

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 Cleanup for Township residents, from Wednesday, September 18, through Friday, September 20, from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. every day and Saturday, September 21, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Containers will be located behind the Lake Township Service Garage complex at 1499 Midway St. Directional signs will be posted. 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.

HALLOWEEN!

October's coming, time for Halloween fun! Lake Township Trustees have designated **Sunday, October 27**, 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.

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Check Out Community Events

at www.lakechamber.com



Check Out Our Web Site:

www.laketwpstarkco.com

It has lots of information about Lake Township!

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.



Jeremy Yoder



John Arnold



Steve Miller



President's Corner

As summer comes to an end and our students and teachers return to the excellent schools in Lake Township, it is a good time to reflect over the last few months while also looking toward the future. This spring and summer have

been very productive. The yard waste drop-off site on Midway has been busy with over 8,720 yards of branches, brush, grass cuttings and other yard debris dumped by our residents. With record-setting rain over the past few months, the township has worked with homeowners and other municipalities to ensure the drainage infrastructure is satisfactory and able to withstand typical heavy rain periods. You can read more about the responsibilities and procedures for improvement and maintenance of drains, ditches, and watercourses in Stark County by visiting the Stark County Commissioners' website for more information. On July 29th, the Board of Trustees signed an agreement with the Stark County Commissioners to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Cleveland Avenue and Wright Road. The Stark County Engineer's Office is working on the design of the project and the County will apply for funding through the Ohio Public Works Commission. Any portion of the cost of the traffic signal and related items that is not covered by OPWC is to be split equally by the County and the Township, with the Township's portion capped at \$40,000.00. This project is still in its infancy stage and it's our understanding that the longest time frame in the project is the actual ordering and manufacturing of the signal poles. We ask for your patience through this process. Did you hear that Hartville was recognized by Ohio Magazine as one of the top five great places to live, work and visit? Please help us in congratulating them on this special recognition!

By the time you receive this newsletter, 16.37 miles of roadway paving should be underway. The 2019 paving project is one of the largest projects the township has approved and will be carried out by Northstar Asphalt, being completed no later than October 19th. Please visit the township's website for a list of streets being resurfaced. Along with making improvements to our roads, we want to help with improvements to your house and property. As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, the Township will again be holding a fall clean-up for our residents. It's a great opportunity to clean out those garages, sheds and basements of non-hazardous, unwanted items. As always, in the best interest of our residents, identification may be checked. Lastly, with winter coming, we'd like to remind residents to avoid parking on the street when snowfalls exceed two inches.

Keeping the streets clear will allow the road crews to plow and salt the streets faster and more efficiently.

As always, the Board of Trustees invites you to join our bi-monthly meetings on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month to share your feedback and any ideas to continue to make our township great.

Jeremy Yoder



Fiscal Office Update

Spring is associated with new beginnings, renewal and a spirit of vitality. However, Fall can be viewed in the same vein. The Financial Department is currently beginning the budgeting process for the 2020 year.

We are aware our dollars do not go as far as they used to. We continue to look for ways to use your tax dollars in the most efficient manner. Be assured this is our mission and it will continue.

To remain transparent, we supply our records to the state for publication on their site. Please feel free to review. Your input is appreciated. We would like to thank you again for your confidence in our oversight.

Bob Moss



GENERAL ELECTION IS NOV. 5

Remember to vote on Tuesday, November 5. Voters in all precincts in Lake Township will see local candidates, as well as two Stark County 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 (330.451.7010) or online at www.starkcountyohio.gov/board-of-elections/pollworker-information.



A Note From The Road Superintendent:

We are still experiencing the warm summer weather, but keep in mind that winter and all that comes with its unpredictable, and often messy weather will be here shortly. While preparing for winter, be sure to follow some of the tips below. Doing so will save you time and effort while helping the Lake Township Road Department keep the roads clear and safe.

- Move vehicles out of the street and into private driveways (this also reduces the amount of snow you have to shovel). During any snow emergency, all vehicles must be removed from roadways.
- Wait to shovel your driveway until you see that the plows have completed their final pass along the curb line or edge of pavement. A pass or two through the neighborhood does not mean the Township is finished with snow removal, and your effort to clear your driveway entrance could be for nothing.
- Shovel to the right-hand side of your driveway (when looking towards the street) to reduce the amount of snow pushed back onto your driveways by plows.
- Do not throw snow (by any means) from any sidewalk or driveway into the roadway before or after plowing. Doing so is illegal, and you could be cited. Also, keep the roads as clear as possible by placing all receptacles (trash and recycling) on the sidewalk, not in the street.
- Extra steps to take after a snowstorm:
- Snow should be plowed or shoveled to the side of the driveway away from the flow of traffic.
- Clear some snow out a car's length before the driveway to allow plows to unload before reaching your driveway entrance.
- Eliminate snow piles at driveway entrances; they may obstruct views on both the main road and when exiting the driveway.
- Please assist your local fire department and the Lake Township Road Department by clearing snow away from fire hydrants. Also, it's important is to keep storm inlets open to allow the melting snow a place to drain, thus avoiding possible flooding of the roadway, yards, and homes.
- Above all, PLEASE BE PATIENT. We are getting to the roads as quickly and as safely as possible.

