

# LAKE TOWNSHIP *Newsletter*



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## IT'S SPRING CLEANUP TIME!

Lake Township will sponsor a Spring Cleanup for Township residents from Wednesday, June 8, through Friday, June 10, from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. every day, and Saturday, June 11, 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 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 recycling program, the following will be accepted during Spring Cleanup: household debris and tires (no rims, limit of 10 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. Television sets will be accepted

## 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](http://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



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## LAKE TOWNSHIP YARD WASTE FACILITY

The Yard Waste Facility opened for the season on April 1. The Facility is for Lake Township and Village of Hartville residents ONLY. The cost for users is \$25.00 per year and one (1) key card is permitted per household. More information is on our website, Facebook page and from our office staff (330.877.9479).



## 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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Our Web Site:**  
[www.laketwpstarkco.com](http://www.laketwpstarkco.com)

*It has lots of information about Lake Township!*

**CHECK OUT COMMUNITY EVENTS** at [www.lakechamber.com](http://www.lakechamber.com)

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## President's Corner

Happy Spring! Although the temperatures have not yet felt like Spring, we know that the warm weather is right around the corner. And after this colder and whiter than usual winter I am sure we are all looking forward

to getting outside and enjoying Lake Township. With the extra snow this year, our Road Department has put in extra hours and effort to keep our roads clean and safe. The other Trustees, Fiscal Officer and I certainly want to recognize their efforts throughout this hard winter, especially over the holidays.

With Spring also comes the sense that we may hopefully be able to return to normalcy in regard to the pandemic. Although we may be living with Covid for the foreseeable future, we are learning to operate with it. As part of that, our bi-monthly meetings (2nd & 4th Mondays at 5:00 p.m.) are live and open to the public. It has been good to see some familiar faces attend. These meetings are always a good opportunity to learn how we are managing the Township's finances. This function of our role is one we take most seriously, and we feel the Township is in a very strong financial position coming out of the pandemic, and as we move forward. You can always request our financial reports, or they are easily found as we share them at [www.ohiocheckbook.com](http://www.ohiocheckbook.com). We want to ensure we are fully transparent with our expenditures. With some of the production delays and rising inflation, our department heads have been focused on ensuring we are future facing, as we are already ordering vehicles that we deem will be necessary for 2023 and 2024. This will put us in a strong position to manage our budget moving forward.

Always an important Spring event are two other Township services. First our annual Spring Cleanup has been announced and those dates are listed in this newsletter. Also, our Yard Waste program is open again for the season. In 2021, it was the first year that we privatized our Yard Waste program, and although there was an adjustment for our residents, the overwhelming feedback has been positive, as wait times and lines are down as we minimize the traffic from those outside of the township. Do not forget to renew your Yard Waste card, as they expire one year after the date of purchase. Also, we listened to your feedback and have changed the days that the Yard Waste facility is open. It is now open Friday-Monday as opposed to Thursday-Sunday last year. This was a popular request by our residents to catch the post-weekend drop-off.

This summer we should continue to see safety as a focus, anticipating that the installation of a new traffic signal at the intersection of Heckman St. and Cleveland

Ave should be completed over the summer. We are happy to see one of the bigger eyesores in our township removed as we work to demolish and remove the remainder of the greenhouse facility on the corner of Greenhouse Rd. and Mogadore Ave. This was a long process where we secured funding outside of the Township's budget, seeking grants and working closely with our County Commissioners to help abate and remove much of the property already. We definitely want to thank the Stark County Land Bank, the Stark County Commissioners--Janet Creighton, Richard Regula and Bill Smith--and our Stark County Auditor, Alan Harold, for their partnership on this project, ensuring that property can be used to bring value to our residents.

As I wrap up, the other Trustees and I look forward to helping 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

The news from Columbus is that "Ohio's economy is quickly rebounding to our firm pre-pandemic position." We are witnessing this first-hand in Lake Township with our strong real estate market, surging workforce and the arrival of new businesses.

