



# Lake Township Newsletter

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## LAKE TWP. ROAD LEVY IS RENEWAL, NO ADDITIONAL TAX

Lake Township Trustees have placed a 1.5-mill, five-year, renewal road levy on the November 2 General Election ballot. This levy would continue the tax at the same amount, with no additional tax.

How does Lake Township use the funds from the road levy? The Township maintains 136 miles of roadway. We use road levy funds for materials and equipment for maintenance of our roads and for our road improvement program.

Visit the Stark County Auditor's Web site ([www.auditor.co.stark.oh.us](http://www.auditor.co.stark.oh.us)) to see that this levy will not add to your property tax bill. Click on Tax Estimator and follow the prompts.

Only voters in the unincorporated area of the township, outside the Village of Hartville, will vote on this levy. The Village has its own street department to maintain the streets in the village.

Thank you for your support!



## HALLOWEEN!

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

3:00 to 5:00 PM, 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.



### From the Uniontown Police Chief

Greetings:

As summer slipped by, and with autumn already upon us, my first thought in this message to our community is to remind our residents of the importance of keeping your vehicles locked, because 99 percent of vehicle break-ins happen to vehicles left unlocked.

I'd also like to remind our community of the many services of the Uniontown Police Department, such as vacation checks, senior citizen wellbeing checks, help with vehicle lockouts, talks with senior citizens' groups on how to secure their homes, and talks to civic organizations about safety issues. Visit our Web site directly at [www.uniontownpd.com](http://www.uniontownpd.com), or through the Lake Township Web site under Departments.

Feel free to contact the Uniontown Police Department (330.699.6444) with any concerns you may have. We are here to assist you in any way possible. It's a privilege to serve the residents of our community.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe fall and winter!

Respectfully,  
**Chief Jack Coontz**

## Lake Township Trustees

Lake Township Trustees meet every second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 PM. 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.



Ellis Erb



John Arnold



Galen Stoll

## GENERAL ELECTION IS NOV. 2



Remember to vote on November 2. In addition to choosing two Stark County commissioners, other county officials, our state representative for the 50th District, our state senator for the 29th District, the governor and lieutenant governor and other state officials, and our representative for the 16th Congressional District, as well as a number of judges, Lake Township residents will vote on five local issues:

Issue 4: North Canton School District, additional 4.5 mills, current expenses, continuing, beginning 2010. (Only precincts in the North Canton City Schools District will vote on this issue.)

Issue 33: Lake Township Road District renewal road levy, 1.5 mills, 5 years, beginning 2010.

Issue 42: Lake Township, Precinct 21, weekday sale of beer, wine and spirituous liquor at Greentown Gallery and Custom Framing, Inc., 3140 State St. NW, Greentown, OH 44630. (Only voters in Precinct 21 will vote on this issue.)

Issue 55: Lake Township, Precinct C, sale of beer, weekdays, Bell Store, 1261 W. Maple St., Hartville 44632. (Only voters in Precinct C will vote on this issue.)

Issue 56: Lake Township, Precinct C, Sunday sales of beer between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and midnight by Bell Store, 1261 W. Maple St., Hartville 44632. . (Only voters in Precinct C will vote on this issue.)

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*Congratulations to our Fiscal Officer, Ben Sommers, who won third place in the Best Tractor contest at the Uniontown Lions Festival Parade on August 14, with his 1954 John Deere Model 60.*

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## 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 Your Zoning Administrator



The Township will be accepting applications this fall for the Zoning Commission for a five-year term beginning January 23, 2011. The Zoning Commission hears requests for changes to zoning districts and text changes to the zoning resolution. As part of the process, public meetings are held to consider the recommendations of the Stark County Regional Planning Commission, allow for input from the public, and finally to forward a recommendation to the Board of Lake Township Trustees for final approval. The Commission meets as needed. Each member is paid \$35.00 per meeting. Residents of the unincorporated area of Lake Township who are interested in service on the Zoning Commission may apply at the Lake Township Offices, 12360 Market Ave. N., Hartville, OH 44632. For more information, call the Township Zoning Department: 330.877.9479

**Stephen Lacey**

## *President's Corner:*



In September, I was invited to speak to the third-grade class at Uniontown Elementary School about local government. This is the third consecutive year I have visited the Uniontown third-graders. There are many functions I have performed as a Trustee in Lake Township, but I am always honored and feel privileged to work with the youth in our community. The teachers in our grade schools do an excellent job of teaching our children to be good citizens in school. As I observe the excellent behavior of these third-graders, I am always reminded that as adults, we all need to remember the life lessons of respect and citizenship that we learned in our formative years.

