

LAKE TOWNSHIP Newsletter



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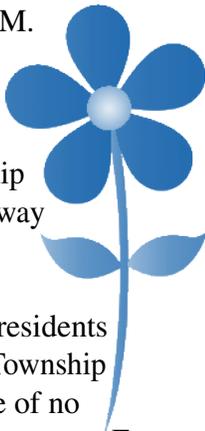
A Service of the Board of Lake Township Trustees

IT'S SPRING CLEANUP TIME!

Lake Township will sponsor a Spring Clean-up for Township residents, from Wednesday, June 3, through Friday, June 5, from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. every day and Saturday, June 6, from 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 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 Spring Cleanup: household debris, automotive batteries, and tires (no rims, limit of 12 per household or business). No garbage, no lumber of any kind, no railroad or landscaping ties, no hazardous waste, and no paint can be accepted.



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



Galen Stoll

THANK YOU, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE!

Lake Township Trustees salute the Lake Township Chamber of Commerce for their outstanding support of our local business community. Under the leadership of Chamber president Christa Kozy and the Board of Directors, the Chamber lives up to its Mission Statement: "...to create a positive environment to promote the success and growth of businesses, while reflecting the values of the community." Those values, stated on their Web site (www.lakechamber.com), include integrity, responsiveness, innovation, ethics, compassion and commitment.

Our congratulations to the winners of the awards presented at the Chamber's annual Awards Dinner in February: Lifetime Achievement, Ellis Erb (Ellis Erb, Inc.); Community Service Leadership, Crissy Mudd (Lake Community YMCA); Community Impact, Debbie Marshall (Lake Local Schools); Economic Impact, Downtown Hartville Second Saturday Series (Downtown Hartville Merchants Association) and Outstanding Business Professional of the Year, Sue Grabowski (Grabowski & Co.).

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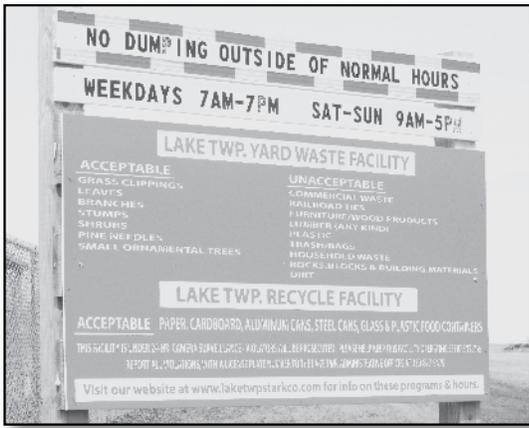
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Check Out Our Web Site:

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



YARD WASTE PROGRAM STILL ACTIVE



Some yard waste collection sites in Stark County have been closed, but not ours in Lake Township. Residents may continue to bring their brush, grass clippings, leaves, branches and stumps to the yard waste collection area at the Lake Township Recycle Center on Midway St.

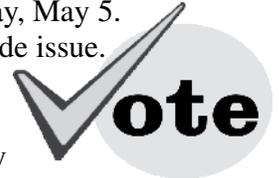
Some of the other collection sites were closed because the Stark County company that had collected the yard waste at no charge to the Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Joint Solid Waste District recently advised the district and local governments that they would have to start charging \$100 per load in order to continue. The economics of the yard waste recycling business have changed, in part due to added costs to the company because employees had to sort out and remove unrecyclable contamination such as business waste, plastic bags, treated lumber, railroad ties and anything with nails in it.

Lake Township ranked third in Stark County for the number of loads of yard waste collected in 2014, at 389. Because the new charge would have been a major expense, Township Trustees complained to the Solid Waste District, as did officials of other local governments. The Solid Waste District took bids and agreed to pay for the service for a year, in a contract that can be renewed twice for one-year periods.

Bring your yard waste, but please remember that we do not accept business waste, plastic bags, any kind of lumber, railroad ties or anything with nails. If you see anyone dumping non-acceptable items, don't confront them. Just take a photo of their license plate with your phone and e-mail it to laketwpstarkco@neo.rr.com, or write down the plate number and call the Township office (330.877.9479). We'll take it from there.

PRIMARY ELECTION ON MAY 5

Remember to vote on Tuesday, May 5. All voters will see a county-wide issue. In Lake Township, voters in some precincts will see 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 100 more poll workers for the Primary 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.

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. The Village of Hartville maintains Market Ave. from Lake Center St. north to State Rt. 619.

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 Camelia, as well as all other streets within the village. Lake Township maintains the 138.333 miles of all remaining dedicated streets in the township.



