

Lake Township News

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WINTER ISSUE

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Zoning News...

The planning commission has drafted a new exterior lighting ordinance. It is anticipated it will be ready for a public hearing early next year. The changes should remedy the lack of clarity in the current ordinance and prove to be more specific as to the type of lighting to use in residential and commercial settings as well as lumens and proper shading needed in residential districts.

Fall is here! Be kind and clean up your leaves.

Erosion fences are allowed on the beach now until May 1st.

This was a good year for new

construction. Lake Township has had eight new homes built along with several additions, decks, garages and pole sheds.

We are still working on a small shed ordinance that needs to be addressed. I have noticed small sheds made of resin (plastic) popping up in backyards. These sheds still require a land use permit.

Thank you to all the residents who promptly took care of violations after receiving a letter from me. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

Mark Treder
Zoning Administrator

A reminder from our Building Department to contact us prior to starting your home improvement or construction project to see if a permit is required.

Please contact our Building Inspector between the hours of 10am—12 Noon Monday & Wednesdays with any questions or concerns.

Sheriff Patrol

During the 2013 year, the Township hired the Huron County Sheriff Department for road patrol within Lake Township. They worked primarily during the weekends, holidays, Cheeseburger in Caseville and during opening days of Bow Hunting Season and Gun Hunting Season. The Township Board budgeted \$10,000 for this service because of several complaints about ORV's and the reckless discharge of firearms. The Township also implemented a Fireworks Ordinance.

The Township Board set up a Public Safety Committee to discuss all these issues. Township Trustee Dale Hartsell is the Chairman of the Committee. If you have any concerns or dates and times that you would like to see Sheriff patrol, feel free to contact the Township Hall or email the Township with your concerns or suggestions.

TAX PAYMENTS—Mail To:
Dorothy Fischer, Lake Twp Treasurer
6187 State Park Road
Caseville MI 48725

Lake Township Hall
4988 W. Kinde Road—P O Box 429
Caseville MI 48725
Phone: 989.856.4867—Fax: 989.856.9710

The Township Hall Offices are open Monday thru Friday 10 AM to 2 PM. Appointments may be scheduled with township officials at additional times.

Township Board Meetings

Township Hall- 3rd Monday *
7:30 P M (6:30 PM Dec -Feb)

* March meeting last Monday of March

Planning Commission Meetings

Township Hall—4th Wednesday 7 PM
Additional meetings may be scheduled and posted as necessary.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Township Hall—Scheduled as needed upon application.

Fire Board (CAFPA) meets the 3rd Wednesday at 7 PM at the Caseville Fire Hall.

Construction Board of Appeals

Township Hall—Scheduled as needed upon application.

Supervisor/Assessor -Valerie McCallum
supervisor@laketownship.net

Clerk — Claren (Dede) Russell
clerk@laketownship.net

Deputy Clerk — Maryanne Williams

Treasurer — Dorothy Fischer
treasurer@laketownship.net

Deputy Treasurer — Patricia Smith

Trustees — Dale Hartsell
Clay Kelterborn

Zoning Administrator — Mark Treder
zoning@laketownship.net
Mon & Fri 10 AM to Noon (Winter Hours)

Building Inspector — Tory Geilhart
building@laketownship.net
Mon & Wed 10 AM to Noon

Office Secretary — Kim Simpson
office@laketownship.net

***News from Lake Township's Fire Board Representatives,
Len Pilato and Russ Mangiapane ...***

The Caseville Area Fire Protection Association announces the acquisition of a new addition to its fire fighting protection equipment, a 75 foot ladder truck. This unit is completely certified and operational, ready to serve the needs of the community. Please feel free to call the Fire Hall to see all of the fire fighting protection equipment.

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**A big Thank You to the following men and women on the
Caseville Fire Department for keeping us safe!**

Chief Ben Willenberg, Asst Chief Carl Brunni, Battalion Chief Frank Konke, Captain Mike Goforth, Lt. Mark McCrimmon, Marshall Kurschner, Ryan Schultz, Gregg Engleman, Bill Simmons, Mike McCrimmon, Rich Hopkins, Dale Hartsell, Mark Boyne, Dennis Monet, Jim Kish, Joey Sancrant, Dan McIlhargie, Dennis Atkins, Adam Hollingsworth, Chris Stahl, Randy Britt, Nora Jacoby, Mike Francavilla and Terry Jimkowski.

Save The Date:

April 20, 2014 is the Annual
Fire Fighters Pancake Breakfast.

See you there!

