

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 21, through Friday, September 23, from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. every day and Saturday, September 24, 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. Disposal of commercial or business tires is prohibited.). 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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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 Sunday, October 30, 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.



Check Out Our Web Site:

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



**CHECK OUT COMMUNITY EVENTS AT
www.lakechamber.com**



President's Corner

Collaboration with other government entities is the best way we can maximize the value our residents receive for their tax dollars. In this article I will provide three examples of how this process has benefitted Lake Township.

1) In May, the Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Joint Solid Waste Management District awarded Lake Township a grant of \$42,940.00 to install the final coat of asphalt at our Yard Waste drop-off site at our Recycle Center on Midway St.

2) Lake Township is working with Springfield Township in Summit County on a paving contract for Pontius Rd. The project is funded by the Ohio Public Works Commission, which is paying 70 percent of the total cost of \$222,302.00. Springfield Township, with the help of the Summit County Engineer's office, filed the application with OPWC. In June, Lake Township Trustees agreed to pay 15 percent of the cost, or \$33,345.30. Springfield Township will pay the same amount.

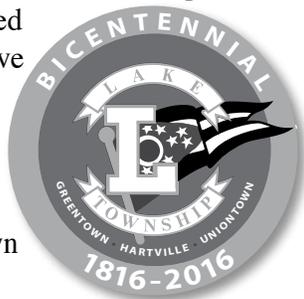
3) Off-road drainage may not sound very exciting, especially during our very dry summer, but we have been working with Stark County again this year to alleviate problem areas throughout the Township. This will mitigate flooding problems we have had in the past. Anyone who has experienced flooding in their homes will attest to the importance of prevention and improved drainage infrastructure.

Please let us hear from you so we can resolve any issues you have and continue to improve Lake Township. I would like to extend best wishes to all the school students for academic and athletic success this year!

John Arnold

LAKE TOWNSHIP CELEBRATING BICENTENNIAL

Two hundred years have passed since the Stark County Commissioners organized Lake Township as the 12th township in the county on June 4, 1816. Until that date, Lake Township had been part of Plain Township. Bicentennial banners were placed around the township. Events have been taking place since January and will continue through December, concluding with "An Evening in the Village" on December 4 in historic downtown Hartville.



Fiscal Office Update

In the spring newsletter, we introduced the staff in the Fiscal Office. Christy Bresson, who agreed to assist in the reorganization of the office, has announced her re-retirement. We would like to thank Christy for her assistance over the past year and we wish her well. Steve Lacey, currently the Zoning Administrator, has accepted the position replacing Christy. Steve brings over 12 years of experience in township government and provides a fresh perspective.

Corinna Short has been the project manager for the implementation of our first phase of upgrading our network software, which went into production in August. During the process, Corinna has recommended and implemented time-saving processes, adding to the overall efficiency of the department.

As we continue to move forward, time saved in one area allows for more time for communication with other departments, prompting questions and reviewing options, ensuring that we fully understand the needs of the Township, as we work for a cohesive prioritization and look for synergies which ensure tax dollars are most efficiently utilized.

We look forward to making available the online check book application by the end of the year, enabling all to review how our funds are spent.

Bob Moss

GENERAL ELECTION IS NOV. 8

Remember to vote on Tuesday, November 8. Voters in all precincts in Lake Township will see federal, state and county-level candidates and some local issues. 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.

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 (330.451.7515 or 330.451.7010) or online at www.starkcountyohio.gov/board-of-elections/pollworker.



FROM THE UNIONTOWN POLICE CHIEF:



The holiday season is always a special time of year. It is also a time when busy people become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. Please share this information with family, friends and neighbors.

Driving

- Never leave your car unoccupied with the motor running or with children inside.
- Do not approach your car alone if there are suspicious people in the area. Ask mall or store security for an escort before leaving your shopping location.

Shopping

- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Keep your cash in your front pocket. Pay for purchases with a check or credit card when possible.
- Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. At this time of year, “con-artists” may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money or belongings.

At Home

- Large displays of holiday gifts should not be visible through the windows and doors of your home.
- Be sure your Christmas tree is mounted on a sturdy base so children, elderly persons or family pets cannot pull it over on themselves. If you use lights on your Christmas tree, ensure the wiring is not damaged or frayed, to avoid fire. Place your Christmas tree in water or wet sand to keep it green.
- Never place wrapping paper in your fireplace.

Hosting a Party

- Have non-alcoholic beverages available for party guests and find alternative transportation for intoxicated guests.
- Arrange for an official designated driver for your party who will not drink at all.

Chief Harold Britt

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.

RECYCLE CENTER

The Lake Township Recycle Center is on Midway St., on the east side of the Township Service Garage. It is fenced, gated and has cameras that record the site 24/7. 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), and on the Stark-Wayne-Tuscarawas Joint Solid Waste District Web site (www.timetorecycle.org)



DID YOU KNOW? LAKE TOWNSHIP OFFERS E-WASTE RECYCLING

The E-waste recycling program that Lake Township offers for residents and small business owners has had some changes. Earlier this year, Township Trustees amended the program to add a \$20 charge for disposal of all television sets and computer monitors, because the company that collects the items now must pay to dispose of them, so they are passing along the charge to the township. All sizes and types of television sets and computer monitors will carry the same charge.

Another change is that the program will no longer accept light bulbs of any kind, due to information received regarding the method required for proper disposal.

Items that continue to be accepted include 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, television sets, 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).

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.



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

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 keep the dirty, soapy water out of storm drains and local water bodies.
- 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. Avoid application if the forecast calls for rain to keep chemicals out of your local stream.
- Select native plants and grasses that are drought- and pest-resistant, requiring less water, fertilizer, and pesticides.

From Your Zoning Administrator



Steve Lacey

Dear Neighbors,

Lake Township is accepting applications for positions on the Township Zoning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals for five-year terms. Applicants must live in the unincorporated area of Lake Township. If you are interested in service on these Boards, please pick up an application at the Township office during business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.) Candidates must be able to attend at least one meeting per month.

The purpose of the Zoning Commission is to hear requests or applications for zoning changes, amendments or supplements to the Zoning Resolution, and to make recommendations on approval or denial of those requests to the Board of Lake Township Trustees. The Board of Zoning Appeals hears requests for variances and approves conditional use permits. Members are paid \$35.00 per meeting.

Stephen Lacey

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 6).



SAFE ROOM REBATE PROGRAM

The Ohio Safe Room Rebate Program was developed by the Ohio Emergency Management Agency to provide a rebate for the purchase and installation of safe rooms for Ohio homeowners. Information about the 2017 program will be available later at the agency's Web site (www.ema.ohio.gov).



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.

Residential Customer
(ECRWSS)



LAKE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
12360 Market Avenue North
Hartville, Ohio 44632

