

Olmsted Township Today



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ADDRESSING TOWNSHIP FLOODING

Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORSD) and Cuyahoga County conducted studies on both regional and local stormwater related systems within the Township and have identified 17 areas that will require action on their part.

Estimates for local projects total more than \$26.6 million. The first phase estimate is \$11.5 million.

Glenbrook/Skyline/ Greenbriar/the Brentwood Neighborhood

The County has committed to smoke testing sanitary sewers to identify immediate causes of basement flooding. Assessment will determine the next steps. The recent project at Olmsted Falls High School is working as designed to redirect surface water.

Breezewood Neighborhood/ Villages of Lakeside

The County is in discussion with North Olmsted to move Villages of Lakeside off the current system and re-direct the flow south to the NEORSD interceptor on Bagley Road. This transition is in the design process. There are also plans to implement an isolation system to address specific recurring basement flooding areas.

The County has plans over the next year to spend almost \$450,000 to repair and reline sewers in this neighborhood.

Westfield Park/Schady/South of Schady

NEORSD is investigating acquisition of land to serve as periodic detention basins. The Township-Olmsted Falls Schools project to disconnect flow from the Westfield neighborhood and contain run-off from the soccer complex has been completed and is functioning as designed.

North Side of Bagley/Old Fitch Road

A partially collapsed culvert on railroad property has been identified as a contributor to the flooding in this area. Norfolk Southern is addressing this issue and general inadequacies and deficiencies in the Old Fitch Road area.

How You Can Help

A new form has been placed on our website to report current and past basement flooding incidents. As these forms are returned either by mail or completed online, we will compile data and send it to both Cuyahoga County and NEORSD. Olmsted Township has very limited

authority to maintain and repair sewer infrastructure.

Our goal is to take the data you provide so the agencies who can make the improvements have the best information possible. Your help is critical in addressing these problems.

Access our website to complete the online form (www.olmstedtownship.org) or call (440) 235-3099 to receive a printed copy of the form for completion. Return it by mail or in person to Olmsted Township Administration 7900 Fitch Road, Olmsted Township, Ohio 44138.

The Township will be contacting residents in each of the local problem areas once the report is finalized.



Trustee Lisa Zver

"Olmsted Township is not alone in dealing with stormwater issues. We continue to work with Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works and

Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District to implement short and long-term solutions to these issues," assured Trustee Chair, Lisa Zver.



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AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

Olmsted Township applied for and received the first installment of the **American Rescue Plan** funds in the amount of \$706,000. We will receive another \$706,000 in 2022. The Act specifically notes any expenses incurred by the Township because of COVID and infrastructure improvements generally related to water, sewers, stormwater, and broadband. We will work with legal counsel to understand the provisions and guidelines of the Act.



Trustee Jeanene Kress

Infrastructure development is extremely costly. This \$1.4 million is a great opportunity to address issues in the Township and allow us to leverage this money to secure other

funding sources.

While cities in the state of Ohio received their funding directly from the federal government, townships applied for funding from a separate Ohio pool that totaled more than \$820 million. No monies were diverted from cities or any other source for township use.

We appreciate the efforts of Ohio Senator Matt Dolan and Ohio Representative Tom Patton to promote and work toward passage of the legislation that permitted us to fully participate in ARPA funding.

Two other Ohio grant programs are available to apply for road and sidewalk construction and repair and for stormwater remediation. We are assessing possible submissions within the program guidelines. Limit per project is \$250,000.



Looking for an opportunity to volunteer in our Community?

Check out CERT—Community Emergency Response Team or VIPS—Volunteers in Police Service.



ROAD PROGRAM

In keeping with our Township Master Road Program, we have completed our repair, re-build and resurface of Greenbrooke, Grace, and a portion of Crestwood in the Breezewood neighborhood, and Yellowstone and Regina in the Brentwood neighborhood. Since 2018, the Board has authorized about \$2 million in road projects. Our Department of Public Service continues to assess our 24 miles of Township streets and roads and supervise all in-house work and contracts.



"In 2020, the COVID pandemic stopped any large, planned projects. Our crews continued to patch and maintain roadways and streets to ensure safe passage. In keeping with past practice, we will plan and save road funds to invest

in our program in 2023," said Eric Williams, Director of Public Service.

The Township Department of Public Service also maintains more than 22 miles of Cuyahoga County roads through an annual contract.

**SCHADY RD TO CLOSE
AUG 16 TO NOV 13
BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION**

The culvert on Schady Road near the Olmsted Falls Schools bus garage is being replaced by Cuyahoga County. This project will take about three months and will cause school bus re-routing. See our website and the school's blog to keep current.

See our website project page for current and upcoming projects in the Township.

BRINGING HOME THE GOLD!



Over 150 residents and friends joined us early on the morning of August 5th in The Community Room as we cheered on former Township resident, Katie Nageotte, as she competed in the Women's Pole Vault Finals. Doors opened just before 6am and we watched live as Katie vaulted her way to a Gold Medal! Breakfast was provided by the Township and Angelina's Pizza. We are so proud of our Hometown Olympian!



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FIRE AMBULANCE AND ENGINE

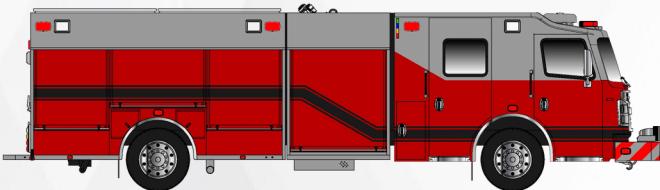
The Township Fire Department recently purchased two vehicles. They will take possession of a new ambulance in November which will replace the 2009 Ford/Braun ambulance with over 100,000 miles. The older ambulance will serve as a second response vehicle. Total cost of the ambulance is \$232,219, fully equipped.

