



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Monday, April 28**—Branch Chipping begins. Last Monday of each month, April–October.

**Tuesday, May 6**—Special/Primary Election

**Monday, May 25**—Memorial Day, Offices closed

**Thursday, June 19**—Juneteenth, Offices closed

Red Cross Blood Drives are held bimonthly in the Township Community Room. Check our website for details.

**Trustee meetings** are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and/or 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:30p. Zoom option available. Check website for dates.

**Zoning Commission meetings** are generally held on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7p. Check website for dates.

**Board of Zoning Appeals meetings** are generally held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6p. Check website for dates.

All Township meetings are held in the Township Community Room. Check our website for details.



Trash bins, recycling bins and any bulk items must be set out to the curb no later than 6am on Thursday mornings in order to be picked up by Republic.

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# Olmsted Township Today



**SPRING 2025**

**Olmsted Township**  
**7900 Fitch Road**  
**(440) 235-3099**

**[www.olmstedtownship.org](http://www.olmstedtownship.org)**

**Trustees: Riley Alton, Thomas Cole, Lisa Zver**

**Fiscal Officer: Brian Gillette**

## FITCH ROAD SANITARY SEWER & ROADWAY PROJECT SET TO BEGIN

Cuyahoga County and Olmsted Township are moving forward with a major infrastructure upgrade along Fitch Road. The Fitch Road Sanitary Sewer Extension and Roadway Improvement Project will enhance sanitary services and roadway conditions for residents.

Spanning from the FirstEnergy Right-of-Way south of Cook Road to the North Olmsted border, the project will replace 56 septic systems with a new 18-inch sanitary sewer, connecting homes and the Fitch Road Early Childhood Center to an improved wastewater system. Additionally, Fitch Road will be resurfaced, and a new sidewalk will be installed along the west side to improve pedestrian safety.

This much-needed project addresses environmental concerns and supports long-term growth. Columbia Park, a nearby manufactured home community, has faced compliance challenges with its wastewater system, and this project will help mitigate future risks.

Construction is set to begin in November 2025 and is projected to conclude by June 2027. Funding comes from Cuyahoga County, OPWC, and NEORSD, with a total cost of \$7.49 million.

The project will ensure reliable sanitary services, improved roadway infrastructure, and enhanced public health and safety. Residents can look forward to safer roads and a more sustainable future for Olmsted Township.

## SENIOR TRANSPORTATION



After a 6-month trial, the Trustees have approved a one-year contract with Senior Transportation Connection (STC) to enhance access to essential services for Township residents. The agreement allows residents to use STC transport for medical appointments and grocery shopping within a 10-mile radius.

Residents will pay \$10 each way; the Township will pay \$30 each way. Total cost of the round trip is \$80. Residents are limited to 2 round-trips per week.

To utilize the service, residents must complete a one-time registration form available at the Township Administration Building. For more information, call (440)235-3099.



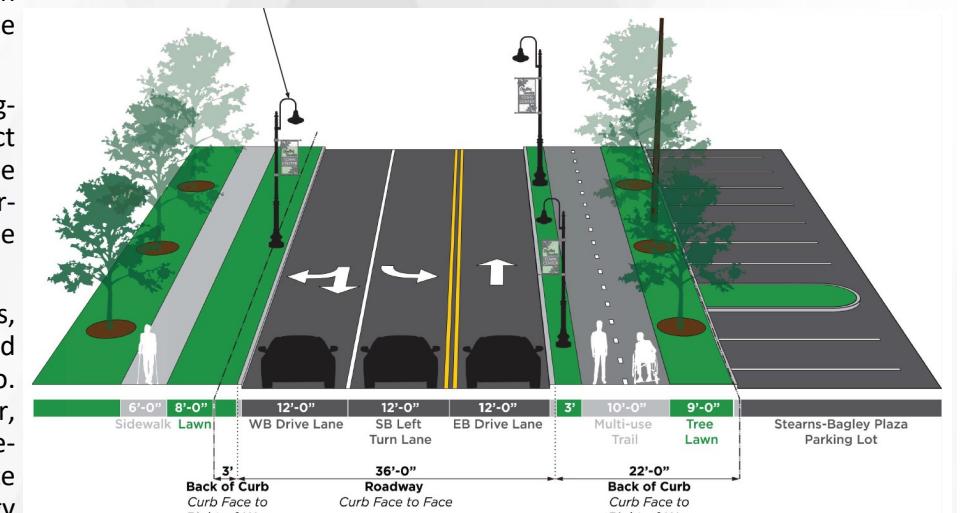
Olmsted Township was ranked the 3rd Safest City in Ohio by [Safewise.com](http://Safewise.com).