I hope to see next year's third-grade class at Uniontown Elementary.

The efficiency and dedicated service of all the departments in Lake Township have met and, in most circumstances, exceeded the expectations and goals we as Trustees set for them this year. In the short space I have in this column, I would like to recognize the Road Department specifically. In addition to the contracted paving program that replaced almost 2000 feet of rolled curb, 54 catch basins and over 14 miles of paved roads, our own road crew put in a great effort this year. They completed multiple catch basin rebuilds and gutter replacements, enclosed hundreds of feet of dangerously deep ditches, upgraded over 75 percent of our street signs to the state-required high-intensity variety, and worked around the clock to clear the streets of snow during a very difficult winter season. At Mount Peace Cemetery, they installed over 700 tons of asphalt (Uniontown Greenlawn Cemetery will be done next year), and solved numerous water and drainage issues. Much of the work done this year was in extreme conditions: heat in excess of 90 degrees or cold well below freezing. If you have the opportunity to come in contact with any of the Road Department crew, please join me in thanking them for the work they are doing to maintain and improve our community.

**John Arnold**

## *A Note from the Road Superintendent*



Looking ahead to winter, I'd like to remind everyone that the snow parking ban that the Trustees recently passed applies to all Township-maintained roads. Your cooperation will help us keep our snow removal schedules in bad weather, and that means we will get to your street sooner rather than later.

Your Road Department crews have accomplished a great deal during the spring and summer. During the Spring Cleanup event, we separated all of the scrap metal that was brought in, generating almost \$4,000 in extra revenue for the Township. We patched and paved multiple potholes and road edges from the severe winter weather we had last year, and installed over 75 snow emergency signs on all roads maintained by the Township.

We've removed trees, brush or limbs from more than half of the Township road rights-of-way, and are still working on this task.

To address drainage problems, we ditched the east side of Stonebridge Ave., repaved and re-directed water issues near the Uniontown square, completely enclosed all low areas on Mount Pleasant St. and the intersection of Midway and Bellhaven, including backfilling with clean fill dirt and re-seeding, and working with the Stark County Engineer, removed a number of beaver dams from the Stark County ditch between Boston Ave. and Heckman St.

We removed the old playground equipment from the Township park near the Lake stadium, and crack-sealed the Township-maintained parking lot in that area to prevent pavement issues in the future.

Working at our Township cemeteries, we removed brush and shrubs from Mount Peace Cemetery, placed topsoil and seeded bare areas, and paved the drives and parking area. We removed over 100 tons of material from the Greenlawn cemetery, and will do more work there next year.

We upgraded all of our Township dump trucks with power float systems to reduce wear and cost on the trucks and the cutting edges. We repaired all of the suspension issues that we had with our fleet including front and rear spring issues.

As always, if you have any concerns, please feel free to contact me.

**Daniel R. Kamerer**

## Recycle Program Will Take Your Old Appliances

Lake Township Trustees recently expanded the Township's Recycle program to accept appliances and scrap metal. These items will be 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 will indicate the proper area. The revenue generated by this program will be allocated for new playground equipment at the Lake Township Community Park. More information is available at the Township office (330.877.9479).



## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR FISCAL OFFICER



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

When I decided to run for the position of Lake Township Fiscal Officer, I did a lot of research about the duties of the job. It wasn't long until I became acutely aware of how different managing public funds were from managing my own business or household expenses. Although there are a number of similarities, township accounting and public funds management are surprisingly different.

For instance, when you put your paycheck in a checking account, you have the option to choose how that money is going to be spent. Unlike many other local governments, where the bulk of their revenue goes into the General Fund and can be budgeted to each department, township revenue allocations are pre-determined as to which department is going to receive the money, and money in each fund can be used only for expenditures for that department.

For example: revenue generated from state and local gasoline and license taxes can be used only for Road Department expenses. Likewise, taxes collected for road levies can be directed only to the Road Department, fire levies can be used only for fire and emergency services, police levies can be used only by the Police Department, cemetery revenue is restricted to cemetery expenses, and so on. This is like balancing a dozen little checkbooks, which can sometimes be an interesting challenge.

