

LAKE TOWNSHIP *Newsletter*



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A Service of the Board of Lake Township Trustees

TRICK OR TREAT!

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. 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' MEETINGS

Lake Township Trustees meet every second and fourth Monday of each month at 5:00 P.M. You can view the live meetings on Facebook Live at www.facebook.com/LakeTownshipStarkCountyOhio or watch later if you can't tune in to watch us live!

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



Jeremy Yoder



John Arnold



Steve Miller

EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 4

Voters in Lake Township will see this issue on the November 4 general election ballot:

Issue 19: Lake Township Fire District, renewal, 1.25 mills, 3 years, commencing in 2025. This levy is a renewal, which would continue the tax at the same amount, with no additional tax.

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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.



**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

As we welcome the fall season in Lake Township, I am pleased to share several updates on projects and initiatives that continue to strengthen our community.

One of the most exciting developments ahead is the addition of six pickleball courts at the Lake Township Park. Construction is expected to be completed in the spring of 2026, and these new courts will provide an excellent opportunity for recreation and fellowship for residents of all ages. In addition, we are working closely with Stark Parks on the Quail Hollow Connector Trail, which will pass through Lake Township Park and link our community more directly to the surrounding park system. This project reflects our commitment to enhancing outdoor spaces that encourage health, activity and togetherness.

Residents should note that our Yard Waste Facility will close for the season at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, December 1, 2025 (unless otherwise determined). We encourage everyone to take advantage of the site before that date. The facility will reopen in the spring of 2026 with seasonal hours, continuing to provide an easy and sustainable way to manage yard debris.

Alongside these initiatives, we are proud to report that by the time you receive this newsletter, Lake Township will have completed another strong year of the paving program. Maintaining and improving our roadways is one of the most visible and essential services we provide, and we remain committed to keeping our infrastructure safe, reliable and prepared for the future.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we are building not only better facilities and roads but also a stronger sense of community. I wish you and your families a safe and enjoyable fall season.

Jeremy Yoder



From your Fiscal Officer

Lake Township continues to maintain a strong fiscal foundation. Thanks to years of careful budgeting and strategic planning, the township's financial outlook for 2025 – 2026 remains stable.

Townships, libraries, schools and other public entities across Ohio are currently watching: Ohio House Bill 28, which looks to eliminate the authority (public entities) to levy "replacement" property tax levies. A replacement levy maintains the same millage rate as the prior levy but is recalculated based on current property values. What this means going forward is that you will see "New" levies on the ballot rather than replacement levies. The reason this is important and can immediately impact our local governmental services is because we were considering doing a replacement levy for the Lake Township Fire District this November. However, the potential timing of HB 28 becoming law has the possibility of nullifying our November voting. So in turn we are placing a 1.25 renewal levy on the ballot this November. This levy will continue to create \$782,638 which is in turn split between our three fire departments (Uniontown, Greentown and Hartville).

Lake Township's prudent fiscal approach has positioned us well, but it is continued community support and sound financial stewardship that will be essential to keeping the township strong and financially sound. I encourage you to all watch our meetings live on Facebook. Our meetings are every second and fourth Monday at 5:00.

All of our financials records are read into our meeting minutes and information can also be found at www.OhioCheckbook.com.

Matthew Erb

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.

This facility is for common recyclable materials. For recycling guidelines and acceptable items, please visit www.timetorecycle.org or call the Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Recycling District at 800.678.9839. 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, have provided this site as a convenience for township residents' use. The Midway St. Service Complex is in the jurisdiction of the Uniontown Police Department. More information about the Recycle Program 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).



Dan Kameron

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

As winter approaches, the Lake Township Road Department would like to share some important reminders to help ensure our roads remain safe and accessible for everyone throughout the season.

No Parking During Active Snow Bans

When snowfall is expected or ongoing, please do not park on township roads. Snow bans are put in place so that plow trucks have full access to clear streets quickly and safely. Vehicles parked on the road during a snow ban slow down plowing operations, pose safety hazards and may be subject to fines or towing.

Keep Trash Cans Off the Roadway

On collection days, please place garbage and recycling bins at the edge of your driveway, not on the road. Trash cans in the roadway can obstruct snowplows, get knocked over or damaged, and create hazards for drivers and pedestrians. By keeping bins off the road, you help our crews clear snow from curb to curb and protect your property.

Safety Tips for Residents

Our crews work hard to keep roads salted, plowed and safe. You can help by driving cautiously in snowy or icy conditions, giving plow trucks plenty of room, clearing sidewalks and driveways when possible, and watching local weather advisories and snow ban announcements.

Your cooperation makes a big difference during the winter months.

Thank you for helping us keep Lake Township safe, clear and moving smoothly!

Stay safe and stay warm!