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SHAPES THE FUTURE OF THE TOWNSHIP'S TOWN CENTER

On March 27th, 2025, Olmsted Township hosted a successful public open house at Swings N Things, inviting residents to help shape the future of the Town Center Streetscape Improvement Plan. This event, designed in an open-house format, allowed community members to drop in, review proposed enhancements for the intersection of Bagley Road and Stearns Road, and provide valuable input.

Approximately 40 residents attended, engaging with the steering committee and project team to discuss three distinct streetscape concept plans, each concept offering a different level of improvement to enhance the Town Center's aesthetics and functionality.

In addition to the streetscape improvements, the project team shared two wayfinding and signage concepts developed by Guide Studio. Rather than selecting one over the other, residents were encouraged to highlight elements they liked from both designs to create a cohesive and distinctive branding strategy for the Town Center.



## TREE CITY USA RECOGNITION



**TREE CITY USA**

Olmsted Township earned recognition as a **2024 Tree City USA** from the Arbor Day Foundation, a global nonprofit dedicated to inspire people to plant and care for trees.

In urban and suburban areas, trees provide numerous benefits, including managing stormwater runoff, improving air quality, and enhancing mental and physical well-being. Strategically planted trees can also help reduce noise pollution, increase property values, and lower energy costs for residents.



Our Service Department has planted a total of 115 new trees since Spring of 2024.

Receiving the Tree City USA designation is a testament to the Township's commitment to environmental stewardship and enhancing our community's green spaces," said Eric Williams, Service Director. "Trees provide significant long-term benefits, and we will continue to prioritize their care and maintenance to ensure a healthier, more sustainable future for our residents."

To learn more about the program, visit [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org).

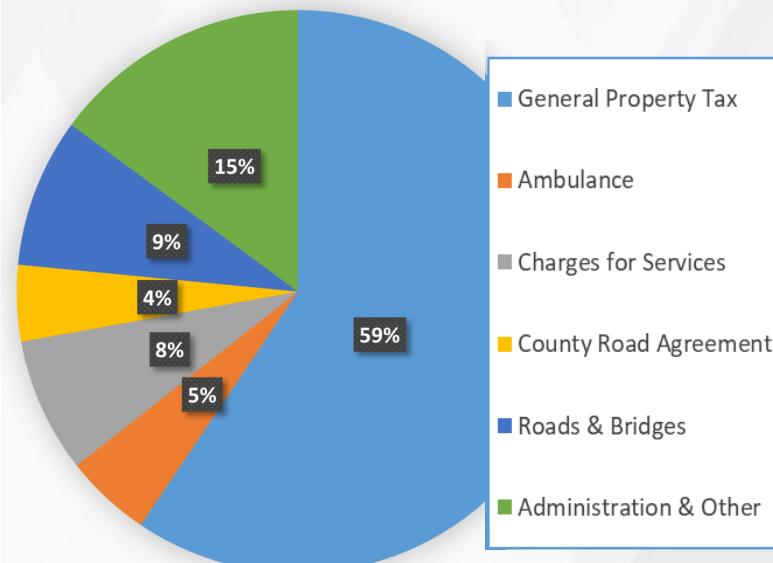
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## FINANCIAL REPORT

