BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES:

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Township Contact Information

- Township address - 2220 Tiffin Rd., Fremont, OH
- Township House phone number is 419-332-7830
- Township Trustee meeting dates are the first and third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm
- Township shop hours are Monday through Friday. 7:00 am to 3:30 pm

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BALLVILLE CHATTER

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The Treasurer's Office

The Treasurer's office is responsible for the following:

Real Estate Property Taxes, Delinquent Taxes, Foreclosures, Payment Plans, Property Tax Records, Mobile Home Taxes, Mobile Home Transfers, Payment of Cigarette license, Payment of Vender license, Chief Investment Officer, and County Banker.

We are the bank for the county. Every county office deposits their funds to us, and we distribute to the Auditors office to the current fund and balance with the Auditor.

Some Recent Legislation Updates are in this next section. HB 186 that has continued to affect our office and the upcoming HB 479 Homestead Exemption Credit.

Recent legislation has established an inflation cap for certain property value increases that may impact your tax bill. However, due to the legislation's effective date, adjustments could not be incorporated into the first-half tax bills. As a result, your second-half tax bill may be adjusted, if your parcel(s) meets the applicable criteria. Please note that not all parcels are eligible for the credit. If you pay your full-year tax bill, your final amount may be revised by the second half collection. **Any resulting overpayment will be issued to you as credit to your account on your 2026 taxes payable 2027. HB signed December of 2025.**

I extended the due date for second half of Property tax for 2025 payable 2026 to August 7, 2026, because of the delay of the inflation cap credit, HB 186.

We also have legislation HB 479; This bill provides a one-time property tax credit to homeowners who are already enrolled in Ohio's Homestead Exemption program. Eligible homeowners will see a reduction in the property tax bill without needing to submit a new application. **The one-time credit will appear as a second Homestead Exemption credit on the tax year 2026 tax bills that will be mailed out in January 2027.**

Tax Payment Information:

Taxpayers are asked to pay with CHECK or MONEY ORDER ONLY; the tax bill MUST be presented at the time of payment and no cash, no debit/credit cards will be accepted.

You can pay in the office at 100 North Park Ave suite 112, in our office at the courthouse. Our hours are as follows: Monday through Friday 8 am until 4:30 pm, we do not close for lunch.

You can also visit Sandusky County Treasurer's Website to view your tax bill and/or pay your taxes online. There are also different forms on the website you may need; penalty waiver forms, address change forms, and prepay forms.

If you choose to pay your taxes online the Third Party Municipay charges the following convenient fees.

There is a $1.00 charge if you use an E-check or 2.5% charge from the credit card companies if you use a credit card or debit card. Or you can just view your bill from the website, just click on download bill.

You can also pay at the following banks:
Bellevue – First National Bank
Clyde – First National Bank and Old Fort Bank
Fremont – First National and Old Fort
Gibsonburg – Union Bank

My office also offers prepay (escrow) plans once your mortgage is paid off. This is a free service we offer. It can be automatically taken from the bank of your choice checking or savings and can choose monthly, semi-annual or annual withdraws. We do also offer monthly coupons to split up your tax liability. You would have to mail those in yourselves, put them in our drop box or bring them into our office, whichever you prefer. Note: If you sell your home and are on automatic withdraw please notify our office as we will continue to pull out funds until you tell us different. We don't know if you sell.

I also offer delinquent payment plans according to the ORC. The standard requirements are as follows: owner occupied property, 25% down from total tax bill, minimum monthly payment of $75.00 or greater depending on how much is owed, & not to exceed 60 months including the down payment.

TRUSTEES' CORNER

Securing Grant Funding!!!

Through proactive planning and strong leadership, the township has successfully secured two major grants totaling nearly $100,000—delivering vital upgrades to our infrastructure and winter equipment at no additional cost to local taxpayers.

First, Ballville Township was awarded $70,000 to refurbish the maintenance building at Oaklawn. These funds will allow for necessary structural improvements, ensuring smooth operations for years to come. State Representative Gary Click and Senator Bill Reinke's dedicated advocacy and strong support made this project possible, as they worked to secure these state resources for our community.

In addition to facility repairs, the township to secured the H2O grant of nearly $30,000 to purchase upgraded snow removal equipment. This equipment will transform how our crews handle winter weather, drastically reducing the amount of road salt needed to keep our streets safe during freeze events. Reducing salt application not only safeguards our local watershed and roadways from runoff, but it also optimizes salt usage across every storm.

Together, these two grants deliver an immediate financial win by funding key projects externally. More importantly, the boost in operational efficiency guarantees long-term savings for Ballville Township long into the future.