Dan Kamerer

A Note From The Road Superintendent:

We would like to thank all township residents for their patience during the past challenging winter season as our road crew worked long hours to keep our township roads open. We sincerely appreciate the thank-you notes and encouraging phone calls.

Paving season is just around the corner. We are inspecting our roads to determine the amount of damage that has occurred due to frost and heaving. The Board of Trustees will make the final decision as to which roads will be resurfaced.

With nice weather here, I'd like to include some FAQ's just in case you were wondering:

Q: I want to fill in the ditch in front of my house, what do I do?

A: It is illegal to fill in your ditch line with dirt, leaves, and/or other debris or obstacles. It is the property owner's responsibility to maintain the tile.

Q: There may be a break in one of the drainage systems in my yard. Who needs to check it out?

A: The Road Department may be able to assist in investigating the possible break; however, it is the property owner's responsibility to repair the drainage system.

Q: What is a storm detention?

A: Storm detention is the holding back of rainwater in the conveyance system and then releasing it at a slow rate into the storm drain. Important things to remember:

* Keep leaves and grass clippings out of gutters, storm drains, ditches, ponds, and catch basins.

* Remove leaves from catch inlets to avoid local flooding.

* Do not dispose of yard waste/debris into water quality facilities, detention ponds or anything conveying water

Q: What does it mean when something is in the right-of-way?

A: Right-of-way means land reserved, or to be used for a street, alley, walkway, drainage facility, or other public purpose. Right-of-way is normally 25 feet from the center of the roadway, or 10 feet from the edge of pavement.

Q: If my sprinkler system is installed in the right-of-way and becomes damaged, who is responsible for the repair?

A: The property owner is responsible for any improvement that they have installed in the right-of-way such as a sprinkler system, landscaping, etc. Remember, no obstructions such as decorative rocks, walls, or basketball hoops, which pose a danger to the traveling public, are allowed in the right-of-way.

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.

LAKE TOWNSHIP OFFERS E-WASTE RECYCLING

Lake Township has an E-waste recycling program for residents and small business owners. Items that can be accepted 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, other small electronic items, and small appliances.

The local recycling company that collects the items recently advised the township that 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).



From Your Zoning Administrator



Steve Lacey

Dear Neighbors,

After our long, cold winter, it will soon be time to get the swimming pools up and running. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), roughly 280 drowning deaths of children younger than five (5) years old occur each year in swimming pools. Inflatable pools have become more and more popular, and often fall outside of code requirements. Please be conscious of this and provide a barrier or remove the ladder to deter access to these pools.

In Lake Township all in-ground pools require a permit, and all above-ground pools exceeding forty-eight (48) inches in depth and one hundred (100) square feet of surface area require a permit.

Permit applications are available on-line at our Web site: www.laketwpstarkco.com, or at the Township offices at 12360 Market Ave. North, Hartville, OH 44632.

Have a safe summer!

Stephen Lacey

MAINTAINING YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM

Saves You Money: Regular maintenance fees of \$250 to \$300 every three to four years is a bargain, compared to the cost of repairing or replacing a malfunctioning system, which can cost between \$3,000 and \$7,000 for a conventional system. The frequency of pumping required for your system depends on how many people live in your home and the size of the system.

Protects Your Property Value: An unusable septic system or one in disrepair will lower your property value, not to mention pose a potentially costly legal liability.

Keeps You and Your Neighbors Healthy: Household wastewater is loaded with disease-causing bacteria and viruses, as well as high levels of nitrogen and phosphorus. If a septic system is well-maintained and working properly, it will remove most of these pollutants. Insufficiently treated sewage from septic systems can cause groundwater contamination, which can spread disease in humans and animals. Improperly treated sewage also poses the risk of contaminating nearby surface waters, significantly increasing the chance of swimmers contracting a variety of infectious diseases, from eye and ear infections to acute gastrointestinal illness and hepatitis.

Protects the Environment: More than four billion gallons of wastewater is dispersed below the ground's surface every day. That's a lot of water! Groundwater contaminated by poorly or untreated household wastewater doesn't just pose dangers to drinking water—it poses dangers to the environment. Malfunctioning septic systems release bacteria, viruses and chemicals toxic to local waterways. When these pollutants are released into the ground, they eventually enter streams, rivers, lakes and more, harming local ecosystems by killing native plants, fish and shellfish.

For more information, please see the Septic Smart program at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency web site: www.epa.gov/septicmart.

RECYCLE CENTER

The Lake Township Recycle Center is on Midway St., on the east side of the Township Service Garage. It is fenced and gated. 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, including brush, grass clippings, leaves, branches, and stumps. 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, and a special-duty Stark County Sheriff's deputy. 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).



