

SPECIAL EDITION ROAD MILLAGE NEWSLETTER

# Green Oak Charter Township

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The township surveyed residents in 2011 about police, fire, and general township issues. The number one concern was the condition of the roads. As a result, the current board formed a road committee and a list of roads has been developed for improvements. The list of roads is divided up into four categories. They are paved roads to be re-paved, gravel roads to be paved, gravel roads to be rehabilitated, and paved roads to receive double chip seal (seal coat). Following this section is a preliminary list of roads identified for repairs. They are not in order of importance and detailed descriptions, length, vehicle trips per day, estimated costs, and pictures are on the website.

On August 15, 2012 to Township by board motion, directed the Township Clerk to place the proposal for a road millage on the November 6 ballot. The estimated cost of the road improvements is \$17,800,000. The millage rate that is proposed is 1.66 mills.

For additional questions and information look on our website at greenoaktwp.com on the Bulletin Board, call the township at 810-231-1333, or view the information on your local cable channel.

**Gravel roads to be paved:**

- Rushton Road-North from Doane Rd to Silver Lake Rd intersection
- Silver Lake Road-South from Silverside Rd to Rushton Rd intersection
- Dixboro Road from 10 Mile south to 8 Mile Rd.

## Upcoming Events

**November 6**

Millage Election Date

### What will it cost me per year?

| If TV Equals | Road Millage At 1.66 Mills |
|--------------|----------------------------|
| 50,000       | \$ 83.00                   |
| 75,000       | \$ 124.50                  |
| 100,000      | \$ 166.00                  |
| 125,000      | \$ 207.50                  |
| 150,000      | \$ 249.00                  |
| 175,000      | \$ 290.50                  |
| 200,000      | \$ 332.00                  |
| 225,000      | \$ 373.50                  |
| 250,000      | \$ 415.00                  |
| 275,000      | \$ 456.50                  |
| 300,000      | \$ 498.00                  |
| 325,000      | \$ 539.50                  |
| 350,000      | \$ 581.00                  |
| 375,000      | \$ 622.50                  |
| 400,000      | \$ 664.00                  |

**Paved roads to be re-paved:**

- Fieldcrest Road-North from Silver Lake Road to Lee Road
- Fieldcrest Road-South from Silver Lake Road to 9 Mile Road
- Doane Road from Rushton to Intersection of Silverside and Silver Lake Road
- Marshall Road from Silver Lake Road South to 9 Mile Road
- Lee Rd. from Rickett Rd. to approximately Robin Ridge St.
- Rickett Road-North from Lee Road to the north township line with the City of Brighton
- Whitmore Lake Road-North from Silver Lake Rd to Lee Rd
- Whitmore Lake Road-South from Winans Lake Rd to 9 Mile Rd
- Silverside Road from Silver Lake Road to the intersection of Doane Road
- 9 Mile Road-South from US-23 East to Marshall Road
- Lemans Road-North from 8 Mile to the M-36 intersection
- Winans Lake Road-South from US-23 to Hamburg Twp. line

**Gravel Roads to be improvements and re-graveling:**

- Dixboro Road-North from Silver Lake Rd to near 11 Mile Rd
- 8 Mile Road-West from Marshall Rd to Rushton Road
- Marshall Road-South from Silver Lake South to 8 Mile Rd
- Spicer Road from Whitmore Lake Road West to M-36

**Paved roads to receive double chip seal:**

- 10 Mile Road from Rushton to Dixboro Road
- Silver Lake Road from Whitmore Lake Rd to Silverside Rd off Silver Lake Rd
- 9 Mile Rd from Marshall Rd east to the intersection of Rushton Rd.
- Rickett Road from Winans Lake Rd East to the Lee Rd Intersection

**Frequently Asked Questions:**

1. **Why a Millage?** The simple reason is that there is no funding for re-paving or maintenance of roads. The road funding mechanism is Public Act 51. This act lays out the amount of registration fees, license plate fees and gas tax paid per mile for maintenance of roads. The amount of money each County receives varies but normally it is just barely enough to cover snow plowing, salting, grading and in some cases chloriding of roads. The gas tax is a fixed amount per gallon of gasoline or diesel fuel. In other words, the same tank full of gasoline at \$1.25 per gallon years ago yields the same amount in gas tax at the current price of \$3.89 per gallon. Additionally, newer vehicles are more fuel efficient with increased fuel mileage and the advent

of alternative clean energy vehicles. This has resulted in the amount of gas tax revenue for roads declining each year.

2. **What about federal, State, and County funds?** We always look for them but very few roads will qualify for federal funding. We were able to use federal funds for 9 Mile and East Shore but everything else was funded by partnering with the Livingston County Road Commission or neighboring government municipalities. Matching funding from the Township comes from money we have been able to set aside in the Township's fund balance. State funds are minimal due to the funding mechanism explained in question No 1 above. Basically, revenue received from Federal, State, and County resources has and will continue to be minimal in the future years.
  
3. **Which roads will be completed first?** Since we can't complete all the roads in one year, priorities would be made based on traffic studies, traffic flow, and how much engineering needs to be done by the Livingston County Road Commission. Some roads may take longer due to the process. Other roads can be completed in a relatively short amount of time. We can only let residents know as soon as the evaluation process is complete. The intention is to complete all the roads within a three year period.
  
4. **What is double chip sealing?** Chip sealing is a process by which a thin film of heated asphalt liquid is sprayed on the road surface, followed by the placement of small aggregates ("chips") that are then compacted to adhere to the current asphalt base.