

LAKETON TOWNSHIP

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2018 March Board Of Review— How to Appeal Your Assessment

It's that time of year again, when annual assessment notices are mailed to all property owners with the proposed values for the upcoming year (2018).

If you do not agree with the proposed 2018 values, property classification or any transfer of ownership for your property you may appeal to the Board of Review. Appealing to the Board of the Review is required by State law to reserve your right to appeal (if needed) to the State Tax Tribunal.

Appeals are made by making an appointment with the Board of Review and completing the petition form L-4035 which is available at your appointment or online at:

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/l4035f_2658_7.pdf

The Board of Review will meet on
Monday 3/12/18 from 9AM to 3PM
Tuesday 3/13/18 from 3PM to 9PM

Call 231-744-2454 to make an appointment with the March Board of Review.

If you are unable to appear in person, **you may appeal by mail**—you must complete the L-4035 form and mail it to Laketon Township with your letter and any facts to support your appeal. The form and your appeal letter with any supporting documentation **MUST** be received by Laketon Township **BEFORE** the close of the March Board of Review at 9:00 PM on 3/13/2018.

If you have any questions about your assessment notice or making an appeal/appointment, please call Laketon Township for assistance. Regular office hours are Monday thru Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

The Assessor is in the office on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays only from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

TIDBITS

- **Mullally Park**—Spring Opening is officially April 2, 2018 (weather permitting). The gates open at 8:30 am and close at dusk until the park is closed for winter.
- **Yard Waste Site**—Spring hours begin on April 2, 2018 (weather permitting). The hours will be the same as in prior years: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm. 2018 Yard waste cards are available for purchase at the Township Hall and are \$15.00 for unlimited disposal of grass, leaves, small brush and other small yard/garden waste during the calendar year. NO stumps, logs or root balls accepted.
- **Holiday Closings:** Laketon Twp Hall will be closed for the following, upcoming holiday observances: Monday 2/19/18 Presidents Day, Friday 3/30/18 Good Friday, Monday 5/28/18 Memorial Day and Wednesday 7/4/18 Independence Day.
- **Sewer Usage Bills**—ACH payments are now available for sewer usage bills—please stop in or visit the website (www.laketon.org) for the necessary forms needed sign up for automatic ACH payments.

Mark your Calendar for these upcoming **FREE** recycling and disposal events: Flyers for all events below available at Laketon Township Hall

- **Saturday April 28, 2018 - Muskegon County Recycling Event** (accepting electronics, household hazardous waste, CFL lightbulbs, scrap tires & paper for shredding) Call 231-724-6001 for more information
- **Saturday April 21, 2018 Laketon Township Clean Up Day—For Laketon Township Residents Only** (accepting most materials accepted at the Muskegon County Landfill, visit our website at www.laketon.org for more info)
- **Muskegon County Scrap Tire Events— Saturdays from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm as follows:** for more information call The Muskegon County Sustainability Office at 231-724-8846 or visit www.sustainablemuskegon.org

4/21/18 at Casnovia Township Hall, 245 S. Canada Rd, Casnovia MI 49318

5/5/18 at Mullally Park in Laketon Township, 1850 Horton Rd, Muskegon MI 49445

5/12/18 at Fruitport Township Fire Station, 5865 Airline Rd, Fruitport MI 49415

5/19/18 at Cedar Creek Township Hall, 6556 Sweeter Rd, Twin Lake MI 49457

6/2/2018 at Whitehall High School, 3100 White Lake Dr, Whitehall MI 49461

"No one can make you feel inferior without your consent." ~Eleanor Roosevelt

"Nothing astonishes men so much as common sense and plain dealing." ~Ralph Waldo Emerson

Local Government....neighbors serving neighbors.

Snowmobiles are Prohibited on Bike Paths & Sidewalks

While this is a "spring" newsletter, we may still have some days left that involve winter temps and snow—which also often means snowmobiles.

Snowmobiles have been a bit of a problem this year with regard to bike paths and sidewalks. These paths are not intended for motorized vehicles of any kind, in fact, while they are commonly referred to as bike paths, they are more correctly designated as non-motorized trails. These

trails were designed for pedestrians and bicycles only. Snowmobiles & other motorized vehicles are hazardous to the pedestrians & cy-

clists using them.

Laketon Township has a Sidewalk and Pedestrian Path Ordinance regulating the use of these trails that states: "No person shall operate a snowmobile, motorcycle, moped or other motor vehicle upon any side-

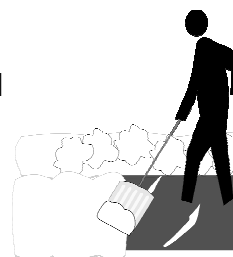
walk or path within the township" This does not apply to motorized wheelchairs. The full ordinance is available on the Laketon Township Website (www.laketon.or) click on the General Township Info tab, then choose General Ordinances from the drop down menu.

Please do not ride motorized vehicles on these pathways! Thank you!!



Thank you!

A big shout out and heartfelt Thank You to residents that live along the bike paths/ sidewalks and/or fire hydrants for helping to keep them clear of ice & snow this season. We've had the snow really pile up for the first time in several years and your efforts are very much noticed and appreciated! Thanks again for helping to keep Laketon Township such a great community to live in!



Township Ordinances—Things Every Property Owner Needs to Know!

In addition to the Sidewalk ordinance referenced above, Laketon Township has a number of other ordinances to regulate, permit or prohibit a variety of activities or conditions. There are two types of ordinances, Zoning Ordinances and General Ordinances. Ordinances are enacted to promote the safety, health and welfare of residents within the community.

Zoning Ordinance generally regulate land use and land use activities. For example, the zoning ordinance:

- PROHIBITS recreational vehicles, trailers, boats, campers etc from being stored/parked within any front yard, with the except-

temporarily for loading, unloading & cleaning (not to exceed 48 hours at a time).

- PROHIBITS residential home rentals that are less than 30 days—with the exception of some pre-existing seasonal cottages that existed legally prior to the ordinance.
- Includes many other regulations including regulations for accessory structures, clearing & filling of land, setbacks from property lines, fences and much more.

General ordinance regulate other types of activities and conditions. The things we get the most calls on relate to yard maintenance and "junk" which are covered in the Anti-Blight Ordinance.

- Anti-Blight Ordinance—regulates the keeping/storage of unlicensed vehicles, RV, misc. junk/equipment, yard waste and building materials to name a few.
- Animal Ordinance—regulates the keeping of horses, chickens and other livestock as well as sets minimum standards for keeping household dogs and cats.

General Ordinances such as these can be found on the Township website www.laketon.org under the General Information tab and selecting General Ordinances from the drop down list.

If you have any questions regarding any ordinances, please call the township hall at 231-744-2454 M-F 8:30 am to 4:30 pm for assistance.

REMONUMENTATION—Taking place in Laketon Township over the next 2 years

County Surveyor Tim DeMumbrum made a presentation to the Laketon Township Board of Trustees at their meeting on February 15, 2018 regarding the state required remonumentation. Over the next 2 (two) years, as required by Michigan State Law (Survey & Remonumentation Act 1990 P.A. 345), the County Survey office will be out in Laketon Township making sure survey monuments are still in place or replacing ones that are missing.

If you have any questions regarding the remonumentation process, you can visit the State of Michigan website at:

http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-10575_17394_17565---,00.html

or contact the County Surveyor by phone at 231-777-3447 ext. 37 or by email at: tdemumbrum@WestshoreConsulting.com