

LAKE TOWNSHIP Newsletter



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A Service of the Board of Lake Township Trustees

Lake Twp. Road Levy is Renewal, No Additional Tax

Lake Township Trustees have placed a 1.25-mill, five-year, renewal road levy on the November 5 General Election ballot. This levy would continue the tax at the same amount, with no additional tax.

How does Lake Township use the funds from the road levy? The Township maintains 137 miles of roadway. We use road levy funds for our road improvement program, and for materials and equipment for maintenance of our roads, including snow and ice removal, spot road repairs, ditch and storm sewer cleaning, catch basin repairs, sign installations and repairs, roadside mowing, street sweeping, pavement markings, repair of curbing, and road re-surfacing.

Visit the Stark County Auditor's Web site (www.starkcountyohio.gov/auditor) to see that this levy will not add to your property tax bill. Click on Tax Estimator and follow the prompts.

Only voters in the unincorporated area of the township, outside the Village of Hartville, will vote on this levy. The village has its own street department to maintain the streets in the village.

Thank you for your support!

HALLOWEEN!

It's October, time for Halloween fun! Lake Township Trustees have designated Sunday, October 27, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM, as trick or treat time for children in the township. This is the recommendation of the Stark County Commissioners for all of Stark County. Many allotments in the Township set their own dates and times for trick or treat, so please check with your own neighborhood for its schedule of these events.



Lake Township Trustees

Lake Township Trustees meet every second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 P.M. All meetings are held at the Lake Township Hall, 12360 Market Avenue North, Hartville. All meetings are open to the public. The meeting hall is handicapped-accessible.

Lake Township office hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM. Telephone: 330.877.9479.



Ellis Erb



John Arnold



Galen Stoll

BRING US YOUR LEAVES

Got leaves? Bring them to the new Midway St. Recycle Center, just east of the Township Service Garage. It's open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Mondays through Fridays, and on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Yard waste is accepted year round at this collection program. Residents may drop off grass clippings, leaves, shrubs, tree limbs, and stumps. We cannot accept commercial waste, railroad ties, furniture or wood products, lumber of any kind, plastic, trash, household waste, or rocks, blocks, building materials and dirt.

REMINDER: If you bring your leaves in plastic bags, please be prepared to empty the bags and take them away with you.

The Midway St. Service Complex is in the jurisdiction of the Uniontown Police Department. Police officers regularly patrol the property. The Recycle Center has 24-hour camera surveillance. More information about the Yard Waste and Recycle Programs is available at the Township Office (330.877.9479) and on the Township Web site: www.laketwpstarkco.com.



Galen Stoll

President's Corner

Fall is here, and that means leaves are falling. I hope everyone has seen our new, state-of-the-art Recycle Center on Midway St. just east of our Service Garage. That's the place to bring your leaves, yard waste, and items to recycle, like paper, cardboard, glass bottles, plastic food containers and cans.

Before the weather gets too cold, be sure to check out our new playground equipment at the Lake Township Park. There's a picture of it elsewhere in this newsletter. We purchased the equipment with a matching grant through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources NatureWorks program. Besides the playground, our family-friendly park has a walking track, picnic tables, and restrooms.

This year, we re-paved almost 11 miles of roadway in Lake Township. Our Road Department crews are ready for whatever winter has in store for us. We have already bought 4,500 tons of road salt through the Stark County cooperative purchasing program, and we're building a new salt shed to store it in. We can buy salt a lot cheaper when we have a place to store more.

Best wishes for a very happy holiday season with your families!

Galen Stoll

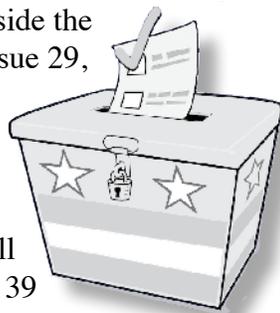
GENERAL ELECTION IS NOV. 5

Remember to vote on Tuesday, November 5. All Lake Township voters will vote on two Township Trustees. Township voters outside the Village of Hartville will see Issue 29, a 1.25-mill, five-year, renewal levy for roads and bridges on the ballot. Renewal means no increase in the tax.

