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## **TOWNSHIP WIDE GARAGE SALES**

Coming very soon!!! The Township Wide Garage Sales have been attracting more and more people each year, and are being repeated again this year! The sales will be held Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 am until 3 pm. Maps of the Township will be available, with all known sales marked on the map, so that it can be posted for people to see where the other sales are. These maps will be available at the Township website, [www.OxfordTownshipOhio.com](http://www.OxfordTownshipOhio.com), and those holding a sale will be able to print maps from the web site. Each resident having a sale is responsible to advertise their own sale. Please state "Oxford Township" in the ad. A general ad will be placed to draw attention to the individual ads. Last year there were 13 sales, which encouraged people to drive to the Township. If you would like your sale to be included on the map, please call Deb DeChant at (419) 359-1355 by Monday, May 13 and leave a message with the location of your sale. If you would like your map e-mailed to you, please also include your e-mail address.

## **TIRE RECYCLING**

Oxford Township will host a tire recycling event at the Oxford Township Complex on Saturday, June 22, 2013 from 8:00 am until noon, or until the truck is full. In the past, the truck has filled up quickly!

This event is open to all residents of Oxford Township. All tires must be removed from their rims.

If you would like to have this newsletter e-mailed to you, e-mail us at [OxfordMessenger@aol.com](mailto:OxfordMessenger@aol.com), and include your street address in the e-mail.

## TRUSTEES REPORT— SPRING AHEAD!

This winter's temperatures were consistently cooler than last year's winter, and spring appears to be coming later, however it was still a mild winter and township expenditures for snow and ice removal were lower than average. We did have one capital expenditure that was not anticipated. The plow for the 2002 International dump truck that was purchased used from Milan Township continued to give our Road Superintendent, David Kelley, problems even after we made adjustments. We finally decided that it was in the best interest of safety to replace the plow as it kept tripping unexpectedly and would send the truck into the oncoming traffic lane. This old plow will be put for sale on "GovDeals.com".

This winter Oxford Township also purchased, at auction, approximately 2.5 acres in Kimball due to the unfortunate closing of the Central Erie Elevator Association. The auction price was very reasonable. With this additional property the Trustees will have more flexibility to strategically locate or relocate township facilities in the future as conditions might dictate.

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After reviewing the projected annual budget with the Fiscal Officer, the Trustees adopted the permanent appropriations for 2013. This included a revised 2013 road budget based on current road conditions and funds available. Additionally, the Trustees revised the projected "Five Year Plan" for equipment replacement, building and grounds maintenance, and road work. Although local governments are being severely impacted by cuts and reduced state funding, impact to Oxford Township's budget has not been as severe. The Trustees attribute this to the fact that the township does not have a large amount of outstanding debt, and most importantly, it has been continually supported by its residents. Once again, we "Thank You" for the passing of the replacement levy that went into effect last year. The Trustees and Fiscal Officer, like all of the Township's residents will work together to stay within a

restricted budget and do more with less.

This spring, the Road Superintendent will continue the replacement of road signs with "High Reflectivity Signs" that are being mandated by the state. Our "Stop" and "Stop Ahead" signs were replaced last year, and this year the "Curve" and "Curve Ahead" signs will be replaced. We will be working with Groton Township and Margaretta Township again this year, sharing equipment and labor resources in our road repairs. We would also like to thank Perkins Township and John Dahs with the Erie County Engineer's office for assisting us with their tile jetting equipment. This service helps our Road Superintendent, Dave Kelley keep the catch basins and road tile running smoothly.

## **TRUSTEES REPORT— SPRING AHEAD! (CONTINUED)**

The Zoning Officer and Trustees, along with the Erie County Health Department, are working with the current owner of the Kimball Elevator, to ensure the property and buildings remain safe and secure until torn down. Several other eye sore parcels in the Township will be demolished and cleaned up this summer because of support from the Erie County Health Department and a grant thru Erie Regional Planning.

In conclusion, we hope to see many of you again this summer, enjoying the Township Park, your yards, and the great outdoors.

### **DENTAL CLINIC PROGRAM**

The Erie County Health Department is currently working to establish a new Dental Clinic at our Erie County Community Health Center, 420 Superior Street, Sandusky. The goal is to open the Dental Clinic in May of 2013. Stay tuned for future announcements on this exciting new service!

The Dental Clinic will provide dental care to all Erie County residents, specifically targeting those who are uninsured, underinsured and have limited access to dental/oral health care. These residents will be able to establish a dental home for ongoing and preventative oral health care. The 2011 Erie County Community Health Assessment (CHA) project determined that 35% of Erie County adults had not visited a dentist or dental clinic in the past year, increasing to 59%.

This dental clinic will provide comprehensive preventive, diagnostic, restorative, and emergency oral health services to community residents. Community outreach and oral health education will be an integral part of the new dental service. Clinic services will be open to all without regard for ability to pay and without a minimum age restriction for children. The Health Center's three chair dental office will have service hours of Monday-Friday, 8:00 am- noon and 1:00 pm- 5:00 pm, with added convenience hours of 5:00- 8:00 pm one weekday evening.

### **MASON ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT**

You may have seen the signs announcing that Mason Road is going to be closed for a bridge replacement. The bridge to be replaced is very near to Bloomingville Cemetery, near the intersection of Taylor Road and Mason Road.

The Erie County Highway Department is in charge of this project, and is planning on the road being closed for two months once the repairs begin. The official detour will be south on Patten Tract Road, east on Strecker Road, and then north on Ransom Road, or the reverse if you are traveling west. You may want to check a map and determine if this is the best replacement route for your destination.

## **OXFORD TOWNSHIP**

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### **PUBLIC WELCOME!**

The Trustees meet the  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of  
each month at 7 pm at  
the Oxford Township  
Complex.

Zoning Office hours  
are Tuesday,  
7 pm to 8 pm.

## **ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT RECYCLING**

The Volunteer Center of Erie County will be collecting and recycling unwanted electronic equipment and they need *your* help. They will gladly accept the items from businesses and individuals. All items will be shredded and recycled. Call 419-627-0074 for drop off or pick-up arrangements or e-mail at [volunteer@thevolunteercenter.com](mailto:volunteer@thevolunteercenter.com)

For an extensive list of what can or cannot be recycled, please visit the Oxford Township website at [www.OxfordTownshipOhio.com](http://www.OxfordTownshipOhio.com).

**Please remember Oxford Township  
in your charitable gifts or estate  
planning!**

For further information, contact one of the  
Trustees.

## **THE ERIE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT OUTREACH CLINIC**

will be at the Oxford Township  
Complex as follows:

May 14 - 9:00 AM -11:00 AM

June 4 - 9:00 AM -11:00 AM

June 25 - 9:00 AM -11:00 AM

Photo Identification Required  
(ID of Parent/ Guardian of Child)

Immunization records required for  
children.

Appointments are very important. A  
scheduled visit may be cancelled if there  
are no appointments for that date. A  
sliding fee scale will be applied as  
appropriate. Medicaid, Medicare, other  
insurances, and cash are accepted.  
Please contact the Erie County Health  
Department at (419) 626-5623 ext. 174.  
for more information.