

# NEWSLETTER

# Laketon



# Township

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## TIDBITS

- 2007 Dog Licenses are available at the Township Hall December 1, 2006 thru February 28, 2007— after Feb. 28, 2007 they can be purchased at the County Health Dept. After March 1, 2007 late fees will be charged
- Township Board Meetings are the 3rd Monday of every month at 6:00 PM
- Planning Commission Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6:00 PM
- Visit our Website at [www.laketon.org](http://www.laketon.org)
- Watch for your 2007 assessment notice to arrive in your mailbox around the end of February 2007
- 2006 Winter Taxes are due by Wednesday February 14, 2007
- E-mail your elected officials: Supervisor Roland Crummel: [rcrummel@laketon.org](mailto:rcrummel@laketon.org) Clerk Ed Weessies: [eweessies@laketon.org](mailto:eweessies@laketon.org) Treasurer Nancy Zeller: [nzeller@laketon.org](mailto:nzeller@laketon.org)
- The yard waste site closed for the winter on November 18th, it will reopen in the spring watch the Muskegon Chronicle for dates/times.

## TOWNSHIP HALL—RENOVATED

After many years of saving the necessary funds, Laketon Township Hall received a major renovation. The old flat roof system has been repaired many times over the years with the leaks getting worse each passing winter. The building has received several additions over the years (the most recent work was done in the late 70's) but the electrical, plumbing and mechanical systems were not up to today's standards or codes. The building also did not meet the Americans with Disabilities Act standards.

Today all that has changed. The electrical, mechanical and plumbing systems have been upgraded, including wiring the building for computers - no more wires hanging over doors, laying on the floor or poking out of the ceiling. A new ADA

compliant handicap accessible restroom has been added as well as wider hallways and doorways.

The roofline is probably the biggest change that is noticeable to the public from the street. However when you enter, you'll see a new reception area with updated lighting & computer-friendly work areas for employees to better serve residents. As well as a small conference area for meetings with elected officials and other staff members.

The meeting hall area



was also enlarged to better serve the community. It received updated lighting & sound equipment so that the public can address the board with questions and concerns. The entire audience will be able to hear each other's comments as well as the answers from board members. The new system also allows the hearing impaired to participate.

The Township will be holding an open house on Thursday March 1, 2007 from 3pm to 6pm, please stop in and see your new building.

## ANTI-BLIGHT ORDINANCE ADOPTED

Nearly 40% of all resident complaints received by the township are about issues such as unlicensed cars, trailers etc, as well as things like piles of junk, trash, garbage and other household refuse or debris. Therefore, an anti-blight ordinance was recently adopted to better address these issues. This ordinance was

adopted to replace an outdated, ineffective ordinance that was adopted in 1957.

The ordinance prohibits the keeping of such things as junk, trash, metal parts, discarded appliances, tires and unlicensed vehicles, among other items, unless stored inside a building.

The ordinance also has procedures, time limits for cleaning up violations and penalties for not cleaning up said violations in the prescribed time limit.

For more details, contact the township hall. PH. 744-2454

Do you have unused, unwanted items laying around taking up space? If so, here are a few ideas of what to do with those items.

1. Donate gently used items like furniture, working appliances, dishes and clothing to charities such as The Salvation Army, Goodwill or Every Woman's Place. Donations may be tax deductible.

[www.usc.salvationarmy.org/wmni](http://www.usc.salvationarmy.org/wmni)

[www.goodwillwm.org](http://www.goodwillwm.org)

[www.everywomansplace.org](http://www.everywomansplace.org)

2. Have a yard sale. It can sometimes be a lot of work to sort and organize for a yard sale, but it's a win win proposition. You get rid of some of your unwanted items, you make a little extra pocket cash and whoever buys your item saves

a little money by buying used instead of new. Besides, it keeps a little extra junk out of the landfill so the environment wins too. Donate unsold items to charity.

3. Do you have large unworking appliances? Try calling Muskegon Rag & Metal 231-722-2213 or Shoreline Recycling & Supply 231-722-6081. Other scrap metals are also accepted at these and other locations—sometimes they even pay you for the metal.

4. What about magazines, catalogs and newspaper? Donate gently read magazines to a nursing home for them to read or use in crafts, or call Community Recycling Services 231-773-8407.

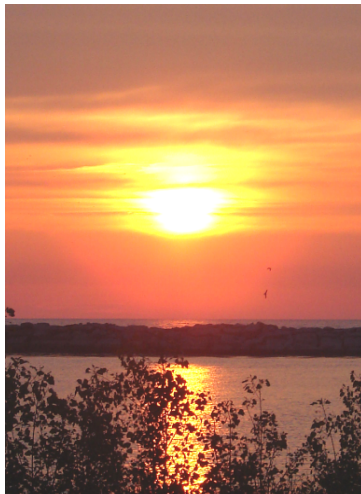
5. Tires? Watch your newspaper for special tire recycling events held at various locations, or call a local tire retailer like Discount Tire 231-739-3555, Chet's Tire Service 231-728-

9148 or Smith Tire 231-733-9406. Wherever you go there is usually a fee of about \$2 to \$3 per tire, possibly more for over-size/large tires.

6. Miscellaneous items that are no longer usable and cannot be recycled can be taken to the Muskegon County Wastewater Landfill. They do have some restrictions so call before you go 231-724-6001. Laketon Township Residents can pick up a discount punch card at the township hall and save up to \$9.00 per trip on up to 4 trips per calendar year. One card per household.

For items not mentioned here, contact the Muskegon County Environmental Coordinating Council at 231-724-1293 or visit their website [www.mcecc.org](http://www.mcecc.org) where you can download a recycling guide containing locations and phone numbers.

"Choice,  
not  
chance,  
determines  
one's  
destiny."  
-Unknown



Summer sunset over the north breakwater - Muskegon State

## Special Election Special Education Millage Proposal

Day: Tuesday

Date: Feb. 27, 2007

Polls open: 7am to 8pm

If you need more information or need to vote by absentee ballot please call the township clerk's office.

## MULLALLY PARK PICNIC PAVILIONS

If you would like to have a large gathering: family reunion, birthday party, open-house etc, there are two (2) pavilions available. The township does not rent these facilities, they are available on a first come first serve basis. However, if you are planning an event for a large number of people, it is advised to call the township hall.

The office staff keeps a calendar of "courtesy notifications", so they may help groups select a date that does not have anyone else already planning to use the facilities.

This procedure has worked well for many years. There is no fee involved, however no guarantees are made that the facilities will not have

to be shared by more than one group.

There is limited electricity is available at the Mullally Pavilion near the tennis courts. There are grills near both pavilions and porta-jons are available through out the park.

## NOTICE

The township hall will be closed Monday 02/19/2007 in observance of President's Day.