Voters in Precinct 15 only will consider Issues 35, 36, 37, 38, 39 and 40, local option for the sale of alcoholic beverages at three locations in that precinct.

Voters in the Village of Hartville will see four Council positions and a citizens' initiative petition to amend the income tax ordinance.

Three seats on the Lake Local Board of Education will be on the ballot. Voters in the North Canton City Schools and the Plain Local Schools districts will also vote on three Board of Education positions. There are no school levies from these three districts on the ballot.



Ben Sommers

A Message from your Fiscal Officer

Just a note to my Lake Township friends and neighbors,

As we roll into the last quarter of 2013, I want to take a moment to share some of my thoughts about the fiscal status of the township, without sounding gloomy. Before I go any further, let me begin by saying that the township is by no means in any kind of financial trouble. On the contrary, we are probably more fiscally sound than we have ever been. But in this economic climate, the "worm can turn" quickly. And as I've mentioned a number of times in our previous newsletters, we've been given the "shorter end of the stick," but because of thoughtful planning, we are doing well.

That's not to say we're completely "out of the woods". As it stands today, we've realized funding cuts in every township department, including the revenue used to provide for our fire and rescue services. Our General Operating Fund alone is functioning on a 50 percent loss of revenue. And though our "Rainy Day Funds" have been a blessing, they certainly were not established to carry us through this kind of economic downturn. This economic recovery has been a slow one.

Regardless, we remain cautiously optimistic and take each challenge as it comes, finding the best way to make it all work.

Ben Sommers

From Your Zoning Administrator



Steve Lacey

Just a reminder: in Lake Township, outdoor furnaces require a permit.

This is to ensure that the devices do not create a nuisance situation for your neighbors. This would include any equipment, device or apparatus

which is installed, affixed or situated outdoors for the primary purpose of combustion of fuel to produce heat or energy used as a component of a heating system providing heat to a principal residential structure or any other site structure on the residential premises. If you have questions prior to installation, please call the Lake Township Offices at 330-877-9479.

Stephen Lacey

TWO RECYCLE PROGRAM LOCATIONS FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

Lake Township has two locations for the Recycle Program for your convenience: at the new Recycle Center on Midway St., just east of the Township Service Garage, and in the southeast corner of the flea market parking lot at the Hartville Market Place, 1289 Edison St. This location can also be accessed from the entrance on Market Ave. North.

The Recycle Program accepts newspapers, magazines and junk mail, as well as corrugated cardboard and food boxes, glass bottles, plastics (#1 through #7), and steel or aluminum cans (please rinse and remove lids). We DO NOT accept business waste, plastic bags, treated lumber, railroad ties, or anything with nails.

Lake Township Trustees, in recognition of the environmental benefit of recycling and yard-waste collection programs, have provided these sites as a convenience for township residents' use. Both the Midway St. Service Complex and the Hartville Market Place are in the jurisdiction of the Uniontown Police Department. More information about the Yard Waste and Recycle Programs is available at the Township Office (330.877.9479), on the Township Web site (www.laketwpstarkco.com), and on the Stark-Wayne-Tuscarawas Joint Solid Waste District Web site (www.timetorecycle.org).

LAKE TOWNSHIP OFFERS E-WASTE RECYCLING

Lake Township has an E-waste recycling program for residents and small business owners. Items that can be accepted include fluorescent bulbs and ballasts, batteries (not car batteries), computers and monitors, cell phones, telephones, game consoles, MP3 players, circuit boards, computer parts and cables, compact disks, DVD's, floppy disks, small television sets (19-inch or smaller), video equipment, microwave ovens, radio and audio equipment, other small electronic items, and small appliances.

The local recycling company that collects the items recently advised the township that disassembled television sets cannot be accepted. Because of the nature of the components, disassembled sets are considered hazardous waste.

The E-waste recycling program is primarily intended for household recycling, but also supports smaller

local businesses that have small quantities of these items to recycle.

