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FROM THE TRUSTEES

Fire Service:

The Township Trustees have received and approved a plan from Chief Kerry Jett to add fire hydrants to existing water lines at key locations. Chief Jett and the Trustees will be working with Erie County Environmental Services—Water Department to install these additional hydrants as the Water Department resources and Township fire levy funds permit. Initial target areas for hydrant installation are intersections at: Campbell & Mason, Thomas & Mason, Strecker & Thomas, Livengood & State Route 113, Huber & State Route 113. These areas will be followed by locations later to be exactly determined at: 10400 block Patten Tract Road, 9000 block Patten Tract Road, 4700 block Mason Road, 3300 block of Mason Road, 1800 block of Mason Road, 1700 block Mason Road, 2700 block Mason Road and 3800 block Strecker Road. The Trustees agreed to determine if the Water Department could install the first 6 hydrants on the list above in 2019. Additionally the Trustees are in the process of reviewing and approving plans for a storage building on the Kimball property that will allow additional equipment and material to be moved from the Township Building. This will allow for more room for any future fire equipment in the bay restored last year.

Zoning:

As spring arrives, construction begins. If you are making plans for additions to homes, garages, outbuildings, adding fences or swimming pools, a zoning permit is required. When in doubt or you have questions please call Phil David or leave a message at 419-359-1735. Also, building construction requires a building inspection and permit. Oxford Township contracts with Huron Township for building inspections as does other area townships, villages, and the City of Huron. You may contact Huron Township Building Inspector John Zimmerman via: Tammy Boos tboos@hurontwp.org, or by phone 419-433-2755. Additional building inspection information can be found at: <http://hurontwp.org/ecms/building-department/general-information/>

Recycling:

Recycle day for Oxford Township is Saturday June 8th from 8a-11a. As usual, tires will be recycled as well as appliances, including stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, etc.

NO TVs or Monitors!!!

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Roadwork:

We are fortunate in having only one major snow storm over the winter in late January. Road salt purchased under a contract signed in 2017 lasted us through the season with some left over. David Kelley has been busy with routine vehicle maintenance and adding a berm to roads paved last year. Roadwork planned for this year includes repaving 2,400 feet of Thomas Road between Bryan Road and Higbee Road and a portion of Higbee Road from Delamatre Ditch 1,000 feet east. Also planned is tar and chip of Ransom Road from Delamatre Road to State Route 113.

Park:

In November, the Trustees and David Kelley, with a grant from Erie Metro Parks, upgraded the playground at the Township Hall by removing the pea gravel and replacing it with engineered wood mulch. The Erie Metro Parks grant paid for 1/2 of the project. The project took two days and we were able to get it done in between the rainy "monsoon" down pours. This upgrade was required to meet new standards as a result of routine inspection by the Ohio Town Township Risk Management Association inspector. Improvements in 2019 will include replacement of the 30+ year old backstop with a new backstop and a canopy and higher adjoining fence on the ball field as recommended by referees for additional safety. Also, HPC and volunteers will add more dirt to the infield and red tile chips to the warning track in the outfield.



FROM THE TRUSTEES CONT.

NEXUS Gas Line:

The NEXUS project contractor has completed a major portion of the work, with gas line installed and in use. The township has not received any revenue so far from the project. The County Engineer's staff, Trustees and David Kelley will be reviewing road conditions on Harris, Thomas, and Ransom Roads this spring to determine what additional road repair work NEXUS must perform to complete the project.

APEX Wind Turbines, Emerson Creek Wind Project:

The County Commissioners voted against a tax exemption (payment in lieu of taxes or PILOT) at the joint Groton, Oxford Township Trustees, County Commissioners' public meeting February 26, 2019. As the Emerson Creek Industrial Wind Project continues, the owner, APEX, will pay taxes as would any other commercial or industrial installation. No taxes will accrue until the project goes into service. An additional public information meeting by APEX will be held Wednesday, April 3, 2019 from 5pm-7pm at Bellevue VFW, 6104 State Route 20. The date for the final Ohio Power Siting Board Hearing in Columbus, where the public can comment, is yet to be determined, but will likely be late summer or early fall.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Public Health Outreach Clinics for this year at Oxford Township Hall are April 16, May 7, May 28, and June 18 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.** They provide referral source services, Community Outreach and Health Lifestyle Education. A sliding fee scale will be applied as appropriate. Medicaid, Medicare, other insurances and cash are accepted.

2019 Community Health Assessments will be mailed to select Erie County individuals. Please fill out the surveys and return them in the addressed, stamped envelope provided with the survey. Surveys are confidential and data from the assessment is used to create a Community Health Improvement Plan for Erie County which will target the key health concerns determined from the assessment.

FROM FIRE CHIEF KERRY JETT

For your information, open burning in the State of Ohio is not permitted by the Ohio Fire Code or the Ohio EPA and therefore, I, as Fire Chief, am not authorizing you to burn. You are only notifying this department of an open burn in an area which will prevent an emergency response by Groton Township Fire Department. If you decide to burn, remember it's at your own discretion and is not being authorized by this department. Please use caution and respect your neighbors with the smoke and understand that if this department receives a call for a complaint of open burning we will respond and ask that you extinguish, or we will, as stated in the Ohio Fire Code. Note that the Ohio EPA could become involved.
Thank You:

Kerry D. Jett, Fire Chief, Fire Safety Inspector Groton Township Fire Department

You may reference the following for open burning regulations:

<http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/3745-19>

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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.



Groton Township Fire Dept Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, April 13th
4:30 pm until 7:00 pm

Groton Twp Fire Dept.
9414 Portland Rd.

Cost: \$8 Adult, \$5 Child,
3 yrs. and under Free

Included with the meal is...
Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Assorted Desserts and
Beverage



Oxford Township Garage Sale

The weekend of **May 31st-June 2nd**
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
28th. There will also be signs posted
advertising the sale weekend.