

LAKE TOWNSHIP Newsletter



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IT'S SPRING CLEANUP TIME!

Lake Township will sponsor a Spring Cleanup for Township residents, from Wednesday, June 7, through Friday, June 9, from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. every day and Saturday, June 10, 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 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.

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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. Telephone: 330.877.9479.



Ellis Erb



John Arnold



Galen Stoll

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.



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

Spring brings flowers, baseball, Cavs playoffs; and very soon, road construction barrels. The long-awaited 619 project will begin in May. The first phase of the three-year project will begin at Hoover Avenue and

extend to the Comfort Suites hotel. Phase One will take approximately one year. Additional information about the project, including detours, can be accessed through the ODOT link on the Lake Township Web site (www.laketwpstarkco.com). Please be careful and patient while driving on 619 during construction. The road-widening project will improve traffic flow and increase safety.

Spring also brings the annual Spring Cleanup that will be located again at the Recycle Center on Midway Street. Household items, furniture, and e-waste are among the many items that will be accepted. Hazardous waste is not permitted, and tires are limited to twelve per household.

I would like to welcome Nicole Wilkinson as our new Zoning Administrator. Nicole assumed her duties the first of the year. Longtime Zoning Administrator Steve Lacey has moved to the Fiscal Office.

I would like to thank all of the Lake Township employees and our other elected officials for making Lake Township a great place to live and raise families.

Galen Stoll



Fiscal Office Update

Spring brings the promise of a new, revitalized outlook on the year. In the Fiscal Office, this is especially true. Each year, normally around September, we begin the process of budgeting for the coming year. This process not only includes the routine expenses but also includes the wish list of all of the functional departments. Working with the departments, we have formed and have received approval from the County for our working budget in 2017.

Our focus is to ensure our resources are directed to the overall needs of the public, ensuring the superior services provided for the Lake Township residents are maintained, and in some cases enhanced. Improvements for the Road, Police, Zoning and Cemetery departments are in process, which will continue to ensure they will be available when needed.

We will continue a frugal management of the funds you have entrusted to us best serving the community.

Bob Moss



From Your Zoning Administrator



With much excitement and honor, I'd like to introduce myself as your new Zoning Administrator. I joined the Lake Township team in January of this year, after a long stint of commuting south to Columbus for my previous career. Let me tell you, it feels great to be home! My husband and I have been Lake Township residents for three years, and just welcomed a daughter in 2016. This is a great place to live and raise a family, and I am proud to represent our Zoning Department, which helps maintain the integrity of our great community.

Have questions? I encourage you to call me. The more opportunities we get to work together, the better I can help educate you about our zoning regulations. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Nicole Wilkinson

DID YOU KNOW?

Lake Township has six ZIP codes, five telephone exchanges, three public school districts, three police protection agencies, three volunteer fire companies, two Congressional districts, and two local government entities, Lake Township and the Village of Hartville.

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.



Dan Kamerer

A Note From The Road Superintendent:

Spring is here, and with it comes the sweet smell of spring flowers and fresh-cut grass. With that in mind, we will be out and about mowing our roadside ditches. If you come upon us mowing, please slow down and pass with care. All too often, people are distracted while driving, especially these days with the use of cell phones. It only takes a split second for an accident to happen. We encourage everyone to be cautious and drive safely.

Detours, orange barrels, redirecting traffic. This is not what we want to hear, but it needs to be done. Please be patient during construction processes and obey the signs that are posted. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause in maneuvering about the township.

Paving season is just around the corner. We are inspecting our roads. The Board of Trustees will be making 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. Lake Township now has a new ditch enclosure procedure. To learn more about the program or to fill out an application please visit our Web site: www.laketwpstarkco.com

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 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: Remember, no obstructions such as decorative rocks, walls, sprinkler systems, landscaping, basketball hoops, and dog fences are permitted in the road right-of-way. The township does not repair or replace non-permitted items in the right-of-way.

