

# Olmsted Township Today



FALL 2020



Trustee Chair, Lisa Zver

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

We are again reporting to you that, despite COVID 19, we continue to provide the services that are most important to you, our residents and taxpayers. Our first responders are handling more calls than last year; permits for home improvements have increased and we continue to ensure they adhere to the high standards required by established codes; services you value, including road maintenance/repairs are on target.

We have heard your concerns and are acting. Our highest priority is attending to the stormwater issues that have been a source of concern for many residents. We have partnered with Olmsted Falls City Schools, Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District and Cuyahoga County on two projects to be completed by the end of this year. The Glenbrook/Olmsted Falls High School Project will divert stormwater to prevent compromising our Township assets and minimize basement flooding. We are also working to remediate a longstanding problem at Stearns-Schady-Westfield Park-OFCS Soccer Field. This project will again divert stormwater and minimize basement and backyard flooding. It will also allow the field to drain more rapidly for use by our young people. We have evaluated proposals and will begin work promptly.

Cuyahoga County has assessed and relined several sections of storm sewer in the Breezewood-Greenbrooke neighborhood. This was done to implement some of the recommendations of the comprehensive KEM Study dated 2012. With ongoing input from our consulting engineer, we continue to closely monitor this area to understand the next steps to remediate issues.

In line with our planned capital equipment plan, the Board has authorized the purchase of a new ambulance to replace the 11-year-old current vehicle and a snow-plow truck in anticipation of the winter season.

Finally, we have exciting news to share: Southwest Hospital has submitted initial plans for a medical arts building in the Stearns-Bagley Town Center area; and The Renaissance has begun a \$50 million expansion of their John Road facility. Both will work closely with our Building Official, Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals to ensure adherence to expected high standards.



**Tuesday, November 3** is Election Day! Exercise your right and privilege to **VOTE**. You make a difference. Polls open at 6:30am and close at 7:30pm. You should receive a postcard from the Board of Elections noting your polling location. This is important as some polling locations have changed. If in prior years you voted at Columbia Park or All Saints Lutheran Church, note you will now be voting at the Olmsted Township Community Room at 7900 Fitch Road, the first driveway north of the overpass.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Community Shredding**—October 24

**Coping with COVID Presentation**—  
October 26

**Last Branch Chipping for 2020**—  
October 26

**American Red Cross Blood Drive**—  
October 26

**Trick-or-Treating**—October 31, 6-8pm

**Election Day**—November 3

**Coping with COVID Presentation**—  
November 9

**Honor Veterans**—November 11

**Offices Closed/Veterans Day**—  
November 11

**Coping with COVID Presentation**—  
November 16

**Offices Closed/Thanksgiving**—  
November 26

**American Red Cross Blood Drive**—  
November 27

**Coping with COVID Presentation**—  
December 14

**American Red Cross Blood Drive**—  
December 18

**Coping with COVID Presentation**—  
December 21

**Offices Closed/Christmas Day**—  
December 25

**Offices Closed/New Year's Day**—  
January 1

\*Our Annual Halloween Safety Open House and Holiday Tree Lighting have been canceled.



### See Olmsted Township website for:

Trustee Meetings—2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month on Zoom  
Meetings of the Zoning Commission & Board of Zoning Appeals

Leaf Pick Up

Live Christmas tree disposal

Household Hazardous Waste and Bulk Drop-Off Dates

## MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF REBECCA CORRIGAN, ADMINISTRATOR



It is a privilege to serve the residents and businesses that call Olmsted Township “home”. Throughout this very unusual time, we have been busy ensuring the safety of our staff so we can continue serving our Community. We have provided additional training on several levels throughout every department.

Olmsted Township, along with all other townships, cities and villages, received CARES funds to address COVID-related expenses. Guidelines for allowed expenses are stringent. Any monies not used before December 31, 2020 must be returned.

Money has been spent to clean our facilities to ensure the safety of our workforce and visitors; we have purchased IT equipment for remote work, our Community Room and Town Hall; we are providing additional safe access to our Town Hall through a second point of entry (handicap accessible) and equipping one of the restrooms with safe, touchless amenities; we have purchased masks and hand sanitizer to distribute throughout the Community and provided funding to three organizations (Olmsted Community Center, Christians in Action, Meals on Wheels) who serve our most vulnerable population—our seniors. For a complete listing of all allocations, see our website.

We remind you and those you care about to follow the guidelines promoted through the Governor’s Office and Board of Health. Wear a mask in public, wash hands frequently, avoid large gatherings. Be aware of the effects of social isolation. These effects can be quite far-reaching, especially in our senior population. But every age is affected by the inability or reluctance to engage in personal contact. Reach out by phone, email or text to neighbors and friends. For tips on engaging and remaining healthy and well, see our website. Senior residents are invited to attend a series of informative talks on Coping with COVID presented by Marie Grosh, a licensed Geriatric Nurse Practitioner. Please see our website for more information. We look forward to seeing you. Masks are required and social distancing guidelines will be maintained.

## WHEN SECONDS COUNT!

Precious time is wasted if first responders must search for your address. It is important to have the address prominently displayed if you call for help. Place your address on the mailbox or post at the street, preferably with reflective numbers. All other residents should place their address on the front of their home. Please turn on your porch light to ensure prompt response.



Olmsted Township’s response rate for the 2020 Census was 81.3%, well above the national self-response rate of 66.5%.

Follow us on Facebook or visit our website at [www.olmstedtownship.org](http://www.olmstedtownship.org) to get the latest information on what is happening in our Community. You can view our listing of Current Projects, Stormwater Updates including Cuyahoga County Reports on the Township and their Master Plan. Our State of the Township is online, as well as information on how to take advantage of the NEORSD Cost-Saving Program. The Service Department page provides information on all the services we provide, including drop-off dates for household hazardous waste and bulk trash.