Daniel R. Kameron

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. We ask for your cooperation in removing any vehicles parked in the roadway; by doing so, it allows for timely snow and ice removal.



KNOW YOUR TAXING DISTRICT WHEN RENEWING YOUR LICENSE PLATE

It is important that the correct taxing district be included on your vehicle registration. The city on your postal address may not be the same as your taxing district. For instance, many residents on the north side of Lake Township have Mogadore mailing addresses, and residents in the southern portion of Lake Township have North Canton mailing addresses. Even more confusing are those who have Hartville mailing addresses but live outside the Village. Most of the revenue collected from vehicle registrations is given back to your township and county based on the taxing district.

This revenue is used to repair roads and bridges in your area. So when you renew your vehicle registration, remember to indicate the township where you reside. If you do, Lake Township will receive part of that license fee. These are YOUR tax dollars. Make sure those dollars come back to the township where they can benefit YOU.

YOU CAN HELP REDUCE STORMWATER PROBLEMS

What is a stormwater system? Simply put, a stormwater system is a tool for managing the runoff from rainfall. In nature, this water flows from fields to streams to rivers and so on, but human development has impacted some of these natural flows. With this development come concerns of flooding and pollutants flowing into streams and rivers. Some examples of human-induced pollutants in stormwater runoff are fertilizers, pesticides, motor oil and heavy metals that wash off lawns, sidewalks, roads and parking lots.

For several years, the U.S. EPA has required local governments to monitor our stormwater runoff sources. Over 200 outfalls have been identified throughout Lake Township and the names and location of all waters of the United States that receive discharges from those outfalls. Local governments, including Lake Township, are responsible for filing an annual report through the Ohio EPA as part of the National Pollutant Discharges Elimination System (NPDES) Program. Some of the reporting requirements and minimum control measures include a “Public Education and Outreach on Stormwater Impacts”, “Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination” including dry-weather out-fall inspections that are completed by the Lake Township Road Department and “Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping” which includes annual training of our road department and certain other employees.

As part of the “Public Education and Outreach on Stormwater Impacts” we’d like to share several things that private property owners can do to reduce the amount of stormwater runoff and reduce pollutants in stormwater runoff. Some ways you can help this include:

- Terrace steep slopes to slow runoff, allowing more to soak in and reduce erosion
- Install rain barrels to catch water from downspouts. You can use this water for your gardens and indoor plants.
- Replace paved sidewalks with materials that allow water to soak into the ground
- Wash your car at a commercial car wash, or at home on a grassy area or gravel (be sure to use biodegradable, phosphorus-free soap)
- Bury pet waste, flush it or bag it and dispose of it in the garbage
- Minimize the use of pesticides and fertilizers on your lawn.

By making a few small changes, together we can make a difference in reducing pollutants and keeping our stormwater runoff clean before it enters the waters of the State.



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FROM THE UNIONTOWN POLICE CHIEF:

As our kids head back to school, our roads will be busier with school buses, parents dropping off students, and children walking to the bus stops. We want to remind everyone to slow down, stay alert and help keep our children safe.

Please remember:

Follow school zone speed limits. Kids can be unpredictable; slower speeds save lives.

Stop for school buses. When their lights are flashing and the stop arm is out.

Stay focused on the road. Avoid texting or distractions while driving.

UPD will be monitoring school zones closely, not just to enforce the law, but to protect the most vulnerable members of our community. Please do your part. Let's work together to make this school year a safe one.

Your cooperation makes a big difference. Together, we can ensure every child arrives at school and back home safely.

Thank you for helping us keep our community safe this school year!

Chief Michael P. Batchik

MEET OUR FIRE AND EMS

Lake Township partners with three private fire companies: Hartville, Greentown and Uniontown, to provide professional emergency services. The township is divided into serviceareas, with each company responsible for first-response in its assigned district. All three departments staff fully trained EMTs and paramedics 24/7, ensuring continuous coverage.

Each fire company is a separate, licensed, private, non-profit organization that serves the township under contract. These contracts are funded through revenues from the fire levy. Did you know? This arrangement has been in effect since May 1, 2002. Before that date, EMS was dispatched from a single centralized location in the township. The Board of Trustees determined that offering EMS from the established fire company locations would significantly improve service delivery and reduce response times for residents in need.





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LAKE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT LEVY IS A RENEWAL, NO ADDITIONAL TAX:

Lake Township Trustees have placed one issue on the November 4 General Election ballot as follows: “A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Lake Township Fire District for the purpose of providing ambulance or emergency medical services operated by fire departments or firefighting companies and the payment of fire departments or firefighting companies to operate the same that the county auditor estimates will collect \$782,638 annually, at a rate not exceeding 1.25 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$20 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor’s appraised value, for 3 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.”

This levy would continue the tax at the same amount, with no additional tax.

Thank you for your support!