We have received our first round of funding from HB 168, American Rescue Plan (ARP). All funds must be obligated within the statutory period between March 3, 2021 and December 31, 2024, and expended to cover such obligations by December 31, 2026.

Our Township continues to hold a strong financial position. Internally we are continuing to take advantage of government discounts and high trade-in values to upgrade our Road Department vehicles. The automotive industry is changing. Due to these changes, we are now budgeting and planning vehicle upgrades three years in advance.

To see all these details and view the township financials, go to [www.OhioCheckbook.com](http://www.OhioCheckbook.com). You can also stay informed by watching our Township meetings on Facebook.

As Township employees, we are working hard to protect, to preserve and to elevate our Township to the standards that our residents expect. If you are interested in seeing where your tax dollars go, check it out at <https://checkbook.ohio.gov/>.

*Matthew Erb*



## A Note From The Road Superintendent:

Welcome to Spring 2022,

During the summer when grass is being mowed, please do not blow grass onto the roadway. This is a traffic hazard and will also clog storm drains and gutters. If grass does get onto the roadway, please clean it off as soon as possible.

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.

Speeding on local roads is among the most common complaints received by Lake Township each year. And it's not just a problem on "major" roads. Speeders are also found on quiet streets and cul-de-sacs – roadways mostly traveled by folks who live in these neighborhoods. So, if drivers know the dangers of speeding, why do some drivers speed when they're so close to home, placing their neighbors in harm's way? Interestingly, psychology partly explains this behavior. By traveling the same roads, time and time again, drivers "master" roadway conditions, learning every twist, turn and dip along the route. And when drivers feel this comfortable with their surroundings, they are more likely to feel safe driving at a higher speed. This explains why most drivers travel at a slower speed when navigating through a city or town for the first time. So, when traveling local roads, please stay mindful of your speed, even if it feels safe to travel a bit faster. After all, local roads are where the people we care about most live!

We thank you for your continued support, and should you have any questions, please feel free to call me. We wish you a safe and enjoyable spring and summer!

*Daniel R. Kamerer*



## From Your Zoning Administrator:

Spring is always a busy time of year in the zoning department! The purpose of zoning is to serve the township community by promoting public health, safety, and morals through orderly development. Zoning provides a legal means for carrying out a responsible growth plan by designating districts for residential, commercial, and industrial areas. Encouraging the most appropriate land use helps protect property values and maintain the highest and best use for all properties.

This time of year, I spend many of my days assisting the public with project planning, receiving and reviewing zoning applications and permits, working on larger scale development projects in conjunction with Stark County, investigating zoning complaints, conducting on-site inspections, and working closely with both the zoning boards and township trustees. Each day at the office is very full in this flourishing township!

If you have any zoning questions, never hesitate to call. I am always happy to help!

*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](http://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](http://www.laketwpstarkco.com)), and on the Stark-Wayne-Tuscarawas Joint Solid Waste District Web site ([www.timetorecycle.org](http://www.timetorecycle.org)).

## STORMWATER REMINDERS

As stormwater flows over driveways, lawns, and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. Stormwater can flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland, or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the water bodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water. Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water.

By practicing healthy household habits, homeowners can keep common pollutants like pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings, and automotive fluids off the ground and out of stormwater. Adopt these healthy household habits and help protect lakes, streams, rivers, wetlands, and coastal waters. Remember to share the habits with your neighbors!

# Healthy Household Habits for Clean Water

## Vehicle and Garage

- Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drain and eventually into your local water body.
- Check your car, boat, motorcycle, and other machinery and equipment for leaks and spills. Make repairs as soon as possible. Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material like kitty litter or sand, and don't rinse the spills into a nearby storm drain. Remember to properly dispose of the absorbent material.
- Recycle used oil and other automotive fluids at participating service stations. Don't dump these chemicals down the storm drain or dispose of them in your trash.