Chudzinski-Johannsen Park

Over the summer, approximately 85% of the walking paths have been prepared with base material. When completed there will be a total of 2.2 miles of trails winding through the meadow grasses and flowers at the park. To conclude this part of the project, approximately 1675 feet is still needed to be built. Once the paths are finished, the next phase is to pave the paths for easier access to the park amenities.

A windmill was built and installed on the northeast side to aerate the pond. The farm style wind mill stands approximately 25 feet high and has two bubblers to help keep the pond clean. Both projects, the walking paths and the windmill, were constructed with township work forces.

At the gazebo site in the park, a ten-foot-wide concrete walkway was created around the shelter. The ground was also graded, preparing the area for the spring of 2027. The final amenities of lights and benches will be added to finish the site.

The final project in the park is a cedar pavilion being 25 by 31 feet in area. This is located in the upper parking lot. In the future, as the park develops, we hope it will allow the township another venue to rent out for picnics for residents to use.

Business Feature

The Trustees would like to feature businesses located in Ballville in our newsletters each time we publish. If you are a business located in Ballville Township and would like to be featured in our newsletter, please send a letter of interest to:

Ballville Township Trustees
2220 Tiffin Rd.
Fremont, OH 43420
or email trustees@ballville.org

Conner Park

The construction of 4 new gazebos were installed in the park. These replaced the original wood gazebo that were in poor condition. The gazebos are constructed out of vinyl cladded wood and a metal roof. They are located throughout the park giving our residents a place to sit and enjoy the scenery.

A digital sign was added to the front of Conner Park on Tiffin Street. The sign will allow multiple screens with a variety of colors. We will have the capability to show pictures on the signage. The sign will enable us to update residents on current event happenings at the Township.

New to the park are two pickleball courts which were added next to the tennis court. These were painted and striped, along with the basketball court, in late September. The courts should be ready to use by mid-October.

Road Paving

Significant investments were made by Ballville Township on various capital improvement projects throughout the Township. The major development priority was in our infrastructure plan for roadway improvements. An investment of $323,000 was made in repaving the roadway surfaces with two different projects.

Ballville Township was the lead for two paving projects involving several townships. The first paving project was the Ohio Public Works Commission Issue 2 grant. Ballville Township put together an application involving Green Creek, Riley, Sandusky, Townsend and York Townships to pave approximately 5.4 miles of roads. We received a grant for $307,016.19 to pave these roads of which Ballville received $67,014.56 in grant money to pave Buckland Road which came in at $157,000. The total contract for all six Townships was $767,540.48, with M&B Asphalt.

The second project with Ballville Township, again being the lead, put together a Township Co-Op Paving Project with Green Creek, Jackson, Rice, Sandusky and Townsend Townships. By bidding all our roads together being approximately 6.1 miles, we get a better price than bidding each township separate. Under this project, Ballville paved Elm Dr., Barker Rd., Ernest Dr., Hampton Rd., and Martin Ave. The bid for the total project was awarded to M&B Asphalt for a cost of $727,112.50. Ballville township's cost for these roads was $166,000.

Our goal investing in the township is to keep our infrastructure and facilities in the best working order. These partnerships we create with other townships allows us to bid projects to get the most economical prices. Some of the projects highlighted were done with the township workforce. With each project, we always strive to improve the quality of life for our residents.

As always, we continue to appreciate the dedication of our staff for keeping our Cemeteries, Parks and Roads in excellent condition making the Ballville community a great place to live.

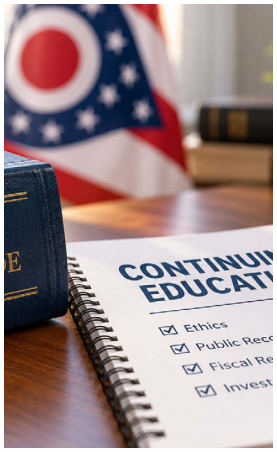
Don't Forget to Vote ~ General Election

Tuesday November 3, 2026 is General Election Day. Absentee/In-person voting for the November 3rd General Election began on October 6th, 2026, at the Sandusky County Board of Elections Office, 2020 Countryside Dr., Fremont, Ohio. The hours are as follows:

Monday, October 26 – (7:30 am – 7:30 pm)
Tuesday, October 27 – (7:30 am – 8:30 pm)
Wednesday, October 28 – Friday, October 30 (7:30 am – 7:30 pm)
Saturday, October 31 (8 am – 4 pm)
Sunday, November 1 (1 pm – 5 pm)

No early voting on Monday, November 2, 2026. Feel free to visit the Sandusky County Board of Elections's website.

