

Rochester, Ohio

Spring 2026 Newsletter

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Dates to Note:

April 19 (Sunday): Fire Dept Pancake Breakfast
May 5 (Tuesday): Election Day
May 15 & 16 (Friday & Saturday): Spring Dumpsters
May 16 (Saturday): Lorain County Beautiful Day
May 25 (Monday): Memorial Day Service
June 13 (Saturday): Rochester Road Race 5K
July 4 (Saturday): Rochester Homecoming
October 30 & 31 (Friday & Saturday): Fall Dumpsters
November 3 (Tuesday): Election Day


Bridge Updates

The bridges on Bursley Road and Griggs Road are scheduled to be replaced this summer. Work will be done by contractors, and coordinated by the County Engineer's office, with federal funding.

All bridges in the township are inspected each year by the County Engineer's office.

Rochester Road Race, June 13, 2026

Join us for our 12th year! Rochester Homecoming will host the 5K and 1-mile Fun Run in support of the July 4th festivities. The 1-mile fun run starts at 8:15am, and the 5K starts at 8:30am, at the Village Playground.

Pre-registration:  \$20 until June 1st, t-shirt included. Registration after June 1st, including race day registration, \$25, t-shirt not guaranteed. The Fun Run is free! Check out RochesterOhio.com for more information and registration.

Memorial Day

Village Memorial Day Service, Monday, May 25, 2026 at 2:00pm. We will meet at Town Hall, then proceed to the cemetery to lay the wreaths.

Rochester Homecoming, July 4, 2026

The 106th Annual Homecoming will be held on Saturday, July 4 at Eagle Street Park and Fire Station. The parade you get to see twice starts at 10:30am (Registration 9:00-10:15am), Concessions open 9am-9pm, Historical Society Open House 1:30-5pm, Fire Dept Games & Bouncy House 5pm-dusk, Kids Games at 5:30pm, Live Music starting at 6pm, and the always enjoyable FIREWORKS at Dusk! We're always looking for volunteers. Reach out to Kathy Frombaugh if interested.



Dumpsters

Spring dates: Friday, May 15 & Saturday, May 16, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Fall dates: Friday, October 30 & Saturday, October 31, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Dumpsters are located in the parking lot next to the Fire Station (200 Eagle Street). Items that are accepted include: Scrap metals, furniture, Freon-Free appliances and similar large items. *NO tires, hazardous materials, infectious waste, trees, leaves, grass, or other materials prohibited by state and federal laws.*

Dumpsters are provided as part of Lorain County Beautiful Day and Rumpke under our Trash Consortium Agreement for Rochester residents.

The Lorain County Collection Center (540 South Abbe Rd, Elyria) takes in scrap tires and household hazardous waste items all year long. Phone: 440-329-5440.

Fire Department Updates:

In 2025 we replaced our Rescue Unit Truck 204, which is in service for medical calls. Thanks to generous donations, we were able to purchase a new Thermal Imager, a SENSIT gas detector for detecting gas leaks, and automatic garage door openers. 2025 saw 71 calls for service, including 55 medical, 6 fire, 6 auto accidents, 3 trees/wires and 1 fire alarm, plus 9 mutual aid fire. The department members participated in a variety of training sessions including brush fires, CPR and medical, vehicle extraction, and working fire scenarios. Training is done both in-house and with mutual aid departments.

Thank you to our voters for renewing our operating budget levy.

Our department is always looking for volunteers! Firefighter training is paid for by the department. We are also looking for help with fundraisers and community service. Contact Chief Duane Eaton 440-864-1647 with questions or to volunteer your time for the Department or the Auxiliary.

South Lorain County Ambulance District Update

Ballot information for May 5 Election:

2.75 Mill Levy – What Voters Need to Know

- The current 3.25 mill levy is expiring
- The proposed 2.75 mill levy replaces it
- Millage is being reduced, not increased
- 5 Year Levy
- Cost: \$96 per year for every \$100,000 of property valuation

Why does the ballot say “additional levy”? That wording is required by Ohio Law. You will NOT be taxed twice.

The purpose of the levy is to provide ambulance and emergency medical services.

2025 Rochester Calls: Village – 19, Township - 38

Cemetery Reminder

The Rochester Township Trustees would like to remind you to clean up old winter and out-of-date decorations for spring clean-up. Items in poor condition will be disposed of at the discretion of the trustees. The township is not responsible for any decorative items left at the cemetery. Please read and follow the posted regulations at each location.

Fire Department Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Sunday, April 19, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Rochester Rod & Gun Club

Join us for pancakes, eggs and sausage!

Adults \$10, 10 & under \$5

50/50 and Raffle Baskets



Township Contact Info

Meetings are open to the public and held the 2nd Monday at 7pm at Town Hall.

Trustees:

Gary Landis 440-822-4844

Adam Mourton 440-213-4599

Kathy Frombaugh 440-647-9829

Fiscal Officer: Laura Brady 440-647-3731

Zoning: Ben Grim 419-606-8137

Village Contact Info

Meetings are open to the public and held the 1st Monday at 7pm at Town Hall.

Council Members:

Matthew Livingston (Mayor) 440-315-4116

Lisa Browning (440)666-3517

Katie Hall

Cindy Kurpely 440-320-4794

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