

Olmsted Township Today

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ADA SIDEWALK RAMPS

The Township received a \$50,000 grant to replace or install ADA sidewalk ramps in 4 neighborhoods - Villages of Lakeside, Hunters Ridge, Woodgate Farms and in our Brentwood neighborhood. Total cost of the project is \$103,555 and is below engineering estimates. About \$55,000 will come from General Fund revenues. The greatest impact will be in the Villages of Lakeside where 25 ADA ramps will be placed.

This project is in line with residents' input for an accessible, walkable, connected community. This was articulated in 1997, in 2013 and again in 2019 through the various Master and Comprehensive Plans. It reflects the basic NOACA/TLCI (Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative) that outlines plans for sidewalks and trails to connect neighborhoods and services.

Prior ADA ramp grant/General Fund projects increased the quality-of-life amenities that make our community a desirable place to live and work. We anticipate this project will be completed this year.

HOMESTEAD-OAKRIDGE DRIVES

A bid has been accepted for repair, replacement and resurfacing of these two streets in our Brentwood neighborhood. Cost for this project is \$322,085 and was below the engineer's estimate. This extensive project will entail full depth pavement removal, joint replacement/repair and resurfacing.

Timely notification of the project will be provided to ensure minimal inconvenience and swift completion of the project. This project will mirror work done on Fairlane and Yellowstone Drives, Tall Oaks Trail, Greenbrooke/Crestwood Drives. It appears as a priority on the Township 2012 Road Maintenance Master Plan.

NATURE TRAIL & BARK PARK

We appreciate the two grants we have received for the construction of our Nature Trail & Bark Park that will be constructed on property owned by the Township on Schady Road just east of Sharp Road. This 30-acre site will include a 1-mile walking trail and a 3-acre dog park that will safely accommodate small and large dogs. Amenities will include a picnic pavilion and grassy area. The entire project will be eco-friendly with most of the area remaining a marsh meadow. Native plants will be planted and the contours of the land respected.

Olmsted Township received \$300,000 from the State of Ohio/ODNR through the line-item budget process and \$480,000 from Cuyahoga County Council for this project. Both grant awards were specific to parks and other quality-of-life amenities.



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www.olmstedtownship.org for additional information.

AUTO THEFTS

There have been more auto thefts in the Township over the summer than we have had in the last 10 years. This mirrors activity in other suburban communities. Olmsted Township is not immune to this kind of activity. In almost every instance, vehicles were left unlocked with the keys still inside. We need your help!

- Never leave your keys in unattended vehicles.
- Always keep valuables out of sight or in the trunk.
- Always lock your vehicle and roll up the windows.
- Park vehicles in well-lighted areas.
- Consider investing in a camera system and exterior lighting for your home.
- Close your garage doors at night.
- Set a 9pm alarm on your phone to remind you to lock your vehicles.

See the websites below for information on security cameras:

- <https://www.cnet.com/home/security/best-home-security-camera/> Can provide reviews of home security cameras, with links to where they can be purchased and how they stack up against the other.
- <https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/CNET> is from Wikipedia explaining what CNET is.

FIRE TIPS

October 9-15 is Fire Prevention Week- a great time to assess your home escape plan.

- Make sure your plan meets the needs of all your family, considering age and ability.
 - Install smoke alarms outside each sleeping area and on every level of your home. Change batteries twice a year.
- Ensure all doors and windows in every room open easily.
- Set an outside meeting place a safe distance from your home where everyone should meet.
- Practice your home fire drill (day & night) with everyone in the household, including guests.



FALL LEAF CLEAN-UP TIPS

Fall leaf collection will begin mid-late October. The collection route will be on our website and Facebook page once it begins. Following are some tips:

- Leaves only. No twigs/branches, flower bed cuttings or other debris.
- DO NOT pile leaves in ditches or near storm drains. This impedes the flow of stormwater and can cause other serious back-ups.
- The vacuum truck is not permitted to enter private property. Place leaf piles as close to the street/road as possible, but not in the street/road.



RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES

Recycling Opportunities are readily available to Township residents.

- Community Shred—October 22nd, 9am-noon at our Service Facility, 7924 Fitch Road.
- Household Hazardous Waste—3 opportunities per month—see the list of items on our website.
- Bulk Trash—with weekly curbside pick-up and at the Service Complex once a month.
- Yard Waste—with weekly curbside pick-up year round.
- Branch Chipping—once a month April—October.
- See our website for times and dates and more information, or call (440)235-1011.

SNOW & ICE SEASON

Some tips for snow & ice season:

- Do not push driveway snow into the street/road.
- If you have a fire hydrant in front of your home and are able, remove high snow from around the hydrant.
- We salt responsibly to prevent damage to pavement and the eco-system.
- No parking on streets from 2-6am or when snow exceeds 2".

Administration

TRUSTEES/FISCAL OFFICER MESSAGE

As you can tell by reading this newsletter, Olmsted Township is a very busy place. We have projects and events occurring right now and planned for the coming months. We are proud of our outstanding, service-driven staff - they are the backbone of our organization. We value their commitment to our residents and businesses just as we value your ongoing support as we work together to make Olmsted Township a great place to call "home".