BALLVILLE FISCAL OFFICER



Ohio Township Fiscal Officer Training Requirements

Ohio township fiscal officers must meet mandatory training requirements under state law, with continuing education options provided by the Auditor of State (AOS) and the Ohio Township Association (OTA).

Training Requirements (Fiscal Integrity Act — R.C. §507.12)

- **First-Term (Newly Elected or Appointed):** Requires **24 total** hours of continuing education during the first term. At least 6 hours must be completed before or during the first year of office.
- **Subsequent Terms (Re-Elected):** Requires **12 total** hours of continuing education courses in each subsequent term.
- **Specific Mandates:**
  - At least **2 hours** of ethics instruction.
  - **3 hours** of public records (Sunshine Laws) training via the Ohio Attorney General.
  - **6 hours** of CPIM (Center for Public Investment Management) training.

ZONING

Zoning Update & Thank You to Troy Thatcher

Ballville is a great place to live and a majority of the credit is due to our Zoning regulations. We have a zoning committee that makes recommendations to the Trustees for updates to keep our zoning current and regulated. This process is detailed and time consuming. Troy Thatcher submitted his notice that he is retiring from public service. We are in the process of hiring a new Zoning Inspector for the township. The trustees want to give Troy a big thank you for his service.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Leaf Collection in Ballville Township

Starting at the beginning of November, leaf collection will start in Ballville Township. Have your leaves raked into windrows along the edge of the road. Our vacuum chute reaches about six feet from the edge of the road and we will collect what we can reach. Do not put branches, wood, pumpkins, or any foreign objects in the piles. Each round of leaf collection starts on the east side of Ballville Township. Crews will then head west, collect leaves south of the river, then continue to the north side of the river. Crews will usually do four rounds of leaf collection and we would like to be done before Christmas, weather permitting. If you have any questions, call 419-332-7830.

Brush Drop Off (2026-2027)

The following is the remainder of 2026 and the 2027 Brush Drop Off schedule for Ballville Township. These events take place at Universal Farms located at 219 E. Stahl Road in Fremont.

The Christmas Tree drop off will take place at Conner Park, 2220 Tiffin Road. A trailer will be parked in the front parking lot. Remove all decorations, do not put Christmas trees in plastic bags.

Dates	Location	Time
Saturday, November 14, 2026	Universal Farms	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
December 26 through January 18 Christmas Tree Drop off	Conner Park	
Saturday, April 10, 2027	Universal Farms	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Saturday, May 8, 2027	Universal Farms	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
July 5 - July 9, 2027	Universal Farms	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday, July 10, 2027	Universal Farms	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Saturday, September 11, 2027	Universal Farms	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Saturday, November 13, 2027	Universal Farms	8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Ballville Township Park - Shelter House Fees

We are currently taking shelter house reservations for the 2027 season. Shelter reservations can be made up to 1 year in advance. There are three shelter houses located at Conner Park to have family gatherings. You can call 419-332-7830 to make a reservation.

Resident reservations – $65
Non-resident reservations – $75

Plowing Roads/Snow Removal

As winter approaches, the Ballville Township Road Department asks that you please note the following:

1. If our snowplows physically strike your mailbox, call Ballville Township House and we will fix or replace the mailbox as soon as we have time. We do not repair or fix mailboxes if the snow coming off the blade causes the damage.
2. If you have yard damage due to the snowplows, call Township House and we will place you on a list to fix your yard in the spring or when weather permits.
3. The Road Department does not plow private driveways or private roads.
4. Do not plow, shovel or blow snow into or across the road. This can be a hazard to motorists and create problems for our snowplow drivers.
5. Do not put trash cans or portable basketball hoops into road right-of-ways or the roadway when snowplows are going to be plowing.
6. Snowplows pushing snow into driveways is unavoidable.

Ballville Fleet

Over the last three years, Ballville Township has been upgrading their fleet of trucks for the upcoming years. Ballville purchased three new to used dump trucks. These trucks are used for snow plowing the roads during the winter months, hauling stone, dirt and brush or for whatever needs to be hauled. These three trucks were purchased from Prairie Township in Franklin County southwest of Columbus, Ohio. All three of these trucks are identically equipped. All three trucks have a beet juice tank behind the cab to be able to mix the juice with the road salt when roads are being treated. The combination of beet juice and salt speeds up the melting process of the snow and ice. Ballville Township most likely saved over $300,000.00 purchasing the used trucks instead of purchasing brand new trucks.

1. 2022 Freightliner 106 SD Dump Truck purchased in 2026 with 30,000 miles.
2. 2024 Freightliner 108 SD Dump Truck purchased in 2026 with 22,000 miles.
3. 2020 Freightliner 108 SD Dump Truck purchased in 2024 with 38,000 miles.