

LAKE TOWNSHIP NEWS

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TOWNSHIP SCHEDULE

The Township Offices are open
**Monday - Friday from 10:00 AM
to 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.**

The Township Board meets
every third Monday (except
March) of the month at 7:30 PM
(8:30 PM December, January and
February) at the Township Hall.

Planning Commission meets the
4th Wednesday of most months at
7:00 P.M. Check with Township
Office.

Zoning Board of Appeals meets
Wednesdays upon appeal
application at the Township Hall.

Fire Board (CAFFA) meets every
first and third Wednesday at 7:00
PM at the Fire Hall in Caseville.

TOWNSHIP BOARD

Supervisor/Assessor -
Clay Kellertorn
Clerk - Valerie McCallum
Treasurer - Dorothy Fischer
Trustees - Robert Hyzer
Rose Ann Remer
Zoning Administrator -
Arnold Russell
Building Inspector -
Jerry Schwellzer

**FOR BURNING PERMIT CALL
856-9198**

RECYCLING

Have you heard about the new recycling
program in Lake Township? On the dates
listed below, between the hours of 10:00 A.M.
and 2:00 P.M., a recycling drop off will be
open and staffed by local volunteers.

Sunday, June 20, 2004
Sunday, July 18, 2004
Sunday, August 15, 2004
Sunday, September 19, 2004
Sunday, October 17, 2004
Sunday, November 21, 2004
Sunday, December 19, 2004

Recyclable items include:

No. 1 & No. 2 plastic bottles
Tin cans and aluminum
Glass, clear and colored
Office paper (shredded or unshredded)
Newspaper, magazines, junk mail and
newspaper glossies (separated from the
newspaper print)
Styrofoam
Corrugated cardboard
Batteries

Items must be clean and newspapers and
magazines should be bundled or bagged in
brown grocery bags.

**If you are interested in volunteering to
help on any of the above dates, please
contact the Township Hall and add your
name to our sign-up sheet.**

IN MEMORY

On June 2nd, 2004, Lake Township lost a
dedicated, loyal employee of approximately
15 years. Our sincere condolences to his
family and special partner, Ann. Jack
Davis presented a tough facade but he
always had a joke to share. Jack strove to
make the Transfer Station a clean,
organized and efficiently operative facility.
He was proud of his ability to know the
compactor well enough to keep roll-off
costs as low as possible.

Lake Township residents could rely on Jack
to have the Transfer Station open
regardless of weather conditions. Jack was
ALWAYS there. Now he will be MISSED.

EMERALD ASH BORER

The Michigan Department of Agriculture
has issued a quarantine for 13 counties in
Southeastern Michigan in an effort to
control the spread of the Emerald Ash
Borer. It is illegal to move ash trees or ash
products from any of these 13 counties,
which include Lapeer, St. Clair, Genesee,
Shiawassee, Ingham, Livingston, Oakland,
Macomb, Jackson, Washtenaw, Wayne,
Lenawee and Monroe. **It is also illegal to
transport ANY TYPE OF FIREWOOD
from these areas.** Your cooperation is
necessary in order to limit the spread of this
destructive ash tree pest.

BOAT/WATERCRAFT HOISTS & DOCKS

REGISTRATION

Over the past three years the Township
Board and Township Planning Commission
have listened to concerns and complaints
regarding boat/watercraft hoists and docks on
area beaches, both in the water and on
shore. It was brought to the Township's
attention that many hoists on the beaches
were not being used year after year. In 2003
the Township Zoning Administrator began
marking unused hoists left on the beaches
during the summer months in a clean up
effort. Several owners of marked hoists
responded and removed the unused hoists
and the Township also had several others
removed. In an effort to assist the Township

in identifying hoists when a complaint
arises, the Township Board has adopted a
General Ordinance requiring boat/watercraft
hoist and dock owners to register their
structures with the Township. A numbered
tag will be issued. The tag is to be placed
on the structure as a means of identification.

ZONING

The Planning Commission has held a public
hearing on a proposed zoning ordinance
relating to hoists and docks. This proposed
ordinance will address the location and
number of hoists that can be placed off area
beaches. Copies of the proposed draft are
available at the Township Hall.

OFF-ROAD VEHICLES (ORV'S)

Due to many inquiries and complaints to our office regarding
ORV's, and our office's inquiries to various law enforcement
agencies, representatives from the DNR, Huron County
Sheriff's Department, Michigan State Police and Huron
County Prosecutor's Office attended the Township Board
meeting on May 17th. At that meeting, Lt. Nicholas Heary of
the DNR's Law Enforcement Division, informed those present
that the thumb area does not have any ORV trails and **use of
ORV's is limited to private land, only, with the owner's
permission.** Any complaints relating to use of ORV's within
the Township should be made to Central Dispatch at
989-269-6500. ORV's on area beaches should be reported
directly to the "Report all Poaching" hotline 1-800-292-7800.
Michigan's Off-Road Vehicle Guide is available at the
Township Hall. Questions may be directed to Lt. Heary at
989-684-9141, Extension 8100.

