



# Snowplowing, Mailboxes and Fire Hydrants—Winter Reminders

## 2012 WINTER NEWSLETTER Laketon Township Seasons Greetings



The winter season isn't far off, and with it comes the snowplowing of roads and driveways. Here are a few things to keep in mind. The Michigan Vehicle Code prohibits "the obstruction of safety vision by removal or deposit of snow, ice or slush".

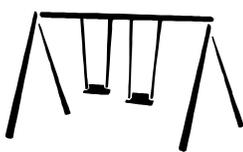
- Please do not allow banked snow to pile up too high at the end of driveways where it will reduce visibility for vehicles trying to enter the roadway.
- Leaving a trail of snow on the pavement while plowing across the road is also hazardous, please avoid plowing across roads whenever possible.
- Vehicles parked alongside the road are hazardous to plow trucks & other vehicles traveling that roadway, they hinder the snow removal process and can lead to vehicles being trapped or stuck in snow banks. Please try to avoid such parking whenever possible.

Please be aware that the Muskegon County Road Commission has adopted a new mailbox replacement policy for 2012. The full policy is available on the Laketon Township Website (<http://www.laketon.org/pages/news>).

Basically, the policy states that mailbox damage caused by being struck by the actual plow may be replaced. Mailboxes that are damaged by flying snow, ice & debris will not be replaced. For more information on this policy, you can call the Muskegon County Road Commission at 231-788-2381 (press 0).

Fire hydrants. Laketon Township's maintenance workers during the winter are constantly working their way around the township removing snow and ice to keep fire hydrants clear for use. If you have a fire hydrant in your yard, please do not plow or pile snow up around it, they need to be kept clear and accessible for emergency use. If they need to be dug out of the snow and ice during an actual emergency it wastes valuable time when every second counts. Please help us keep the community safe—keep any fire hydrants free and clear of snow and ice at all times. Thank you!

### Green Creek Park: Improvements



Over the past few months, Laketon Township maintenance staff has been hard at work on Green Creek Park. Laketon Township was the recipient of a donated set of swings. They were disassembled, moved and reassembled on the south end of Green Creek Park in a nice shady location. Shortly after installation, they were completely repainted with donated paint and are red & orange for a fun bright look.

There have also been 2 new basketball backboards with nets installed, with plans to paint court lines in the spring.

In addition to the swings and the basketball nets, the baseball field has had some new "crusher dust" applied and the existing tennis courts and play set have had some general clean up. More work is planned for the spring, such as repairs and maintenance to the fence and parking area. So, come on out and enjoy Green Creek Park when the warmer weather arrives next year!

### Fall Electronic Recycling—Results

Again, the results of the electronics recycling collection event were very good. A total of 2,563 pounds of acceptable materials were collected, including computers, monitors, printers, televisions, and other mixed electronic devices. These items will now be dismantled & recycled for reuse in other products rather than being simply tossed in the trash and hauled away to a landfill. So, here's a big pat on the back to you all for reducing, reusing and recycling!

Laketon Township plans to hold another collection event in the spring, again at Mullally Park. This event is tentatively set for the first Saturday in June 2013. Watch the Spring Newsletter for confirmation of the event date.



"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love."

~Hamilton Wright Mabie, 1-1-1846 to 1-1-1916 American Essayist, Editor, Critic & Lecturer

### 2013 Laketon Township Yard Waste Site Card—Order Form

Remember, you must be a Laketon Township Resident to purchase a card to use the yard waste site. Also, we will issue up to 2 cards per household. You may purchase the card in the office, at the site when it's open or, complete and tear off this remittance and mail to Laketon Township with the \$10.00 annual fee. **Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment and we will mail your 2013 yard waste site card back to you.** The card **WILL NOT** be mailed to you if you do not include the self-addressed stamped envelope.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Circle Number of cards requested: 1 or 2

## LAKETON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES—YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

- Supervisor: Kim Arter                      Office Phone: 231-744-2454      E-mail: karter@laketon.org
- Clerk: Christina Achterhoff              Office Phone: 231-744-2454      E-mail: cachterhoff@laketon.org
- Treasurer: Lori Archer                      Office Phone: 231-744-2454      E-mail: larcher@laketon.org
- Trustee: Cindy Zaagman      To contact, please call the Office phone: 231-744-2454 and leave a message
- Trustee: Tom Kane              To contact, please call the Office phone: 231-744-2454 and leave a message

The Laketon Township Board of Trustees meets every month on the 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm. The Laketon Township Board of Trustees also holds special meetings, as needed, and they are posted at the township hall at least 18 hours in advance. Every effort is also made to post these meeting dates and times on the township website calendar at [www.laketon.org](http://www.laketon.org) Please call if you have any questions about meeting dates or times.

### OTHER TOWNSHIP BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

THESE ARE APPOINTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

#### Planning Commission:

- John McDonnell, Chair
- Bob Schalow, Vice Chair
- Cindy Ackerman, Secretary
- Mary Marcil
- DJ Hilson
- Eric Anderson
- Tom Kane, Board Rep

The Planning Commission meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm. Special meetings or public hearings are posted &/or published as required by law.

#### Zoning Board of Appeals

- Brian Boersma, Chair
- John McDonnell, Vice Chair & Planning Commission Rep
- Kim Arter, Secretary & Board Rep
- Bob Neis

- Gary Charles
  - Roland Falkowski, Alternate
- The ZBA meets as needed. These meetings are posted at the township hall & are also published as required by law.

#### Board of Review

- Rod Siegel
- Bob Neis
- Larry Loch
- Mary Marcil, Alternate
- Kim Arter, Secretary

The Board of Review meets in March, July and December as required by law. The meeting dates and times are published and posted at the township hall.

If you are interested in serving your community on one or more of these boards, please call Laketon Township Hall. 744-2454

### TIDBITS

- **Dog Licenses:** Dog licenses are available at the Laketon Township Hall all year round! If you have questions regarding dog licenses, please call 231-744-2454
- **Yard Waste Disposal Site:** Once closed for the season, the key may be issued, weather permitting, to allow disposal of real Christmas Trees or other yard waste. Once it re-opens in the spring you can only utilize the site on established hours. Also, don't forget to purchase your \$10.00 annual yard waste card for access to the site.
- **U.S. Passports:** Laketon Township is an official passport acceptance location. Call Clerk Christina Achterhoff if you have passport questions or need to set up an appointment for a passport.