

Lake Township News

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Recycling

Residents who are familiar with our newsletter and recycling program may notice that a recycling schedule is missing from this newsletter. As of year end, our current recycling contract will expire. The Board of Trustees has been looking at other options for continuing or expanding the program but as of print time, no decision has been made. Stay tuned to the township's website, check with Dave at the Transfer Station or call the Township Hall during office hours for updates on our recycling program for the 2015 year.

Lake Township Annual Picnic

Mark your calendar for the 3rd Thursday in August at Oak Beach County Park starting at 4 PM for our annual potluck picnic. Bring a dish to pass, your own beverage and utensils, meet your Township neighbors near and far and enjoy good food and fun.

Garage Sale Ordinance

Lake Township officials are in the process of amending the Township's Garage Sale Ordinance to eliminate the \$5.00 permit fee. A permit from the Township will still be required in order to enforce the allowable limit of three garage sales per year. If a permit is not obtained prior to the sale, there will be a penalty fine imposed. Applications for a garage sale permit will still be available on our website at laketownship.net or at the Township Hall.

Power Outages & Ash Trees

Many of our recent power outages along the M-25 corridor are caused by dead ash trees falling on the electrical lines. DTE customers may contact Customer Service at 1.800.477.4747 to request removal of dead ash trees from their property. DTE will send out a representative to determine if the tree or trees are eligible for removal. All debris will be left on the customer's property.

ORV's, Guns & Fireworks

During the summer months the most common complaints we hear about at the Township Hall are regarding ORV's, guns and fireworks.

Lake Township's **Fireworks** Ordinance limits the legal use of fireworks to Friday and Saturday nights and the day of, day before and day after a holiday between 8 PM and midnight. The entire Fireworks Ordinance can be viewed on the Township's website.

If you are going to use fireworks, please take the time to read the ordinance. Also, even though you may

be legally using fireworks, please be considerate of neighbors and/or their pets who may not be able to tolerate the noise.

Target shooting has been a topic of discussion at various township meetings. After several meetings with local law enforcement agencies, the Township's attorney has advised us that the Township's Anti-Nuisance Ordinance can be utilized by the Sheriff's Department in situations where target shooting is disrupting the use and enjoyment of another's property. Rather than

having to resort to issuing tickets, some restraint during summer months would reduce these complaints.

And the last of the most often heard complaints is regarding the use of **ORV's or off-road vehicles**. The DNR has regulations regarding their use, but many of the complaints occur in neighborhoods with private roads where enforcement is more difficult. If you or your children are ORV operators, please be considerate of your neighbors and their property.

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Township office hours are M-F 10 AM until 2 PM. Appointments with officials may be scheduled at other times.

Township Officials & Staff:

Valerie McCallum, Supervisor/Assessor

Lisa Clinton, Deputy Supervisor

Dede Russell, Clerk

Maryanne Williams, Deputy Clerk

Dorothy Fischer, Treasurer

Pat Smith, Deputy Treasurer

Dale Hartsell, Trustee

Clay Kelterborn, Trustee

Tory Geilhart, Building Inspector /
Zoning Administrator

Kim Simpson, Secretary/Office Assistant

Dave Ferris, Transfer Station Attendant

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

November thru April—Sundays 9 AM to 4 PM

May thru October—Saturdays & Sundays 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***

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

What do you think of our current schedule?
Would you use the Transfer Station on a weekday?
Please let us know what you think.

For a **Burning Permit**, call **989.856.9198** and follow recorded instructions.

Burning of trash is not allowed per General Ordinance No: 2005-01

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2015 Dog licenses are available from the Township Treasurer through March 2, 2015. Cost is \$15.00 males/females and \$10.00 if neutered or spayed. After March 2nd licenses are available from the County for \$40.00.

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Township Ordinances adopted since 2013 are available on the Township website. Older ordinances may be viewed of a copy obtained at the Township Hall during regular business hours.

The **Lake Township Board of Trustees** meets on the third Monday of the month. Winter meetings (December, - March) begin at 6:30 P.M. April—November meetings at 7:30 P.M.

The **Lake Township Planning Commission** meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month other than November and December which are held on the third Wednesday.

Special meetings may be scheduled at other times.

Notices are posted on the Township website and sent out by email upon request.

Zoning Board of Appeals meetings are scheduled as needed.

The **Board of Review** meets in March, July and December.

Persons interested in applying for any township position are encouraged to submit a letter of interest.