

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 7, through Friday, June 9, from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. every day, and Saturday, June 10, 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 truckload 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 (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.

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



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Steve Miller

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EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON MAY 2

Voters in Lake Township and the Village of Hartville will see issues on the May 2 primary election ballot:

Issue 20: Lake Local School District, additional 13 mills, current expenses, continuing period of time, commencing in 2023.

Issue 21: Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities, renewal, 3.3 mills, operation of community programs and services authorized by county board of developmental disabilities, for the acquisition, construction, renovation, financing, maintenance and operation of developmental disabilities facilities, or for both, five years, commencing in 2023.

Issue 22: Stark County, renewal, 0.1 mill, continuing operation of a 9-1-1 system, including maintenance and operation of buildings, offices and equipment, or acquiring, constructing or improving facilities required for a 9-1-1 system, five years, commencing in 2023.



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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

It's hard to believe that by the time you receive this newsletter, we're already well into the second quarter of 2023! You'll find throughout the township newsletter evidence that spring is finally here. Some of this evidence includes:

- Our annual Spring Cleanup event, for Lake Township and Village of Hartville residents. This event will take place June 7th through the 10th; details are available in the article found on the front page of this newsletter.
- Our Yard Waste Facility opened for the season on April 1st. This season marks the third year since we've implemented our privatized yard waste program and it seems to be a success.
- An important reminder for all of us is to be mindful of what goes into our storm sewer systems. We want to be aware of this so that we don't allow chemicals and other pollutants to flow into this untreated system which eventually flows into water bodies that we use for drinking, fishing and swimming. Let's all do our part to help ensure the public health of our communities and our environment.

Some matters that were approved in 2022 and wrapped up during the first quarter of this year include:

- Completion of the cleanup at the old greenhouse property located at the corner of Mogadore Avenue and Greenhouse Street. We're expecting that the property will be offered for sale at some point this year; however, the Stark County Land Bank will oversee that process. A special thank-you goes to Trustee Arnold for heading up this project with the Land Bank and making the long-anticipated cleanup of this property become reality.
- In 2022, the Trustees approved an expenditure to demolish and rebuild the restrooms at the Lake Township Community Park located on Market Avenue behind the football stadium. We're happy to report that the new restrooms are open and by the time you receive this newsletter all the finishing touches should be completed. Some of the upgrades include a multi-restroom facility, camera monitoring and automatic timers for the doors. As a reminder, the community park falls under the jurisdiction of the Uniontown Police Department. We ask that if you see anything out of the ordinary or suspicious, please call them to report. They can be reached at (330) 699-6444.
- Northstar Paving should soon be finishing up the remaining streets under the 2022 Paving Project. Due to certain circumstances, the project in its entirety was not able to be completed during the calendar year 2022. Along with finishing up the 2022 Paving Project, we'll be soliciting bids for the 2023 Paving Project. There will be lots of activities on our roadways this year!

Lastly, my fellow Trustees and I want to recognize the long-time service of Chief Vince Harris of the Greentown Fire Department. We thank him for his service to this community and for his personal friendship over the years, and wish him the best in his retirement!

Steve Miller



A Message from your Fiscal Officer

"By keeping accurate financial records, governing bodies demonstrate their commitment to efficient, effective and transparent service." These are the words from our State Auditor, Keith Faber.

This statement accurately sums up what the Lake Township Fiscal Department is doing for its constituents. All of our financial records are read into our meeting minutes, and information can also be found at www.OhioCheckbook.com.

The year 2023 is providing us with the financial opportunity to invest some of our township funds into certificates of deposit. With interest rates rising, we are now able to get short-term investment rates that can contribute to our township's revenue. We are fortunate to be in a financial position in which we can take advantage of financial opportunities and investments when they arise.

This summer, you will see us actively resurfacing our roads. With collaboration of the Trustees, the Road Department and the Fiscal Office, we are actively budgeting for road resurfacing two to three years in advance. It is a priority for the township to continually upgrade and maintain the township's infrastructure.

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

Matthew Erb

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).



A Note From The Road Superintendent:

Welcome to Spring 2023! The Township Road department has been busy with high wind-storm clean-ups, equipment maintenance, building maintenance, sign repair, minor patching, and pothole repairs.

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 you do blow grass 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 decide which roads will be resurfaced.

Speeding on local roads is among the most common complaints received by Lake Township each year. And it is 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 are so close to home, putting their neighbors in harm’s way? Interestingly, psychology partly explains this behavior. By traveling the same roads, repeatedly, 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. Local roads are where the people we care about most live!

Dealing with storm water is becoming an issue across the state, including here in Lake Township. Storm water can cause flooding and can contaminate our waterways that are eventually used to collect our drinking water. Due to Federal and State requirements, Lake Township is being proactive in keeping our environment clean and reducing water pollution. If you see a potential illicit discharge, please contact Stark County Soil and Water Conservation at 330.451.SOIL (7645).

