

LAKE TOWNSHIP Newsletter

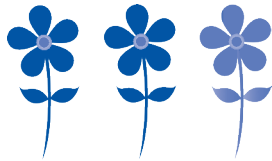


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A Service of the Board of Lake Township Trustees

IT'S SPRING CLEANUP TIME!

Lake Township will sponsor a Spring Cleanup for Township residents, from Wednesday, June 6, through Friday, June 8, from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. every day and Saturday, June 9, from 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 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 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.

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.



Jeremy Yoder



John Arnold



Steve Miller

FIRE LEVY ON PRIMARY BALLOT

Lake Township Trustees have placed a replacement fire levy on the May 8 primary election ballot. If approved, the levy will generate \$949,215 for fire protection services for Lake Township residents provided by our three private fire companies: Hartville, Greentown and Uniontown. This issue, which will replace an existing one-mill levy at current valuation and add an additional half-mill to constitute 1.5 mills for five years, will add \$24.94 to the annual property tax for a typical \$100,000 home.

The levies that support the fire companies have not increased for 10 years, while the fire companies' expenses for equipment, vehicles and training have continued to increase. The chiefs of the fire companies have requested additional funding.

All three fire companies are licensed, private, non-profit, 501(c)(3) corporations that provide service to Lake Township under contracts financed by tax levies. It's important to remember that the firefighters and paramedics are not employees of local government. They are our neighbors, and many of them are volunteers. The fire companies do some fund-raising of their own, as well as applying for grants for training and similar purposes. All three companies own and maintain their own buildings and equipment.

Only voters in the unincorporated area of the Township, outside the Village of Hartville, will vote on this levy. The Village has its own fire levy.

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CHECK OUT COMMUNITY EVENTS AT
www.discoverhartville.com/events



Fiscal Office Update

Greetings! As we begin thinking about warmer weather, events and activities of summer, the Lake Township department managers have been active in finalizing their 2018 plans. The Fiscal Office's charge is to oversee and assist in planning and budgeting, to ensure the most prudent use of funds which you provide. We are pleased to inform you that throughout the process, we have been able to budget and will be able to continue providing the outstanding level of services experienced by the residents of Lake Township in years past. This is possible through the mindset and efforts of the Township management team working toward one common goal, led by the Trustees. We look forward to a successful year and are appreciative for the support provided. Thank you for your support.

Bob Moss



President's Corner

It is late March as I am writing this article, and I can surely say, "I'm ready for warm weather now!" As the weather is changing, so is the landscape of Lake Township Government. At the beginning of this year we welcomed two new Trustees, Jeremy Yoder and Steve Miller, who have been working diligently to learn and become familiar with how the Township operates. There are many challenges in any township, but those of you who know Jeremy and Steve already know they aren't afraid of challenges or hard work. I was proud to serve with Galen Stoll and Ellis Erb, and I am equally proud to be working with Jeremy and Steve.

We are having challenges concerning the yard waste recycling program that operates with funding from the Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Joint Solid Waste District. The expenses have been rising and funding falling. This fact has required a change in operation. Neighboring townships have said they are reducing drop-off days to just two days per week. We are working with a local business, Metker's E.C.H. so that we will be able to remain open four days per week. The days available for yard waste drop-off will be Thursdays through Sundays, closed Mondays through Wednesdays. The recycled materials area will remain open every day. We will be evaluating this program and will keep you informed about any future changes as they become necessary.

The 619 construction project is ramping up already this spring. Please be careful and respectful of the workers in this corridor.

I hope that 2018 is a healthy and prosperous year for everyone!

John L. Arnold

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.

YARD WASTE PROGRAM CHANGES

Lake Township Trustees have made some changes to the Yard Waste program because the Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Joint Solid Waste District has reduced funding support for local governments' programs. Residents may leave yard waste, including brush, grass clippings, leaves and branches, at the new location near the Recycle Center on Midway St. That location will be available on Thursdays and Fridays from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M., and on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. The collection site will be closed on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Even with these changes, Lake Township's program is more generous than most other sites in Stark County, many of which are now open only two days per week, and some have closed permanently.



