



Lake Township Newsletter

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From the Uniontown Police Chief



The Uniontown Police Department was established in 1966 by a group of concerned citizens, with the first police cruiser being donated to the Uniontown Police by the Uniontown Lions Club.

In my 26-year career, I have worked with all three police chiefs of the Uniontown Police Department since its start, and I have seen the community go through good times and hard times. It is the hard times that bring communities together as in days past: neighbor looking after neighbor, helping one another and those less fortunate than themselves, not only in our community but also in Lake Township.

Our Department has a great group of officers who often go beyond the call of duty. They are involved with many community projects and services such as the "Shop with a Cop" where at Christmas time they collect donations from businesses and the public.

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It's Spring Clean-up Time!



Lake Township will sponsor a Spring Clean-up for Lake Township residents, from Tuesday, June 9, through Saturday, June 13, from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. every day. Containers will be located at the Lake Township Service Garage complex at 1499 Midway Street, next to the Recycle Center. Residents will be expected to unload their own vehicles.

This service is for Lake Township residents only. Identification may be checked. Lake Township businesses will be allowed to dispose of no more than one truckload during the program. For more information, call (330) 877-9479.

The following will be accepted:

Household waste (NO GARBAGE)

Appliances

Tires (must be off rims; limit 12 per household)

NO HAZARDOUS WASTE, DRUMS, LIQUIDS OR NON-CONFORMING WASTE WILL BE ACCEPTED.

NO PAINT WILL BE ACCEPTED

New this year! As part of our effort to promote and encourage township residents to REDUCE, REUSE, and RECYCLE, we are including in this year's Spring Clean-up an Electronics collection.

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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.



Ellis Erb



John Arnold



Galen Stoll

Message From Your Road Superintendent



By the time you receive this Newsletter, winter will be officially over and we will be looking forward to beginning our paving program. Paving priorities will be decided after the roads are inspected to determine the amount of damage that has occurred due to frost and heaving. Once a list has been generated and reviewed, the Board of Trustees will make the final decision as to which roads will be resurfaced.

I would personally like to thank Lake Township residents who have adhered to our request to keep their trash cans behind their mailboxes, to make sure that they would not be damaged as our snowplows came down the roads. We regret that some mailboxes and trash cans were damaged during plowing.

Potholes show up suddenly and are a real danger to the motoring public. Please report potholes to the township office, 330.877.9479.

I hope all of you enjoy planting your spring flowers and look forward to an enjoyable summer. If there is anything I can help you with, please feel free to call me.

Rick Criss

President's Corner



Spring is here! We made it through another winter and we didn't run out of salt. Look for our Road Department crews to begin ditching and paving work.

We have scheduled our Spring Cleanup for June 9 through June 13. This is the time to get rid of all those unwanted household items. This year, we've added electronics to the list of items we can accept. Please keep in mind that we can't take these items during our year-round Yard Waste Collection program. That's just for grass clippings, leaves, shrubs, tree limbs, and stumps. We also have a year-round Recycle program where township residents can dispose of newspapers, magazines, junk mail, cardboard, glass bottles, some plastics, and cans. We cannot accept business waste, plastic bags, or treated lumber at our Recycle Center.

Our Uniontown Police Department is in training for a Special Response Team. Your Township Trustees and Fiscal Officer have donated a fully-equipped van for the Team to use as a command center. The Team will be available for emergencies anywhere in Lake Township.

As always, if you have any comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the township office at 330.877.9479. Messages can be left with the administrative staff during the day or on voice mail in the evening.

Galen Stoll

A Word From Your Fiscal Officer



Dear Lake Township Residents,
To say the 2009 economy has been an interesting challenge would certainly be an understatement. Fortunately, the elected officials of Lake Township--your three Trustees and your Fiscal Officer--had the foresight to plan ahead for an unstable economy. Reserve Funds were established over the last three years for the purpose of "budget stabilization." This allows your Township officials to maintain important services for the short term in case tax revenues take an unexpected turn.

With these safeguards in place, Lake Township residents can rest assured that the Township remains fiscally sound and able to function within the limits of our budget.

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

Ben Sommers

From Your Zoning Administrator



As summer approaches it will be time to get the swimming pools up and running. Please make sure that your pool is in compliance with zoning regulations to deter unsafe access by children. All in-ground pools require a permit, and all above-ground pools exceeding forty-eight inches in depth and having one hundred square feet or more of surface area require a permit.

The Township would also like to provide the following information regarding foreclosures. The Stark County Save Our Homes Coalition website provides information about avoiding foreclosure and scams by predatory lenders the web address is http://www.co.stark.oh.us/internet/HOME.DisplayPage?v_page=SaveOurHomes.