HOME INSPECTIONS FOR BUYERS/SELLERS

If you are selling your home or know someone who is
purchasing a home in Lake Township, our Building Inspector
will do a home occupancy inspection for a fee.

ELECTIONS

The Primary Election will be on August 3rd and the General
Election on November 2nd. Registration deadlines for new
voters are July 6th if you wish to vote in the August Primary
and October 4th if you wish to vote in the November General.

OLD WELLS

Please be aware that old wells located on your property that
have not been properly closed can adversely impact the
groundwater (and your drinking water). For more information,
contact the Township office.

TENTS, CAMPERS & RV's

If you are an owner of vacant property in Lake Township and
you wish to camp on your property with a tent, camper or RV,
you need to contact the Zoning Administrator in advance to
secure a Temporary Use Permit. These permits are good for
up to 14 days, only, in a four month period. Adequate water
and sewerage facilities are necessary.

NEIGHBORLY CONSIDERATION

The 2000 Census counted 1393 housing units in Lake
Township, with 875 of those being for seasonal/recreational
use. As we all know, our summer population substantially
increases and along with that comes an increase in activity
within the township. Please keep in mind during the summer
months that you may have neighbors who need a good night's
sleep by keeping noise to a minimum after 11:00 P.M.

On another note, if you walk your dog along the beach or the
roads, please keep in mind to take a bag along to pick up
what your dog leaves behind.

LAKE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE

The Planning Commission is nearing completion of a revised
Zoning Ordinance. Public participation is encouraged. The
Planning Commission meets on the 4th Wednesday of most
months throughout the year at 7:00 P.M.

LANDSCAPING & CARPORTS

If you are planning on having structural landscaping done on
your property or installing a portable carport, you need to
obtain a site permit from the Zoning Administrator.

BOATS, TRAILERS & RV'S

Boats, trailers and RV's are to be parked or stored in the rear
yard. If rear yard access is not available, a waiver to park or
store these items in the side yard may be obtained from the
Zoning Administrator. No trailers of any kind are to be
parked or stored in the front yard in any residential district.

PIGEON DISTRICT LIBRARY

Last fall the Pigeon District Library Board of Trustees sent a
request to Lake Township as well as its five other contractual
service area townships, for increased funding. The Pigeon
Library receives the majority of its funding from its legal
service area, which includes Chandler Township, McKinley
Township, Winsor Township and the Village of Pigeon. The
voters in these municipalities are being asked to vote for a
renewal of 1 mill in taxes, a .25 decrease from the previous
millage. The Library Board has asked the contractual service
areas to increase their contributions in an effort to more
equitably spread the costs of running the library. According to
the Library's records, 26% of Lake Township residents are
registered library patrons. Any resident of the Township can
use the library at no cost. The Library Board advised us that
if increased funding from the contractual service townships is
not possible, the other option will be to charge a fee to the
residents of the contractual service areas who use the
library. The Lake Township Board has proposed a millage of
2/10ths of a mill (\$0.20 per \$1,000 of taxable value or .0002 x
Taxable Value) to be put to the voters on the November
General Election ballot in order to maintain the use of the
Library for all Lake Township residents. (Property with a
True Cash Value of \$100,000 would pay approximately
\$10.00 per year in additional taxes under this proposal). If
you would like further information about the Pigeon District
Library, the services it provides or its funding sources,
literature is available at the Township Hall as well as the
Library.

TRANSFER STATION

The Lake Township Transfer Station is open on Saturdays
and Sundays from 10 AM until 4 PM from May through
October for trash drop-off. All material for trash drop-off must
be bagged or in a can. Charges are posted from .50 to \$1.50
per bag. It is located on Sand Road 1/4 mile east of
Champagne Road. Leaves, grass clippings and brush are
also accepted for composting at no charge.

(See also "Recycling" on front page)

GYPSY MOTH SPRAYING

Spraying for gypsy moths was done in late May by Hatfield
Spray Company. Bt, Bacillus thuringiensis, was applied to
the wooded areas of the Township. Bt has been approved for
use by the Michigan Department of Agriculture because it
does not adversely impact mammals or birds, nor does it
reduce the natural enemies of the gypsy moth. It is a
naturally occurring bacteria in concentrated form. It is also
safe for use by water.