Check Out Our Web Site:

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



A Note From The Road Superintendent:

Spring is here! Thank you, residents, for your understanding and compliance during this winter's snow and ice removal. With cold weather ending and warmer weather coming, here are a few things to remember:

• **WHEN THERE IS EXTENSIVE URBAN RUNOFF AND SMALL STREAM FLOODING, HERE ARE SEVERAL SAFETY FACTORS TO KNOW:**

1. Pay close attention to special storm warnings issued by the National Weather Service.
 2. Do not attempt to cross a flowing stream by foot or by car, because undercurrents from fast-moving water can knock you down or even move a large vehicle.
 3. Do not allow children to go near flooded areas, ditches, culverts and storm drains.
 4. If your vehicle stalls in high water, abandon it immediately and move to higher ground.
 5. Evacuate flood hazard areas in time of impending flood, or when instructed to do so by emergency personnel.
 6. Shut off electric circuits at the electrical panel. If this is not possible, disconnect all electrical appliances. Also, shut off all gas valves and water services in the home.
- As a year-round reminder, please remember to keep basketball hoops out of the roadway and the road right-of-way. Hoops are not permitted within these areas, and placement of such may encourage children to play within the same areas as the motoring public. Please help us keep our children and others safe by keeping these out of the roadway.
 - It is township policy to contact the Road Department before starting any home improvement projects within the road right-of-way. The road right-of-way is typically the strip of turf between the curb line and the back side of the sidewalk or, in most cases, roughly ten feet from the curb line if your neighborhood does not have sidewalks. Examples of the more common projects include curb repair or driveway apron repairs. These require a permit and inspection process to perform work within the road right-of-way. Large landscape plantings, irrigation systems and electric fencing need to be placed out of the right-of-way to avoid view obstructions and to eliminate potential damage to vehicles and underground or overhead utilities. Permits and construction requirements can be obtained at the Lake Township Administration office located at 12360 Market Ave. North. (330.877.9479)

Soon we will start mowing our roadside ditches. If you come upon us mowing, please slow down and pass with care. All too often we are distracted while driving, especially with the use of cell phones becoming more prevalent. It takes just a split second for an accident to happen.

We encourage everyone to be cautious and drive safely! Have a wonderful summer!

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.

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.

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). 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 139.46 miles of all remaining dedicated streets in the township.

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



Spring is here, and summer is on the way! For many Lake Township residents, the season change means it is time to build the deck, purchase the shed, or install the swimming pool that you've been considering during the long winter. Remember, before getting started on these projects, a zoning permit is needed! The application for zoning certificate can be found at our website, www.laketwpstarkco.com. If you need any assistance with it, you can always call or email. I will help you navigate through the paperwork. Once you've submitted all the necessary documents to our office, your permit typically takes 1-5 days for processing. (That goes for all permit types, not just decks, sheds, and pools.) 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 30 days later. Your project won't be complete, or maybe even started, in 30 days? No problem-you have one year to start, and 2 years to finish your project from permit issuance. I hope to see many of you this summer while conducting inspections on your awesome home improvements!

Nicole Wilkinson

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 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.

The Uniontown Community Park Association owns and 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 Association (330.699.1290).

The Greentown Community Park is located northwest of the Greentown Square. The privately-owned park has a playground, basketball courts, baseball fields, tennis courts and a horseshoe pit. A building is also available for public use (330.494.8266).

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. (330.877.9800)

The Village of Hartville owns and 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).



STARK SWCD TO HOST A MAKE-AND-TAKE "GREEN CLEANING" WORKSHOP IN LAKE TOWNSHIP

Stark Soil and Water Conservation District will present a "Green Cleaning" workshop on Wednesday, May 9, 2018, at the Lake Township Road Department, 1499 Midway St. The Make-and-Take workshop will run from 9:00 to 11:00 A.M. and is FREE of charge.

The purpose of the workshop is to explore simple, safe, and cost-efficient alternatives to conventional cleaners. During this hands-on workshop, multiple eco-friendly household cleaners will be produced using natural ingredients, vinegar, and essential oils. Participants will create and take home product samples, as well as recipes for additional household cleansers composed of the same basic ingredients. Create a clean home that is safe for your family, pets and local watersheds!

To register, please contact Stark Soil and Water Conservation District at 330-451-SOIL (7645). Registration is required by Monday, May 7. For more information or questions, please contact Becca O'Neill, Education Specialist, at 330.451.7640 or e-mail at raoneill@starkcountyohio.gov.

The workshop is sponsored by Lake Township and the Stark Soil and Water Conservation District.

The Stark Soil and Water mission is to conserve our natural resources by educating, guiding and assisting the citizens of Stark County. More information is available at www.starkswcd.org.

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.

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 Yard Waste collection area near 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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