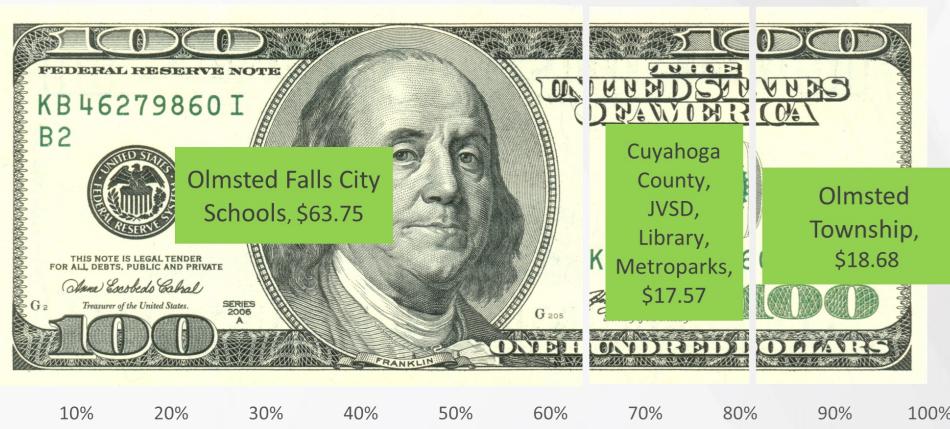
The Trustees and Fiscal Officer pledge to you—our residents and business taxpayers—that we will continue to plan carefully and spend our resources wisely. Each of our Departments is given a budget and works within those parameters to cover salaries, healthcare and other employee benefits, capital equipment, facilities maintenance/repair, insurance, training, and all expenses associated with day-to-day operations. We all take our commitment to you seriously and value your trust in us.

### 2024 REVENUES



**2024 TOTAL REVENUE**  
**\$11,661,389**

### WHERE DO YOUR PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS GO? 2024 ALLOCATION

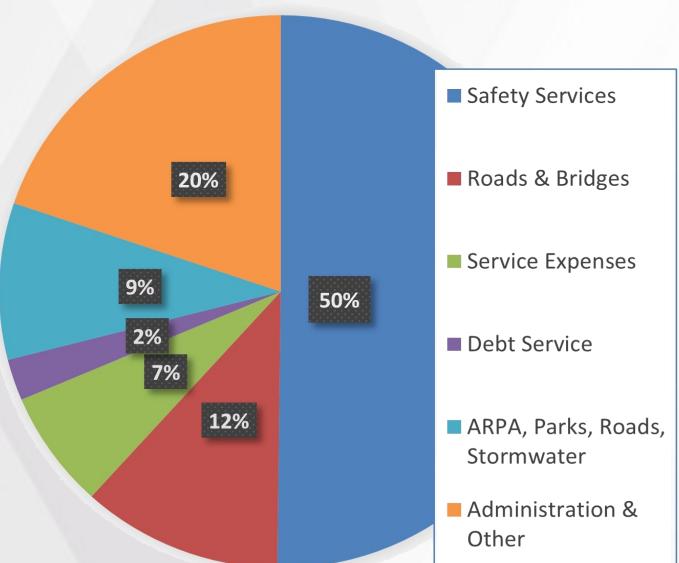


For every \$100 of property tax paid, Olmsted Township receives \$18.68

For this, taxpayers receive:

- Professional, Responsive Police & Fire Safety Services
- Proactive Road Maintenance & Public Service
- Building Department Oversight of Construction & Exterior Maintenance
- Commitment to Sound Fiscal Management & Service through the Trustees & Fiscal Officer

### 2024 EXPENDITURES



## BUILDING DEPARTMENT UPDATE



L to R: Permit Tech Christine Hegarty, Building Official Justin Reed, Electrical Inspector Dennis Scarpucci, Code Enforcer Eric Arko

As we move into a new season, the Township Building Department is here to help residents and businesses with all their construction, renovation, and permitting needs. Whether you're planning a small home improvement project or a large commercial development, we're committed to ensuring that all projects meet building and zoning codes.

