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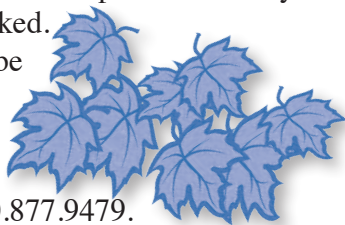
A Service of the Board of Lake Township Trustees

IT'S FALL CLEANUP TIME!

Lake Township will sponsor a Fall Cleanup for Township residents, from Wednesday, September 15, through Friday, September 17, from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. every day and Saturday, September 18, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Containers will be located behind the Lake Township Service Garage complex at 1499 Midway St. Directional signs will be posted. 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 (car and light truck tires only, no rims, limit of 10 per household). Disposal of commercial, business or agricultural tires is prohibited. No garbage, no lumber of any kind, no railroad or landscaping ties, no hazardous waste, including but not limited to batteries of any type, propane tanks, paint, antifreeze, etc. will be accepted.

TRICK OR TREAT!

October's coming, time for Halloween fun! Lake Township Trustees have designated Sunday, October 31, from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M., as trick or treat time for children in the township. 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.



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 www.facebook.com/LakeTownshipStarkCountyOhio/

LAKE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES' MEETINGS

Lake Township Trustees meet every second and fourth Monday of each month at 5:00 P.M. You can view the live meetings on Facebook Live at www.facebook.com/LakeTownshipStarkCountyOhio or watch later if you can't tune in to watch us live!

Lake Township office hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM. Telephone: 330.877.9479



Jeremy Yoder



John Arnold



Steve Miller

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EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 2

Voters in Lake Township and the Village of Hartville will see issues on the November 2 general election ballot.



Issue 25: Sunday sales of wine and mixed beverages, ten a.m. and midnight, for Aldi, Inc., Ohio, dba Aldi 43, 1250 W. Maple Street, Hartville, Ohio 44632.

Issue 7 is the village income tax increase of 0.5 percent for police, effective January 1, 2022.

Lake Township voters will elect two Trustees. Village of Hartville voters will elect four Council members.



John Arnold

President's Corner

The past year will remain in my memory forever as the most surreal time of my adult life. While I write this article life has returned to a more normal experience. Thank you all for being understanding, respectful and patient with one another during the Covid emergency.

The first responders and staff of Lake Township were at work every day during the pandemic, providing the services that are necessary and expected of local government. The pride and dedication of all these people during such a difficult time was remarkable, and I am truly grateful to know these folks have our back in our community.

There were required, significant changes in the yard waste program this year. The only way to keep providing this service to our residents was to reduce the amount of material coming in. The new system of allowing only Lake Township residents with key cards to use the site accomplished the goal. Because of the smaller volume of material now coming in, I have every expectation that this service will continue for years to come. Thank you for your understanding.

We have just received great news concerning the abandoned greenhouse on Mogadore Avenue. Stark County Auditor Alan Harold was able to help articulate our situation with the U.S EPA and they have agreed to clean this eyesore and asbestos hazard. The work was scheduled for August and may be done by the time this article appears. This is a project we have been working on for more than a decade! Upon completion the property will have a clean title with no liens.

Lake Township will receive \$2.8 million of CARES Act dollars in the next year; \$1.4 million this year and next year. There are stipulations concerning how these monies can be spent. Infrastructure improvements are a priority, particularly regarding clean water. We are currently working with our legal counsel to be certain everything we do will be in compliance. We are also seeking to spend these dollars in a way that will have the greatest benefit for everyone in the township.

I am continually proud to serve with the other elected officials and the staff to make Lake Township a wonderful place to call home.

John Arnold



**Check Out
Our Web Site:**
www.laketwpstarkco.com

It has lots of information about Lake Township!
CHECK OUT COMMUNITY EVENTS at www.lakechamber.com



Matt Erb

A Message from your Fiscal Officer

As many of you are aware, our Township's real estate market has been on the rise. But did you know that an increase in property value does not result in a comparable increase in property taxes?

