

OXFORD TOWNSHIP

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Community Garage Sale!



2026 ANNUAL OXFORD TOWNSHIP GARAGE SALE WEEKEND

MAY 15 - MAY 16

CONTACT ROSE MARTIN AT ROSEMARTIN32261@GMAIL.COM BY
MONDAY, MAY 11 TO BE ADDED TO THE SALE LIST.

PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR EMAIL: YOUR NAME, ADDRESS,
DATE(S) AND OPEN/CLOSE TIMES FOR EACH DAY OF YOUR
SALE.



TOWNSHIP TIRE & APPLIANCE RECYCLE DAY

**Saturday June 13, 2026
8:00 a.m. to Noon**

Open to Oxford Township Residents ONLY
~Proof of Residency is Required~
The Township Garage is under 24-hr Surveillance.
Residents dropping items outside of listed hours
will be held responsible for cost of removal.

***Absolutely NO Early or Late Drop Offs!
No items will be accepted outside of listed hours!**

ACCEPTED ITEMS INCLUDE:

- 1) Tires and Rims
- 2) Appliances: Small Appliances, Refrigerators, Freezers, Air Conditioners and Propane Tanks (up to 100 lb. bottles)
- 3) Digital Equipment: Computer Towers, Flat Monitors, Printers, Laptops, Notebooks, Flat Screen TVs ONLY. *No older tube style or projection screens accepted.

Trustees reserve the right to refuse any non-recyclables or refuse that is not listed.

NO BURN BARRELS OR BAGS OF TRASH

BLESSING BOX

“Take what you need ~ Leave what you can”

Oxford Township Blessing Box
St. Johns UCC Parking Lot
8812 Thomas Rd Monroeville, Ohio 44847
(The corner of Thomas and Mason Roads)

A Blessing Box is a small community supported outdoor pantry that provides a place for people to donate and access essential items. The Blessing Box may be stocked with any non-perishable items that may be a blessing to a neighbor in need. You are welcome to take what you need or leave what you can.



NEWSLETTER UPDATE:

Due to the costs of printing, folding, and postage, beginning with the Fall Edition, the newsletter will be available only on the website or via email. A few hard copies will be available in the township hall foyer. To make sure you're on the email list, submit your email address to Kathy Leber at:

oxfordmessenger@aol.com
Please monitor your spam folders!

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*Trustee meetings are held
on the 2nd Wednesday of
each month at 7:00 p.m.*

FROM THE TRUSTEES

Road Work: The Erie County Commissioners, in cooperation with the Erie County Engineer, are once again considering applications for funding roadwork on township roads. The hard winter opened cracks on all roads, but with the help of the Erie County Commissioners and the County Engineer, the township road program is in better shape. The following is this year's program:

OXFORD TOWNSHIP 2026 ROADWORK PLAN

Below is a list of road projects proposed for 2026. Please note that all roads listed, except Thomas Rd., have no record of paving, only wedge coat and chip seal. The Thomas Rd. chip seal project is over paving completed in segments over three years beginning in 2019 and is due for a preventive maintenance chip seal. Schaefer and Kelly Rd. will be completed this year as a minimum, using township funds and the Oxford-Margaretta-Groton (OMG) team workforce. Any additional county funds, if received, will be applied in the order presented below, after Kelley Rd.

The following are road estimates prepared by Andy Dunlap for the OMG team to perform road work. By using the OMG team, the listed paving cost estimates are more than 40% lower than the estimated costs for contracting our small jobs.

Schaeffer Road - Paving

1,973 Ft. Long x 19 Ft. Wide
580 Ton @ 2.5" \$42,920 @ 74 per ton
21 Hours Trucking @ \$120 per hour \$2,562
146 Ton Berm @ \$12.80 per ton \$1,868.80
CL Stripe .374x 600 \$224.40
\$ 47,575.20

Kelley Road - Paving

581 Ft. Long x 21 Ft. Wide
188 Ton @ 2.5" \$13,912 @ \$74 per ton
43 Ton Berm @ \$12.80 per ton \$550.40
CL Stripe .110 x 600 \$66
\$ 14,528.40

Subtotal Schaeffer and Kelley: \$ 62,103.60

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West End Higbee - Paving	
1,900 Ft. Long x 19 Ft. Wide	
557 Ton @ 2.5" \$41,218 @ \$74 per ton	
141 Ton Berm @ \$12.80 per ton \$1,804.80	
CL Stripe .359 x 600 \$215.40	\$ 43,238.20
Thomas Road (Bryan-113) -Chip Seal	
9,452 Ft. Long x 20' Wide	
21,004 Sq. Yds. X \$1.75 \$ 36,757	
CL Stripe 1.79 x 600 \$1,074	\$ 37,831.00
Peru Center Road - Paving	
1,369 Ft. Long x 20 Ft. Wide	
420 Ton @ 2.5" \$31,080 @ \$74 per ton	
21 Hours Trucking @ \$120 per hour \$2,562	
103 Ton Berm @ \$12.80 per ton \$ 1,318.40	
CL Stripe .263 miles x 600 per mile \$157.80	\$ 35,118.20
Subtotal Higbee-Thomas-Peru Center:	\$116,187.40
Total Project Cost :	\$178,291.00

As noted in the last edition, Andy Dunlap submitted a \$38,000 grant application to the State of Ohio for road sign replacement. We received the signs that meet the latest reflective standards and format, along with breakaway posts. Installation begins this spring with assistance from the OMG team.

