES/FISCAL OFFICER**

We want to again thank you for your support and trust as we work to provide services to all residents and businesses in the Township in the most efficient and cost-effective manner. We take seriously our pledge to maintain sound fiscal practices and to implement our shared vision for Olmsted Township.

Our staff echoes this commitment everyday as they work on our streets and roads, inspect new and renovation construction, patrol our community, and respond to emergencies. Calls to any of our Departments are handled in a courteous, respectful, and timely manner.

We are proud of the infrastructure improvements made with one-time CARES and ARPA federal dollars. Cuyahoga County and State of Ohio funds have been used as designated to improve the quality of life so important to all of us. Grants received through application at all Departments provide an additional source of non-property tax revenue.

The appearance of our Administration Building, Town Hall, new Cold Storage Facility—all our buildings and grounds—reflect the care and service you have a right to expect.

## **2023 ROAD PROGRAM**

The Trustees have invested heavily in infrastructure improvements this year as in the past 5 years using a bi-annual save/spend pattern to ensure the total budget reflects the fiscal integrity you expect.

The road program this year includes the repair, rebuild, and resurface of Timber Lane, Heatherwood Circle, Avondale, and sections of Glen Hollow and Hunters Ridge in the Hunters Ridge neighborhood. Total cost of this project was almost \$1 million with \$357,000 coming from ARPA funding. The remainder is our tax dollars at work.

The updated 2023 Township Road Program Schedule will be used to determine priorities based on objective criteria. The projects noted build upon other roads projects over the past few years - Fairlane, Tall Oaks, Yellowstone, Grace, Homestead, Oakridge, and a portion of Crestwood. Total investment in these projects is almost \$2 million.

Good roads and a well-maintained community support high property values and the desirability of our diverse housing stock.

We share your pride in Olmsted Township; we seek to implement our shared vision for the future. Thank you for helping us make the Township a great place to call "home".

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE TOWNSHIP?**

See our new, improved website at [www.olmstedtownshipohio.gov](http://www.olmstedtownshipohio.gov) to keep current on what is happening in our community. It is user-friendly and provides even more information on available services, traffic updates, projects within the Township, recycling options, and important dates.

Follow us on Facebook for the latest information and updates.

**New  
WEBSITE**



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## TOWNSHIP PROJECTS

### STEARNS ROAD PROJECT

Additional investment in infrastructure has been made by the Ohio Turnpike and Cuyahoga County in the multi-million dollar, 18-month Stearns Road Project. This project includes the complete replacement of both the Jennings and Stearns Roads Turnpike bridges, widening of Stearns Road, storm-water improvements, placement of sewers and sidewalks, widening of the Stearns/Bagley intersection and resurfacing of Jennings Road.

The Trustees lobbied for this project for many years. When completed, it will improve access in this southwest quadrant of the Township, increase the value of homes, and solve numerous traffic issues at the Bagley/Stearns intersection.

The Trustees appreciate the patience and understanding of all who live in this area. The Department of Public Service continues to monitor issues and maintains constant contact with the contractor and all other entities on the project.

### BREEZEWOOD TREE/SIDEWALK PROJECT

This ARPA-funded project's goal was to make this neighborhood more pedestrian-friendly. Old trees in the sidewalk area caused uneven and unsafe walking conditions in our oldest subdivision dating from the mid-1950's. About 40 trees were removed, stumps ground, affected sidewalks replaced, and new grass planted. Trees native to the area will be planted in fall or spring. These trees will ensure the integrity of the tree canopy and ecosystem.



*In progress.*



*After completion.*

Public Service managed some of the project through multiple contractors and our staff completed the clean-up and planting of grass.

Other infrastructure investment in this neighborhood includes asphalt patching at the street corners on Fitch Road and Cuyahoga County work on two bridge sections over the creek on Crestwood and Eastwood. The County also relined some of the storm and sanitary sewers.

### COLD STORAGE FACILITY

Public Service recently completed a Cold Storage Building to house vehicles, trucks, and heavy equipment. Getting these items "under cover" prolongs useful life and saves money in replacement and repair costs. This \$325,000 project was funded by ARPA money.



### COOK ROAD GRANT

Olmsted Township has been awarded two Cuyahoga County grants totaling \$200,000 for placement of sidewalks on Cook Road from Timber Lane to Stearns Road. Total cost of the project is about \$400,000. The Trustees continue to implement the recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan 2019 which identified residents' vision for connectivity throughout the Township. This Plan and the [Transportation for Livable Communities Study 2014](#) established priorities and noted where connections were and are still needed to improve walkability for residents.

### ELECTION DAY

November 7, 2023 is Election Day. The Trustees have placed a *renewal* levy on the ballot that primarily funds Township road projects. This *renewal* levy will not increase your property tax.