## Lawn and Garden

- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When use is necessary, use these chemicals in the recommended amounts. Avoid application if the forecast calls for rain; otherwise, chemicals will be washed into your local stream.
- Select native plants and grasses that are drought- and pest-resistant. Native plants require less water, fertilizer, and pesticides.
- Sweep up yard debris, rather than hosing down areas. Compost or recycle yard waste when possible.
- Don't overwater your lawn. Water during the cool times of the day, and don't let water run off into the storm drain.
- Cover piles of dirt and mulch being used in landscaping projects to prevent these pollutants from blowing or washing off your yard and into local water bodies. Vegetate bare spots in your yard to prevent soil erosion.



## FROM THE UNIONTOWN POLICE CHIEF:

With the warmer months approaching it's time for family vacations, trips to visit friends and for some people, a time to plan their next big adventure. We all love to go on vacation, but that doesn't stop us from worrying about our homes being empty while we are away. Our department does "Vacation House Checks". Officers will walk around your home to make sure windows and doors are secure. They will call you if they notice packages on your front porch to make sure someone you know can keep them secure until you return home. This is a very helpful service we provide to our residents because we want you to feel your home is a little more secure while you are away. You can call 330.699.6444 and speak with a dispatcher who will take down your information. You are then put on our Vacation House Check List that our Officers check frequently.

There are so many ways for you to protect your home and property that will prevent you from becoming a target.

### Follow these tips:

- Make sure you check all of the locks on your doors and windows before you leave.
- Make your home look occupied. Leave lights on timers throughout your home. Leave a TV or radio on. Install motion sensing lights outside the main, front and back doors of your home.
- Make sure you don't let mail or delivered packages pile up on your front porch.
- If you are going away for an extended period of time, have someone mow your lawn or shovel your driveway while you're away.
- Have a neighbor or close friend stop by the house periodically to check on your home.
- It's best not to share your vacation plans on social media until you have returned home.
- Never leave keys under doormats, rocks, flowerpots etc. Criminals know to look for keys in hiding places around your home.
- We highly recommend installing Ring, Arlo or Nest video doorbells or some kind of security camera system around your home. This gives you the advantage of seeing who is at your home when you are not there.

*Chief Michael P. Batchik*

Do you have what it takes to be an Ohio State Highway Patrol Trooper?



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## **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.

## **KNOW YOUR TAXING DISTRICT WHEN RENEWING YOUR LICENSE PLATE**

It is important that the correct taxing district be included on your vehicle registration. The city on your postal address may not be the same as your taxing district. For instance, many residents on the north side of Lake Township have Mogadore mailing addresses, and residents in the southern portion of Lake Township have North Canton mailing addresses. Even more confusing are those who have Hartville mailing addresses but live outside of the village. Most of the revenue collected from vehicle registrations is given back to your township and county based on the taxing district. This revenue is used to repair roads and bridges in your area. So, when you renew your vehicle registration, remember to indicate the township where you reside. If you do, Lake Township will receive part of that license fee. These are YOUR tax dollars. Make sure those dollars come back to the township where they can benefit YOU.

## **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

Lake Township contracts with and enjoys professional fire and emergency protection from three private fire companies: Greentown, Hartville and Uniontown. They have the township divided into service areas, and together they ensure that all areas of the township are protected and that everyone receives prompt and efficient service. This is what each and every citizen deserves, regardless of where they live. Residents don't have to worry about which one to call, though. A call to "911" will bring the right one. All of the fire companies have measures in place and work with one another and with neighboring communities. That's why equipment from more than one fire company is sometimes seen at some emergency scenes.



Fire-response and EMS service is provided by each of the fire companies. All three have fully-trained EMT's and paramedics on duty around the clock.

It's important to remember that the firefighters and paramedics are not employees of local government. All three fire companies are under the direction of a Fire Board and each fire department has its own chief. They have paid staff to man the stations 24/7. Each of the fire companies is a separate, licensed, private, non-profit Ohio corporation which provides service under contracts with Lake Township, financed by revenues from tax levies. 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.



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