Lake Township News

On the Sandy Shores of Lake Huron from Gagetown Road to Oak Beach County Park

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WIND TURBINE FACILITY ORDINANCE

Michigan's Thumb has made headline news and even brought Governor Granholm for visits as a result of its support for wind energy. The Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth has projected Michigan's Thumb as future host to 1/3 of Michigan's wind energy facilities. For more information on Michigan's wind energy initiative, visit the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth, Public Service Commission website http://www.michigan.gov/mpsc/0,1607,7-159-16377 47107 48701----00.html.

With this in mind, the Lake Township Planning Commission has been carefully researching communities are facing with these new developments in an effort to develop a wind facility ordinance for Lake Township.

A DVD of the April 23, 2008 planning commission meeting featuring a presentation on noise and appropriate setbacks by Richard James, Acoustics Engineer, is available on loan at the Township Hall to anyone interested. Wisconsin Wind, also on DVD, presented by Supervisor Clay Kelterborn at the May 28th meeting is also available featuring interviews of people in Wisconsin living among turbines similar to those in Elkton. We encourage residents to attend the planning commission meetings as they continue their research.

PORT AUSTIN

114 Railroad Street (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 listed above.

SUPERVISOR'S HOURS

In keeping with his promise of accessibility to the residents and taxpayers of Lake Township, newly elected Supervisor, Robert T. Smith will be keeping the following schedule of office hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday- 10:00a -1:00p

These could be subject to change if his responsibilities demand his presence elsewhere. Please call ahead to be sure he will be in the Hall.

He also plans to have Saturday hours during the summer months for the convenience of ALL the taxpayers and residents. During the months of **June**, **July**, **and August**, he will be in the hall on the **second Saturday of the month 10:00a to 1:00p**.

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RECYCLING NEWS

Residents can obtain a list of items we accept for recycling from either a recycling volunteer or from the Township Office. The Lake Township website also has a wealth of information on recycling.

To make the job safer, and easier for our volunteers, please drop off only clean and sorted recyclable items. If items are not sorted, our volunteers have to do the sorting which not only takes more time but also involves digging into bags with potential hazards such as broken glass or sharp metal edges.

Items such as the foil wrappers used in cracker boxes, pet foods, etc. are not recyclable. No. 1 & 2 plastics in bottle form, only, are recyclable. Plastic grocery bags or bread bags, as long as they are clean and dry, are recyclable. Black trash bags and salt bags are not recyclable.

Our recycle program will continue and we encourage everyone to participate. It's a win-win program - it will decrease the amount of garbage you have (saves you money) and will help the environment! Please check our website at www.laketownship.net or call the office at 856-4867 for more details.

Thanks again to our volunteers for donating their time on Sundays to run the recycling program. We couldn't offer this service without your support.

Upcoming recycling dates are listed on Page 4 of this newsletter.

WWW.LAKETOWNSHIP.NET MAKING YOUR LIFE EASIER

Application forms for Garage Sale permits, Hoist Registration and Temporary Use permits are available on our website. Residents can download the documents, complete the required information and mail them to the office for processing.

2009 Recycling Schedule

The following dates are on the third Sunday of the month from

10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.

Please make sure that all recyclables are clean.
CLEAR GLASS ONLY - BROWN OR GREEN GLASS
NO LONGER ACCEPTED. A list of acceptable items
is available upon request at the Transfer Station or
on our website at www.laketownship.net.

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

January 18TH

February 15TH

March 15TH

April 19TH

May 17TH

June 21ST

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

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

DAVE FERRIS, ATTENDANT

MAY - OCTOBER SATURDAY & SUNDAY 9 AM TO 4 PM NOVEMBER - APRIL SUNDAY 9 AM TO 4 PM

ELECTION RESULTS

CANDIDATES FOR TOWNSHIP OFFICES

Supervisor

Clay Kelterborn 247 Robert Smith (D) 315

Clerk

Valerie McCallum(D) **309** William Osborne (R) 265

Treasurer

Dorothy Fischer (D) **313** Kathleen Bolton 260

Trustee

Robert Hyzer (D) 296 Rose Ann Remer (R) 197 Richard Ehrlich (D) 266 Dale Hartsell ® 306

THE CANDIDATES WANT TO THANK ALL WHO VOTED FOR THEM AND SUPPORTED THEM IN THEIR CAMPAIGN.

LAKE TOWNSHIP HALL

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LOCATION ADDRESS: 4988 W. KINDE ROAD

CASEVILLE, MICHIGAN 48725

MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 429

CASEVILLE, MI 48725-0429

EMAIL LIST

At the Oct. 20, 2008 Township Board meeting a motion was made to start a bulk email list. By supplying the township with your email address you will start receiving informational emails. This would include newsletters, announcements, notices, and minutes

TOWNSHIP SCHEDULE

OFFICE HOURS

THE TOWNSHIP HALL OFFICES ARE OPEN MONDAY - FRIDAY FROM 10:00 AM UNTIL 2:00 PM. OFFICIALS' OFFICE HOURS VARY. IT IS BEST TO CALL AHEAD OR MAKE AN APPOINTMENT IF YOU NEED TO SPEAK TO A TOWNSHIP OFFICIAL.

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS - TOWNSHIP HALL

TIME - 7:30 PM (6:30 PM DECEMBER - FEBRUARY)
DAY - THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH - LAST MONDAY IN
MARCH

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS-TOWNSHIP HALL

TIME-7:00 PM

DAY – FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH EXCEPT NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

WORKSHOP MEETINGS MAY BE SCHEDULED AT OTHER TIMES AND POSTED.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - TOWNSHIP HALL

TIME -7:30PM ON WEDNESDAYS UPON APPEAL APPLICATION

FIRE BOARD (CAFPA) MEETS EVERY FIRST & THIRD WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 PM AT THE FIRE HALL IN CASEVILLE.

TOWNSHIP BOARD

SUPERVISOR - ROBERT T. SMITH

CLERK - VALERIE MCCALLUM

TREASURER - DOROTHY FISCHER

TRUSTEE - ROBERT HYZER

TRUSTEE - DALE HARTSELL

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR - ARNIE RUSSELL

BUILDING INSPECTOR-TORY GEILHART

SECRETARY-TBA

BURNING PERMITS

A burn permit is required if you are going to be burning leaves and tree trimmings.

Please call the Fire Department.

CALL 989-856-9198

Leave your name, address, phone number and scheduled date of burning.

It is illegal to burn garbage. It is illegal to burn on road surface.

For more information the General Ordinance 2005-01 is posted on our website. It states in part:

Section 11: Foul odors. No person shall burn garbage, animal carcasses, refuse, trash, rubbish or a like material giving off foul odors.

Section 8: All recreational bonfires shall be attended by a competent person at all times. And shall be extinguished and emitting no smoke after event completion.

Section 6: Open Burning: shall be at least fifteen feet(15') from the edge of any road and at least fifteen feet(15') from any structure.

WE HOPE YOU HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON And A HAPPY AND HEALTHY WINTER.