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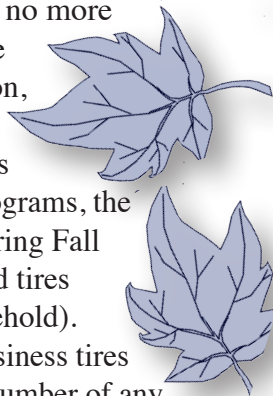
A Service of the Board of Lake Township Trustees

IT'S FALL CLEANUP TIME!

Lake Township will sponsor a Fall Clean-up for Township residents, from Wednesday, September 20, through Friday, September 22, from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. every day and Saturday, September 23, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 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 Fall 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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Check Out Our Web Site:

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

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



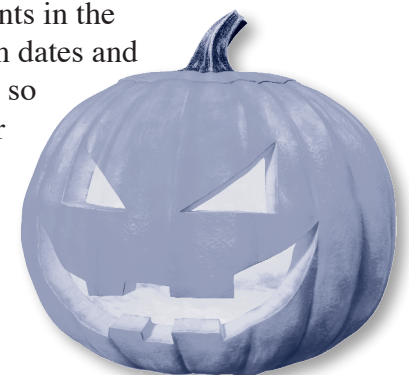
John Arnold



Galen Stoll

HALLOWEEN!

October's coming, time for Halloween fun! Lake Township Trustees have designated Sunday, October 29, from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M., 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.



**CHECK OUT COMMUNITY EVENTS AT
www.lakechamber.com**



Fiscal Office Update

It's hard to believe summer is over and we are moving into the last quarter of 2017. We in the Fiscal Office continually strive to meet the high standards and expectation of Lake Township residents by providing a conservative approach to the oversight of the funds entrusted to us. Working with the other departments, we have seen continued improvements and maintenance in the roadways, and participation in the county projects, and we have made changes in expenditures allowing funds to be used for current needs and long range planning. As we continue to make changes and improvements, we will ensure you are kept informed. It is our goal to have a truly transparent process.

Bob Moss

GENERAL ELECTION IS NOV. 7

Remember to vote on Tuesday, November 7. Voters in all precincts in Lake Township will see local candidates on the ballot, as well as two state issues and one county issue. 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 poll workers for the General 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 (330.451.7515 or 330.451.7010) or online at www.starkcountyohio.gov/board-of-elections/pollworker.

LEAVES WILL FALL SOON

Bring your leaves to the Midway St. Recycle Center, just east of the Township Service Garage. It's open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Mondays through Fridays, and on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Yard waste is accepted year round at this collection program. Residents may drop off grass clippings, leaves, shrubs and tree limbs. We cannot accept commercial waste, railroad ties, furniture or wood products, lumber of any kind, plastic, trash, household waste, or rocks, blocks, building materials and dirt. **REMINDER:** If you bring your leaves in plastic bags, please be prepared to empty the bags and take them away with you.

The Midway St. Service Complex is in the jurisdiction of the Uniontown Police Department. Police officers regularly patrol the property. The Recycle Center has 24-hour camera surveillance. More information about the Yard Waste and Recycle Programs is available at the Township Office (330.877.9479) and on the Township Web site: www.laketwpstarkco.com.

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.



President's Corner

Greetings from Galen!

The Trustees would like to thank the entire community for the overwhelming support for Sgt David White and his family. The generous response of people and businesses demonstrates the character of Lake Township residents and illustrates why Lake Township is an exceptional place to live.

Another benefit of living in the Township is the ongoing recycling and semi-annual cleanups. Several residents have mentioned to me the lack of such resources in other Ohio townships, where either there are no opportunities to dispose of unwanted items or there is a charge associated with doing so. Information about our recycling, yard waste and clean-up programs is on other pages in this newsletter.

The Township has partnered with the Stark County Engineer to install a traffic signal at Lake Center St. and Cleveland Avenue, a high-accident area. The cost estimate is \$200,000. The Stark County Engineer will apply for \$100,000 in Ohio Public Works funding; the remaining cost will be equally divided between the Stark County Engineer's Office and Lake Township.

By the time you receive this newsletter, our 2017 paving program should be complete.

The 619 project is well underway. In the first phase of this three-year collaborative project between Lake Township, Stark County, and the State of Ohio, Rt. 619 will be widened from Hoover Avenue to the Comfort Suites Hotel.

Residents are always invited to attend Township meetings the second and fourth Mondays of the month at the Administrative Center on Market Ave. Meetings begin at 6:30 P.M.

Galen Stoll





Dan Kamerer

A Note From The Road Superintendent:

Autumn is quickly approaching, and the leaves are getting ready to fall! Please remember to keep your culvert pipes clear of leaves and debris to allow water to pass through.

With snow removal season soon upon us, residents are advised to follow these simple tips this winter season:

- If a storm is anticipated, please remove vehicles from the streets to allow for proper plowing and salting.
- Do not shovel snow into the roadway or have your driveway plowed into the road. This can cause a serious traffic hazard, and is a violation of the Township Mud and Debris Policy.

• If possible, wait until the road has been plowed before cleaning out the end of your driveway. If you're going to shovel your driveway, please deposit the snow to the left side of your driveway (when viewing the home from the street) to keep the snow from being pushed back across your driveway as the plows pass.

• Plow operators are urged to take precautions to avoid hitting mailbox posts. A properly installed and maintained mailbox will withstand snow removal operations. Please install your mailboxes in accordance with applicable postal regulations, but keep them as far from the edge of the road as possible.