We continue to be fiscally responsible with both our tax dollars and with the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money we have been allotted. The goal of this administration has been to assess, plan, and then spend these scarce resources to serve the entire Township.

If you have not taken a minute to stop by our Brentwood Park, we hope you will do so. State and County grants and NEORSD cost share monies made this park possible. Our **Olmsted Township** sign is a great "photo-op" for family and other special occasions. Sincere thanks to our Township friends for their financial and personal support and to our Department of Public Service who made our dream a reality.



COMMUNITY ROOM & TOWN HALL RENTALS

Both Township facilities are available for rent and are handicap accessible. The Community Room will accommodate up to 160 dependent on seating options. The newly-renovated Town Hall will accommodate up to 40 people. Rates for both facilities are very reasonable for Township residents. Call Julie at (440) 782-5248 to see the facility and to reserve space.



OTHER PROJECTS IN THE TOWNSHIP

- We continue to work with our partners - Cuyahoga County Public Works, NEORSD and Soil Water Conservation District - to remediate stormwater issues that affect neighborhoods and reflect the priorities of local and regional studies. Currently County Public Works is doing dye testing to identify issues within an area of our Brentwood neighborhood.
- Flow meters have been installed by Public Works in some areas of our Breezewood neighborhood to track storm/sanitary flow into the North Olmsted system. This is part of an ongoing assessment.
- The Jennings Road Ohio Turnpike bridge is being replaced. While this project encountered some delays because of unexpected issues with the prior construction, construction has resumed.
- The replacement of a gas line is taking place along Bagley Road from Olmsted Falls High School to the Olmsted Falls border. It will involve some sidewalk removal and replacement once the project is completed. Everyone who walks in this area is encouraged to be especially careful during this construction period.
- The Stearns Road Ohio Turnpike bridge replacement, road resurfacing, sewer, and sidewalk project is in the early engineering stages. Construction is set to begin in 2023. This is an Ohio Turnpike and Cuyahoga County Project. More information will be forthcoming including traffic flow through this busy area.
- Please see our website and Facebook page for the latest information on projects in the Township.

EVERY VOTE COUNTS
VOTE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

Annual Holiday Events

HALLOWEEN & TREE LIGHTING

Join us for a hauntingly good time at our Halloween Safety Open House on **Sunday, October 16** from 1-3pm at the Township Fire Station. We'll be scaring up lots of fun—treats, giveaways, photo ops, a dance party, and a costume contest.



On **Sunday, November 27**, Santa Claus is coming to town! Santa will journey through the Township beginning at 1pm and will return to Town Hall at 5pm for refreshments, photo ops, holiday music, and the Tree Lighting Ceremony.

TOWNSHIP CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tues, September 27—Red Cross Blood Drive, 12-6pm
Sun, October 16—Halloween Safety Open House, 1-3pm
Fri, October 21—Community Senior Bus Tour & Luncheon
Sat, October 22—Community Shred Day, 9am-12noon
Tues, October 25—Red Cross Blood Drive, 12-6pm
Mon, October 31—Last Branch Chipping
Mon, October 31—Trick-or-Treating, 6-8pm
Sat, November 5—Last Bulk Trash Drop Off, 9am-12noon
Tues, November 8—Election Day
Fri, November 18—Red Cross Blood Drive, 9am-2pm
Tues, November 22—Senior Meal Handout, 3-4pm
Sun, November 27—Tree Lighting Ceremony, 5pm
Tues, November 29—Red Cross Blood Drive, 12-6pm
Tues, December 27—Red Cross Blood Drive, 12-6pm
Trustee Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7pm in The Community Room.
For additional details, visit our website or Facebook page.

TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED

Mon, October 10—Columbus Day
Fri, November 11—Veteran's Day
Thurs., November 24—Thanksgiving Day
Mon, December 26—Christmas Day Observed
Mon, January 2—New Year's Day Observed

For Our Seniors

FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR SENIORS

We are inviting Township seniors 65+ to order a FREE Thanksgiving dinner. RSVP before Tuesday, November 15th by email jboyer@olmstedtownship.org or phone (440) 782-5239. Provide your name, address, phone number and number of meals requested. Availability is limited to a maximum of 3 meals per household. Delivery will be provided if you are unable to leave your home.

Pick up is **Tuesday, November 22nd from 3-4pm** at 7900 Fitch Road. You must be a Township resident and have a reservation.

SENIOR BUS TOUR & LUNCHEON

Exciting things are happening in the Township! Seniors are cordially invited to a Bus Tour of the Township and Lunch in our Community Room on Friday, October 21st from 10:30am-1pm. The school bus will board at 7900 Fitch Road at 10:30am. Following the 45-minute narrated tour, we will return for lunch and fellowship.

Space is limited—bus capacity is 50. Call (440)782-5239 to RSVP. Provide your name, address, phone number and how many will be attending. You must be a Township resident and have a reservation to attend. We hope you'll join us for this fun time!

SENIOR TRASH INFORMATION

Township seniors 65+ can apply for a 10% discount on their trash collection bill. To apply, stop in at the Olmsted Township Administration Building, 7900 Fitch Road or call (440)235-3099 if you have questions.



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