



# Laketon Township

SUMMER 2013

## Tidbits

### 5 Year Master Plan Review—Community Input Needed

Laketon Township has begun the exciting process of reviewing the Master Plan. State law requires this document be reviewed every 5 years. This document is very important to the community as it sets forth a vision for the future of the township.

Laketon Township's Master Plan received a complete rewrite in 2002 and much of it was based on community input from a survey done in the summer of 2001. A five year review was done in 2008 and now that it is 2013, it is time again for another review. The Laketon Township Planning

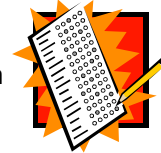
Commission, an advisory body appointed by the Board of Trustees, is charged with this review. As more than 10 years have passed since the last survey, they feel it is time to gather the input from the public again and find out how they feel about various Master Plan topics such as community amenities, recreation, land use, natural resources, etc.

The Planning Commission & township staff are hard at work developing a community survey. They are discussing various methods of distributing the survey to the public. At this point, the

plan is to create a survey, determine the best method or methods of distribution, and get the survey out to the public in the next few months.

More information will be forthcoming as it becomes available. Public input is invaluable in the process of updating a community's Master Plan and creating a community that serves the needs and desires of the residents.

Stay tuned for more details in September and please be sure to plan on participating!



- **U.S. Passports:** Planning a trip out of the country? Clerk Christina Achterhoff can process your application for a U.S. Passport. **Please call for an appointment: 231-744-2454**

- **FACEBOOK!** Laketon Township is utilizing social media to communicate all kinds of information to the public, including community interest events. It's also a 2-way communication tool where you can ask questions or express your opinions or concerns! "LIKE" our page (click the Facebook icon on our website to go directly to the Township Facebook page) to see these informative posts & community events come up on your Facebook newsfeed!

- **Website:** [www.laketon.org](http://www.laketon.org) The township actively maintains a website for the purpose of sharing information with residents/taxpayers etc. It contains all kinds of information including: office hours, contact information, ordinances, planning & zoning, local news & information, a calendar of meetings & events, meeting minutes, and links to many other government sites, charitable & human services organizations, community youth organizations, recycling info etc.

### Township Parking Rules & Regulations



For the safety of residents, pedestrians and the motor- ing public, there are several ways parking is regulated within the township.

**The Zoning Ordinance (Section 16.01.A.)** prohibits parking from being in any required side or front yard.

**The Zoning Ordinance (Section 3.17)** prohibits the front yard/driveway parking of rv's, boats, trailers & other similar vehicles—these must be parked in the rear or side yard or inside a building.

**Ordinance #01051401** prohibits roadside parking on Fenner Glen Dr between Bear Lake Rd and Glenview Dr and on Glenview Dr between Fen-

ner Glen Dr and Dykstra Rd for 3 pm to 9 pm Monday— Friday and from 7 am to 5 pm on Saturdays.

**Ordinance #0307211** prohibits parking from 10 pm to 5 am on Scenic Drive from Memorial Drive north 690 feet—this is the "guardrail" area at the State Park/Lake Michigan beach.

**Ordinance #061120** has several regulations you should be aware of paraphrased below:

- No vehicle shall be parked with the limits of any street for repair work.
- No vehicle shall be parked with the limits of

any street for periods in excess of 72 hours.

- No vehicles shall be parked or allowed to stand on any sidewalk. (including the bike path on Dykstra , Horton & Fenner roads)
- No vehicles shall be parked or permitted to stand within the main traveled portion of any street.

The above reflects a paraphrasing of these ordinances. If you have questions or concerns, the ordinances are available on the Township website ([www.laketon.org](http://www.laketon.org)) or call Laketon Township Hall to speak with the Zoning Administrator David Sheehy or Ordinance Enforcement Officer Brenda Moore 231-744-2454.