• Do not be misled by trucks running with their plows raised. They may be returning for fuel or they may be headed to another area. Remember, the Township may not be responsible for all roads in the area. See "Who's Responsible for the Roads?" elsewhere in this newsletter.

Lastly, just a friendly reminder: with snowfall of four (4) to six (6) inches or more, it takes approximately 14 to 16 hours to plow all township roadways at least once. Please drive safely!

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 GOVERNMENT

Your Lake Township Trustees and the Fiscal Officer are elected by the voters. The three-member Board of Trustees appoints the five members of the Zoning Commission, who hear requests or applications for zone changes, amendments or supplements to the Zoning Resolution, and make recommendations for approval or denial of those requests to the Board of Lake Township Trustees.

The Board of Trustees also appoints the five members of the Board of Zoning Appeals, who hear requests for variances and conditional use permits. Persons who wish to speak at BZA hearings must come to the podium and take an oath (swear to tell the truth) or an affirmation (affirm to tell the truth). Decisions of the Board are final, but may be appealed to the Stark County Court of Common Pleas within 30 days.

Members of the Zoning Commission and the BZA must be residents of the unincorporated area of Lake Township.

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).

FROM THE UNIONTOWN POLICE CHIEF:



As the air turns cooler and leaves drop from the trees, it's important to keep a few important fall safety tips in mind. With proper precautions and safety awareness, your family can enjoy that crisp autumn weather while avoiding some of the dangers that come with the season. There's nothing more beautiful than a fall drive, but this season brings some unique hazards for drivers. Being aware of these potential dangers can help keep you and your family safe and prevent accidents.

Be Aware of Poor Visibility

Falling leaves, while beautiful, can obscure your vision, as can rain and fog. Shorter days are part of the fall season, making it more difficult to see children playing or people walking and riding bicycles. Be aware of limitations in your visibility, and slow down if you can't see well. Use your dimmed headlights in bad weather with decreased visibility. If possible, try not to be on the roads when it's hard to see.

Watch for Children

Children love to play in piles of leaves, so use extra caution where leaves are piled at curbside. Watch for school buses. Stay vigilant!

Be Prepared for Bright Sunlight

As sunrise occurs later in the morning, it can present challenges for drivers. Keep a pair of sunglasses in your vehicle to wear when the sun is bright. If it becomes too difficult to see because of bright sunlight or glare, pull over until you can see again. *Have a safe fall season!*

Chief Harold Britt

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).



From Your Zoning Administrator



Dear Neighbors,

One of the most frequently asked questions I hear is, "Do I need a permit for a fence?" The answer is no, Lake Township does not require a permit to construct a fence. However, we do have regulations regarding the fence placement on your lot, as well as height restrictions.

In a residential district, your fence may be a maximum of six feet tall in the side and rear yard, and a maximum of three feet six inches in the front yard. (Note: your front yard begins at the building line of your house.) There is a zero setback on fences, meaning that you are permitted to place the fence directly on your property line when your lot line does not abut the road right-of-way. The key to this is you must know exactly where your property line is! Having a survey conducted is always best, as it may prevent a civil dispute between you and your neighbor in the future. Our office does not conduct surveys, but there are many excellent ones locally for you to contact.

I encourage you to call me before your fence goes up, and we can discuss options specific to your property. Every lot is different, and the information I have provided here is not all inclusive. Have a great Fall season and thanks for reading.

Nicole Wilkinson

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.

STORM SEWER WATER GOES WHERE...CIRCLE OR SQUARE?

What is the difference between Storm Sewer and Sanitary Sewer?

- Sanitary Sewer water (waste water from your sinks, showers, toilets, and washing machines) circulates through a water treatment facility before being discharged into waterways.
- Storm Sewer water is rain or snowmelt that flows over the ground, picking up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants that contaminate our water because it is discharged untreated into water bodies that we use for drinking, fishing, and swimming, causing a risk to public health as well as the environment.

How can you help protect our local water?

- Use pesticides sparingly, 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 bricks, gravel, or other porous surfaces on driveways and walkways to decrease erosion.
- Wash your car at the carwash or in the grass to avoid washing dirt and cleaners down the driveway into the storm drain.
- Pick up after your pets. Animal waste contains many disease-causing organisms, as well as excess nutrients that affect water quality if rain or melting snow carries it into the storm sewer system.
- Maintain your septic system by having it pumped once every three years. Repair or replace malfunctioning septic systems.
- Never use streams, creeks, or gutters to dispose of yard waste. You can dispose your leaves at the yard waste drop-off site located at the Lake Township Recycle Center on Midway St.

If you have questions about your septic system, call the Stark County Health Department (330.493.9904) and ask to speak to a Stormwater Specialist.

Remember, only rain down the square drains!

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.

FROM OUR FIRE SERVICE

Don't burn your leaves! Please take them to our Yard Waste drop-off site at the Recycle Center on Midway Street, just east of the Lake Township Service Garage. It's open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Mondays through Fridays, and on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

If you bring your leaves in plastic bags, please be prepared to empty the bags and take them away with you.

If you're planning a bonfire, please call your local fire department first to find out what the regulations are. (Hartville Volunteer Fire Department: 330.877.2478. Uniontown Fire Department: 330.699.3239. Greentown Volunteer Fire Department: 330.494.3002).

Our fire companies would like to remind you to change the batteries in your smoke detectors when Daylight Savings Time ends this year (November 5).



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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