Please be cautious of construction zones, flaggers, roadside mowing, and street sweeping.
Stay safe and have a great 2023!

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.

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.



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From Your Zoning Administrator:

Are you thinking of getting a couple of chickens? This is such a popular phone call I receive in the spring. Here are a few answers to the questions you may have:

- On a lot of one acre or less, you may have up to four outdoor pets. We do not necessarily define what a pet means to you. If you wish to have four outdoor pet chickens, or some combination of outdoor animals in that amount, you may do so. A coop may require a permit. We can discuss those plans together.
- On lots of greater than one acre, agriculture is permitted, and you may have the number of animals that you wish to obtain. However, agriculture is not exempt from zoning provisions on this acreage; setbacks and provisions for the keeping/storing/pasturing/feeding of the animals must still be met and permits required.
- On lots of five acres or more, agriculture is permitted and exempt from zoning as it relates to size and placement of a structure. A permit is still issued for agricultural structures (at zero cost) and a final zoning inspection is still completed to ensure the agricultural building is being used as such.
- I encourage you to reach out to me with any questions, about chickens or otherwise. Have a great summer!

Nicole Wilkinson

STORM SEWER WATER GOES WHERE...CIRCLE OR SQUARE?

What is the difference between Storm Sewer and Sanitary Sewer?

- Sanitary Sewer water circulates through a water treatment facility before entering waterways. Waste water from your sinks, showers, toilets, and washing machines travels through the sanitary sewer system to a waste water treatment facility where water is treated before being discharged.

- Storm Sewer water is not treated before it enters directly into waterways.

Storm water runoff is rain or snowmelt that flows over the ground. As it flows, it can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants that contaminate our water. Anything that enters a storm sewer is discharged untreated into water bodies that we use for drinking, fishing, and swimming. We cannot afford to pollute and contaminate it. Any of this water proposes a risk to public health as well as the environment.

How can you help protect our local water?

- Use pesticides sparingly. Fertilize only as needed using natural, organic, or other slow-release fertilizers.
- Reduce stormwater runoff by directing downspouts and gutters to drain onto the lawn, plant beds, etc. Use bricks, gravel, or other porous surfaces on driveways and walkways to decrease erosion.
- Wash your car at the carwash or in the grass. Do not wash dirt and cleaners down the driveway into the storm drain.
- Picking up after your pets. If walking your pet, bring a bag to collect waste. If waste is left in the yard, dispose of it in the trash or toilet. It is important to pick up waste daily as rain and melting snow will carry it into the storm sewer system. Animal waste contains many disease-causing organisms, as well as excess nutrients that affect water quality.
- Maintain your septic system. Repair or replace malfunctioning septic systems.
- Properly dispose of leaves and grass clippings. Start a compost pile. Never use streams, creeks, or gutters to dispose of yard waste. Keep leaves out of ditches and storm sewers. You can dispose your leaves at the yard waste drop-off site located at the Lake Township Recycle Center at 1505 Midway St., next to the Township Road Department.

Do you have questions about your septic system? Contact the Stark County Health Department (330.493.9904) and ask to speak to an Environmental Health Services Specialist.

Remember, only rain down the square drains!

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 time to put away the winter coats and gloves and prepare ourselves for warmer weather to arrive. We all know Ohio can be unpredictable when it comes to our weather, but fingers crossed, blue skies and sunshine are in our forecast! With the nicer weather come spring and summer getaways which lead to lengthy car rides while traveling to your vacation destinations.

We want to remind everyone how important "Buckling Up" is for the safety of you and your loved ones. There are so many reasons to wear your seat belt. First and foremost, it's the law and you will avoid a traffic ticket simply by wearing it. It can prevent injuries and keep accident victims from being ejected from their vehicle. Airbags are an important safety feature, but they do not work alone. The force of an airbag can seriously injure you if you are not wearing your seat belt. Lastly, it Save Lives! According to the Ohio Department of Public Safety, on average, more than 60 percent of people killed in crashes are due to not being properly restrained. Listed below are some of the Ohio Laws regarding seatbelts, car seats and booster seats.

Ohio Law States:

- Every driver and front seat passenger must wear a seat belt.
- Every child under the age of 4 or who weighs less than 40 pounds is required to be in a child safety/car seat.
- Children ages 4 to 8 who weigh 40 pounds or more and are shorter than 4 feet 9 inches must ride in a booster seat.
- Every child from age 8 to 15 must be secured by a seat belt no matter where they are in your vehicle. It is recommended that children 13 and under should ride in the back seat.
- For infant safety seats, follow the manufacturer's instructions for height and weight limits and proper use. If you are unsure if your child's safety seat is installed properly you can visit the Uniontown Fire Department, where they have three certified car seat installers who can assist you. You must call the Fire Department at (330) 699-3239 to schedule an appointment in order to meet with one of their certified staff members.

We want you and your families to get where you're going safely by abiding by all traffic laws. Remember your safest choice is to always wear your seat belt.

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).



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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.



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.