

Here's to a safe & fun-filled summer in Laketon Township and West Michigan!!!!



Laketon Township 2010 Summer Newsletter

Changes in the Township Treasurer's Dept.

As some of you may know, the Laketon Township family suffered a tragic loss. On February 21, 2010 longtime Treasurer Nancy Zeller passed away at age 61 after a very short battle with cancer. Nancy served as Treasurer for Laketon Township since being appointed to the position in 1994, then winning election in 1996, 2000, 2004 and 2008. She is missed by all who knew and loved her.

With Nancy's passing, the

Treasurer's position became vacant and Michigan State Law required the Laketon Township Board to appoint a replacement to fill the position within 45 days.

The Board advertised the position and received 17 resumes from interested applicants. The Board offered interviews to all applicants and most accepted. After completing the interview process and much discussion one applicant was selected.

The Laketon Township Board

unanimously appointed Mrs. Lori L. Archer to the position of Treasurer. Mrs. Archer was sworn in as your Treasurer on Thursday March 30th, 2010.

Mrs. Archer is a lifelong resident of Laketon Township and is raising her own family here as well.

Please join us in welcoming your new treasurer, Mrs. Lori L. Archer.

SPECIAL TAX PAYMENT NOTICE

Starting July 1, 2010, you can make your 2010 property tax payments at Community Shores Bank. These tax payments can be made at any Community Shores branch location or at Laketon Township Hall.

TIDBITS

☺ **Reminder:** Residents must now purchase a \$10.00 card to utilize the yard waste site to drop off leaves, grass and brush. The hours of operation are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10:00am to 7:00 pm

☺ **Thank You :** to the residents that live along the bike path that were so nice and helped out with the cleaning and sweeping of the winter dirt and debris from the pathway. We noticed your efforts and appreciate your hard work. Thank You!

☺ **Reminder:** please remember to refrain from parking on or blocking the new path in any way. The path is located on Dykstra Rd, Horton Rd & Fenner Rd. Thank you!

IMPORTANT—MIDDLE SCHOOL VOTERS

Voting Location Change Notice

If you normally vote at the Reeths Puffer Middle School: The voting location is currently not available due to school construction/parking lot improvements. Please watch your mail for a notice of a temporary polling location change for the August 2010 Primary and November 2010 General elections. You will be notified of any voting location changes by mail.



New—Disc Golf Course at Mullally/Lange Park

Laketon Township recently installed a disc golf course at the park. It is a 9-hole course. It was designed by volunteers, including Addam Oliver & Jeff Kukulski and was installed by Laketon Township employees Lee Marine and Tim Duba.

To use the course, enter the driveway/parking area nearest the Lange Complex of baseball fields. There is a message board near the first tee. Positive comments are being received from people that have played the course. Visit www.discgolfscene.com to see scores/comments and for more information on disc golf. Laketon Township hopes the community enjoys this new amenity.

Primary & General Election Information

2010 is Mid-Term Election Year. This means there are a variety of elected positions up for election, such as Michigan's Governor, various other statewide & local offices and any proposals that may be approved for election in your area.

Primary Election 08/03/10.
General Election 11/02/10.

Remember, you can request an absentee ballot if you will be absent from the community in which you are

registered to vote, if you are over 60 years old, if you are physically unable to attend the polls, if you cannot attend the polls for religious reasons, or if you are confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial.

Please call Clerk Christina Achterhoff or Deputy Clerk Molly Joslyn at Laketon Township Hall if you need to request an absentee ballot. Phone # 231-744-2454.

"Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago."

~Warren Buffett (American investor, businessman & philanthropist, born in 1930. 3rd richest person in the world, known for his frugal nature.)



State Grant received for Handicap Door Openers

The Clerk's department of Laketon Township applied for and was awarded grant funding to install automatic door openers on the Township Hall. The grant was funded by the State of Michigan for the purpose of improving the handicap accessibility of buildings used for voting/polling locations. Laketon Township Hall is the voting location for Precinct 2 of Laketon Township. The new automatic door openers have been installed and are now in use—in plenty of time for the August 2010 Primary Election. Congratulations to the Clerk's Department for a job well done!

ARRA—Strengthening Communities Fund—Grant awarded to Laketon Township

Supervisor Kim Arter has successfully applied for and been awarded a grant from The Muskegon County Dept. of Employment & Training, Strengthening Communities Advisory Committee. These funds were distributed to Muskegon County as part of the ARRA (American Recovery and Restoration Act). The grant funds are for the purpose of improving the internal cash handling policies and procedures of Laketon Township. A professional accounting and auditing consultant will be brought in to assess and evaluate current policies and procedures. The consultant will then analyze their findings and offer suggestions for modifications to polices and procedures, if and where necessary.

Laketon Township strives to provide the best possible service to our residents by developing and utilizing the best possible internal procedures and policies so the public can have the utmost confidence in the safety and security of their tax dollars.



Laketon Township Awarded Community Foundation Grant

Laketon Township has been awarded a Community Foundation Grant. The program is made possible in part by a grant from the Environmental Committee of the Community Foundation for Muskegon County. The award is for \$3500 and will allow us to use new technology to permanently locate and map old oil and gas wells with GPS coordinates. Once the wells are located and mapped, Laketon Township will

qualify to apply for additional grants to properly clean up these old oil and gas wells and improve the quality of our environment and community.

The Community Foundation for Muskegon County was created in 1961 to improve the quality of life for Muskegon County residents. As a publicly-supported community endowment, the Foundation receives and manages contributions from thousands of commu-

Summer Activities for Area Children



Laketon Township helps sponsor the White Lake Area Community Education (WLACE) Sports n Shorts Program. This program is **FREE** and is a fun mix of sports, exercise, arts, crafts & games for children ages 5–12. There are two qualified staff members at each park location. The activities take place at local community parks for 6 weeks during the summer. July 6—August 12, 2010 Monday—Thursday from 9AM to Noon. Locations: Twin Lake County Park, Fruitland Township Park, Laketon Township's Mullally Park, Little Blue Lake*, Lakewood Club (Fox Lake Park)* and Timberline Estates*.

* Sites that offer free breakfast and lunch

There are other fun summer activities (for a fee) offered by WLACE, such as Squirr Gun Wars and Go Fly a Kite, that take place at Mullally Park. Go to WLACE's website www.wlace.org



Summer Swim Program for Laketon Township Children

In partnership with WLACE and the Muskegon Family YMCA, Laketon Township is sponsoring a summer swim program to resident children 6–12 years old. In order to participate in this swim program, children **MUST** be residents of Laketon Township.

The program will take place July 12th thru July 22nd, Monday—Thursday from 1pm to 3pm. Buses are available to transport the kids to the YMCA. Bus stops and times are available on the Laketon Township Website (www.laketon.org) or pick up a printed flyer at the township hall.

The program cost is \$16.00 per child. Please call WLACE to register 231-893-0515 or 231-766-3001 Use registration code S300. **Registration deadline July 9th—or when full.**



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"May the sun in his course visit no land more free, more happy, more lovely, than this our own Country!"

~ Daniel Webster, 1782—1852, American statesman and attorney. Served as U.S. Senator and Secretary of State.