

Lake Township Newsletter

On the sandy shores of Lake Huron from Gagetown Road to Oak Beach County Park

Summer Issue

June 2012

Beach Grooming

Legislation was recently passed by the Michigan Senate that will allow beach front property owners to groom their beaches without securing a permit from the MDEQ. If SB 1052 becomes law, shoreline property owners will still be required to get a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for beach grooming below the ordinary high-water mark elevation. USACE applications are available at the Township Hall or on line at:

www.nwk.usace.army.mil/regulatory/permit_application.pdf. There is no fee for the USACE permit. For updates on this legislation, please feel free to contact the Lake Township Hall.

From the Clerk's Desk...

Election dates are August 7th and November 6th. The last day to register for the August Primary is July 9th and October 9th for the November General. For registered voters who are not already on the permanent absentee voter list, applications for absentee ballots are available upon request.

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming elections or how to obtain an absentee ballot, please contact me at 989.856.7485.

Lake Township's Wind Ordinance update...

In February Lake Township voters turned down the Lake Township Wind Energy Facility Overlay Zoning Ordinance 207 to 128. On May 4, 2012 a letter was submitted to the Lake and Chandler Township Boards by Okemos Attorney William Fahey on behalf of several Lake Township property owners requesting a conditional transfer of their property based upon PA 425 of 1984. At the May 21st meeting of the Lake Township Board a motion was made by Supervisor Smith to consider entering into a PA 425 agreement with Chandler Township. The motion was seconded by Fischer and passed by a 3 to 2 roll call vote. Fischer then made a motion allowing Supervisor Smith to appoint three persons to meet with Chandler Township representatives to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of a PA 425 agreement. Fischer's motion was seconded by Osborne and also passed by a 3 to 2 roll call vote. Smith appointed himself, Trustee Osborne and Planning Commission Chairman Paul Golsch.

On Monday, June 4 Chandler Township voted unanimously not to enter into negotiations with Lake Township and advised Supervisor Smith at that time that they were not interested in participating in a 425 agreement.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this issue, you are encouraged to attend Lake Township meetings. The Planning Commission meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7 PM and the Board of Trustees meet on the 3rd Monday at 7:30 PM.

Valerie McCallum, Clerk

BURNING PERMITS

A burning permit is required if you are going to be burning leaves and tree trimmings. Call the Fire Department at **989.856.9198**. Leave your name, address, phone number and scheduled date of burning. **It is illegal to burn garbage pursuant to Lake Township General Ordinance 2005-01. Burning trash is unhealthy and harmful to our environment and your neighbors.** For more information, General Ordinance 2005-01 is posted on our website: www.laketownship.net

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Arnold Russell retired in January 2012 after 10 years of enforcing Lake Township's ordinances. Mark Treder, Sebawaing resident, was hired by the Lake Township Board of Trustees to fill the vacancy of zoning administrator. He looks forward to working with the residents of Lake Township and would like to remind everyone that he will be enforcing our ordinances to their fullest. Please give him a call if you will be doing any improvements to your property to see if a site permit application is needed before you start your project. He will also be issuing citations for some of the following violations: blight/property maintenance, no site permits, use of yard space, signage, etc. Remember, if you are having a garage sale to obtain a permit. Forms are available if you visit, www.laketownship.net. For more information please call Mark Treder, Lake Townships Zoning Administrator, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Or you may email him at: zoning@laketownship.net

PLANNING COMMISSION NEWS...

The Planning Commission has recommended several ordinance amendments to the Lake Township Board of Trustees.

Chapter 12: Waterfront Easements and Use of Recreational Vehicles (*Public Hearing held, Township Board to vote on this issue at the June 18, 2012 meeting.*)

Also, being considered for amendments are:

Chapter 6: Size requirements and wall heights for accessory structures.

Master Plan: Updating of the master plan.

Visit www.laketownship.net to view the entire Lake Township Zoning Ordinance Book.

ORV ORDINANCE

It is **unlawful** for anyone under the age of 12 years old to operate an ORV on Huron County Roads. Also, ORV's are **prohibited** on M-25. Golf carts are considered ORV's and should avoid this highway. The use and enforcement of ORV's in Lake Township falls under the jurisdiction of Huron County and all matters are handled by police and DNR agencies. Please follow proper licensing, schooling and safety matters. **Ride safely.** More information can be obtained by visiting the ordinance tab at www.laketownship.net

SNOW FENCING.....

Please keep in mind that snow fences put in place in the fall must be removed from May 1st to October 1st per Lake Township Zoning Ordinance. Please contact Mark Treder, Lake Township Zoning Administrator for further information (989) 856-4867.

