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FROM THE TRUSTEES

Fire Service:

We are excited and proud to announce the establishment of Groton Township Fire Department Station #2 at the Oxford Township Garage & Hall on Ransom Road. The "new" station was opened on Sunday, April 15 at 2 pm when



Groton placed their pumper #721 in the north bay of the Oxford Township Garage. Placement of this pumper was made possible when Groton



Township Trustees Ron Brown, Roger Rowland, and Roger Russell along with Fire Chief Kerry Jett purchased another, refurbished pumper late

last year. Since January, we have allocated funds from the fire fund to upgrade the north two bays for stationing of a fire truck, with eventual plans for an additional grass fire truck and tanker in the next 1 1/2 - 2 years. Improvements included additional electrical outlets to keep



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fire equipment batteries charged, additional lighting, an air compressor and lines to keep brake systems charged, new insulated windows, heating (bay was unheated), insulation in the ceiling, painting of walls, epoxy coated non-skid floor, automatic garage door openers, and water supply lines for washing fire equipment. All improvements were made at a cost of less than \$20,000. The additional placement of this station has strategic importance for both townships as it places fire equipment on both sides of the Norfolk and Southern Railroad. It also improved insurance ratings. Since placing the truck in Oxford Township, the Insurance Service Office (ISO) reviewed risk and has re-rated the ISO ratings. Some residents in the township may be able to reduce insurance premiums as a result. Contact your insurance carrier if you have questions. None of this would be possible without the outstanding support, planning, and cooperation provided by the Groton Township Trustees, and Fire Chief, along with our Oxford Township volunteer firefighters Justin Galloway, Mike Jachym, and Chris Acierto. The plan is for our Oxford firefighters and Bob Holm from Ridgefield Township to man the trucks and leave the station whenever or wherever there is a fire in Oxford or Groton Townships. Our thanks and appreciation go out to all of these people and the rest of the Groton firefighters for their efforts. We will have an Open House and firefighter meet and greet again this fall and announce the date in a later edition of the Oxford Messenger.



Groton Township Fire Department



Our Oxford Township Volunteer Firefighters Left to Right:
Robert Holm, Justin Galloway, Chris Acierto and Fire Chief Kerry Jett

Roadwork:

Our Road Superintendent, David Kelly, was busy salting and plowing roads this year. As customary, salt was mixed with #9 stone to provide melting and a grit surface to township roads. Additional support was provided by Brian Smith and Scott Didion who also drove plow and spread salt to keep our roads clear and as safe as possible. An approximate total of 125 tons of salt and 125 tons of stone were used this year. Fortunately, road salt prices were down this year from \$45/ton last year to \$38/ton this year.

Road Maintenance this year will include completion of Wood Road asphalt resurfacing and Scheid Road asphalt resurfacing. Chip sealing will include Thomas Road from Bryan Road to Strecker Road and Ransom Road from Strecker Road to Mason Road. Also, since Scheid Road is currently our worst road and has lost its surface to the base in many places, our composite road crew of Margaretta, Groton, and Oxford personnel will also resurface Schied Road. This cost will be shared with Perkins Township since Schied Road is the boundary between Oxford and Perkins Townships. We thank the Perkins Township Trustees Tim Coleman, Jeff Ferrell, and Jim Lang for agreeing to share the cost of the project.

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Recycling:

The recycle date for tires and appliances this year is Saturday June 9th from 8-11 am at the Oxford Township Building. Also, County Commissioner Matt Old and Erie County Recycling/Solid Waste Administrator Tiffini McNeely attended a Trustee meeting and advised us that there are no plans to remove the recycle bin located on Mason Road across from the Mason Jar. They feel it is effectively placed at this time.

Township Park:

Once again if a township resident wishes to reserve the shelter for an event, please contact David Kelley at 419-359-1447. He has also prepared the ball field which is being used by two different teams for practice again this year.

Oxford Township Garage Sale: The weekend of June 1st-3rd will be the Oxford Township Garage Sale Weekend. If you would like to have your sale listed on a flyer, Liana Wensink will be collecting addresses for a list to hand out. Email her at OxfordMessenger@aol.com. Please submit your address and the dates and times of your sale by May 27th. There will also be signs posted advertising the sale weekend. We will annually advertise the Oxford Township Garage Sale Weekend for the first weekend in June each year.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The remaining Public Health Outreach Clinics for this year in Oxford Township are May 15, June 5, and June 26 from 9-11 am. Services include: child, adolescent, and adult vaccines, blood pressure screening, lead testing, individual health assessment which includes lipid profile, blood glucose, hemoglobin A1C, and Health Risk Assessment. **Note fasting 9-12 hours before testing is required for individual health assessment, picture ID required, ID of Parent or Guardian, Immunization Records Required for Children.**

You may search this address on your computer, <http://eriecohealthohio.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/PHOCClinics.pdf>, if you can't make a clinic in Oxford Township and want to find another date in another township near us.

FROM GROTON TOWNSHIP FIRE CHIEF KERRY JETT AND GROTON AND OXFORD TWP. TRUSTEES:

We are always looking for individuals who are interested in joining the department. To date we have 19 firefighters on the roster and would like to see the numbers up to 25 or more. If you are interested and would like to stop in at a training session at the Groton Township Fire Department of Portland Road (2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.), you are more than welcome to do so.

CALL BEFORE OPEN BURNING!

Before doing an open burn on your property, you must call your local fire prevention officer (see list on the first page) to avoid the possibility of a hefty fine. Recently, a resident did an open burn without calling it in. Someone reported the fire, and the resulting fire call cost the Township \$1000. If the burn had been called in, the fire department would have checked with the resident before responding. **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH DAMAGE, NEGLIGENCE, OR EXTINGUISHMENT DUE TO A FIRE THAT HAS GOTTEN OUT OF CONTROL, OR THAT MUST BE EXTINGUISHED DUE TO VIOLATIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE!**

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PUBLIC WELCOME!

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

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



Thank You for all the
hard work and
collaboration to make
Oxford Township
safer!

