

LAKE TOWNSHIP Newsletter



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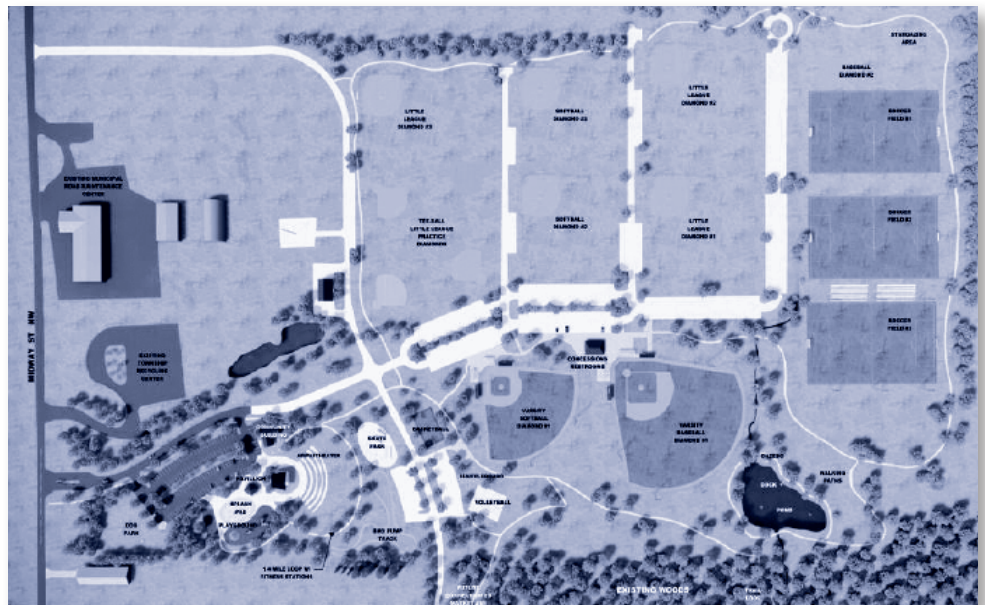
A Service of the Board of Lake Township Trustees

Lake Township Parks & Recreation Levy on May Primary Ballot

As you may have heard, Lake Township has placed a Parks and Recreation levy on the May 7th Ballot. This is a 2.0 mill, 10-year levy which equates to \$5.83 per month or \$70.00 per year for every \$100,000.00 of valuation. The funds generated from this levy will be used for the construction and maintenance of the Midway Community Park. You can view renderings of the initial design of the Midway Community Park and the conceptual design video on the township's website or Facebook page. To see the cost of the levy for your property, visit the Stark County Auditor's Website (www.starkcountyohio.gov/auditor). Click on Tax Estimator and follow the prompts.

Midway Community Park will have the following amenities:

- Dog Park
- Splash Pad
- Amphitheater
- 2.5 miles of walking trails
- Modern playground equipment
- A skate park and BMX pump track
- Soccer/football/lacrosse fields (1 lit field)
- Star gazing area
- 3-acre stocked pond
- Gaming pavilion
- Concessions stands
- Social Hall
- Pavilions
- Basketball courts
- Sand Volleyball
- Baseball and softball diamonds (2 championship level diamonds)



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Our Web Site:**

Follow us on Facebook! 
www.facebook.com/LakeTownshipStarkCountyOhio/

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

IT'S SPRING CLEANUP TIME!

Lake Township will sponsor a Spring Cleanup for Township residents from Wednesday, June 5, through Friday, June 7, from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. every day, and Saturday, June 8, 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.

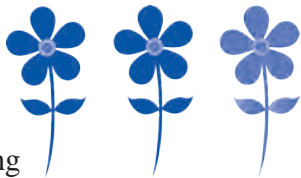
This service is **Lake Township residents only**. Identification may be checked. Township businesses will be allowed to dispose of no more than one truckload during the program. For more information, call 330.877.9479.

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

tires, no hazardous waste, and no paint can be accepted.



YARD WASTE FACILITY HAS RE-OPENED FOR SUMMER

The Lake Township Yard Waste Facility is open Thursday - Friday (7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.), Saturday - Sunday (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) and is closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The Facility is located on Midway Street NW, just east of the Lake Township Service Garage, adjacent to the Recycle Center.



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

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.

