

LAKE TOWNSHIP Newsletter



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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 14, through Friday, September 16, from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. every day and Saturday, September 17, 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 will be checked. Township businesses will be allowed to dispose of no more than one pickup truck load 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.

EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 8

Voters in Lake Township and the Village of Hartville will see issues on the November 8 general election ballot:

Lake Township Fire District, renewal fire levy, 1.5 mills, five years, commencing in 2023.

Lake Township B, local option, Sunday sale of wine and mixed beverages, Tamarkin Co., dba Hartville Giant Eagle, 907 W. Maple St., Hartville.

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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TRICK OR TREAT!

October's coming, time for Halloween fun! Lake Township Trustees have designated Sunday, October 30, 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.



**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

Fall is around the corner. We hope that all of the Lake Township residents had a great spring and summer, and are ready to get the kids back to school and enjoy our area's great fall weather.

Jeremy Yoder

Some projects that were set for this summer are still on the slate to get done, including the demolition of the abandoned greenhouse on Mogadore Ave and the traffic light at the intersection of Cleveland Ave and Heckman St. We are also working with the Lake Township Chamber of Commerce's Lake/Hartville Community Development Program. As part of this partnership, we are looking at revamping our signage as people enter Lake Township.

During this time of the year, we also see our annual road paving project start to kick off, usually in early October. This year, with inflation and rising prices, we had to plan strategically and are paving 10.46 miles of road, highlighted by 6.41 miles as the main roads. We attempt to pave all roads on average every ten years and triage as needed. The higher traffic roads are typically less than 10 years and the less traveled development roads are closer to 15 years. We never like to think about winter, but we were also strategic in purchasing our road salt in advance, knowing of potential cost hikes. We are all stocked and ready to keep the roads clean this winter. As always, thanks goes to Danny Kamerer, our Road Superintendent, and everyone at the Road Department.

Our yard waste program continues to be successful, as we have been able to mitigate non-Lake Township residents and commercial users from dumping their waste at our site. The \$25 card program has worked to also limit the traffic and wait times at the site. Occasionally we do have individuals who share cards with non-users who are caught, and their card is terminated for a period of time. We must maintain the rules and spirit of this program to ensure it remains successful. We have set the time for our annual Fall Cleanup for September 14th through September 17th. As always, there is a limit on dumping more than 10 tires, toxic materials and other limitations that can be found on our website.

There are a couple of upcoming projects and events we'd like to make sure everyone is aware of. We are planning on using funding from a parks grant to demolish and rebuild the restrooms at the Lake Township Community Park. We are currently getting architectural drawings done and will design them to be more easily maintained and to support more park goers. Also, on the November ballot is a renewal levy for our Fire Departments. As this is a renewal, there will be no new taxes and we may actually see less taxes from it, as it takes into account the new construction since it originated.

Our Fire and EMS departments in Lake Township are always working to ensure our safety as a top priority through continued training and enhancing of equipment as needed. Thanks to the Chiefs and all Fire and EMS workers. Over the spring and summer, as some of our police officers moved out of the area or resigned, we have added two new full-time officers to the Uniontown Police Department. We want to welcome Officer Brian Marinchek and Officer Edgar Beverage, Jr., while continuing to support Chief Batchik and all of our UPD officers.

As I wrap up, the other Trustees and I look forward to continuing to help Lake Township grow and thrive, now and into the future. We always welcome your feedback and suggestions as we look to continue to serve the residents of Lake Township. We will continue to work with our local community partners to ensure Lake Township remains a wonderful place to call home

Jeremy Yoder



A Message from your Fiscal Officer

Matthew Erb

What is the state of the township with our economy's current rate of inflation? Lake Township has actually been working and preparing itself for such a situation.

Our Road Department has been very proactive in fixing and repairing the infrastructure within Lake Township. Our paving program has been excelling in its replacement of roads, which has given us the opportunity to cut back on our spending now when the pricing is high. We are going to be able to weather this situation with our strong cash position and diligent decision making.

I encourage you to all watch our meetings live on Facebook. Our meetings are every second and fourth Monday at 5:00.

To see details and view the Township's financials, go to www.OhioCheckbook.com

Matthew 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).



Dan Kamerer

A Note From The Road Superintendent:

While we are still experiencing the hot, humid weather of summer, keep in mind that winter and its unpredictable, messy weather will be here soon. Please follow some of the tips listed below when preparing for winter. Doing so will save you time and effort while also helping the Lake Township Road Department keep the roads clear and safe.