Please take advantage of this free information.

Steve Lacey

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 9, 2009. 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.

HELP PROTECT OUR LOCAL WATER

- Stormwater runoff is precipitation from rain or snowmelt that flows over the ground. As it flows, it can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants, and deposit them into a storm sewer system or waterbody. Anything that enters a storm sewer is discharged untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water. We cannot afford to pollute and contaminate it.
- Use pesticides sparingly. Fertilize only as needed, using natural, organic, or other slow-release fertilizers. Reduce stormwater runoff by directing downspouts and gutters to drain onto the lawn, plant beds, etc. Use mulch, bricks, gravel, or other porous surfaces on driveways and walkways to decrease erosion. Go to a carwash or wash your car in the grass. Don't wash dirt and cleaners down the driveway into the storm drain.
- Recycle used motor oil. AutoZone and Valvoline accept used oil. Never dump oil or antifreeze down storm drains which flow into creeks and rivers.
- Dispose of any hazardous home chemicals at approved household hazardous waste collections. Use the least toxic products available in your home and garden.
- Properly dispose of leaves and grass clippings. Start a compost pile or use the Township Yard Waste Program. Never use streams, creeks, or gutters to dispose of yard waste.
- Sweep the dirt and debris from your driveway and walkways back into the yard. Pick up pet waste and dispose of it in the toilet or trash. Hosing dirt and pet waste into storm drains sends it directly to the creeks and rivers.
- Choose water-based paints like latex. Paint thinner can be reused and recycled. Do not pour any paint or toxic material down the drain.
- Maintain your septic system. Have it pumped at least every three years. Repair or replace malfunctioning septic systems. Do not flush grease and personal hygiene products down the toilet or drain. Recycle all acceptable materials and use your garbage can for all other trash. Don't litter. It will eventually be washed to our creeks and rivers and pollute them.



(uniontown police chief, continued from front cover)

The monies received then go to children whose names we receive from the elementary schools, not only in Uniontown, but also from Hartville and Greentown. Last year nine underprivileged children were taken to Wal-Mart and given \$100.00 to spend for Christmas.

Starting this year, the officers will participate in the "Fill a Cruiser" project. This involves collecting food at Thanksgiving, which will then be given to residents of Lake Township who are in need. All these programs are done on the officers' own time.

In addition, the Uniontown Police Department will again begin our free ice cream cone program. If a child is seen wearing a safety helmet while riding his or her bike, they will receive a free ice cream cone from a local ice cream stand.

These are only a few programs that our Department and officers are involved in, not only for our community but also for the betterment of Lake Township.

If our Department can assist in speaking at your organizations or answer any questions you might have, please do not hesitate to call me at 330.699.6444.

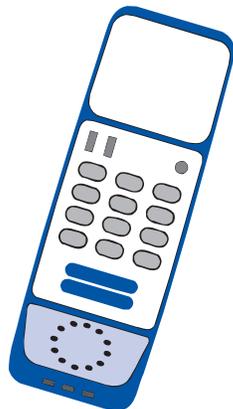
To protect and serve,
Chief Jack Coontz

Lake Township Will Recycle Your Old Cell Phones

DON'T THROW AWAY THAT OLD CELL PHONE. RECYCLE IT! As part of Lake Township's effort to **REDUCE, REUSE, AND RECYCLE**, Lake Township officials encourage township residents and local businesses to recycle their old cell phones at the Township Hall (12360 Market Ave. N., Hartville), or at the Uniontown Police Department (2930 Edison St. NW, Uniontown).

Unwanted cell phones (working or not) can be dropped off at these locations to be recycled.

Contact Christy Bresson at the Lake Township Office (330-877-9479) for more information about your local recycling programs.



(spring clean-up, continued from front cover)

Township residents will be able to bring their:

Computers

Laptops

Printers, copiers, fax machines

Monitors,

Keyboards, mice, speakers

Computer components (hard drives, floppy drives, CD-ROMs, etc.)

Circuit boards

Cell phones (may be recycled year round through township program)

Telecommunication equipment

Please note: this DOES NOT

INCLUDE television sets or home audio equipment. (These items may be placed in the solid waste containers.)

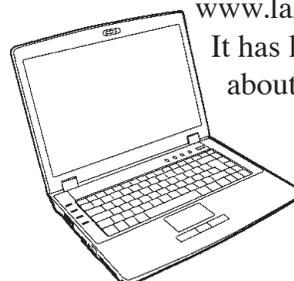
Yard Waste Collection Year Round!

Yard waste is accepted daily 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. 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.