Acceptable E-waste items may be taken to the Township Hall, 12360 Market Ave. North, Mondays through Fridays, from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Residents will be expected to unload their own vehicles. More information is available at the Township office (330.877.9479) and on the Township Web site (www.laketwpstarkco.com).

RECYCLE PROGRAM WILL TAKE YOUR OLD APPLIANCES & SCRAP STEEL

Lake Township Trustees have expanded the Township's Recycle program to accept appliances and scrap steel. These items will be accepted inside the gate at the Service Garage complex on Midway St., Mondays through Fridays from 8:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. A sign will indicate the proper area. More information is available at the Township office (330.877.9479).

MUD AND DEBRIS ON ROAD POLICY

Reminder to Contractors and Township Residents:

The Board of Lake Township Trustees requests that you maintain construction sites and other properties in a proper manner so that you do not track mud and other debris onto the public streets. If mud and debris is tracked onto the street, please clean the street promptly.

Debris includes, among other items, unnatural accumulations of snow and ice (such as being pushed onto the public streets from private parking lots, driveways, and roads). Contractors will need either to pile the snow on private property or load it and haul it away.

If it becomes necessary for the Township to clean the street, you will be invoiced at the rate of \$50.00 an hour per piece of equipment with an operator. Additional employees required for the clean-up will be invoiced at an hourly rate based on current salary plus fringe benefits.

If you have any questions about the Mud and Debris on Road Policy, please call the Lake Township Road Superintendent at 330.877.9479

Check Out Our Web Site:

www.laketwpstarkco.com It has lots of information about Lake Township!





A Note From The Road Superintendent:

Lake Township received a Township Signage Upgrade grant of \$23,422 from the Ohio Department of Transportation earlier this year and it is funded at 100 percent Federal funds. As a result of a federal rule that went into effect in January 2008 that imposed certain deadlines for various sign retroreflectivity upgrade standards to be implemented, your Road Department has been working vigorously to meet these deadlines, and we have completed replacement of many of our signs. We welcome these funds that enable us to continue our upgrade program.

We recently received a grant of \$2,866.40 from the Ohio Workers Compensation Division of Safety and Hygiene towards the purchase of a utility locator and a propane hammer. These tools will help to reduce our employees' exposure to injuries.

Winter will be here soon. Our Mud and Debris Policy that appears nearby includes mention of snow and ice. Remember that Lake Township has a snow emergency parking ban on all township streets in the event of a snowfall of more than two inches, or any severe snow or ice conditions. Please keep your trash can behind the mailbox line so the snowplows won't hit it. Lake Township cannot assume responsibility for trash cans left in the roadway. As required by postal regulations, please keep the approach to your mailbox clear of snow, so the carrier can deliver your mail without leaving the vehicle. While you're clearing the path to your mailbox, please don't forget the fire hydrants if you have them in your neighborhood.

I'm always available to answer your questions, address your concerns or give you a tour of our Service Garage at 1499 Midway Street. Please feel free to call me at 330.877.9479. Have a pleasant Fall and a safe Winter!

Daniel R. Kamerer

STORMWATER REMINDERS

As stormwater flows over driveways, lawns, and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. Stormwater can flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland, or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the water bodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water. Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water.

By practicing healthy household habits, homeowners can keep common pollutants like pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings, and automotive fluids off the ground and out of stormwater. Adopt these healthy Household habits and help protect lakes, streams, rivers, wetlands, and coastal waters. Remember to share the habits with your neighbors!

—Healthy Household Habits for Clean Water—

Vehicle and Garage

- Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drain and eventually into your local water body.
- Check your car, boat, motorcycle, and other machinery and equipment for leaks and spills. Make repairs as soon as possible. Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material like kitty litter or sand, and don't rinse the spills into a nearby storm drain. Remember to properly dispose of the absorbent material.
- Recycle used oil and other automotive fluids at participating service stations. Don't dump these chemicals down the storm drain or dispose of them in your trash.

