

Laketon Township

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Elected Officials, Boards & Commissions

Elected Board of Trustees:

Supervisor: Kim Arter
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Planning Commission:

Chairperson: John McDonnell
 Vice Chair: Bob Schalow
 Secretary: Cindy Ackerman
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Zoning Board of Appeals

Chairperson: Brian Boersma
 Vice Chair: John McDonnell
 Secretary/Board Rep: Kim Arter
 Gary Charles
 Bob Neis
 Alternate: Roland Falkowski

Office Hours:

Mon—Fri 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
 (excluding holidays)

Yard Waste Site Hours:

Spring, Summer & Fall: 11:00 am to 7:00 pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays
 Add Sundays 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm from Oct. 16, 2011—Nov. 13, 2011 only

Spring 2011 E-Cycling a Success

Laketon Township is pleased to report the results of the 2011 Spring Electronics Recycling Event. The one day event was held on June 4, 2011 at Mullally Park in partnership with Vintage Tech Recyclers, Inc. The event was completely FREE. There was no cost to anyone dropping off items for recycling or to the township for hosting the event.

Upon removal, Vintage Tech Recyclers, Inc assumes all title and control of the materials which are recycled in compliance with all Federal, State and local environmental laws. Also, all hard drives are wiped or shredded to ensure all data is permanently removed.

In total, 9,505 pound of electronics were collected and kept out of landfills. Here is the



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breakdown of items collected:

UNIT	WEIGHT
Computers	1,345
Monitors	1,788
Printers	2,732
Televisions	1,545
EED's	1,750
Non-CED/EED	345
TOTAL	9,505 lbs

As this event was quite successful, we hope to schedule another event. Keep watch for information on a date and time for another e-recycling day! More information on Vintage Tech Recyclers, Inc can be found on their website: www.vintagetechrecyclers or by visiting the Better Business Bureau website: www.bbb.org



18th Annual United Way Day of Caring

Mullally Park located in Laketon Township is one of the locations selected this year to receive the attention of the United Way for their 18th Annual Day of Caring.

ing is scheduled for Friday September 9th, 2011—rain or shine. Hundreds of volunteers are expected to attend to work on various projects at the park.

teer—keep the Day of Caring event in mind for next year, or call Lynn Keech at 231-722-3134 and perhaps she will have some last minute openings to fill.

The Day of Car-

If you missed out on registering to volun-

Thank You United Way!

Management of Harmful Algal Blooms (Do's and Don't's)



DO: Try to avoid bodily contact as much as possible.

DO: Close public areas if at all possible.

DO: Leave buffers between lawns and surface water.

DO: Keep yard waste and clippings out of storm drains.

DO: Use native plants selected for the existing conditions whenever possible.

DON'T: Attempt to kill or rupture the bloom. This can release toxins and make the bloom dangerous. Algacide such as copper sulfate is not recommended as they will break open the cells releasing possible toxins.

DON'T: Drive boats or equipment through the floating mats to break them up. This can rupture cells, potentially causing toxin release. This technique does not work & it makes it harder to collect the material and it can also disperse it to other areas of the lake.

DON'T: Use fertilizer or pesticides on sand or near surface water.

For more information on what you can do to protect yourself and the environment from these harmful algal blooms (HAB 's) call the Muskegon County Health Department at 231-724-6246 or visit their website at: www.muskegonhealth.net

There is a wealth of information on their website on various health related topics, including algal blooms.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Monday September 5, 2011: Labor Day**—Laketon Township Offices will be closed—we will reopen on Tuesday September 6, 2011.
- **Wednesday September 14, 2011: Summer Property Taxes are due.** The office will remain open until 6:00 pm for the purpose of accepting property tax payments.
- **Monday October 10, 2011: Columbus Day**—Laketon Township Offices will be closed—we will reopen on Tuesday October 11, 2011
- **Tuesday October 11, 2011: Registration Deadline.** The last day to register to vote to be eligible to vote on November 8, 2011.
- **Monday October 31, 2011: SEWER AREA Deadline** to connect to municipal sewer—if you are unsure if you must connect to the sewer, please call 231-744-2454
- **Tuesday November 8, 2011: Election Day**
- **Friday November 11, 2011: Veteran's Day**—Laketon Township Offices will be closed—we will reopen on Monday Novem-



Helping Needy Township Families for the Holidays

It is only September, and it's hard to think ahead to the winter months, but.... the holiday season and Christmas are less than 4 months away.

For the last few years, the Laketon Township Staff and Elected Officials have chosen to give back to the community by "adopting" a needy family or two for the Christmas holidays. During this time we collect gifts of toys, clothes, school

personal hygiene items, household items and food for these families.

We feel we can adopt two large families or possibly even three small families this year. We would prefer to help families in our own community, so....

If you know of a family that lives in Laketon Township that will be experiencing financial hardship during the holiday season, please submit their name(s) and include

the number of family members with their ages, names and clothing sizes if at all possible. If you do not know of anyone, but wish to help us help others, please feel free to inquire at the Township Hall about donating gifts or money and spread some holiday cheer this year.

Also, please know that all donations and name submissions will be kept confidential.



"I know for sure that what we dwell on is who we become."

~ Oprah Winfrey, born in 1954, American television host, actress, producer, and philanthropist

Open Burning & Burn Permits

Open burning is the burning of unwanted materials where smoke and other emissions are released directly into the air without passing through a chimney or stack. The State of Michigan has very restrictive burning rules/laws and a more detailed Open Burning Guide is available at Laketon Township Hall, or at the County Health Departments Website (under common questions) www.muskegonhealth.net

Open burning, is permitted with some limitations, which vary by community. Here in Laketon Township you may burn clean brush, trees, logs, stumps if it meets the following criteria:

*the burning is conducted further

than 1400 feet from the boundary of an incorporated city or village.

