

# LAKE TOWNSHIP *Newsletter*



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A Service of the Board of Lake Township Trustees

## IT'S FALL CLEANUP TIME!

Lake Township will sponsor a Fall Clean-up for Township residents, from Wednesday, September 23, through Friday, September 25, from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. every day and Saturday, September 26, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Containers will be located at the Recycle Center near the Lake Township Service Garage complex at 1499 Midway Street. Residents will be expected to unload their own vehicles.

This service is for Lake Township residents only. Identification may be checked. Township businesses will be allowed to dispose of no more than one truckload during the program. For more information, call 330.877.9479.

In addition to all of the items accepted at the year-round programs, the following will be accepted during Fall Cleanup: household debris and tires (no rims, limit of 12 per household). No garbage, no lumber of any kind, no railroad or landscaping ties, no hazardous waste, and no paint can be accepted.

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The Board of Stark County Commissioners has announced several upcoming informational meetings across the County to meet with County residents and give an overview of the current state of Stark County Government and answer questions. One of those informational meetings will take place at the Lake Township Hall on Tuesday September 22, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

## 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



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## HALLOWEEN!

It's October, time for Halloween fun! Lake Township Trustees have designated Saturday, October 31, 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

In July, the contracts for our paving program were completed. We are paving approximately 13 miles, or about 10 percent of our roads. The total township road mileage is 138.648 miles. The new salt storage building

that we completed last year has enabled us to purchase all the salt we should need for the coming winter season at a very competitive price. Our price is actually up to 50 percent less than some other communities that don't plan ahead the way we do!

The Uniontown Police Department is now located in the former Lake Senior Center, 1635 Edison St. NW. They were operating out of the new facility on July 1, 2015.

Fall Cleanup is scheduled for September 23 through 26. This was a new program last year and was so well received that we are planning to continue it annually.

The transformation of the Midway property from its current state into a community complex that will include new baseball fields, soccer/lacrosse fields, a walking track and a playground area is moving in a positive direction. There is an old block building that will be razed. Plans are being reviewed so the grading work can begin this fall for the initial site preparation.

Our Recycle Center continues to be the busiest in the county! The yard waste section has been especially busy because of the tornado that passed through this summer. We extended the yard waste times to 24 hours a day for about 10 days to allow residents most affected to have more flexibility cleaning up their properties.

I would like to thank all of the dedicated staff of Lake Township for their commitment to excellence in meeting the needs, and many times exceeding expectations, of our residents. I also hope we have a mild winter. Best wishes for a happy holiday season to everyone!

*John Arnold*

## 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.



## A Message from your Fiscal Officer

Dear Friends and Neighbors, We often speak of a Township Budget, but are you aware the budget process actually begins in August for the following year? The process is outlined

in the Ohio Revised Code and must be followed to the letter. The Stark County Auditor estimates how much tax money the Township is entitled to. We estimate any other revenue we expect to receive.

Each fund has to be considered individually and money cannot be freely moved between funds. Lake Township currently has 29 funds. Each fund has restrictions on what can be paid from it.

Once the budget process has begun, we work with the County Auditor to meet the deadlines laid out in the Ohio Revised Code. The entire process has to be completed no later than March 31 of the budget year when all numbers are finalized. Once the budget process is completed, my department must continue to monitor our activity to assure the budget is being met. Sometimes we must prepare an "amended certificate" to tweak the budget. This is the only way the budget can be changed and it must be certified by the County Auditor.

We rely heavily on forecasting along with the budget to protect the financial welfare of Lake Township.

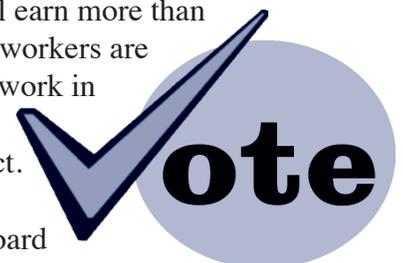
*Ben Sommers*

## GENERAL ELECTION IS NOV. 3

Remember to vote on Tuesday, November 3. Voters in all precincts in Lake Township will see issues and candidates. The Stark County Board of Elections Website ([www.starkcountyohio.gov/board-of-elections](http://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.

