

Lake Township News

Summer 2014

Beach Easements

Lake Township property owners are fortunate to have convenient beach access. Many subdivisions have private easements dedicated to the property owners within that subdivision. For other subdivisions, they are located close to one of the several parks in Lake Township. An easement map is available at the Township Hall if you are not sure about your subdivision.

Whether you are spending the day at a private easement or a public beach, beachgoers should be careful not to encroach upon the private property of lakefront homeowners. Looking at the expanse of sand, it is sometimes easy to forget that there are still boundaries and lakefront property owners have an exclusive right to the use and enjoyment of their beachfront property. If you simply want to go for a walk along the beach, anyone may walk along the shore's edge.

Portable Toilets Need Permit

The Lake Township Board adopted a Portable Toilet Ordinance which regulates the use of port-a-johns.

Before ordering a port-a-john, contact the Township Office and obtain a permit which will allow for a temporary unit to be properly located for up to fifteen (15) days.

The complete ordinance is available at the Township Hall or on the Township website.

Fireworks—Revised Regulations

The Lake Township Board adopted new regulations for fireworks.

Consumer fireworks may be used the day before, the day of and the day after a National Holiday with the restriction that NO fireworks are allowed between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.

Starting on the Friday before Memorial Day through the Tuesday after Labor Day, Consumer fireworks may be used on Fridays and Saturdays ONLY between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and

12:00 a.m.

NO fireworks are allowed Sunday through Thursday.

Fireworks shall not be used if there is a burning ban in effect.

Special effect fireworks such as Chinese Lanterns are prohibited.

Anyone discharging fireworks is responsible for cleaning up debris.

Any violation of this ordinance is a civil infraction and subject to fines up to \$500.

A Township permit is needed for pyrotechnic displays.

Hazardous Trees

Property owners are encouraged to take time to look at your trees. If you have ash trees on your property, they likely have fallen victim to the Emerald Ash Borer. Information can be found at www.emeraldashborer.info.

If you have ash trees on your property that are infested, please take proper steps for removal to ensure that the trees do not fall and cause damage to you or your neighbor's property.

If you are a nonresident or a vacant land owner, please take steps to have your property checked for diseased trees and/or contact your neighbor who may have concerns.

2014 Elections

State Primary Election—August 5, 2014

State General Election—November 4, 2014

Absent Voter applications for ballots are available for each election.

If you are on the Permanent Absentee Voter list, you will receive an application to be completed and returned in order to receive a ballot.

If you would like to be added to the Permanent Absent Voter list, please contact the Township office or complete the request form on the township website under Elections.

Zoning News...

Hello...My name is Tracey Swift and I am your new Zoning Administrator. I am very pleased to be here working with you to make our wonderful township even better. I am happy to answer any and all questions you may have.

Please make sure that you contact me before starting any home improvement projects (including fences, decks, sheds, etc) to ensure that all local ordinances are being followed.

I know that we all want to continue to live/visit a clean community, so please continue to keep your grass cut, bushes trimmed, yard clean, trash picked up and summer toys put away.

Have a safe and fun filled summer.

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. Campfires are still permitted. Never leave your fire unattended.

The Lake Township Office/Hall is located at 4988 W. Kinde Road. Office hours are 10 AM until 2 PM. Mailing address is P O Box 429, Caseville, MI 48725.

Website: www.laketownship.net

Building Permits are issued by the Building Inspector. Office hours are Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 AM until Noon.

Zoning Permits are issued by the Zoning Administrator. Office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 AM until Noon.

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
Tracey Swift, Zoning Administrator
Kim Simpson, Secretary/Office Assistant
Dave Ferris, Transfer Station Attendant

Lighting Ordinance

The **Lake Township Planning Commission** has been working on a new ordinance that regulates **night time lighting in the Township.**

Over the last several years the Township has received numerous complaints regarding the use of outdoor lighting as it affects neighbors by obtrusive lighting onto their property and into their windows at night. The new ordinance language addresses the brightness (lumens) as well as shielding of outdoor lighting to ensure that it stays within the boundaries of the property lines. The intent of this new ordinance is to create an environment that will allow property owners the ability to have outdoor lighting that does not interfere with the use and enjoyment of neighboring property.

A public hearing will be scheduled sometime in June or July and a copy of any proposed text will be available at the Township office. As always, check the Township website for any updates.

2014 RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Lists of items acceptable for recycling are available upon request at the Lake Township Transfer Station or visit our website at www.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 20th
August 17th
September 21st
October 19th
November 16th
December 21st

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

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**