*the burning does not violate any other air pollution rules (such as burning that causes a smoke or odor nuisance).

*a burn permit is required whenever the ground is not snow-covered—and you can get a burn permit by calling 1-866-922-2876 or going to the Laketon Township website and clicking the link to the Michigan DNR’s website.

*the burning of leaves or grass clippings is not permitted here in Laketon Township as our population (per 2010 census) is over 7500.

Recreational Fires: The burning

of logs, brush, charcoal and other similar materials for the purpose of food preparation or recreation is allowed by State law unless prohibited by local law. Laketon Township does not prohibit recreational fires. Recreational fires may be prohibited from time to time if the DNR issues a burning ban because of dangerous fire conditions.

While open burning is allowed, it is recommended that you consider other disposal options such as chipping the material for landscaping use, or composting or using the wood for fuel.

Above info taken from the DEQ Open Burning Guide



You may NOT burn:
leaves, grass, construction or demolition materials, treated or painted wood



Recreational fires ARE allowed—no permit is required.

Clip & Keep—Local Governmental Phone Numbers: Laketon Township Hall—744-2454

Muskegon County Departmental Phone Numbers:

Health Department: 231-724-6246
 Clerk’s Department: 231-724-6221
 Dept. of Public Works: 231-724-6411
 Treasurer’s Department: 231-724-6261
 Equalization Department: 231-724-6386
 Prosecuting Attorney: 231-724-6435

Sheriff Department: 231-724-6351
 Drain Commission: 231-724-6219
 Register of Deeds: 231-724-6271
 Road Commission: 231-788-2381
 Juvenile Detention Center: 231-894-4336
 Airport: 231-798-4596

Community Mental Health: 231-724-1111
 Department of Employment: 231-724-6381
 Human Resources: 231-724-6442
 Medical Examiner: 231-724-1215
 County Museum: 231-722-0278

Convention & Visitors Bureau: 231-724-3100
 Emergency Services: 231-724-6341
 MSU Extension Service: 231-724-6361
 County Dept. of Veteran’s Affairs: 231-724-7143
 Parks & Recreation: 231-744-3580

Other Agencies:

Agewell Services—Tanglewood Park: 231-755-0434
 Child Abuse Council: 231-728-6410
 Protective Services Hotline: 231-733-8281
 Legal Aid: 231-726-4887
 LifeCircles—Tanglewood Park: 231-733-8686
 Planned Parenthood: 231-724-4415
 United Way of the Lakeshore: 231-722-3134

American Red Cross: 231-726-3555
 Every Woman’s Place: 231-759-7909
 24hr. CRISIS Hotline: 231-722-3333
 District Library: 231-737-6248
 Senior Resources: 231-739-5858
 Pound Buddies Rescue: 231-724-6500
 Pioneer Resources: 231-773-5355

Arson Destroys Press Box at Mullally Park

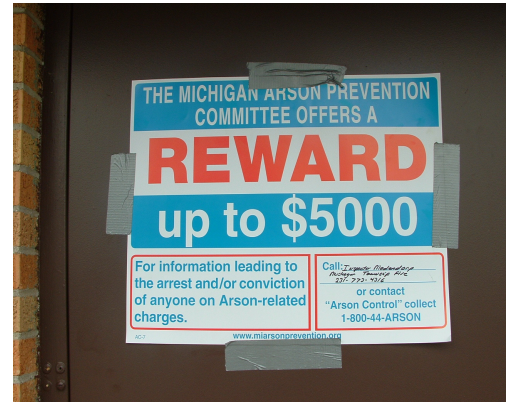
In the very early morning hours on Sunday July 17, 2011, a fire was spotted by a patrolling Michigan State Police helicopter. Shortly after it was spotted and called in to emergency services, firefighters from the Muskegon Township Fire Department arrived on the scene to put out the flames.



The building on fire turned out to be the press box at Mullally Park. The building was used by the Reeths Puffer Youth Football Club, which organizes football and cheerleading for children ages 5 to 13. They used the building to store football and cheerleading equipment, uniforms etc. The building and all of it's contents were a complete loss. Fire Department officials have ruled the cause of the fire to be arson. The Michigan Arson Prevention Committee offers a REWARD of up to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and/or conviction of anyone on Arson-related charges. If you have any information regarding this fire, you are urged to contact the proper authorities. Please call the Fire Inspector C. Medendorp at Muskegon

Township Fire Department: 231-773-4316 or contact "Arson Control" at 1-800-442-7766 or go to their website www.miarsonprevention.org

In addition to this fire, Laketon Township parks have sustained quite a bit of other vandalism this year. Just a few weeks prior to the fire, the upper level windows of the press box had been broken by vandalism and had been boarded up awaiting repair. In addition, the public restrooms at both Mullally Park and Horton Park have been repeatedly vandalized. Toilet tissue is thrown all over, sinks are clogged, water is left running and toilets are broken or clogged with rocks or other debris causing them to overflow leaving unsanitary conditions. Incidents of vandalism have been ongoing this year. At this time, the restrooms at Horton Park have been locked and are no longer available to the public utilizing the park. Laketon Township Officials have opted instead to place port-a-jons at Horton Park for the time being. These damages take time and money to repair.



The 18th Annual United Way Day of Caring volunteer event will be at Mullally Park this year and there will be much painting, landscaping and repair work done at the park. It would be a shame to have all the work done just to have vandals ruin it. Please help us keep our parks a place to be proud of by reporting anything unusual or suspicious. If you have any information that may help put a stop to the vandalism please report it to the proper authorities.

Thank You!

"When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it."

~ Henry Ford, 1863—1947, American Businessman, Founder of Ford Motor Company