

# Olmsted Township Today

**Olmsted Township**

26910 Cook Road

Greenbrooke Plaza

(440) 235-3099

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

Trustees: Larry Abbott, Jeanene Kress, Lisa Zver  
Fiscal Officer: Brian Gillette

SPRING 2018

*Come grow with us!*

*Partner with us as we develop a  
Comprehensive Plan  
for the future of Olmsted Township!*

This Comprehensive Plan  
will serve as a guide to plan for our future in  
housing, land use, economic development,  
infrastructure, trails, sidewalks,  
parks and recreation.

We will provide opportunities  
throughout the spring and summer to learn more  
and exchange ideas on our Township's future.  
Dates, times and locations will be posted  
on our website and Facebook page.

We also encourage you to complete  
a short Community Survey  
that will help us identify community needs and priorities.  
**This survey will be online at [www.olmstedtownship.org](http://www.olmstedtownship.org)**

Print copies will also be available at the  
Township Administrative Office  
26910 Cook Road in the Greenbrooke Plaza,  
Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm.



See our website [www.olmstedtownship.org](http://www.olmstedtownship.org) for our more information on our  
State of the Township presentation, Friday, April 20, 8-10am.

## MESSAGE FROM THE TRUSTEES...



We welcome **Larry Abbott** to the Board of Trustees. Larry replaces Trustee Tiffany Fischbach who resigned in January. We followed protocol, posted for the position and received applications and resumes. After conducting interviews, we selected the best candidate to fill the position.

Larry brings to the Board a small business perspective. He is a graduate of Ohio Northern University with a degree in electrical engineering, and is the president and founder of Automation Resources, LLC.

The Abbotts have lived in Olmsted Township for 5 years; his wife, Jennifer (Sathre) grew up in the Township. They have two daughters, Becca and Carley, who are students at Olmsted Falls Schools.

He is an active member of Olmsted Falls Kiwanis and is interested in enriching and supporting our community.

Larry welcomes the opportunity to be a member of the Board and says, "Olmsted Township is a very special place. People are engaged and welcoming. It feels like home."

The Board would like to take a moment to thank **Tiffany Fischbach** for her service to Olmsted Township. Tiffany brought to the Board a commitment to service, an interest in all facets of Township government, and an ability to make decisions in a considered and deliberate manner. We wish her great success in her future endeavors.

Olmsted Township is a 24/7 full-service operation including professional safety forces (police and fire), a well-manned and trained service department and a professionally managed building department.

In order to continue to provide the highest level of service, the Board has hired **Rebecca Corrigan** as the Administrator to serve as operations manager. She joined us in February.

"I am honored by the confidence the Board has placed in me, and am excited to be part of this dynamic team. I look forward to working with residents and businesses to keep Olmsted Township amongst the most desirable communities in Northeast Ohio."

Rebecca comes to the Township with 25-years experience in county, city, village and now township operations. She has an impressive background in economic development and planning, as well as personnel and city services management. Her experience at the County helps her understand the connection we have at this level and our expectations for the future.

Rebecca grew up in Berea, served in the US Naval Reserve, graduated from Slippery Rock University and earned a Masters at The University of Akron; both degrees are in Public Administration.

Rebecca's husband, Patrick, is a Captain in the City of Cleveland fire service. They have two children.

BRAVO!



# Building Department

It's **SPRING** AT THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT! OUR NEW, IMPROVED WEBSITE IS COMING SOON AND WILL GIVE RESIDENTS INFORMATION THEY NEED TO SPRING INTO HOME RENOVATION.

- Applications, permit information, plan reviews
- Tips on **choosing a contractor**
- Tips on **maintaining your property**. What to do if you receive a nuisance/violation letter.
- Current and Future Projects — Details on future projects such as the Friendship Kitchen/ Gas Station, the renovation and addition to our High School, and construction in housing developments.
- Sewer/septic permits, questions, tie-ins, contact **Cuyahoga County Public Works at (216) 443-8209**.
- Plumbing Permits and information, contact the **Cuyahoga County Board of Health at (216) 201-2000**.
- We are participating in the **Heritage Home Program**, which provides loans for improvements in homes 50-years-old or older.



