

# Laketon Township



2017 Winter Newsletter

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## TIDBITS

- **2017 WINTER TAXES:** Due Date 02/14/2018. Office hours will be extended until 5:00 pm on 2/14/18 only. Penalty and interest are applied starting 02/15/2018 as per state law.
- **HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:** The Twp offices will be CLOSED for the holidays on: Monday 12/25/17 & Tuesday 12/26/17 and Monday 1/1/18 & Tuesday 1/2/18.
- **SNOW PLOWING REMINDERS:** snow plowing season will be here before we know it— PLEASE DO NOT plow in fire hydrants or pile snow on the bike paths or sidewalks. Thank you!
- **ONLINE BILL PAY:** Tax bills and sewer bills can be paid online at [www.laketon.org](http://www.laketon.org), just click “online bill pay” at the top of the page. There are fees associated with online payments that are explained in full on the webpage before you create an online payment account. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office: 231-744-2454.

## New Flag Pole at the Township Hall

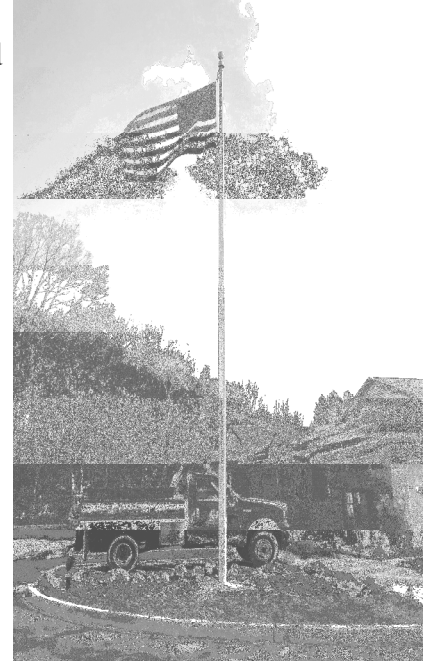
It may have been noticed that the flag (and flag pole) were missing from the Township Hall for a period of time in late summer/early fall this year. The old makeshift flag pole, after many decades of use, finally broke beyond repair.

A new flag pole had to be ordered. The electrical wiring was repaired and new lighting was installed while awaiting the new pole's arrival.

The new pole arrived in early November and maintenance staff installed it. The new flag was raised in time for the Veteran's Day holiday.

The photo at right shows the new pole with our beautiful flag flying for the first time.

In the spring, the area around the pole will get some new landscaping as well.



## Recreational Vehicle—Storage Regulations

It's that time of year again when the recreational vehicles of summer (travel trailers, 5th wheels, campers, boats etc) come home for the winter storage season.

Please be aware that Laketon Township has regulations regarding the outdoor storage of these kinds of vehicles. The Zoning Ordinance, Section 3.17 prohibits front yard storage of recreational vehicles; travel trailers, campers, motor

homes, boats and other similar vehicles. Temporary parking in the front yard is allowed for a maximum of 48 hours for the purpose of cleaning or loading/unloading. In order to be stored outdoors, they must be parked/stored in the side or rear yard. Also, keep in mind any

yard abutting a street is considered a front yard, therefore, corner lots have 2 (two) front yards.

In addition to the Zoning Ordinance, the Anti-Blight Ordinance prohibits any/all outdoor storage of any unlicensed recreational vehicles.

If you have any questions regarding these regulations, please contact Zoning Administrator David Sheehy at 231-744-2454 or by email at [dsheehy@laketon.org](mailto:dsheehy@laketon.org)

Thank you.

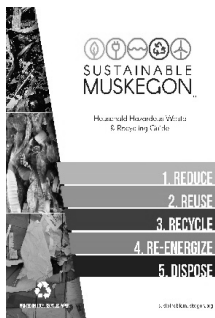


## 2018 Recycling Events Mark your Calendars

Household hazardous, electronics, tires & paper shredding events at the City of Muskegon Public Works on Keating Ave are scheduled for 4/18/2018 & 10/20/2018 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Scrap Tire Only Events: from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

- 4/21/18 at Casnovia Township
- 5/5/18 at Mullally Park in Laketon Township
- 5/12/18 at Fruitport Twp/Fire Station
- 5/19/18 at Cedar Creek Township Hall
- 6/2/2018 at Whitehall High School



All events above are open to all Muskegon County residents. Visit the County website at [www.co.muskegon.mi.us/hhw](http://www.co.muskegon.mi.us/hhw) for more info on these events & other recycling/disposal opportunities, including a complete recycling guide. Printed recycling guide books are also available at Laketon Township Hall.

For household batteries, CFL lightbulbs, old cell phones & household printer ink cartridges: feel free to drop these off at the Laketon Township Hall whenever the office is open.

## November 7, 2017 Voter Turnout Statistics

There was only one County proposal on the ballot in Laketon Township for the November 7th election.

The Muskegon County Youth, Family & Community Millage question was defeated—there were 12,878 “no” votes to 5,898 “yes” votes. County-wide voter turnout was just 14.92%.

The proposal was defeated here in Laketon Township as well— with 763 “no” votes to 280 “yes” votes. Laketon Township did have a better voter turnout locally—there were 1,043 total votes cast and there are 5,950 registered voters for a voter turnout of 17.52%.

For more results on this and other local elections here in Muskegon County, you can visit the Muskegon County Clerk's website at: [www.co.muskegon.mi.us/election](http://www.co.muskegon.mi.us/election)



## Muskegon County Road Commission

Muskegon County Road Commission (MCRC) is the organization responsible for road maintenance in Laketon Township (with the exception of private roads, which are the owners' responsibility).

MCRC maintains a website containing information about roads, maintenance, funding, snow plowing, mailboxes etc. [www.muskegoncountyroads.org](http://www.muskegoncountyroads.org)

They also have a page on their website where anyone can submit a service request/report a pothole, etc. Click on “Service Requests” located at the bottom of the menu column to submit a service request to the MCRC or call them at 231-788-2381.

## Burning Rules & Regulations

The State of Michigan has very restrictive burning rules. Visit their website [www.michigan.gov/deq](http://www.michigan.gov/deq) then click “AIR” in the menu on the left side of the page for more information.

Brush burning is permitted here in Laketon Twp with some limitations; you may burn clean brush, trees, logs & stumps if all of the following criteria are met:

\*the burning is conducted more than 1400 feet from the boundary of an incorporated city or village.

\*the burning does not violate any other air pollution rules

\*the DNR fire officials are permitting burning (they make the determination when brush burning is permitted) you can find out when burning is or isn't permitted by visiting the Laketon Township website at [www.laketon.org](http://www.laketon.org)

While brush burning is permitted, please consider other disposal options such as chipping the material for landscaping use or composting the material. **Please keep in mind that the burning of leaves, grass clippings, household garbage or building materials is NOT PERMITTED in Laketon Township as our population (per 2010 census) is over 7500.**

Recreational Fires/Campfires: The burning of clean logs, brush, charcoal and other similar materials for the purpose of food preparation or recreation is allowed by State law. Recreational fires may be prohibited from time to time if the DNR issues a complete burning ban because of dangerous fire conditions.