Lawn and Garden

- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When use is necessary, use these chemicals in the recommended amounts. Avoid application if the forecast calls for rain; otherwise, chemicals will be washed into your local stream.
- Select native plants and grasses that are drought- and pest-resistant. Native plants require less water, fertilizer, and pesticides.
- Sweep up yard debris, rather than hosing down areas. Compost or recycle yard waste when possible.
- Don't overwater your lawn. Water during the cool times of the day, and don't let water run off into the storm drain.
- Cover piles of dirt and mulch being used in landscaping projects to prevent these pollutants from blowing or washing off your yard and into local water bodies. Vegetate bare spots in your yard to prevent soil erosion.



(Standing behind children, from left) Lake Township Trustees Galen Stoll, Ellis Erb, and John Arnold are shown with a group of third-grade pupils from Uniontown Elementary School with the new playground equipment at the Lake Township Community Park in late May. The children are members of the group who helped with the selection of the equipment, for which Trustees obtained a matching grant through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources NatureWorks program. Located off Market Ave. behind the Lake High School stadium, the park has a half-mile walking track, picnic tables and restrooms. (Photo courtesy of The Hartville News)

KIDS ENJOYING NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

FROM THE UNIONTOWN POLICE DEPT.

School zone safety is a concern for everyone. Our children are back in school, and the yellow buses are on the streets once again. Drivers, please be aware of the school zones in the areas in which you travel. While going to work in the morning or heading home after a long shift, remember our children are on the streets waiting for the bus, walking to school or at recess. I ask all drivers to be aware when the children are on the streets or in the school area.

Did you know that not all school zones have flashing lights during the restricted hours? A School Zone is posted by school speed limit signs. Ohio Revised Code 4511.21 states that you are required to drive 20 MPH in a posted school zone. In fact, nothing in this section describes a uniform system of traffic control devices to require school zones to be indicated by signs equipped with flashing or other lights, or to give other special notice of the hours in which the school zone speed limit is in effect. Pavement markings are the simplest way to get the message out to drivers.

Do you know the hours of your school zone? The 20 MPH limit is in effect during school recess and while children are going to or leaving school during the opening or closing hours, in the areas where the speed limit signs are posted.

Are you aware that school bus drivers can initiate a traffic citation for passing a stopped school bus? It's true. Every month my office receives complaints from bus drivers about motorists passing a school bus. I assign an officer to confirm the details of the complaint, and if validated, the officer will issue a court summons to the offending motorist.

Making it simple for our drivers and our children: before, during and after school hours, if you see children in a school area, slow down. That minute you give to be safe could be the minute needed for a child to arrive safely.

If you have any questions, please call my office or the Stark County Sheriff's Office. I wish you all safe travel.

Capt. David Brown

LICENSE PLATE FEES

When purchasing your vehicle license plates, please state that you are a resident of Lake Township. If you simply state your address as Hartville, North Canton, etc., funds which should go to the township will go to the City or Village of your mailing address.

FROM YOUR FIRE PREVENTION SERVICE

Don't burn your leaves! Please take them to our Yard Waste drop-off site at the new Recycle Center on Midway Street, just east of the Lake Township Service Garage. It's open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Mondays through Fridays, and on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. If you bring your leaves in plastic bags, please be prepared to empty the bags and take them away with you.

If you're planning a bonfire, please call your local fire department first to find out what the regulations are. (Hartville Volunteer Fire Department: 330.877.2478. Uniontown Fire Department: 330.699.3239. Greentown Volunteer Fire Department: 330.494.3002).

Our fire companies would like to remind you to change the batteries in your smoke detectors when Daylight Savings Time ends this year (November 3).



WINTER'S COMING! Lake Township Trustees have passed a resolution to declare a snow emergency parking ban on all streets maintained by the township in the event of a snowfall of more than two inches, or any severe snow or ice conditions.



LAKE TOWNSHIP

Mission Statement

The mission of Lake Township is to provide quality service to our citizens/customers in order to lead, support and facilitate the efficient and effective operation of township government.

(ECRWSS)
Local Postal Customer



LAKE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
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