

Lake Township News

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SUMMER ISSUE

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Lake Township Contracts with Huron County Sheriff

Following the recommendation of the Lake Township Safety Committee, Lake Township will have contracted Sheriff Patrol over the next six months in response to numerous complaints relating to ORV use, target shooting and fireworks. Complaints should be immediately called in to Central Dispatch at 989.269.6421.

The Huron County Sheriff Department patrols the entire Huron County area. This is a large area and results in a lack of regular patrol through our township. By contracting with them, this will allow a sheriff patrol car to patrol during scheduled hours entirely within our township and provide quicker more efficient response to our calls while also making sure that local

ordinances and state laws are enforced.

We are hopeful that this will put residents more at ease knowing they have a police presence within the Township.

Fireworks Ordinance Adopted by Township Board

At a meeting held on May 31, 2013, the Township Board adopted a Fireworks Ordinance, Ordinance No. 2013-02, which regulates the use of consumer fireworks. After numerous complaints last summer involving the use of fireworks at all hours of the night, the Township Board felt it was necessary to set some limitations.

Consumer fireworks may now be used only up until 10 p.m. on Sundays through Thursdays and up to Midnight on Friday and Saturday.

Copies of the ordinance are available online at laketownship.net or at the Township Hall.

Complaints should be directed to Huron County Central Dispatch at 989.269.6421.

Lake Township Advisory Committees

Lake Township has two new advisory committees, a safety committee and a building and grounds committee. Members of these committees are volunteers from the community.

Trustee Dale Hartsell chairs the safety committee with six township residents. This committee researched the options for dealing with complaints relating to target shooting and ORV use and recommended to the Township Board that we once again contract with the Huron County Sheriff Department for sheriff patrol within our Township.

Our Buildings and Grounds Committee is chaired by Trustee Clay Kelterborn with the assistance of our Building Inspector, Tory Geilhart.

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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

Election News



From the Clerk's desk...

Greetings citizens of Lake Township in Huron County. I am your new Township Clerk, Dede Russell. As such, I am in charge of the elections in this township. There is a Laker School District millage vote coming up on August 6th. The permanent absentee

ballot applications have been mailed out. When returning these completed applications in person, please be ready to show your identification. (IF you are mailing them back, no I.D. is required.)

If you haven't received an application but are in the Laker School District and would want an application for an absentee ballot, you are welcome to stop by our Township Hall Monday through Friday between 10 and 2 p.m. and pick one up or telephone us at 989-856-4867 and

we can mail you one. Our Township website also has a copy of the Absentee Ballot Application that can be downloaded and filled out and signed. (laketownship.net) Once they are returned, a ballot will be issued when they are available. Of course the regular voting polls will be open August 6th at the Laker School for those people not needing the absentee ballot.

I hope this will help you exercise your right to vote ... a precious ability to let your voice be heard.

Dede Russell, Clerk

Ballot Proposal—Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Laker Schools

Election Date: August 6, 2013

MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL BUILDING AND SITE SINKING FUND TAX LEVY

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Laker Schools, Huron County, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 1 mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 5 years, 2013 to 2017, inclusive, to continue to provide for a sinking fund for the construction or repair of school buildings and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2013 is approximately \$368,787?

Building Department News

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. Work started prior to the issuance of a permit is assessed a special inspection fee.

As previously mentioned in our winter newsletter, Michigan is now under the 2009 Uniform Energy Code which requires a building permit for window replacements.

Our building official can also advise you as to whether your project will require a mechanical, plumbing or electrical permit and how to obtain those.

If you have questions, it is always better to get your answers before starting your project.

Save the Date!

Township Potluck Picnic

Wednesday, August 21, 2013—4 PM

Oak Beach County Park

The Lake Township Hall is now staffed by Kimberly Simpson. Stop in and meet Kim during our office hours Monday thru Friday, 10 AM to 2 PM. Appointments may be scheduled with township officials at additional times.

For meeting schedules, current notices and updated information through the year, please visit our website: laketownship.net.

If you are interested in serving on an advisory committee, check out our website for more information.