The department also welcomes Dennis Scarpucci, who was hired this year as our full-time electrical and residential building inspector. Dennis brings a wealth of electrical knowledge to the Township and continues to help ensure we have consistent electrical inspection capacity.

### PERMIT REMINDERS

With warmer weather approaching, many homeowners begin planning exterior improvements such as decks, concrete flat work, grading, fences, and sheds. Please remember that most projects require a permit to ensure compliance with building and zoning codes. If you're unsure whether your project needs a permit, visit our website or contact the Building Department for guidance.

If you have questions about building permits, inspections, or zoning requirements, our team is happy to assist you. Visit our website, or call our office for assistance.

## DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

### POLICE RECEIVE GRANT FOR EQUIPMENT

OTPD has secured \$49,216 through the Ohio Body-Worn Camera Grant Program to replace outdated police equipment. This funding will cover the cost of new body-worn cameras and related technology for the first year, improving transparency and public safety without using taxpayer dollars. The grant supports efforts to enhance law enforcement operations by equipping officers with modern tools for clear and reliable documentation of interactions. This is part of a broader state effort, with \$4.6 million awarded to 131 law enforcement agencies across Ohio.

The total upfront cost for the hardware, accessories, and related services is \$49,216. Additionally, the annual subscription fee for Video As A Service (VAAS), covering cloud storage, software updates, and device management will be \$31,032 per year for the first five years. The overall project cost including both upfront and subscription fees, totals \$173,344 over five years with zero interest. After Year five, the annual fee will be \$17,785. This reduction in cost will include licensing for the 14 body-worn cameras, 9 in-car cameras, and the VideoManager platform. This will ensure continued data uploads to the cloud and updates for all systems. The warranty for the equipment covers the first five years, after which any malfunctioning equipment will not be covered. The installation costs for the cameras in patrol vehicles will be covered separately, and Lt. Sonneborn will work with Sergeant Covic to obtain a quote from our preferred installer.

### SERVICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

The Service Department has been off to a strong start in 2025. January and February brought several rounds of snow, keeping our crews busy with winter maintenance operations. As the weather has shifted toward spring, the Service Department has quickly transitioned to seasonal tasks. Crews have been out crack sealing along Barrett, Lewis, and Nobottom Roads to help extend the life of our roadways. Seasonal banners were also updated at all major intersections throughout the Township to reflect the change in season and enhance the visual appeal of our community.

Tree planting efforts are also well underway. So far this year, 50 trees have already been planted. To date, a total of 115 trees have been planted at the Nature Trail and Dog Park. In addition, our Tree City USA application has received approval from the State Coordinator and is now under review by the Arbor Day Foundation for final consideration.

### BRANCH CHIPPING

The Township's Branch Chipping Program is now in its 16th year. This service runs from April through October, with chipping taking place on the last Monday of each month, with the exception of May. Due to the Memorial Day holiday, branch chipping will occur on Tuesday, May 27. If resident participation exceeds our regular work hours, chipping will continue the following day to ensure all requests are completed. We appreciate your continued support as we work to keep Olmsted Township clean, safe, and beautiful.

### NEW LEADERSHIP FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT



The Township Fire Department recently welcomed Assistant Fire Chief, Tim Jewell, from the Stow Fire Department, where he served since 2001.

After a competitive selection process that saw 21 applicants narrowed down to two finalists, Jewell was chosen for his proven

leadership and ability to foster teamwork within the fire service. With 13 years of experience working alongside Chief Schneider, Jewell has demonstrated exceptional skills in communication, collaboration, and vision-driven leadership. His appointment strengthens the department's mission to enhance public safety and emergency response in Olmsted Township.

### CPR/AED COURSES



American Red Cross Heartsaver CPR AED Classes are once again being offered to the public. Classes will be offered quarterly and will be instructed by Firefighter/Paramedic David Gale. The cost for residents is \$30 to cover the cost of the certification.