	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
RESIDENTAL PERMITS	300 \$3,839,723	592 \$11,002,401
COMMERCIAL PERMITS	2 \$39,000	31 \$348,571
TOTAL PROJECT VALUATIONS	\$3,878,723	\$11,350,972

See the difference a year can make! Below is our 2016 vs. 2017 permit information. Obtaining permits and having your work inspected protects you as the homeowner and ensures the work is done correctly.

In 2016, 23 new homes were built; in 2017, 34 new homes were built. This year, we anticipate 130 new home starts.

The Building Department is open Monday-Friday from 8am to 2pm, 26908 Cook Rd. in the Greenbrooke Plaza. Contact Heather or Dave at (440) 235-4225 or visit our website at [www.olmstedtownship.org/building](http://www.olmstedtownship.org/building).

## Public Service

### COMMUNITY SHRED DAY

**Community Shred Event**  
**at Olmsted Falls Middle School, 27045 Bagley Rd.**  
**Saturday, April 28 and**  
**Saturday, November 3**  
**From 9am -12 noon**

**STOP**

Dumping of branches/twigs, grass clippings, pet waste is not permitted into swales, ditches, ponds, streams, creeks or any water conveyance or retention. Homeowners have responsibilities to keep easements and draining ditches clean and free of debris that may challenge the flow of water.



### TRASH, YARD WASTE AND RECYCLING PROGRAMS

- **Branch Chipping** is the last Monday of each month from April through October. The first day is April 30th.
- **Bulk Trash Drop-off** is the first Saturday of each month, May through October at our Service Department, 7900 Fitch Road, driveway just north of the overpass. This is perfect for the large items from the garage, attic or basement clean-out.
- **Recycling drop off** days are the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 7am until 12noon at the Service Complex.
- **Street Sweeping** supports our efforts to control stormwater problems. It is a requirement of the EPA for cities and townships.

**REPORT A CONCERN:** Animal in the road, sewer back-up, downed tree, construction debris in roadway or other construction related issue, call **(440) 235-1011**.

To report an issue of importance in your neighborhood, to place a complaint or to get additional information on our programs, visit our website at [www.olmstedtownship.org/service](http://www.olmstedtownship.org/service) or call us at (440) 235-1011.

# Police Department

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR HOME SAFETY AND SECURITY

## THE SAFEST CITIES IN ★ OHIO 2018 ★

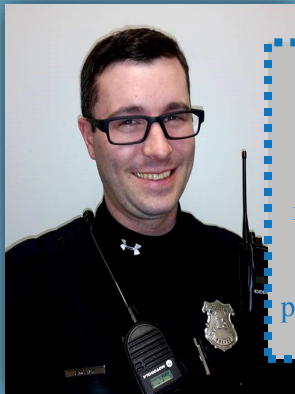
OLMSTED TOWNSHIP NAMED THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SAFEST COMMUNITY IN OHIO !

### A COMMUNITY LETTER FROM POLICE CHIEF MATT VANYO...

*Greetings Township residents and our business community. On behalf of the men and women of the Olmsted Township Police Department, I want to thank you for your support and express our commitment to you and to the four cornerstones of an effective police agency: meaningful community engagement, sound policies and procedures, frequent and realistic training and hiring good people interested in serving the community.*

*Some highlights of 2017 include:*

- In 2016, the department received 7,543 calls for service. This past year, 2017, we received 8,645 calls. **This represents a 12.5% increase over the prior year.**
- We initiated 600 Community Engagement contacts among residents, our businesses and in our schools.
- Olmsted Township and Olmsted Falls police conducted active threat training at OF Intermediate School in July.
- Township safety forces and Cuyahoga County Emergency Management personnel worked with OF School District personnel to conduct a Table Top Exercise to identify and improve response in the event of a critical incident.
- We received a grant from the National Institute of Justice for bulletproof vests for our officers.
- To increase transparency and accountability, we will initiate a Body Worn Camera program in the Summer 2018.



You may recognize **Officer Joe English** from the halls of the Olmsted Falls Schools. Officer English serves as our School Resource Officer. He conducts regular security assessment of all schools in the Township, educates and trains students and staff on lockdown drill protocol, and investigates items of concern.



### SAFE PASSAGES PROGRAM



In August 2016, Olmsted Township and Berea Police Departments partnered with the Police Assisted Addicted Recovery Initiative (PAARI) to create a heroin/opiate recovery program. Our local program is called *Safe Passages*.