PRIMARY ELECTION IS MAY 7

Remember to vote on Tuesday, May 7. Voters in all precincts in Lake Township will see issues on the ballot.

Issue 3, Lake Township: additional two mills for parks and recreational purposes, ten years, commencing in 2019. The funds generated from this levy would be used for the creation of Midway Community Park. (All voters in Lake Township, including those who live in the Village of Hartville, will vote on this levy.)

Issue 8, Stark County Library District: additional two mills, for current expenses, eight years, commencing 2019. (Lake Township voters who live in the North Canton City Schools district will not vote on this issue.)

Issue 11, Stark County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery: renewal one mill, for alcohol, drug additional and mental health services programs and the acquisition, construction, renovation financing, maintenance and operation of alcohol and drug addiction facilities and mental health facilities; ten years, commencing 2019. (This is a county-wide issue.)

Issue 16, Village of Hartville: increase of 0.5% in the income tax rate, from 1% to 1.5%, for general municipal operation, maintenance of equipment, extension, enlargement and improvement of municipal services and facilities and capital improvements; effective January 1, 2020. (Only voters who live in the village will vote on this issue.)

The only candidates that Lake Township voters will see on the ballot are two candidates for Judge of the Canton Municipal Court, Republican Richard J. Kubilus and Democrat Mary A. Falvey, and Phil G. Giavasis, candidate for Clerk of Canton Municipal Court.

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 their 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-information.



Jeremy Yoder



John Arnold



Steve Miller



A Note From The Road Superintendent:

By the time you receive this Newsletter, winter will be officially over and we will be looking forward to beginning our paving program. We would like to thank all township residents for their patience during this winter season. Our road crew worked long hours battling the ice and snow to keep our township roads open and we sincerely appreciate the thank you notes and encouraging phone calls. I would personally like to thank Lake Township residents who have adhered to our request to keep their trash cans behind the mail boxes, to ensure that they would not be damaged as our snow plows came down the roads. Potholes show up suddenly and we would appreciate your help in reporting potholes to the township office (330.877.9479). Your help will help us quickly remedy the situation and continue to ensure safe roads.

Paving season is just around the corner, and we have begun the process of inspecting our roads to determine the amount of damage that has occurred due to frost and heaving. Once a list has been generated and reviewed, the Board of Trustees will make the final decision as to which roads will be resurfaced.

We thank you for your continued support, and should you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Daniel R. Kameron

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 139.479 miles of all remaining dedicated streets in the township.

Tackle Pollution, Root and Cheer to Keep Our Stormwater Clear!

U.S. EPA requires local government entities to clean and monitor their stormwater outfalls. Lake Township has inspected every outfall since 2017, with 202 total outfalls! There are numerous things private property owners can do to reduce the amount of stormwater runoff and stormwater runoff pollutants:

Install rain barrels to catch water from downspouts. You can use this water for gardens and indoor plants.

- Wash your car at commercial car washes or at home in gravel/grassy area. Be sure to use biodegradable, phosphorus-free soap.
- Bury pet waste; flush it or bag it and dispose in the garbage.
- Minimize use of pesticides and fertilizers in your lawn.
- Conserve water by watering lawn and gardens early in the day.

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 The Uniontown Police Chief:



Spring is here and warmer weather is finally approaching! The new roundabouts are near completion and motorists seem to be adjusting to them. The projected date by ODOT for full completion of the roundabouts is June 2020. The plans are to install some curbs, concrete for the traffic islands and truck apron, landscaping, lighting and some other miscellaneous items all in 2019. The final step will be to place the final surface course of asphalt which is scheduled for June 2020.

When using the roundabouts keep these 2 rules in mind:

- 1) Circulate counter-clockwise around the circle.
- 2) Traffic on your LEFT has the right of way.

Approaching the roundabout:

- 1) Use all available information, including signs, signals and lane markings to choose the correct path or designated lane before entering the roundabout.
- 2) Decide before you enter what exit you need to take.
- 3) Check mirrors, signal, and maneuver carefully at every stage.
- 4) Use turn signals correctly so you don't confuse other road users.
- 5) Adjust your speed and position for traffic conditions.
- 6) Stay aware of the speed and position of road users around you.