Daniel R. Kamerer

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.

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.

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.

From Your Zoning Administrator



Lake Township has two Zoning Boards that actively operate for distinctly different purposes. Their creation is both prescribed by law and the township zoning resolution, and their existence is pertinent to the department.

The Board of Zoning Appeals serves to hear and decide appeals, authorize variance requests, and issue or revoke conditional zoning certificates.

The Zoning Commission considers requests for zoning district changes and amendments to the zoning resolution and serves as a recommending body to the township Trustees for the legislative changes in zoning.

Both Boards are comprised of five members and one alternate, all of whom are appointed by the Trustees. If you are interested in serving, please stop in at the Township Hall to obtain an application.

Nicole Wilkinson

PROPER DISCHARGE OF SWIMMING POOL WATER

When swimming season is over, pool owners need to be careful of how and where they discharge swimming pool water when they lower the level of their pool. The discharging of chlorinated swimming pool water directly into a waterway or into a storm sewer is prohibited. Always drain your pool water in an approved manner.

The storm sewer system (which includes ditches and pipes) was designed to handle runoff from rain and snow only. The water is not treated before it is discharged into area creeks and rivers. If the water contains chlorine, it can be very toxic to fish and other aquatic plants and animals. Therefore, swimming pool water must be de-chlorinated before being discharged. The simplest method is to stop adding chlorine to your uncovered pool and wait. Sunlight will naturally dissipate the chlorine within a few days (minimum 48 hours of sun). It can also be reduced by adding a chemical called sodium thiosulfate, which is available at pool stores (always follow the directions). Monitor the chlorine level with a swimming pool chlorine test kit. When there is no longer any detectable chlorine in your swimming pool, it is safe to discharge the water. When discharging the water, allow it to flow over a grassy area at a slow rate to allow for some filtration of the water. This should be completed to allow the discharge to follow the natural water course and will not discharge onto a neighboring property as well.

LEAVES WILL FALL SOON

Bring your leaves to the Yard Waste Facility near the Recycle Center on Midway St., just east of the Township Service Garage. It's open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. on Thursdays and Fridays, and on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. The Facility is closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Yard waste is accepted year round at this collection program. Residents may drop off grass clippings, leaves, brush 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.

From The Uniontown Police Chief:



Lake Township Residents,

In the last couple of years, the number of scams and identity fraud reports that our department has taken have more than doubled. The largest target for most scams is within our elderly community. The scam callers will threaten and intimidate the person on the other end of line, which in turn leads them to believe they may be arrested, turned in for IRS fraud or that someone is coming to their home to collect on a debt. There are other scams like the grandchild scam where the caller pretends to be the grandchild who is in jail and either needs a large amount of money to get bailed out or to pay an attorney. There are so many different scams out there to be aware of, and they can happen all year long. We do see an increase in these scams around the holidays and especially tax season. Listed below are some of the warning signs to watch for:

- Calling or emailing you, claiming to be from the government and asking you to pay money.
- Asking you to pay money or taxes up front to receive a prize or a gift.
- Asking you to wire them money, send money by courier, or put money on a prepaid card or gift card and send it to them.
- Asking for access to your money-such as your ATM cards, bank accounts, credit cards, or investment accounts.
- Pressuring you to “act now” or else the deal will go away. Or someone who seems to be trying hard to give you a “great deal” without time to answer your questions.
- Asking you to pay over the phone with Green Dot cards, iTunes cards or other gift cards.

If you have been involved in or encountered the IRS scam personally go to the following website to report the incident: https://www.treasury.gov/tigta/contact_report_scam.shtml

For more tips and information on how to protect your privacy, identity theft, online security, protecting your children online, limiting unwanted telemarketer/robo calls or scams, go to this website: <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/>.

Chief Michael Batchik

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 the Village boundary north of State Rt. 619, as well as all other streets within the village.

Lake Township maintains the 139.479 miles of all remaining dedicated streets in the township.

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.



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FROM OUR FIRE SERVICE

Don't burn your leaves! Please take them to our Yard Waste Facility near 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. on Thursdays and Fridays, and on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. The Facility is closed on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. 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).



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.