

Lake Township Newsletter

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

Winter Issue

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Lawsuit

On Monday November 9, 2009 there was a scheduled hearing in Circuit Court on the Motion for Summary Disposition in the lawsuit filed against Robert Smith, Dorothy Fischer, and Robert Hyzer, the plaintiffs being Valerie McCallum and Clay Kelterborn along with 25 other township residents.

The defendants were granted the Motion and all claims asserted by the Plaintiffs were dismissed in this proceeding.

TOWNSHIP BOARD

Supervisor – Robert T. Smith

Deputy Supervisor – Patricia Smith

Clerk – Valerie McCallum

Deputy Clerk – Kathleen Bolton

Treasurer – Dorothy Fischer

Deputy Treasurer – Moria Foster

Trustees – Robert Hyzer, Dale Hartsell

TOWNSHIP SCHEDULE

Office hours

The Township Hall Offices are open:

Monday - Friday 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM and during Supervisor hours (MWF 8:00 AM to 11:00 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: Dave Szumlinski, Lisa Konke, Gerald Geppert, Deb McBride, Dale Hartsell

Zoning Board of Appeals-Township Hall

Time – 7:30 PM Wednesdays upon appeal application.

Members: Louis Bushey, Ric Geilhart, Lisa Konke

Fire Board (CAFPA) meets every 1st and 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 McIhargie, Michael Molascon, Steven Fulgham.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR-ARNIE RUSSELL

BUILDING INSPECTOR-TORY GIELHART

OFFICE SECRETARY-MARY E. JOHNSON

SUBSTITUTE SECRETARY-PAT PRZYSTUP

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RECYCLING

The recycling trailer is packed full every month as more residents are choosing to recycle, helping us do our part in reducing the amount of trash deposited in our local landfill. Our recycling program is operated by volunteers. Without our volunteers we couldn't offer this service to our residents.

We need at least four volunteers every month and would really like to add some new names to our list. If you have any interest in getting involved, please contact the Township Hall at 856-4867.

If you choose to recycle, here are some requests:

1. Rinse all containers and remove all caps and lids.
2. Do not put boxboard, cardboard or any other materials in with newspapers.
3. Bag or tie all newspapers, magazines, office papers keeping them separate from each other.
4. Keep plastic shopping bags separate from other plastic screw top bottles and jugs.
5. Glass bottles and jars should be clear. No green, brown, blue glass
6. Bring clean and dry materials only.

For more information on our recycling program, visit our website at www.laketownship.net.

LIBRARIES

Port Austin Library
114 Railroad Street
Port Austin, MI
(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.

Residents of Lake Township with a Port Austin card may use the Bad Axe Library for Books and VHS tapes only.

Other libraries in area may allow privileges for an annual fee or through MeL (Michigan electronic Library).

RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Recycling hours are from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on the third Sunday of the month. A list of acceptable items is available upon request at the Transfer Station or on our website.

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

December 20th

January 17th

February 21st

March 21st

April 18th

May 16th

June 20th

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Dave Ferris, Attendant

May - October

Saturday & Sunday 9 AM to 4 PM

November - April

Sunday 9 AM to 4 PM

ASSESSOR

Jo Wolschlager, our Township assessor is available every Tuesday from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Township hall. She is also available on appointment which can be made by calling the Lake Township Hall at 989-856-4867. She can answer any questions you have regarding your property assessment.

BOARD OF REVIEW

Members: Louis Bushey, Dave Szumlinski, Bill Osborne

The board will meet December 15TH at 5:30 PM.

The March organizational meeting is the 2nd Tues. at 6:00 PM. Other March dates to be announced.

SECURITY

We urge our residents to become more security conscious. Last winter there were an increased number of break-ins no doubt due to the poor economy. We suggest that all seasonal residents refrain from leaving valuable articles such as jewelry, firearms, or expensive electronics in their home or cottage when they leave for the city or take a vacation. If it is impossible to remove such items, try to make arrangements with a nearby resident to check on your home. Depending on how long you will be gone, it might be a good idea to have some snow removal done to make thieves think you are in residence. Lighting timers are inexpensive and several well timed intervals can help give your home a lived in look.

We hope the trend in break-ins will not continue or accelerate, but if it does, do not make it easy for the thieves.

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, and phone number. **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.** The ordinance is posted on our website if you want more information. **There is no fee for a burning permit.**

BOAT HOISTS

Boat hoists must be registered and cannot be stored on the easements at any time. Snow fences must also be removed until October 1st. Please contact Arnie Russell, Zoning Administrator for further information at 989-856-4867.

CLERK'S CORNER

From the Clerk's Desk...

2010 is an Election year....

There have been many changes over the past year at Lake Township, but one thing has remained constant – the ability to request being included on a permanent absentee ballot **list**. Having your name on this list means you will automatically receive an **application** for an absentee ballot for any election including school elections. The application must be completed and returned before a ballot can be issued.

If you are not already on this list and would like to be added, a form is available on the Township's website or at the Township Hall. The form can also be mailed directly to you upon request.

Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season.

Valerie McCallum, Clerk

Lake Township wants to take this opportunity to wish all of you a joyous holiday season and a happy and prosperous New Year