Volunteers in Action—Our First Responders

Lake Township is fortunate to have three First Responders who are available to handle emergency 911 calls to our residents. Lake Township contracts with Elkton Ambulance Service. An ambulance from Elkton takes approximately 12 minutes to respond to a call. Our First Responders can be to the scene within 2 to 3 minutes and begin administering CPR if necessary. This immediate response can make a big difference in critical situations. Our First Responders are volunteers. They are on call at all hours, day and night, and use their own vehicles at their own expense. When they arrive on a scene, they know the ambulance is on its way. The ambulance only provides transport to a local hospital while continuing CPR. If our First Responder determines that the patient requires more than transport, he or she may request additional assistance through Central Huron Ambulance by requesting a LUCAS unit for administering mechanical CPR or the ECHO unit with paramedics to administer IV medication while in transport. Our residents are billed for one ambulance through Elkton Ambulance Service as provided for in our contract.

Our First Responders:

**Rhonda Jennings
Don Vandenberghe
Jamie Kitchen**

*The Lake Township Board
and our residents thank
you for your service to our
community.*



Lake Township Advisory Committees *(Continued from pg. 1)*

They are responsible for assessing the needs of maintenance and repair of township property and providing their recommendations to the Township Board.

The Township Board is always looking for input and ideas from our residents/property owners. If you have an idea you would like to see explored through an advisory committee, please let us know.

Zoning Department Update

From the Zoning Administrator's desk...

The zoning permit applications have been revised. The new permits are a little more streamlined and hopefully more user friendly for the builders and property owners of Lake Township. They will also be available on our website in the near future.

The R-1 district has some good news. The 300 sq. ft. limit for decks has been amended. Call the office or go online to catch up with the amended ordinances.

Reminder, if you own a vacant lot in Lake Township and want to camp on the lot, you need a permit!! Permits are free but must be obtained from our office prior to camping on site. A civil infraction ticket can be issued to violators. Also there is NO storing of boats, campers, etc on a vacant lot in Lake Township.

I am now authorized to issue tickets for ordinance violations Things I will be looking for are: tall grass and weeds, storing of recreational equipment, lighting issues, unsafe fires, building without permits, no

garage sale permits, and more. My goal is to make Township residents aware that we do have ordinances in place to protect the health, safety and welfare of this beautiful community. I anticipate full co-operation from Lake Township residents to help me with this effort to keep Lake Township clean and safe while protecting the harmony of the people that make Lake Township the awesome community it is to live in.

Mark Treder, Zoning Administrator

Let's Adopt a Lake Township Good Neighbor Policy

We believe that a strong community is a cohesive community. How do we achieve this? A good neighbor policy is a good way to start.

Ask yourself the following questions:

Do you know your neighbor?

Do you watch your neighbor's home when they are gone?

Do you have their contact information in case of an emergency? Do they have yours?

Tips for getting along with your neighbor:

Do you have exterior lighting?

Are you mindful that your exterior lighting is not shining in your neighbors windows during dark hours?

Are you mindful when burning leaves that your smoke does not drift in your neighbor's windows?

When you plan a project for your home, do you take into consideration the impact to your neighbor's property, such as water runoff?

Do you and your neighbor know where your lot lines are?

Do you have pets, such as dogs? Are you mindful that your dogs are not barking during sleeping hours?

Are you mindful of the fact that we are not only a resort community, but also have residents who live here full time and have jobs to get up for in the morning?

Does your neighbor have certain health conditions which may require more thoughtfulness on your part when burning leaves or doing construction?

Did you know that burning trash is not lawful in Lake Township. When you burn trash, you subject your neighbor to noxious fumes.

There are probably many more questions you can ask yourself, but the idea is to treat your neighbor as you would like to be treated.

Be thoughtful, be kind, be considerate.

2013 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:

July 21st

August 18th

September 15th

October 20th

November 17th

December 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—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

REMINDERS

Burning permits:

Call 989.856.9198 for a burning permit. Burning permits are required if you are going to be burning leaves or tree trimmings. **It is illegal to burn trash pursuant to Lake Township General Ordinance 2005-01.** Burning trash is unhealthy and harmful to our environment and your neighbors. Household trash may be taken to our Transfer Station.

Email updates:

If you have not already done so, please visit laketownship.net to sign up to receive informational emails regarding Lake Township announcements, meetings, agendas and newsletters. You may also sign up by emailing info@laketownship.net and request to be added to our email list serve.

Boat Hoists:

Registration of all hoists is required in Lake Township. The registration fee is \$25.00. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers does require a permit for all hoists and docks. USACE permit applications can be found on the Lake Township website under "permits". For more information contact Mark Lesinski (USACE) at 989.684.5969.