- Move vehicles out of the street and into private driveways. This also reduces the amount of snow you have to shovel. During a snow emergency, all vehicles must be removed from roadways. Any cars left in roadways during a snow emergency can prevent full clearance of the roads.
- Wait to shovel your driveway until you see that the plows have completed their final pass along the curb line or edge of pavement. A pass or two through the neighborhood is meant to keep traffic moving; it does not mean that the Township is finished with snow removal. Your effort to clear your driveway entrance could be for nothing.
- Shovel to the right-hand side of your driveway (when looking toward the street from your house) to reduce the amount of snow that plows push back into your driveway.
- DO NOT throw snow, by any means, from any sidewalk or driveway into the roadway before or after plowing. Doing so is illegal and you could be cited. Also, keep the roads as clear as possible by placing all receptacles (such as trash and recycling) on the sidewalk or in your driveway instead of in the street.
- Extra steps to take after a snowstorm for maximum benefit:
 - * Snow should be plowed or shoveled to the side of the driveway, away from the flow of traffic.
 - * Clear some snow out a car's length before the driveway to allow plows to unload before reaching your driveway entrance.
 - * Eliminate snow piles at driveway entrances; they may obstruct views on both the main road and when exiting the driveway.
 - * If you have municipal water, don't forget to shovel a path to the fire hydrants while shoveling a path to your mailbox. Precious time is lost when firefighters have to search for fire hydrants buried in snow. Help yourself and our firefighters by keeping your nearest fire hydrant free of snow.
- Above all, PLEASE BE PATIENT. We are getting to the roads as quickly and as safely as possible

Lake Township provides maintenance, including snow and ice removal, on all township-maintained streets. Please understand that the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Stark County Engineer also have roadways in the township that they maintain.

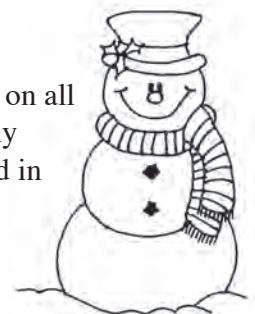
The Lake Township Road Department would like to thank you for the support you show your Road Department. Your positive comments, thoughtful acts and thank-yous mean more than you can imagine. Whether you keep your days full of activity, relax and enjoy the change of the seasons, or sled ride on your favorite hill this winter. We wish each of you a wonderful fall and safe winter.

Finally, it's time to give some well-deserved appreciation to all of the Road Department employees, whether full-time, part-time or auxiliary, for being dedicated to serving this community so well. They work outside on hot, humid days; cold, snowy ones and everything in between. Not only do they work their regularly scheduled 40 hours per week, but they often give up their family time and holidays to come in during emergencies and storms. In the past few challenging years, they haven't gotten enough credit for all they do, so if you see someone out and about, please give them a quick thank-you or kind word of appreciation. They are truly an asset to the Township!

Daniel R. Kamerer

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.



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.

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.

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 Fridays and Mondays, and on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. The Facility is closed Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. 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.



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 THE UNIONTOWN POLICE CHIEF:

It's hard to believe summer is almost over and school will be back in session this month. The summer always flies by, and before we know it, the leaves begin to fall. With students being back in school, we wanted to take the time to assist parents with issues that arise from kids, their cell phones, and the obstacles parents and children can encounter. Our department knows all too well about the dangers our children face every day with who and what lurks behind the thousands of apps on their phones. Currently some of the most dangerous apps are Snapchat, Instagram, Discord, Yik Yak, Among Us, Twitter, Omegle, Hoop, Kik, Roblox and Yarn. Please take the time to go online and look up the dangers each of these apps presents. Also, please don't hesitate to look in your children's phones to see if they have them downloaded, and talk to them about those dangers.

The names and level of danger these apps possess are constantly changing. This makes it very hard to monitor your child's potential for being scammed or bullied. Other dangers children face are requests from predators for inappropriate photos, apps with GPS capabilities which allow people to find your child's exact location, drug dealers luring kids to buy and sell drugs for them, scams that convince children to send photos or money by way of gift cards, Apple Pay, Zelle, Venmo, etc. They can contact your child in these apps through chat rooms, direct messaging, voice chat, and video calls. The predator's main goal is to establish a special relationship with the victim. When the predator obtains personal information, photos, or secrets, this gives them the control to threaten or scam the victim. As the Officers who take these reports, we know how scary these situations become for you as parents and for your children. We want to remind you to be vigilant in your child's cell phone activity. It's always a good idea to restrict or monitor how late they use their phones or the amount of screen time they are allotted. We have taken many reports where the parents had no idea their child was chatting with, sending photos to and even emotionally or physically interacting with a predator.

We want to help keep your children safe by any means possible, and these are just a few ways for our department to assist you with that.

Chief Michael P. Batchik



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

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).



LAKE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

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FROM OUR FIRE 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 Township Service Garage. It's open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. on Fridays and Mondays, and on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. The Facility is closed Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. 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.