Burning Permits

Please call 989-856-9198 and leave your name, address, phone number and date you will be burning. Leaves and brush are the only things permitted to be burned. **NEVER** leave your fire unattended. **It is unlawful to burn garbage.**

Security

When closing up and securing your seasonal residence, or if you will be gone for an extended amount of time, please make arrangements to have someone keep an eye on your property.

We suggest that all seasonal residents refrain from leaving valuable articles such as jewelry, firearms, or expensive electronics in their home. It might be a good idea to arrange for snow removal to make thieves think you are in residence.

From the Clerk's desk...

As Lake Township Clerk, I am responsible for elections held in our district. So far we have elections scheduled for August 5, 2014 for the Primary and November 4, 2014 for the General Election. I would like to remind you, if you have recently moved to our Township and will be voting here, remember to change your driver's license address at a Secretary of State office. They will notify us of the change of address and your corrected voter registration.

Things you might not know when voting:

All Michigan voters must show photo ID when voting at the polls.

First-time voters who register by mail must vote in person the first time they vote.

When applying for an absentee

ballot at the Clerk's office, you must show your I.D. to the clerk before a ballot will be issued.

You can vote by Absentee Ballot by filling out an Absentee Voter Application before the election. The qualifications for requesting an Absentee Ballot are as follows:

- 1. I expect to be absent from the community in which I am registered for the entire time the polls are open on election day.**
- 2. I am physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another.**
- 3. I cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of my religion.**
- 4. I have been appointed an election precinct inspector in a precinct other than the precinct where I reside.**
- 5. I am 60 years of age, or older.**
- 6. I cannot attend the polls because I am confined to jail**

awaiting arraignment or trial.

If you need to be put on a Permanent Absentee list for any of these reasons listed, we have a form at the Township Hall and on the Township's website which needs to be completed and sent to me. Be aware that IF you are on a Permanent Absentee Voter list, I will automatically send you an Absentee Voter Application before every election, to verify that you want a ballot for that specific election. When I receive your completed application back, I will send the actual ballot as available to me.

It has been a pleasure serving our Township these past five months, and I hope to continue as your Clerk in 2014. If you have any questions that I can help with, please feel free to call our office at 989-856-4867.

*Claren (Dede) Russell
Lake Township Clerk*

Household Garbage Pick-up Survey



Diva Disposal has contacted the Lake Township Board of Trustees regarding a proposal they would like to offer for curbside trash pickup with recycling. Residents would be charged for this service on their tax bill (vacant lots would not be included). Neighboring communities pay \$134 to \$152 annually per household.

Lake Township currently offers trash drop off for a fee at the Township Transfer Station on Sand Road with free monthly recycling drop off and free drop off of grass clippings, leaves, and small brush.

The Board of Trustees would like to hear from residents as to whether they prefer maintaining the current drop off facility or would rather have curbside pickup at a rate to be determined by accepting bids from local sanitation services. This will only be pursued at this time if there is enough interest in this pickup service.

Submit your response via email to : info@laketownship.net or mail slip on back page to P.O. Box 429, Caseville, MI 48725 and include your name and Lake Township property address.

Clip out Survey Response on back page and return to Lake Township

DOG CONCERNS

As a reminder, ordinances require that dogs be leashed and barking dogs are considered nuisances. Please be considerate. Use a leash when walking your pet and clean up after it.

Office Closings—Holiday Hours

The office will be closed on the following days:

Martin Luther King Day
Presidents Day
Good Friday
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Columbus Day
Veterans Day
Thanksgiving Day
Day after Thanksgiving

The office will be closed
December 24, 2013 thru January 1, 2014
The office will reopen January 2, 2014

2014 RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Lists of items acceptable for recycling are available upon request at the Lake Township Transfer Station or visit our website at laketownship.net **Recycling hours are from 10 AM to 2 PM on the 3rd Sunday of the month.** Please **DO NOT** drop off recyclables at the Transfer Station on any dates other than the following:

January 19th
February 16th
March 16th
April 20th
May 18th
June 15th

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

Please do not dump trash in the compost piles!

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Dave Ferris, Attendant

November thru April — Sundays 9 AM to 4 PM

May thru October—Sat & Sun 9 AM to 4 PM

Located on Sand Road 1/4 mile east of Champagne Road

**Absolutely NO Paints or Lacquers, and*

*NO Building Materials**

Seasons Greetings

I am interested in curbside trash pickup with recycling

[] Yes [] No

Name & Address: _____

Comments: _____
