

LAKE TOWNSHIP Newsletter



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A Service of the Board of Lake Township Trustees

GOT LEAVES?

Bring your leaves to the 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.

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, Hartsville. 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

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HALLOWEEN!

It's October, time for Halloween fun!

Lake Township Trustees have designated Sunday, October 26, from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M., 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.





President's Corner

As the leaves change color and the air gets crisper, we know that fall is officially here. For the first time in over a decade, a fall clean-up was made available to Lake Township residents for three days in September.

Another service available to residents throughout the year is the Lake Township Recycle Center. Located on Midway Street, the Center is open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. throughout the week and 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on weekends. This is the perfect place to bring your fall yard debris and recyclable items.

By the time this newsletter reaches your mailbox, our 2014 Paving Program should be underway. This year fourteen miles of road throughout the township will be paved. Check the Township web site (www.laketwpstarkco.com) to see which streets will be improved.

Although fall has just begun, our Road Department is already preparing for winter by making sure the trucks are in good working order and stocking up on salt. Here's hoping for a mild winter, but the Road Department will be ready for whatever the winter brings.

As always, the township employees work every day to make Lake Township a safe and welcoming place to live

Galen Stoll

GENERAL ELECTION IS NOVEMBER 4

Remember to vote on Tuesday, November 4.

The Stark County Board of Elections Web site (www.starkcountyohio.gov/board-of-elections) has a link to the Ohio Secretary of State's site that enables anyone to type in his or her name and address to determine the correct precinct and its location.

Lake Township is split between two Congressional districts. The western half of the township, between the Summit County line on the west and Market Ave. on the east, and between Pontius Rd. on the north and Mount Pleasant St. on the south, is in the 16th Congressional District. The eastern half of the township is part of the 7th District. Some Lake Township precincts are split between the two districts.

According to the Stark County Board of Elections, when a voter goes to the polls, the poll worker looks up that person's information and programs the access card so that the correct ballot appears on the screen.



A Message from your Fiscal Officer

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As 2014 is quickly winding down, the Fiscal Department is making preparations for the 2015 finances. We are once again facing budget cuts to our Local Government Funds. From 2011 to 2014, the Local Government Fund has been cut by 53 percent. The outlook for 2015 is another decrease. Estate Tax has been completely eliminated. Much like your home finances, our expenses for utilities, fuel, and other expenses continues to increase. We continue to receive money from some other sources, but not enough to cover the loss of the Local Government Fund and Estate Tax money.

We have worked hard to keep costs down, but we are out of notches to tighten our belt! Legally, we must not spend money that we do not have. So we continue to work hard to "live within our means." It has always been, and continues to be, my goal to make sure you get the most for every dollar!

Ben Sommers

FROM THE UNIONTOWN POLICE CHIEF:



As the holiday season approaches, we will spend more time on the roadway. Whether you're traveling across town or across the country, help ensure your trip is safe.

Always use a child safety seat, booster seat, or seat belt when traveling with your child, according to his or her height, weight and age. Ohio's revised child restraint law requires the following: children less than four years old or weighing less than 40 pounds must use a child safety seat; children less than eight years old, unless they are at least four feet, nine inches tall, must use a booster seat; children ages eight to fifteen must use a child safety seat or a safety belt. Don't drink and drive, and don't let someone else drink and drive. Wear a seat belt every time you drive or ride in a motor vehicle. Prepare your car for the winter by checking items such as brakes, spark plugs, battery, and tires. A safety kit will be helpful during an emergency. Together we can make this a safe and happy holiday season.

Chief Harold Britt



A Note From The Road Superintendent:

As the Lake Township Road Department is gearing up for the winter season ahead, we offer these winter tips:

- Delay non-essential travel until after the roads have been cleared.
- When using a snow blower or plow to clear your driveway, do not put the snow out in the street.
- To avoid shoveling your driveway entrance twice, wait until the plow truck has finished plowing the street before you shovel the end of your driveway.
- When removing snow from your driveway, if you are facing the road, place the snow to the right of the driveway. This will allow for more efficient plowing and will help keep snow from ending up back in your driveway when the plow comes through a second time.

- Check your mailboxes and make sure they are ready for winter and comply with postal regulations.