The concept behind the program is to assist those suffering from addiction by receiving treatment rather than arrest. Both departments have partnered with numerous health organizations, Medicaid providers, substance abuse facilities and social service organizations in Cuyahoga County to collectively combat this problem.

Chief Vanyo and Berea Police Chief Joe Grecol traveled to Washington D.C. to testify before a US Congressional panel regarding this issue and its impact on families and communities. Approximately 150 individuals have entered into recovery. There are now 10 Cuyahoga County police agencies who have initiated their own Safe Passages Program based on the Olmsted Township model.



# Fire Department

*Our core values center around the protection of lives, property and the environment through prevention, public education, preparedness and emergency response. We place an emphasis on quality services delivered efficiently, effectively and safely.*



Our Fire Department responded to  
1,890 Total Incidents  
349 Fire, 1521 EMS,  
20 Service.

**This represents a more than 11% increase in call volume over 2016!**

- We collaborate with our neighbors, primarily Olmsted Falls, North Olmsted and North Ridgeville for Automatic/Mutual Aid for fire incidents.
- We respond to hazardous materials emergencies, water and rope rescue and other high-risk, low-frequency emergencies through SERT, Southwest Emergency Response Team.
- We are staffed with 14 full-time firefighters/EMTs and have recently added part-time staff to increase our service capabilities and remain within budget.
- We responded to calls for service including: 88 smoke alarm installations/battery changes, 37 residential lock box installations, 26 car seat installations.
- We flushed and serviced all 950 fire hydrants in the Township, tested more than 6,000 feet of fire hose, and maintained department vehicles and equipment to ensure extended length of service capabilities.



## WHAT IS THE CAUSE OF MOST HOUSE FIRES?

**Cooking fires are the most common cause of structure fires.** Electrical fires caused by too many appliances/electronics in a single outlet and combustibles too close to portable heaters are also contributors.



Chief Kelly warns, "Do not leave your stove on and unattended if you are cooking, limit the number of appliances/electronics in a single outlet and keep your portable heater at least three (3) feet away from furniture or curtains. But most of all, equip your home with **working smoke alarms** and have an **escape/evacuation plan** in place in the event of a fire in your home. The service life of a smoke alarm is 10 years. This is a great time to replace that alarm with a newer model that does not require an annual battery change."

The Township Fire Department works in collaboration with the American Red Cross to provide home smoke alarms. Check our website [www.olmstedtownship.org/fire](http://www.olmstedtownship.org/fire) for more information and to see if you qualify for the program.

*For service/non-emergencies call (440) 235-3746. See our website for additional information on our 2017 Annual Report and community outreach programs. [www.olmstedtownship.org/fire](http://www.olmstedtownship.org/fire).*

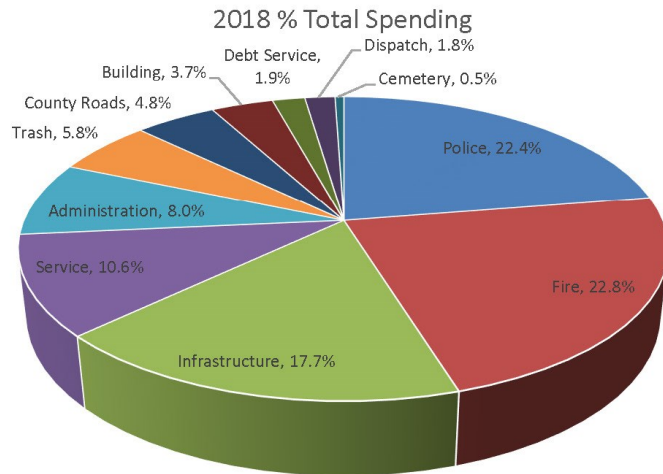
## UP AND COMING IN THE TOWNSHIP

### PHASE 2

We have completed Phase 1 of the upgrade of our **Fitch Road Public Service Complex**. Phase one includes a road salt storage unit, and a drainage and retention pond to ensure against flooding. We are now moving on to Phase 2, which will be the completion of the unfinished building on the property.

It will include Township and Building Department offices, as well as a Community Room with kitchen facilities that will be used for Township events. It will be available for rental by Township residents. Phase 2 will be out for bid this summer with construction to start as soon as possible thereafter.