Equipment:

The Ford F-550 Truck finally received a snowplow late this winter. Trustees canceled an order with a supplier earlier this year due to non-delivery. The township moved forward with another supplier and had the equipment installed this spring. The Ferris mower was traded in and replaced with a STIHL mower (made by Ferris). The STIHL was a like-for-like replacement for the old Ferris mower at a lower cost.

Bloomington Cemetery:

The horseshoe drive stone base was installed last summer. Now that sufficient settling has occurred, the OMG crew will pave this summer, significantly improving safety during burial ceremonies. Trustees intend to apply for a grant from the Erie County Solid Waste Division to replace the old chain-link fence with a recycled white plastic picket fence.

Park:

A \$10,000 grant application was submitted to partially cover the cost of replacing the park shelter roof, installing new gutters, and installing a metal ceiling. The ceiling installation should significantly improve the ability to keep the building clear of bird droppings and wasps. Erie MetroParks awarded \$9,200 for the project.

Township Property in Kimball:

In 2023, Oxford Township received title from the Erie County Land Bank for 6 lots in the Bertling Subdivision on Delematre Rd. The Trustees are having the lots surveyed this spring and, to improve the lots and the area, intend to have brush cleared this summer.

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Zoning & Building:

Andy Dunlap is available Monday–Friday, 7:00–3:30, and by appointment after business hours for Zoning information. You may schedule an appointment or refer questions by contacting his cell at 419-357-2493, the office phone at 419-359-1447, or email oxfordzninsp@yahoo.com. Zoning permits may now be downloaded from the website at <https://oxfordtownshipohio.com>. The entire Zoning Resolution can now be viewed or downloaded from the township website.

Residential and commercial building inspections, when required, are conducted by Huron Township Building Department staff under contract with Oxford Township. To obtain a building permit, contact Tammy Boos at 419-433-2755, fax 419-433-8347, or email tboos@hurontwp.org. The Zoning Commission will meet periodically to consider upgrades to the zoning resolution. Andy has reviewed the resolution with the Erie Regional Planning Director and will submit recommendations to the Zoning Commission. Simplified, any changes require a public hearing, Zoning Commission approval, another hearing, and then Trustee approval.

Emergency Services:

In December, Oxford Twp. Trustees and Perkins Twp. Trustees signed a contract for ambulance service provided by Perkins Township for a 3-year period, effective January 1, 2026. The cost is \$45,000 for 2026, with 3% annual increases. Trustees are thankful for the support and cooperation provided by Perkins Twp. Trustees Jim Lang, Tim Coleman, and Jim Ommert, as well as Perkins Fire Chief Dave Murphy, Administrator Gary Boyle, and Assistant Administrator Ashley Ohlemacher. Trustees are also grateful to the paramedics and EMTs who directly provide the essential service to Oxford Township residents.

APEX Industrial Wind Power Project:

Construction on the project began last fall and in Oxford Township early this year. Originally, plans for Oxford Township specified 10 wind turbines at 4.2 megawatts electric (Mwe), with blade tips 450-500 ft. above ground. The latest information Trustees were aware of indicated that the project is scheduled to install 4 turbines, with blade tips approximately 650 ft. above ground. Locations will be two turbines on properties northeast of the intersection of Strecker and Ransom Rds., and two on properties, one on each side of Ransom Rd., south of Higbee Rd. There will be significant construction in the township this summer. The County Engineer, County Commissioners, and Township Trustees reviewed and approved the Road Use Maintenance Agreement (RUMA) last year.

As a refresher, local zoning laws do not apply to large-scale industrial wind and solar power projects. After the project was approved by the Ohio Power Siting Board, the State of Ohio passed a law allowing county commissioners to declare restricted zones for large-scale industrial wind and solar projects. Thus, the APEX project was “grandfathered” and allowed to proceed. Erie County Commissioners unanimously approved a resolution to restrict large-scale industrial wind and solar projects after input from Erie County’s boards of township trustees, other public officials, and the public. This restricts further expansion of the project within the county and prevents future projects unless approved by Erie County Commissioners.

Fire and Emergency Services (Chief Kerry Jett):

Chief Jett is still looking for Firefighters for the Oxford Twp. Station. If you would like to serve your community and neighbors, PLEASE give me a call or meet with us on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. each month at the Groton Twp. Station – 9414 Portland Road. I can cover the requirements to become a Volunteer Firefighter.