In 1976, the state legislature enacted property tax reform known as House Bill 920. Its purpose was to keep inflation from increasing voted taxes. For more on this and your current property millage rates please visit: <https://www.starkcountyohio.gov/auditor/resources/tax-rate-tables>.

I am happy to report that Lake Township continues to maintain a strong financial position. To see all these details and view the township financials, go to www.OhioCheckbook.com. You can also stay informed by watching our Township meetings on Facebook.

Townships are now eligible for funding under the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP), HB 168. This legislation includes a broad list of items that townships can spend ARP funds on, so we are thoroughly investigating this legislation in order to ensure we are appropriately managing and utilizing these funds. This was not funding that we were expecting, but it will be used to benefit our residents, our businesses, and our local economy.

The CARES Act, the ARP funds and privatizing the yard waste program have brought a lot of additional work to the township administration. Thankfully, we have a great staff that is dedicated to improving our township and they have done a great job!

Matt Erb

LAKE TOWNSHIP YARD WASTE FACILITY

The Yard Waste Facility is now for Lake Township and Village of Hartville residents ONLY. The cost is \$25.00 for a one-year subscription and one (1) key card is permitted per household. More information about this change is on our website (www.laketwpstarkco.com), Facebook page and from our office staff (330.877.9479).

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. We ask for your cooperation in removing any vehicles parked in the roadway; by doing so, it allows for timely snow and ice removal.





A Note From The Road Superintendent:

After a hot, rainy summer that kept your Road Department busy with drainage projects, mowing, and tree trimming, the leaves are now changing their color, and drivers are distracted while looking at the beautiful scenery. The Road Department will continue to be out on the roadways, completing road projects, general maintenance, and roadside mowing. Please slow down in work areas and around slow-moving municipal equipment. Give us a BRAKE!

Here are some tips for the upcoming fall/winter season:

Visibility is a primary concern, and you can help keep everyone safe. Take a walk around the perimeter of your property and check for traffic obstructions. Shrubs should be trimmed back to allow a safe view of vehicles and pedestrians. Intersections are an important area to inspect. Keep all growth low enough for a driver to see around the corner. It is especially important to check your trees and shrubs close to the roadway to avoid the possibility of damage by heavy equipment used to mill and repave streets. If growth encroaches on public rights-of-way, it may need to be trimmed. Township employees will do this in order to perform road work; however, the property owner may not like the results of a hurried trimming. Please take the time to inspect your property and do your own trimming.

Keep storm drains clean! Storm drains relocate excess rainwater away from your property and into ditches and waterways. However, unlike the drains in your home, none of that water goes for treatment. That means contaminants or pollutants that are put into storm drains go directly into the streams, rivers, and lakes around us. The only thing that should go down a storm drain is rainwater. Please, never use the drains as disposal for your leaves or yard waste. Kindly also keep an eye on your storm drains and make sure they are free of debris. If the drains get clogged, the neighborhood streets could flood.

While enjoying the winter wonderland, remember these tips to help Lake Township crews clear the roads more quickly and efficiently:

- Mailboxes should be installed in accordance with U.S. Postal Service standards. Mailboxes that are installed incorrectly and, as a result, are damaged during snow removal operations, will be the sole responsibility of the property owner to repair.
- Move your vehicles out of the street and into private driveways. This also reduces the amount of snow you have to shovel.
- During any snow emergency, which will be communicated to local media, all vehicles must be removed from roadways.
- Wait to shovel your driveway until the plows have completed their final pass along the curb line or edge of pavement. A pass or two through the neighborhood does not mean the Township is finished with snow removal, and your effort to clear your driveway entrance might be wasted.
- Shovel to the right-hand side of your driveway to reduce the amount of snow pushed back onto your driveways by plows.
- Clear your sidewalk by shoveling and salting within 24 hours of the last evidence of precipitation.
- Do not throw snow from any sidewalk or driveway into the roadway. Doing so is illegal, and is a citable offense.
- Keep all receptacles (trash and recycling) on the sidewalk, not in the street. Please be patient during the snow removal process while the Township's plow operators work to clear roadways. We are here to get the roads open for travel as quickly as possible. Please remember, we try to plow the roads from curb to curb to open the roadway as wide as possible. Snow is plowed to the shoulder of the roads to clear the travel areas.