The Board of Elections is hiring poll workers for the General Election. Poll workers, who must be registered voters, will earn more than \$100 in one day. Pollworkers are usually scheduled to work in their home precincts or at a nearby precinct.

More information is available from the Board of Elections (330.451.7010) or online at [www.starkcountyohio.gov/board-of-elections/pollworker](http://www.starkcountyohio.gov/board-of-elections/pollworker).





**Dan Kamerer**

## **A Note From The Road Superintendent:**

Winter will be here soon. 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. Violators are subject to fines. Please park your vehicles in your driveway during any ice or snow storm. You may wish to plan on parking in your driveway, not on the street, during the winter months to allow for timely snow and ice removal.

When shoveling your driveway, it's a good idea to wait until the plow has gone by to shovel the apron to avoid having to shovel it a second time because the snow from the plow has landed at the end of your driveway. Also, when shoveling your driveway apron, pile the snow to the right of your driveway as you face the road. Never throw, plow or blow snow into the street after it has been plowed.

For your own safety, please be careful when driving near salt trucks and snowplows. Don't follow too closely, and don't pass a snow plow. Keep your headlights on low beam.

Please place your trash cans behind the mailbox line, especially when snow is falling or is in the weather forecast, to avoid damage by the snow coming off the plow face. The Township cannot assume responsibility for trash cans left in the roadway.

Keep in mind that Postal Service regulations require customers to keep the approach to their mailboxes cleared of snow, allowing the carrier to drive up to the mailbox and deposit mail without leaving the vehicle.

If you have municipal water, when you shovel a path to your mailbox, don't forget the fire hydrants. Precious time is lost when firefighters have to search for hydrants buried in snow. Help yourself and our firefighters by keeping your nearest fire hydrant free of snow.

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*

## **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.

## **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](http://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.

## RECYCLE CENTER

The Lake Township Recycle Center is 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 through #6), and steel or aluminum cans (please rinse and remove lids). You can leave your yard waste at the Midway St. location only, including brush, grass clippings, leaves, and branches. We DO NOT accept business waste, plastic bags, any kind of 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](http://www.laketwpstarkco.com)), and on the Stark-Wayne-Tuscarawas Joint Solid Waste District Web site ([www.timetorecycle.org](http://www.timetorecycle.org)).

## LEAVES WILL FALL SOON

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 and tree limbs. 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](http://www.laketwpstarkco.com).



## FROM THE UNIONTOWN POLICE CHIEF:



As we approach the holiday season, there are a few scams that we would like to put on our “naughty” list. Package Theft: With more and more people shopping online this time of year, we are advising people not to leave unattended packages on their doorsteps.

Grandparent scams: As families gather for the holidays, scammers will target the elderly with a desperate call or e-mail from a “stranded” grandchild or loved one claiming they’ve had their wallets stolen and need money wired to them immediately.

Mall pickpockets: Thieves take advantage of busy malls and frantic shoppers to steal purses and wallets.

Bogus coupons: Coupons or discount codes are often sold online and in-person at a fraction of their face value. They could be completely worthless.

Santa scammers: If you get an e-mail offering to send a personal letter from Santa to your child, be wary. It may be a “phishing” scheme aimed at collecting personal information for identity theft.

Fake charities: Be on the lookout for “sound alike” charities and street-corner collectors. Do your research before giving.

Shop with a friend or with a group. This makes you less of a target for thieves.

Together we can make this a safe and happy holiday season!

*Chief Harold Britt*

## 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](http://www.laketwpstarkco.com)).

## 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.

## FROM OUR FIRE SERVICE

Don't burn your leaves! Please take them to our Yard Waste drop-off site at the 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 1).



## 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.



## 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.

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