Entering the roundabout:

- 1) When you enter the roundabout, yield to traffic approaching from your left, unless directed by signs, road markings or traffic signals.
- 2) Watch out for traffic already in the roundabout. Drivers may not signal correctly, or at all.
- 3) Look ahead before accelerating to assure that traffic in front of you has moved.

Along with the warmer weather comes an increase in joggers and cyclists on the roadways. Here are some tips for joggers, cyclists and motorists:

Joggers:

- 1) Run during daylight hours, if possible. For nighttime running, avoid dimly lit roads and wear bright and/or reflecting clothing.
- 2) Stay on the sidewalk or shoulder of a road, if possible.
- 3) Run towards oncoming traffic.
- 4) Always yield to vehicles at intersections. Don't assume that traffic will stop for you.
- 5) Obey all traffic rules and signals.
- 6) Avoid wearing headphones in order to hear traffic as it approaches.
- 7) Don't assume a driver sees you. Be prepared to move off the roadway if needed.

Cyclists:

- 1) Ride with the flow of traffic as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable.
- 2) Obey all traffic rules applicable to vehicles.
- 3) Exercise due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.
- 4) Riders shall not ride more than two abreast in a single lane.
- 5) Riders should always use proper hand signals.
- 6) Bicycles need to have proper reflectors and equipment.

Motorists:

- 1) When overtaking or passing a jogger or cyclist, make your intentions clear and move over appropriately.
- 2) Slow down and pass or overtake safely.
- 3) When turning right, check mirrors for a jogger or cyclists. They may be passing on the right.
- 4) Remember that bicycles are considered vehicles; therefore, you need to yield to them as you would any other vehicle.

We encourage everyone to get out and enjoy the warmer weather and do it safely. We appreciate the support that we have always received and look forward to working with everyone while we keep our community safe.

Chief Michael Batchik



President's Corner

Spring is finally here, and we are excited for the warm weather and the blooms that spring brings with it. This winter has kept our Road Department busy, as they had to battle multiple winter storms and vortexes, using approximately

2,400 tons of salt to keep our streets safe. Lake Township Road Department maintains 140 miles of roadways in our township. It has been over one year since myself and Steve Miller were elected to represent Lake Township, and it certainly has been a great year of learning and development. It has been a pleasure working with Steve and John Arnold over the past year, and I want to thank them both, but especially John, for helping us learn through our first year.

One of things we have heard most this year from our residents is around the need for a central park that serves the needs of all the residents across Lake Township, ensuring residents don't have to leave the township to fill their park and wellness needs. Working with local residents, both Lake and North Canton Schools administration, and other stakeholders including the YMCA, we have proposed Midway Community Park, which will be Issue #3 on the May 7th ballot. You can visit our webpage for the design, and please join a Trustee meeting if you have any questions.

Among other updates, there has been significant progress on the 619 road project, as both roundabouts are completed and construction extends east through Market Ave. There is a new traffic signal at the intersection of Lake Center St. and Cleveland Ave, that was much needed. We will continue to have our yard waste program this year, as it is supported by a \$67,424 block grant through the Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Joint Solid Waste District. We will continue to look for opportunities to keep this service open and running smoothly.

Also in the past year, we have upgraded our social media presence with a Facebook page that has over 1,000 followers already. In addition, we have joined Ohiocheckbook.com so that there is complete transparency with our Fiscal Department. We take our stewardship of your tax dollars very seriously.

Thanks for your continued trust and support, and we look forward to serving you in 2019

Jeremy Yoder



Fiscal Office Update

The Lake Township Fiscal Office continues to serve in an advisory capacity for all departments within the Township, making suggestions as to each area's overall budget and ensuring compliance with state guidance. Within the past year, within our own area, we began a deeper review of daily processes in an effort to improve efficiencies and reduce cost. Our focus has been on automation of repetitive tasks, review of electronic options for processing of invoices and payments, and working with vendors to encourage them to move from paper processing to electronic /AFT processing. Additionally, we have increased security measures within the electronic fund processing, using an audit process to ensure duplicate payments or suspicious transactions are identified before being paid. We take the confidence you have shown entrusting us with your tax dollars seriously, and we are proactive in maintaining our standard of service.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Bob Moss

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. Newspapers, magazines, telephone books, corrugated cardboard and paper food boxes should be tied or bundled. All cans, bottles and jars should be rinsed out and lids removed. 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).



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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.