The Board has also authorized the purchase of a new fire engine to replace our 21 year-old model. Cost of the engine is \$649,628 and delivery is scheduled for mid-2022. We will make a down payment of \$269,217 on completion of the chassis with financing through Huntington Bank for the remainder. Payments will be made over five (5) years with no pre-payment penalty for early retirement of the loan.



Trustee Larry Abbott

Chief Patrick Kelly said, "we appreciate the support of the Board on these two major capital purchases. The Township Fire Department continues to position itself to serve in the present and prepare for demographic changes, changing emergency management protocols and growth in the Township



in the coming years." Trustee Larry Abbott added, "Our First Responders at both Police and Fire train regularly and work diligently to serve our Township residents and businesses. I appreciate their commitment and service."

Seconds count on a 911 call.
Please make sure your address is clearly visible on your streetside mailbox and on your home. Leave your light on if you call for help.



TOWNSHIP PARKS INITIATIVE

Olmsted Township Parks Initiative is well underway in Brentwood Park on Usher Road across from Vitamix. The abandoned wastewater treatment plant has been demolished, leveled, and seeded. The walking trail that weaves through the 4-acre park has been established. The play area for little ones has been constructed.

We are still awaiting the delivery of the 24 x 24 picnic pavilion. This has been delayed due to COVID related supply chain issues. Once constructed, we will place picnic tables in the structure and some in the park itself. Benches, pet station, grills, and a 3-level water fountain (adults, children, pets) will all be placed.

Swing sets, a gaga pit, 4-square volleyball game and climbing feature will make Brentwood Park the place to be for your family picnic. There is still plenty of space for races, games, and family fun. Sidewalks connecting the park to the adjacent neighborhood will make for easy and safe access. Ample parking is available, and the park is handicapped accessible.

The Bark Park on Schady Road just east of Sharp Road has not moved along as quickly. We have encountered drainage issues which will be addressed before construction begins.

These projects are a response to recommendations by residents through our Strategic Plan 2019 for increased recreation opportunities. Everyone benefits by the addition of parks and improved outdoor spaces - our neighborhoods, our environment, and our quality of life. No tax dollars have been spent on these projects.

We are pleased to have received corporate support for our Parks Initiative. We welcome your support. Donations are tax-deductible and may be made online or by mail. See our website for information on the parks including renderings.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Halloween Open House—
Sunday, October 17, 1-3pm,
Township Fire Department,
26900 Cook Road.

Community Shred Event—
Saturday, October 23, 9am-12pm
Township Service Garage, 7924
Fitch Road

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

Election Day—
Tuesday, November 2, 7am-7pm.
For details on your polling location, visit boe.cuyahogacounty.gov.

Holiday Spirit Tree Lighting—
Sunday, November 28, 5pm,
Town Hall, 26900 Cook Road

Red Cross Blood Drives—
Held monthly in our Community Room, 7900 Fitch Road. See our website for details.

All Township meetings are now held in person at our Township Community Room, 7900 Fitch Road. A Zoom option is available for interested residents. Check our website for details.

Trustee meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 7pm.

Zoning Commission meetings are generally held the 4th Thursday of the month at 7pm. Check our website for dates.

Board of Zoning Appeals meetings are generally held the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm. Check our website for dates.

DID YOU KNOW...???

- our Department of Public Service places 38 flags on our overpasses each spring, a visible symbol of the pride and respect for the values we hold dear.
- we purchased a drone and have five staff members trained to operate the equipment. It was used to locate an elderly resident who wandered from home and to monitor traffic during a community event.
- we received a County grant for \$139,245 for ADA sidewalk ramps in Woodgate Farms and Hunters Ridge. This is our second ADA ramp grant; the first was in the Villages of Lakeside.
- NOACA designated our Fitch Sidewalk submission a Recommended Project (from Cook Road to the railroad overpass). The award is for \$276,000. We have started engineering this project.
- The Renaissance is in the midst of a \$70 million expansion and Southwest General Hospital has broken ground for a Medical Arts building on Bagley near Stearns.
- we recently replaced the roof at the Service Building. Total cost of the roof was \$124,000; a NOPEC grant covered \$82,509. NOPEC is our energy consolidator.
- the Building Department has seen an almost 50% increase in residential/commercial permits.
- our Community Room is available for rental. Details are on our website.
- we recycled 36% of our Township waste stream in 2020 according to the annual report of the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District. This includes cans, cartons, glass, paper, scrap metal, appliances, computers, household hazardous waste and yard items (leaves, grass, wood). We compare favorably with surrounding cities in this evaluation.
- Branch Chipping has become a very important service for Township residents. To ensure your branches will be chipped, get them to the curb no later than 7:00am the Monday of service. For more information, see the Service Department website.



DISTRIBUTION OF YOUR TAX DOLLARS

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.



YOUR LOCAL TAX
\$ BREAKDOWN

FOR EVERY \$1:

- 54.32¢ goes to Olmsted Falls City Schools
- 17.95¢ goes to Cuyahoga County
- 2.59¢ goes to JVSD
- 3.15¢ goes to County Library
- 2.40¢ goes to MetroParks
- 19.59¢ goes to Olmsted Township



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