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." ~Old English Proverb, often called "The Golden Rule"

## Township Meeting Schedules

*Want to know what's happening in your local community? Here is a list of when the meetings occur each month. All meetings are open to the public as required by the Open Meetings Act.*

**Board of Trustees:** The Laketon Township Board of Trustees meets regularly on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm. They also hold weekly work sessions on Monday's at 3:00 pm. In addition there may be special meetings scheduled from time to time and are posted at least 18 hours in advance (as required by law), these postings can be found on the window at the township hall and on the Township Website Calendar.

**Planning Commission:** The Laketon Township Planning Commission meets regularly on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm. Special meetings may be scheduled from time to time and are posted at least 18 hours in advance (as required by law), these postings can be found on the window at the township hall and on the Township Website Calendar.

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** The Laketon Township Zoning Board of Appeals meets only as needed to hear an appeal or a variance request. These meetings are noticed by publication in the newspaper and letter to all properties within 300 feet of the subject property (as required by law).

## A BIG THANKS TO MUSKEGON NORTHSIDE LIONS

A big thank you goes out to the members of the Muskegon Northside Lions. For the 3rd straight spring, they have volunteered their time & energy and spent a day cleaning the bike path of the dirt and debris that accumulates during the winter months.

Thanks also to the residents that live directly along the pathway. We appreciate that you also spend your time & energy keeping the path in front of your homes free of dirt and debris. Your efforts are appreciated.

Another huge thanks to the Northside Lions for the donation of **1300 trees** that they also took the time and effort to plant on Laketon Township municipal property! Thank You so much!!



## Calendar of Events

This is a list of known upcoming events/activities as of the printing of this newsletter. If you have any questions about events listed feel free to call and we'll do our best to assist you. All events listed take place at Laketon Township Hall unless otherwise noted.

### JULY 2013

- 07/04/2013—Laketon Township—CLOSED—Independence Day Holiday Observance
- 07/08/2013—Sports-n-Shorts Program Starts at Mullally Park 9:00 am for program info call White Lake Community Education 231-766-3001 or 231-893-0515
- 07/10/2013—Planning Commission Monthly Meeting 6:00 pm
- 07/15/2013—Laketon/YMCA Swim Program for children ages 6 to 12- Laketon Township Residents ONLY- Call 231-766-3001 or 231-893-0515 for details and to register your child—Cost is \$16.00 per child for the 2 week program which includes bus transportation to the YMCA.
- 07/18/2013—Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting 6:00 pm

### AUGUST 2013

- 08/14/2013—Planning Commission Monthly Meeting 6:00 pm
- 08/15/2013—Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting 6:00 pm

### SEPTEMBER 2013

- 09/02/2013—Laketon Township—CLOSED—Labor Day Holiday Observance
- 09/11/2013—Planning Commission Monthly Meeting 6:00 pm
- 09/19/2013—Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting 6:00 pm

**RECYCLING** If you missed the recent spring clean up, electronics or tire recycling events that were hosted by Laketon Township, do not despair. There are still many opportunities within Muskegon County to recycle or properly dispose of many kinds of items—here are a few examples:

- Electronics: are accepted by Goodwill at many of their donation centers or can be dropped off at the City of Muskegon Dept. of Public Works every 2nd & 4th Fridays each month from May thru October from 1:00 to 3:00 pm
- Medications & Sharps are accepted at several area pharmacies—go to [www.mamdp.com](http://www.mamdp.com) for location listings or pick up a flyer at the Laketon Township Hall
- Paint: full containers of usable latex paint can be donated to the Habitat for Humanity ReStore, unusable latex paint can be recycled at Port City Paints (they even give you a coupon towards future paint purchases)
- Household Hazardous Waste (chemicals, oils, pesticides etc) can be properly disposed of at the City of Muskegon Dept. of Public Works every 2nd & 4th Fridays each month from May—October from 1:00 to 3:00 pm
- Go to Muskegon County's Sustainability Dept website for a complete listing of recycling opportunities or pick up a directory at Laketon Township Hall

"A place for everything and everything in it's place." ~Old English Proverb