More information about the Yard Waste Program and the Recycle Program is available at the Township Office (330) 877-9479.

Check Out Our Web Site:



www.laketwpstarkco.com

It has lots of information about Lake Township!

PARKS IN LAKE TOWNSHIP



Now that spring is here, everyone is looking forward to summertime. Did you know? Lake Township operates the Lake Township Community Park, located behind the Lake High School Stadium. The Park has a half-mile walking trail, for use by walkers and joggers only. (No bicycles or skaters, please!) The park also has a tot lot, picnic tables and restrooms. The park closes every day at dusk. The Uniontown Police Department patrols our Park.

Residents enjoy other community parks, private parks and recreation areas in the township. Quail Hollow State Park, located in the northeast section of our Township, is devoted to the recreational study and appreciation of Ohio's cultural and natural history. It is administered by the Ohio

Department of Natural Resources. Quail Hollow has trails ideal for hiking, jogging, and cross-country skiing, including several interpretive nature trails for exploring the park's unique natural habitats. More information is available on the Quail Hollow Web site: <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/parks/quailhlw/tabid/783/Default.aspx>.

The Uniontown Lions Club operates the Uniontown Community Park, occupying twenty-five wooded acres at the end of Apollo St., off Cleveland Ave. in Uniontown. The park has a playground, an outdoor gazebo, an open picnic shelter seating 36, outdoor picnic areas, horseshoe pits, a volleyball court, and a fishing pond. The newest addition to the park is the Veterans Memorial, added in 2005. A one-half mile walking path is in progress. Their Community Center, seating 250 people, is a favorite place for wedding receptions, dances, parties, and meetings. Reservations may be made with the Lions Club (330.699.1290).

The Greentown Community Park, supported by the Greentown Civic Association, is located northwest of the Greentown Square. The park has a playground, basketball courts, baseball fields, tennis court and a horseshoe pit. A building is also available for public use.

The Stark County Park District operates the David Fichtner Outdoor Education Center on Market Ave. north of State Rt. 619. This 13-acre education facility includes wooded hiking trails, a fishing pond, a waterfowl viewing blind, and a wetland with a boardwalk. Butterfly watchers enjoy a gently rolling trail that is home to 19 species of butterflies including monarchs, viceroys, tiger swallowtails, and red admirals. Song birds, waterfowl, rabbits, fox, and white-tailed deer can be seen near the wetlands and adjoining woodlands. Clearwater Park, located on State Rt. 619 at Hoover Ave., is a private recreational park that has a swimming pool, basketball courts, campgrounds, game room, picnic areas and a pavilion available for rental.

The Village of Hartville operates Memorial Park, on Lincoln St. across the street from the elementary school complex. There is a children's playground and a half-mile walking path. The park closes at dusk. Reservations for the picnic pavilions may be made with the Village office (330.877.9222).

There are two public golf courses in Lake Township. Both are privately owned. The 18-hole Seven Hills Golf Course is located on William Penn Ave. east of Hartville, and the 9-hole Lakeview Golf Course is on East Maple St. in Hartville.

Community Events

Hartville Memorial Day.....	May 23
Memorial Park	
Lake Twp. Historical Society Memorial...	May 23
Quail Hollow State Park	
Uniontown Memorial Day	May 25
Uniontown Community Park	
Relay for Life	June 20-21
Lake Youth Football Stadium	
Pets on Prospect	July 23
Downtown Hartville	
Uniontown Lions Festival.....	August 12 – 15
Uniontown Elementary School grounds	



Fire Safety in The Home

In this newsletter I will talk briefly about fire safety in the home. The three areas that this article will touch upon are smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in the home, fire extinguishers in the home, and Exit Drills In The Home (EDITH).

Your home should have working smoke detectors on every level. Carbon monoxide detectors should be installed in utility rooms containing gas-fired appliances, and in hallways leading to bedrooms. Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors will alert your family to the presence of these two killers well before they reach deadly levels. This early warning will give your family time to exit the home.

Every home should have at least one fire extinguisher. Generally, speaking, a fire extinguisher with a rating of 2-A:10-B:C will be sufficient for home use. Access to a fire extinguisher, along with familiarity with its operation, will give your family the opportunity to extinguish a fire in your home before it gets out of control.

Finally, please develop and practice Exit Drills (EDITH) for your family. Practicing EDITH drills with your family will give everyone the knowledge of what to do in the event of a detector activation or fire in your home.

Please contact me if you would like information concerning any of the above topics. I am always available to answer your questions concerning fire safety.

Thank you!

Danille Kemp

Lake Township Fire Prevention Officer



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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