Building Department

Michigan is now under the 2009 Uniform Energy Code. As a result, Lake Township will now require a building permit for **window replacements**. For more details please call Tory Geilhart, Lake Townships Building Inspector, Mondays or Wednesdays, from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Or you may email him at: building@laketownship.net

2011 RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Our recycling program is being handled by Diva Disposal. Volunteers are no longer needed. Effective October 1, 2010 the list of acceptable recycle items was updated by Diva. Lists of acceptable items are available upon request at the Lake Township Transfer Station or visit our website at www.laketownship.net

Recycling hours are from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on the third Sunday of the month.

Please **DO NOT** drop off recyclables at the Transfer Station on any dates other than the following:

June 17th

July 15th

August 19th

September 16th

October 21st

November 18th

December 16th

Leaves, grass and tree trimmings are accepted at the Transfer Station during regular hours at no charge.

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Dave Ferris, Attendant

November – April

Sundays 9:00am – 4:00pm

May – October

Saturdays & Sundays 9:00am – 4:00pm

*Absolutely **NO** Paints or Lacquers, and **NO** Building Materials*

www.laketownship.net

Beach closures are now available weekly if you visit the home page of our website. Also, check for updates on the notices page for the latest news and meetings. Visit us online at: www.laketownship.net

EMAIL UPDATES

If you have not already done so, please visit www.laketownship.net to sign up to receive informational emails regarding Lake Township announcements, meetings, agendas, and newsletters. This form can also be mailed directly to you by calling the office at 989-856-4867.

KEEP US UPDATED... ..

Once again, please remember to fill out a **Change of Address Form** when you move or leave the area for a long period of time. Changes of Address forms are available by calling 989-856-4867 or on our website at: www.laketownship.net

MAILING ADDRESS

Lake Township
(Name of Official)
P.O. Box 429
Caseville, MI 48725

Email: info@laketownship.net

PORT AUSTIN LIBRARY 989-738-7212

Residents of Lake Township are welcome at the Port Austin Township Library. For general questions or to inquire about their hours, please call the number above.

TOWNSHIP SCHEDULE

Office hours

Telephone: 989-856-4867 Fax: 989-856-9710

The Township Hall Offices are open:

Monday thru Friday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and during Supervisor hours (M-W-F 8:00 am to 10:00 am.)

Official's office hours may vary. It is best to call ahead or make an appointment if you need to speak to a Township official.

Township Board Meeting-Township Hall

Time – 7:30 PM (6:30 PM December-February)

Day - Third Monday (March-last Monday.)

Planning Commission Meeting - Township Hall

Time 7:00 pm

Day – Fourth Wednesday -No meetings Nov. and Dec.

Additional meetings may be scheduled and posted.

Members: Paul Golsch, Dave Szumlinski, Gordon Krueger, Lynette Rose, Dale Hartsell

Zoning Board of Appeals-Township Hall

Time – 7:30 pm Wednesdays upon appeal application.

Members: Louis Bushey, Ric Geilhart, Gordon Krueger, Richard Ehrlich, and William (Bill) Osborne. Alternates: Conrad Przystup and Willard Crueger.

Fire Board (CAFP) meets the 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 pm at the Caseville Fire Hall. Lake Township members: Len Pilato and Russ Mangiapane.

Construction Board of Appeals meets upon appeal application. Members: Richard McHargie, Michael Molascon, Steven Fulgham.

Township Board

Supervisor – Robert T. Smith

Deputy Supervisor – Patricia Smith

Clerk – Valerie McCallum

Deputy Clerk – Clay Kelterborn

Treasurer – Dorothy Fischer

Deputy Treasurer – Moira Foster

Trustees – William (Bill) Osborne, Dale Hartsell

Mark Treder, Zoning Administrator, M-W-F 10am to 2pm

Email: zoning@laketownship.net

Tory Geilhart, Building Inspector, M&W 10am to 2pm

Email: building@laketownship.net

Lisa Zadryznski, Office Secretary, M-F 10am to 2pm

Email: office@laketownship.net

ASSESSOR

Jo Wolschlager, Lake Township Assessor is available every Tuesday evening from 7:00 pm to 8:00pm at the Township Hall. She is also available for appointments by calling the Lake Township Hall at 989-856-4867.

SECURITY.

When closing up and securing your seasonal residence, or if you will be gone for an extended amount time, please make arrangements to have someone keep an eye on your property. Remove valuables if possible to make your property less appealing to theft or vandalism.

Lake Township would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a safe and fun - filled summer.