We encourage you to [VOTE](#).  
Your [Vote](#) is your [Voice](#)!

**VOTE**  
**2023**  
**ELECTION**

### BUILDING DEPARTMENT

A new software program has been implemented to streamline Building Department processes to make them seamless and efficient. IWORQ provides online fillable forms for permit applications, contractor registration, and variance requests. Forms have been modified to clarify what is required to secure a permit. These forms are also available in the lobby of the Building Department. Online payment options are available.

Tom Virostek is our new Chief Building Official and comes with years of experience in the field. He and his staff want to make your experience a smooth pathway to your home renovation project.

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



The Olmsted Township Police Department is focused and committed to police/community partnerships. This is evident in the successful Community Engagement Initiative that encourages a patrolling officer to get out

of the car and talk with residents and members of our business community. Our e-bikes have been a great opportunity to be present in our neighborhoods and available to adults and young people.

**School Resource Officers** at our High School and Intermediate/Middle School Complex are one more opportunity to interact with young people and school personnel.

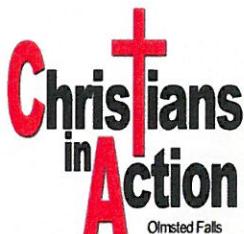
Finally we invite you to **Coffee with the Chiefs** the last Thursday of each month at 9:00am in our Community Room. An informative presentation and informal conversation will give you a great appreciation for the commitment of our safety forces to the community.

### COUNTY ROAD AGREEMENT 2023

The Trustees have negotiated a 10-year agreement with Cuyahoga County Public Works to maintain County roads in the Township. The County pays the Township to provide maintenance per agreed upon parameters and snow/ice removal. This is a meaningful collaboration that serves our Township well.

### CHRISTIANS IN ACTION

Food pantries often experience a decrease in donations during the summer months. This leads to empty shelves as volunteers work to provide basic necessities to our neighbors in need.



**You can help.** Drop off items at the Township Police Department lobby near the corner of Fitch and Cook Roads. The lobby is open 24/7. Most needed are canned soups, fruits, and vegetables, macaroni & cheese, cereals, peanut butter, jelly, rice/noodle items, crackers, pasta, and pasta sauce.

### NEW ENGINE DEDICATION

Our Township Fire Department is proud to announce the dedication of our new fire engine at a special ceremony on **Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am**. This is a once in a career event for our firefighters and a special opportunity for our community to celebrate. Our new engine replaces a 27-year-old "veteran" that served our community well. We invite you to join us for this special ceremony.



### DID YOU KNOW...

Olmsted Township and the City of Olmsted Falls jointly manage Chestnut Grove Union Cemetery located on Lewis Road. Tax millage from both communities supports the operation of this Community asset. If you or someone you know is interested in pre-planning and available options, call (440) 235-1400 to set up an appointment.



**TOWNSHIP TRICK-OR-TREATING will be held October 31 from 6-8pm.**





## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Sunday, September 24, 10a—**  
Fire Engine Dedication

**Thursday, September 28, 9a—**  
Coffee With the Chiefs,  
Township Community Room

**Monday, October 9 —**  
Columbus Day, Offices Closed

**Sunday, October 15, 1-3p—**  
Halloween Open House,  
Fire Station

**Thursday, October 26, 9a—**  
Coffee With the Chiefs,  
Township Community Room

**Monday, October 30—**  
Last Branch Chipping

**Tuesday, October 31, 6-8p—**  
Trick-or-Treating

**Tuesday, November 7—**  
Election Day

**Thursday, November 9, 11a—**  
Veterans' Day Ceremony,  
Town Hall

**Friday, November 10—**  
Veterans' Day Observed,  
Offices Closed

**Thursday, November 23—**  
Thanksgiving Day, Offices  
Closed

**Sunday, November 26, 5p—**  
Tree Lighting Ceremony

**Monday, December 25—**  
Christmas Day, Offices Closed

**Monday, January 1, 2024—**  
New Years Day, Offices Closed

Trustee meetings are held on the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month** in the Community Room with a Zoom option available.

Zoning Commission meetings are generally held on the **4th Thursday of the month**. See website for details.

Board of Zoning Appeals meetings are generally held on the **3rd Wednesday of the month**. See website for details.



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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



We have hired Economic Development Director, Jeremy Rowan, to focus on our vibrant local business community. He has already contacted many of our small business owners and commercial developers and distributed an e-newsletter to advise how Olmsted Township can be a proactive partner in their success. Supporting existing businesses and attracting new ones to the area will help diversify our property tax base and improve the quality of services available.

We welcome Angelina's Pizza, Mi Rancho Mexican Restaurant, and Original Steaks and Hoagies to Olmsted Township!

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