Daniel R. Kameron

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.

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 140.148 miles of all remaining dedicated streets in the township.



Nicole Wilkinson

From Your Zoning Administrator:

For many Lake Township residents, the Fall season change means it is time to squeeze in those last-minute projects that just didn't make the "to-do" list during the busy summer! Remember: before starting on these projects, a zoning permit is needed. The application for a zoning certificate can be found at our website, www.laketwpstarkco.com. If you need any assistance, simply call or email me. I will help you navigate through the paperwork. Once you have submitted all the necessary documents to our office, your permit generally takes three to five days for processing. After approval is granted, we will call with the fee total and notify you that the permit is ready for pick-up. The follow-up inspection to verify all zoning regulations have been met will be conducted roughly 45 days later. Your project will not be complete, or maybe even started, in 45 days? No problem, you have one year to start, and two years to finish your project from permit issuance.

Nicole Wilkinson

LEAVES WILL FALL SOON

Bring your leaves to the Yard Waste Facility near the Recycle Center on Midway St., just east of the Township Service Garage. It's open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. on Thursdays and Fridays, and on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. The Facility is closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. To access the site, you must obtain a Lake Township Yard Waste key card issued by the Township. See the Township's web site (www.laketwpstarkco.com) for more information.

Residents may drop off grass clippings, leaves, brush 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.





FROM THE UNIONTOWN POLICE CHIEF:

Our department is dedicated to making sure our residents and visitors have the highest level and quality of protection and service that our officers can provide. As Chief, I value your perception of our department and hope we are meeting your expectations. In saying that I have a few tips that will *Help Us Help You!*

Make Sure Your Home is Properly Numbered:

Is your house number clearly visible from the street? When an emergency call goes out to Police Officers, Firefighters and Medics, they will respond as quickly as possible. Having your house number easily visible will help us find your house as fast as we can. The numbers should be at least 4 inches in height and facing the street. They should be placed within 3 feet of the front entrance of your home and in a location where they can be seen from the street. It is helpful if the numbers are reflective; this makes them much easier to see at night.

Prevent Trailer Thefts:

Local communities have seen a rise in trailer thefts in recent months. There are quite a few ways you can protect your trailer from being stolen. You can use a wheel lock or boot that will attach to your wheel and help prevent the trailer from being moved. Every legal trailer comes with a vehicle ID number, but it helps if you put your own personal marking on it, such as a strip of paint or a hidden sticker that will help officers identify your trailer if it is stolen. There are also hitch locks that you can purchase that block someone from hooking the trailer to a tow bar and pulling it away. One of the best prevention is to put a GPS tracking device on your trailer. You can download the device app on your phone and track it from anywhere. You can find any of these devices on Amazon.

Install Home Security Cameras:

Security cameras are a great way to protect you, your home, and your family. But they also assist police in identifying suspects and solving cases. Cameras help in deterring trespassers, assist you in seeing who approaches your home when you are not there, and can capture vehicles and license plates that are in the area and could be up to no good. Putting cameras at your home's points of entry can give you peace of mind in being able to see who is coming and going even when you are not home. Our department has solved many cases by viewing neighbors' camera footage and identifying suspects and their vehicles.

Chief Michael P. Batchik

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.

This facility is for common recyclable materials. For recycling guidelines and acceptable items, please visit www.timetorecycle.org or call the Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Recycling District at 800.678.9839. 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, have provided this site as a convenience for township residents' use. The Midway St. Service Complex is in the jurisdiction of the Uniontown Police Department. More information about the Recycle Program 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).

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.



LAKE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

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MEET OUR FIRE/EMS SERVICE

Don't burn your leaves! Please take them to our Yard Waste Facility near 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. on Thursdays and Fridays, and on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. The facility is closed on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If you bring your leaves in plastic bags, please be prepared to empty the bags and take them away with you. To access the site, you must obtain a Lake Township Yard Waste key card issued by the Township. See the Township's web site for more information.



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

Our fire companies would like to remind you to change the batteries in your smoke detectors when Daylight Savings Time ends this year (November 7).



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.