## OLMSTED TOWNSHIP 2018 APPROPRIATIONS \$10,311,000



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**State of the Township**—April 20

**Community Shred Day**—April 28, 9-12 noon

**Yard Waste pickup** begins April 19

**First Branch Chipping**— April 30

**Bulk Trash Drop-off**— April 7, 9-12 noon

**Groundbreaking of Township Service Complex**, *Save the Date!* September 8



When renewing driver's Licenses and Registrations, please be sure to indicate **Olmsted TOWNSHIP**.

We receive funds on each renewal and incorrect identification will result in the fee going to another community.

## WHERE YOUR PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS GO



### Your \$18.11/\$100 of property tax gets you:

- ◆ The 2nd safest community in Ohio
- ◆ Trained/qualified 24-hour police patrol in our neighborhoods
- ◆ EMS/fire trained personnel equipped to respond immediately to calls for service
- ◆ Outstanding road maintenance/repair services
- ◆ Responsive service throughout snow/ice season
- ◆ Monthly branch chipping
- ◆ Fall leaf collection
- ◆ Additional recycling opportunities monthly at the service department, clothing/household goods
- ◆ Building staff inspecting new construction, protecting home owners and ensuring the increasing value of our Township
- ◆ Responsive, engaged and service-driven elected Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Administrator and Central Office Staff

*The Board of Trustees and Fiscal Officer appreciate your confidence and support. Our contact information is on our website at [www.olmstedtownship.org](http://www.olmstedtownship.org), if you have concerns or comments.*

Beginning May 1st, the Township website will feature updates on road construction, commercial and residential subdivision construction, and other timely news. This page will fill you in on what is happening in real time in our community.

**Project Update**

# Olmsted Township 2018 Recycling Information

## COMMUNITY SHREDDING DAYS

Olmsted Falls Middle School parking lot  
27045 Bagley Road

**Saturday, April 28, 2018**      **9am-12noon**

**Saturday, November 3, 2018**      **9am-12noon**

## STORMWATER IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS

Do not dump yard waste (leaves, grass clippings, stones, soil, branches) or pet waste into streams, creeks, ponds or any water conveyance. Do not build on swales in your backyard or place any kind of garden or shed in it.

Grass clippings should not be blown to the street. These will enter through the sewers and cause additional issues downstream.

For more information, see our website  
[www.olmstedtownship.org/building](http://www.olmstedtownship.org/building).



## Branch Chipping

The Olmsted Township Department of Public Service is now in its twelfth year of providing a Branch Chipping Program to our residents. From **April through October**, branch chipping takes place on the **last Monday of each month**, with the exception of May, which will be picked up the last Tuesday. Lay all branches parallel with the roadway, with the large end of all branches going with traffic. Leave branches as long as possible; no branches shorter than three feet in length will be accepted. (Shorter branches can be placed in yard waste.) No branches wider than 10" in diameter.

## Yard Waste



Grass clippings and other yard waste should be placed in brown paper bio-degradable bags or loose in 32-gallon plastic cans clearly marked with "yard waste" or "YW" and not to exceed 40lbs. Small branches must be cut and bundled not to exceed 4ft in length or 40 lbs. Plastic bags, dirt, stone or branches larger than 6" in diameter will not be collected with yard waste.



## Acceptable Recycle Materials

Recycle Materials can be dropped off at our Service Department, **7900 Fitch Road**, on the **second** and **fourth Wednesday** of each month from **7:00 am until 12:00 noon**. Items such as motor oil, household cleaners, old gasoline, pesticides, oil-based paints (but **NOT latex paint**), antifreeze, insecticides and fertilizers; passenger tires without rims; all computers and computer components (no televisions or other electronic equipment); household co-mingled plastics #1-7

For details on how to safely dispose of latex paint, televisions, and more, go to [www.cuyahogarecycles.org](http://www.cuyahogarecycles.org).

## Bulk Trash



Bulk trash items can be dropped off on the **first Saturday of each month**, from **8:00 am until 12:00 noon**, **May—October**, at our Service Department, **7900 Fitch Road**. For curb-side collection by Republic Waste, residential bulk trash can be placed alongside your regular trash on the **third full week** of each month.