Daniel R. Kamerer

FROM THE UNIONTOWN POLICE CHIEF:



Harold Britt

Springtime is the perfect time to perform a complete safety review of your home. We are asking residents to consider these areas of concern to keep you and your loved ones safe.

- Medical Alerts: Many seniors have medical alert jewelry or an emergency button to keep with them. If something has been lost or new medical information makes an alert necessary, you can order the identification that is needed.

- Emergency Plan: It may seem like overkill to review an emergency safety plan each year with your loved ones, but having it fresh in mind help will help avoid panic if an emergency does occur. Talk about escape routes in case of fire and who to call when emergencies occur. Display a contact list near the telephone.

- Medication: Expired medication can be ineffective or unsafe if consumed. The Uniontown Police Department has a kiosk available between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:40 P.M. Monday through Friday in the lobby of the police station at 1635 Edison St. NW for disposal of unwanted or unused medication. This is also a great time to update medication and doctor lists so that your senior has a comprehensive and convenient medical file on hand.

Chief Harold Britt

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.

DID YOU KNOW? LAKE TOWNSHIP OFFERS E-WASTE RECYCLING

The E-waste recycling program that Lake Township offers for residents and small business owners has had some changes. Township Trustees recently amended the program to add a \$20 charge for disposal of all television sets and computer monitors, because the company that collects the items now must pay to dispose of them, so they are passing along the charge to the township. All sizes and types of television sets and computer monitors will carry the same charge.

Another change is that the program will no longer accept light bulbs of any kind, due to information received regarding the method required for proper disposal.

Items that continue to be accepted include 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, television sets, video equipment, microwave ovens, radio and audio equipment, other small electronic items, and small appliances. 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).

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.

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 at the Midway St. location only, including brush, grass clippings, leaves, and branches. 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. 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).

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 138.715 miles of all remaining dedicated streets in the 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 playground, 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 Park, located in the northeast section of our Township, is devoted to the recreational study and appreciation of Ohio's cultural and natural history. Administered by the Stark County Park District, Quail Hollow has trails ideal for hiking, jogging, and cross-county skiing, including several interpretive nature trails for exploring the park's unique natural habitats. More information is available on the Quail Hollow page of the Stark County Park District Web site: <https://starkparks.com/parks/quail-hollow-park/>.

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 All Veterans Memorial was added in 2005. 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 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 (330.494.8266).

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 privately-owned 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).



STORMWATER REMINDERS

As stormwater flows over driveways, lawns, and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. Stormwater can flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland, or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the water bodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water. Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water.

By practicing healthy household habits, homeowners can keep common pollutants like pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings, and automotive fluids off the ground and out of stormwater. Adopt these healthy household habits and help protect lakes, streams, rivers, wetlands, and coastal waters. Remember to share the habits with your neighbors!

Vehicle and Garage

- Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drain and eventually into your local water body.
- Check your car, boat, motorcycle, and other machinery and equipment for leaks and spills. Make repairs as soon as possible. Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material like kitty litter or sand, and don't rinse the spills into a nearby storm drain. Remember to properly dispose of the absorbent material.
- Recycle used oil and other automotive fluids at participating service stations. Don't dump these chemicals down the storm drain or dispose of them in your trash.

Lawn and Garden

- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When use is necessary, use these chemicals in the recommended amounts. Avoid application if the forecast calls for rain; otherwise, chemicals will be washed into your local stream.
- Select native plants and grasses that are drought- and pest-resistant. Native plants require less water, fertilizer, and pesticides.
- Sweep up yard debris, rather than hosing down areas. Compost or recycle yard waste when possible.
- Don't overwater your lawn. Water during the cool times of the day, and don't let water run off into the storm drain.
- Cover piles of dirt and mulch being used in landscaping projects to prevent these pollutants from blowing or washing off your yard and into local water bodies. Vegetate bare spots in your yard to prevent soil erosion.

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!



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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