President's Corner

Since the fall 2014 edition of our Newsletter, we have accomplished a number of projects in Lake Township. We have completed the installation of new GPS units in all Road Department and Uniontown Police Department vehicles. During the winter season, the GPS units in the Road Department trucks regulate the salt application, which has significantly reduced our consumption of road salt. We've installed more liquid storage tanks at the Road Department on the trucks for pre-treating the streets and pre-wetting the salt as it is broadcast on the roads. The pre-treatment and pre-wetting operations, with the GPS controllers, have enabled us to reduce our road salt usage by approximately 30 percent. That works out to a reduction of 27,000 tons. Not only is this reduction good for the environment, but it's also good for our budget.

Our renovations to the former Lake Senior Center to make it suitable for the new headquarters of the Uniontown Police Department should be completed in May. Because we already own this building, we will no longer have to pay rent for the police station.

Soon we will continue developing our property on Midway St. by grading for the sports fields and a walking track. We have already completed a truck storage building, a new salt storage building and the Recycle Center there. To enhance the functionality and esthetics of the property, we plan to remove an old storage building and move another one.

Last year, we added a Fall Clean-up event at the Recycle Center, and we plan to continue that program this year. As you see on the front page of this edition of our Newsletter, our annual Spring Clean-up will be June 3 – 6. Lake Township residents have the best recycling and yard-waste drop-off programs in Stark County!

John Arnold

FROM THE UNIONTOWN POLICE CHIEF:



Tips for Homeowners

- Keep doors in your home closed and locked, including your garage doors. An open door is an invitation. Be a good neighbor and alert police to any unusual activity in your neighborhood.
- Plan for vacation by having your mail and newspapers stopped or having a neighbor pick them up. Leave inside lights on timers to create the impression that your house is occupied. Be sure to set your alarm system. Have a lawn service or a neighbor mow your lawn.

- Avoid home improvement scams and deception burglaries by taking a proactive approach. Be particularly alert to anyone in your neighborhood looking to perform home repair and asking to gain entry into your home. Ask to see identification and let them know you are going to call and get verification from their company before allowing them inside. If they are legitimate, they won't mind the wait.

Tips for Parents

- Provide a list of phone numbers of neighbors, family, and friends that your child can call in an emergency. Make sure your child knows how to dial 911 and when it is appropriate to do so.
- Know the route your child will take to and from a given location. Remind your child never to take a shortcut or deviate from the agreed-upon route.
- Establish rules for using the Internet. Children should have adult supervision when online. Make sure your child knows never to give out personal information on the Internet.
- Require your child to check in with a parent before leaving the house and when returning home. Teach your child that there is safety in numbers and that it is best to be with a group of friends when going places without an adult.
- Provide a bike helmet and require your child to wear it, as well as brightly colored or reflective clothing.

Uniontown Police Department is a Stark County Prescription Drug drop-off site. Bring in your unwanted and outdated prescription medications and dispose of them discreetly and safely. Have a fun and safe summer!

Chief Harold Britt

A Message from your Fiscal Office

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Internet banking safety is not a new concern at the Lake Township Fiscal Office. We are always looking at ways to protect your money from any "wrong doing." We work closely with our bank, using recommended procedures, and we have attended computer safety seminars to learn the latest in security technology to insure the safety of your funds.

Our first line of defense is to block any unauthorized users from our account, limiting access to several authorized users in the department, and using bank-approved codes, procedures and devices. We have procedures to detect immediately any unauthorized activity. To prevent the introduction of viruses or hacking, financial transactions are conducted on a computer used for no other Internet activity.

All employees in your Fiscal Office are bonded in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code. We will continue to be diligent in keeping your money safe.

FROM OUR FIRE SERVICE

Spring is here! If you didn't replace the batteries in your smoke detectors when we changed to Daylight Savings Time, please do so now. Fire alarm systems with hard-wired power and battery backup should also have batteries replaced. If you have battery-operated carbon monoxide detectors in your home, remember to replace the batteries. Plug-in carbon monoxide detectors also have battery backup, and that battery also must be replaced.



When applying new mulch, be careful of where you discard smoking materials. Also, new mulch may have a high moisture content, which can generate heat after it is applied and decomposition begins, so be careful about how closely mulch is applied near wooden structures.

As we begin another season of mowing, trimming, and cutting around the house, remember to handle gasoline and flammable sprays carefully. Store these items in locations where the vapors or spills cannot cause a fire.

Please remember that open burning for waste disposal is illegal in Lake Township. Please bring your grass clippings and trimmings to the Recycle Center for disposal. *Have a safe and happy summer!*

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. More information is available at the Township office (330.877.9479).



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.

Local Postal Customer
(ECRWSS)



LAKE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
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