

# Lake Township Newsletter

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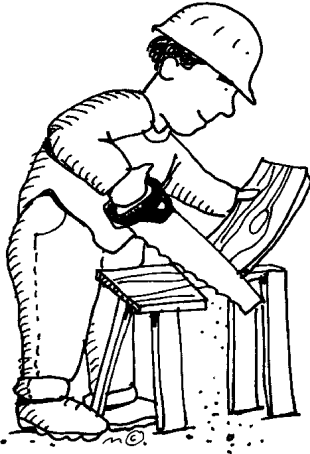
Summer—June 2018

## Permits...

When you are considering a construction project, a demolition project, a repair/replacement project or a remodeling project, be sure to check with our Building and Zoning Department before starting and find out what permits may or may not be required. In many cases, a land use permit is required prior to obtaining a building permit. A land use permit is required for most projects including, but not limited to, fences, retaining walls, sheds, garages, pole buildings, demolition, additions and new homes. A building permit is required for most projects, but not limited to, shingle replacement, window replacement, structural alterations, remodels, demolition, large sheds, garages, pole barns, additions and new homes. The Township issues land use permits and building permits, while other permits may be required from the County, such as well, septic, soil erosion, mechanical, electrical or plumbing. The Michigan Department of Transportation requires permits for driveways along state highways such as M-25.

These are only examples and it is wise to check before starting. Land use permit fees are doubled if a project is started before obtaining a permit and a special inspection fee may also be added when a building permit is not obtained prior to starting a project.

Tory Geilhart, Building Inspector and Zoning Administrator, is available Monday and Wednesday mornings at the Township Hall from 8 – Noon and by telephone and email ([building@laketownship.net](mailto:building@laketownship.net)) at other times to help make your project a success.



## Elections for 2018

This year we are looking forward to two more elections, the Primary Election in August, and the General Election in November. If you are registered to vote in Lake Township but will not be here during either of these elections, you have the right to vote via Absentee Ballot, as do persons 60 years of age or older, disabled residents, and persons who are unable to come to the Hall on election day. You may pick up an application at the office or locate the forms on our website at [laketownship.net](http://laketownship.net) under the Menu using the link titled "Elections". We also have a Permanent Absentee Ballot Request form at the same link that you may fill out and return if you would like to be on our permanent absentee voter list. If you are on the permanent absentee voter list, you will automatically receive an Application to Vote for each election to complete and return in order to vote by absentee ballot. The Permanent Absentee Ballot Request and/or Application to Vote should be sent to the Township Hall, to the Clerk's attention, to be processed. When the ballot is available, the Clerk will mail it to you at the address you indicate on the application to vote. If there are any other questions regarding the upcoming elections that we can help you with, please call our office, or email the Clerk at [clerk@laketownship.net](mailto:clerk@laketownship.net).

## Off Road Vehicles...

If you or members of your family use off road vehicles on township roads, please be mindful of your speed, especially when traversing through residential neighborhoods. No one signed up to live next to a motorcycle track and the noise can be very irritating with constant passings. Children, pets and pedestrians traveling on foot or by bicycle are at risk and driveways may put ORV operators at risk. Driving fast leaves pedestrians and homeowner's yards in a cloud of dust on gravel roads and can be dangerous for all. Posted speed limit in residential areas is 15 MPH.

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**Township office hours are Monday—Friday  
10 AM to 2 PM.**

Appointments with officials may be  
scheduled at other times.

**Zoning Administrator/Building Inspector  
Monday & Wednesday  
8 AM to Noon**

**Township Officials & Staff:**

Valerie McCallum, Supervisor

Dede Russell, Clerk

Maryanne Williams, Deputy Clerk

Dorothy Fischer, Treasurer

Lisa Elliott, Deputy Treasurer

Dale Hartsell, Trustee

Clay Kelterborn, Trustee

Lisa Clinton, Assessor

Tory Geilhart, Building Inspector /

Zoning Administrator

Kim Simpson, Secretary/Office Assistant

For a **Burning Permit**, call **989.856.9198** and  
follow recorded instructions. Burning of trash is  
not allowed—General Ordinance No: 2005-01.

The **Lake Township Board of Trustees** meets  
on the third Monday of the month. Winter meet-  
ings (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 at  
7:00 PM. No meeting in November and Decem-  
ber.

Special meetings may be scheduled at other  
times. Notices are posted on the Township web-  
site and sent out by email upon request.

**Don't forget to check Lake Township's web-  
site for updates and current information!**

**Transfer Station or Curbside Trash Pickup**

The Transfer Station is put to good use with the trash dumpster at a small fee, recycling at no charge, and the compost pile at the back of the station well used to dump branches, grass clippings and leaves. Even with the fees charged, it is supplemented with your tax dollars as a service to our community. Lately there have been large repairs that are creating costly expenses. On top of that, it is not easy to find workers for the part-time job willing to work without electricity or water and which requires giving up week-ends and Wednesdays regularly. One solution discussed has been Lake Township participating in curbside services as an alternative although, as with everything, there are pros and cons. Before implementing curbside pickup, a public hearing would be held to receive input. The Township Board will continue to discuss our options at the monthly board meetings.

**TRANSFER STATION HOURS**

**November thru April (Winter hours)**

Sundays—9 AM - 4 PM

Wednesdays—2 PM—5 PM

**May thru October (Summer hours)**

Wednesdays—2 PM - 6 PM

Saturdays—10 AM - 4 PM

Sundays—9 AM - 4 PM

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

***Absolutely NO Paints or Lacquers and  
NO Building Materials***

**Easements....**

Summer is here and the beach is where everyone wants to be but with water levels up again, beach areas are getting smaller. Every year we hear of issues/complaints with easements, from both the property owners adjacent to the easements and the residents who have rights of access. Although you may have rights to use the easement (either public or private) you do not have the right to use the beach owned by persons adjacent to the access. Please make every effort to stay on the path of easement and respect the rights of others regarding noise and litter issues. Not everyone loves animals but if you do choose to take your dog to the beach, it must be on a leash and feces must be cleaned up immediately. If your easement has unused boat hoists on the beach, please contact our Zoning Administrator. Let's work together to make this beautiful area a place everyone can enjoy!