One final note: I'd just like to say the township funds are in excellent condition, and thanks to the cooperative efforts of the Board of Trustees, the Department Heads, and our amazing staff members, the job of Lake Township Fiscal Officer continues to be a thoroughly enjoyable experience.

If you have any questions about our township operations or budgets, please feel free to call me.

**Ben Sommers**

### Community Events

McKinley Day.....	October 16
Historic Downtown Hartville	
"Hollow-een Fest".....	November 7
Quail Hollow State Park	
Community Thanksgiving Dinner...	November 20
Hartville Fire Station No. 1	
Christmas Festival.....	December 5
Historic Downtown Hartville	
Christmas at the Hollow.....	December 9, 10, 11
Quail Hollow State Park	

**Check Out Our Web Site:** [www.laketwpstarkco.com](http://www.laketwpstarkco.com)

It has lots of information about Lake Township!



### NEW IN LAKE TOWNSHIP: E-WASTE RECYCLING

Lake Township has a new program for residents and small business owners: electronic waste recycling. Items accepted at the Township Hall (12360 Market Ave. North) Mondays through Fridays from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. 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, and other small electronic items. More information is available at the Township office (330.877.9479).



# WINTER'S COMING!

Lake Township Trustees earlier this year 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.

## *Get Your Home **STORMWATER** Ready for Winter*

1. Never discharge chlorinated water from swimming pools into the storm sewer system. Properly discharge chlorinated water from swimming pools through your sanitary sewer system so the water can be treated prior to re-entering the natural water system. You can also allow the water to dechlorinate by letting it sit for a period of time before discharging.

2. Remember to perform regular maintenance on your septic system. Get your septic tank(s) pumped every three to five years and have aeration units regularly serviced by a registered service provider.

3. Fall can be a time to fertilize your lawn. Follow manufacturer's instructions when using fertilizers on your lawn, and spread fertilizer only where you need it.

4. As you are winterizing your vehicles, make sure to check for and fix fluid leaks. Even a small amount of oil or other automotive fluids that drip onto the pavement can pollute thousands of gallons of water. When you are done, make sure to properly dispose of oil and antifreeze, and never dump it on the ground or in a storm sewer.



**REMEMBER:** Storm water isn't treated before it gets discharged into our local creeks, streams, and rivers. More information is available from The Stark County Health Department, Phase II Storm Water Program (330.493.9904).

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## APPLICATIONS FOR BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Lake Township is accepting applications for a position on the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five-year term beginning November 15, 2010. Residents of the unincorporated area of Lake Township who are interested in service on this Board may pick up an application at the Township office during business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM).

Candidates must be able to attend at least one meeting per month.

The purpose of the Board of Zoning Appeals is to hear appeals of decisions of the Zoning Administrator, requests for variances, and requests for conditional use permits. Members are paid \$35.00 per meeting. For more information, call the Township Zoning Department: 330.877.9479.

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## YEAR-ROUND YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Yard waste is accepted at a drop-off site behind the Recycle Center at 1505 Midway St., next to the Township Service Garage. It's open from dawn to dusk, seven days a week.

This is a year-round collection program. Lake Township Trustees, in recognition of the environmental benefit of recycling and yard-waste collection programs, have provided this site as a convenience for township residents' use.

Residents may drop off grass clippings, leaves, shrubs, tree limbs, and stumps. We cannot accept business waste, plastic bags, or treated lumber. If you bring your leaves in plastic bags, please be prepared to empty the bags and take them away with you.

Lake Township Trustees recently added the Midway St. Service Complex to the jurisdiction of the Uniontown Police Department. Police officers regularly patrol the property.

More information about the Yard Waste Program and the Recycle Program is available at the Township Office (330.877.9479).



# Reminder From Your Fire Prevention Officer



Daylight Savings Time will end on November 7. Please remember to replace the batteries in all of the smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors in your home when you change your clocks.

Don't burn your leaves! Please take them to our Yard Waste drop-off site, located behind the Recycle Center at 1505 Midway Street, next to the Lake Township Service Garage.

If you're planning a bonfire, remember to call the Township office first, to find out what the regulations are! (330.877.9479).

**Danille Kemp**



Lake Township Trustees and Fiscal Officer appeared in the Uniontown Lions Festival parade on August 14.



## 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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