Suggestions:

- Make sure your mailbox can withstand heavy snow thrown by passing plow trucks this winter. Autumn is a good time for residents to make sure their mailboxes are in good shape for the winter weather.
- Common repairs include replacing loose hinges on a mailbox door, remounting a mailbox post that may have become loose, and replacing or adding house numbers to assist mail carriers and emergency crews.
- Repairing your mailbox and making sure the post is securely set in the ground will help it withstand the force of the heavy snow coming off the snow plows.
- To find out what the proper location of your mailbox is along the roadway, contact your local postmaster
- As you inspect your mailbox, it is also a good time to install reflectors that make your mailbox easier to see during storms or during dark hours.
- When shoveling a path to the mailbox, don't forget the fire hydrants. Precious time is lost when firemen have to search for hydrants buried in the snow. Please help yourself, your neighbors and the Fire Departments by keeping the nearest fire hydrant clear of snow.
- Please be especially careful and courteous when driving around salt trucks and snow plows. Remember:
 - Don't pass a snow plow.
 - Don't assume the snow plow operator can see you. Every truck has blind spots that reduce side and rear visibility.
 - Allow plenty of stopping distance; don't follow too closely. This also reduces the chance of loose material hitting your vehicle.
 - Keep your headlights on low beam.
 - Please slow down.

Once again, I want to thank you for your support of better roads in Lake Township. If you have any questions or would like a tour of our facility, please feel free to call me (330.877.9479). Have a great winter season and drive carefully.

Daniel R. Kameron

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.

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





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Who's Responsible for the Roads?

When reporting a problem involving a roadway, including removal of dead animals, it is important to know which governmental entity is responsible for the maintenance and repair of that road.

To report problems on State Routes 43 and 619 in Lake Township, call the Canton office of the Ohio Department of Transportation (330.452.0365).

The Stark County Engineer (330.477.6781) maintains Cleveland Ave., State St., Smith-Kramer St., Middlebranch Ave., Congress Lake Ave., Swamp St., Duquette Ave., the east leg of Pontius St. north of Quail Hollow State Park and Market Ave. south of Lake Center St.

Maintenance of Pontius St. from Cleveland Ave. to Mogadore Ave. is shared between Springfield Township (330.733.3213) and Lake Township (330.877.9479). Maintenance of Pontius St. from Mogadore Ave. to Market Ave. is shared between Portage County (1.330.296.6411) and Lake Township.

Plain Township (330.492.3423) maintains Mt. Pleasant St. from Market Ave. to Middlebranch Ave.

Maintenance of Aultman Avenue is shared between the City of Green (330.896.6607) and Lake Township.

The Village of Hartville Street Department (330.877.3006) is responsible for maintenance of King Church Ave. from Camelia St. south to Lake Center St., Lake Center from King Church east to Market Ave., and Market from Lake Center north to State Rt. 619, as well as all other streets within the village.

Lake Township maintains the 138.648 miles of all remaining dedicated streets in the township.

DID YOU KNOW? 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. 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 CENTER

The new Lake Township Recycle Center has been open for a more than a year. It's on Midway St., on the east side of the Township Service Garage. It is fenced and gated. Hours are 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. weekdays, and 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on weekends.

There's a second Recycle Center location 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 and #2), and steel or aluminum cans (please rinse and remove lids). You can leave your yard waste, including brush, grass clippings, leaves, branches, and stumps. We DO NOT accept business waste, treated lumber, railroad ties, or anything with nails. In addition, we cannot accept the following plastic items: six-pack rings, anti-freeze containers, auto parts, bubble wrap, CD covers, compact discs (can be accepted in the E-Waste program), chip and bread clips, computers and electronics (can be accepted in the E-Waste program), desk accessories, exercise equipment, fast-food plastic cup lids, fencing, large garbage cans, large plastic items, lunch pails, motor oil containers, packaging peanuts, pipe, bags, binders, dishes, folders, grocery bags, hangers, lids, caps, ladders, tricycles, utensils, political signs, safety shields/glasses, shower curtains, shrink wrap, straws, Styrofoam, swimming pools, toys, video cases, video-cassettes (can be accepted in the E-Waste program).

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. More information about the Yard Waste and Recycle Programs, as well as the E-Waste Recycling and Scrap Metal programs, 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 METAL

Lake Township Trustees have expanded the Township's Recycle program to accept appliances and all scrap metals. These items are 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 indicates the proper area.



From Your Zoning Administrator



Steve Lacey

Dear Neighbors,

Check out our new online map! Lake Township through a cooperative effort with the Stark County Auditors Office and the Stark County Regional Planning commission has created a more interactive ESRI based map that should be a benefit to our residents, realtors and businesses. The new map (at www.laketwpstarkco.com) provides the zoning layers in a "see through" form that also shows parcels and other pertinent information. Give it a click! We value your input. Please call (330.877.9479) if you have any problems navigating the map or any suggestions to improve the map.

Stephen Lacey

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.

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 OUR FIRE 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 2).



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.

Local Postal Customer
(ECRWSS)



LAKE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
12360 Market Avenue North
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