



Laketon Township

Spring 2022

March Board of Review—How to make an appeal

Tidbits:

- **THANK YOU**—A big thank you to residents that live along the bike paths and near fire hydrants for keeping them free from ice and snow—your efforts are appreciated!
- **No "Clean Up Day"** - Unfortunately, there will be no clean up day event this year. Instead, Laketon Twp is offering each household a discount card to the landfill for 2 (two) trips at a discount. Stop in to get a card if you'd like one.
- **Building &/or Zoning Permits:** If you are planning home renovations, repairs, additions, sheds, accessory buildings, fences etc—make sure to get the required permits before starting your project. *Also: if you live in a neighborhood with a homeowners association (HOA)—you should check with your HOA to make sure your project complies with your HOA rules.*
- **Horton Park Upgrades:** are still in the works, and after many delays we are hopeful for construction this year.
- **Fenner Rd Washout:** repairs are in progress, no timeline for completion yet available.
- **Upcoming Holiday Closings:** President's Day 2/21/2022, Good Friday 4/15/22 & Memorial Day 5/30/22
- **Cemetery:** Rules & costs are online at: www/Laketon.org/Departments/Cemetery-Information or call the office at 231-744-2454

If you do not agree with the proposed 2022 values, property classification or transfer of ownership changes for your property you may appeal to the Board of Review. 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 3/14/2022 from 9 AM to 3

PM and Tuesday 3/15/2022 from 3 AM to 9 PM

You must call Laketon Township at 231-744-2454 to make an appointment.

If you are unable to appear in person, you may appeal by mail. **To appeal by mail:** Complete the L-4035 form and mail it to Laketon Township with your letter and any facts to support your appeal. The form/letter **MUST** be received by

Laketon Township **BEFORE** the close of the March Board of Review at 9pm on Tuesday 3/15/22.

If you have any questions about your assessment notice or making an appeal/appointment, please call Laketon Township for assistance M—F 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

The Deputy Assessor is **ONLY** in the office Monday & Wednesday.

Or you can email the Assessing Dept. at assessor@laketon.org

How to estimate the CHANGE in your tax bill for 2022 using your assessment notice proposed values:

Use the number from the 3rd column (labeled "Change") of line one (labeled "Taxable Value") and multiply it by the known millage rates from 2021, then divide by 1000.

For a PRE/Homestead property _____ x 32.43540/1000 = _____

For a NON-PRE/Non-Homestead property _____ x 50.43540/1000 = _____

This calculation does not take into account potential changes in the millage rate for 2022, but will give you a very close estimate in how much your tax bill will change, based on the values being proposed to be set for 2022. Please call if you have any questions.



State "Leash Law" for Dogs—Applies in Laketon Twp Parks

The State Dog Law of 1919 (PA 339 of 1919) is the law that contains what is commonly known as the "Leash Law" for dogs. Section 287.262 of the law requires that dogs must be "held properly in leash", with some exceptions for working dogs (leader dogs etc.) when "actively engaged in the activities for which they have been trained".

This leashing requirement prohibits dogs from being allowed to "stray" from their owners property except when held in leash. Violations of this law are a misdemeanor and can be punishable

by fines up to \$100, up to 3 months in County Jail, or both; per Section 287.286 of the law. This law also applies to all Laketon Township Parks and the Cemetery.

In addition, Laketon Township's Parks & Public Property Ordinance prohibits animals from "running at large" and requires animals to be "restrained at all times on adequate leashes no greater than ten feet in length". This ordinance also requires pet owners to clean up animal waste from their animals. Violations of this ordinance are a municipal civil infraction and are punishable by

finer; \$100 first offense, \$200 second offense & \$400 for the 3rd offense.

If you experience a dog at large issue, call 911—for police assistance.

Please help Laketon Township continue to offer places for pet owners to walk their dogs and for everyone to enjoy clean safe parks by leashing your dogs and cleaning up after them.

Thank you!



Who do I Contact For Local Information....

Animal Control of Muskegon County: Phone: 231-724-6500 or Pound Buddies website: www.poundbuddies.org

Call 211 for help—they will direct you to the appropriate department or agency to help you with whatever your needs may be: Phone: 211 or website: www.211.org/

City Sewer Service Questions: Laketon Twp 744-2454 or website: www.laketon.org/Departments/Sewer-Water

City Water Service Questions & billing for city water/sewer: Muskegon County DPW Phone 231-724-4721 or website: www.co.muskegon.mi.us/758/Public-Works

Delinquent property taxes: Muskegon County Treasurer Phone: 231-724-6261 website: www.co.muskegon.mi.us/886/Treasurer

Domestic violence shelter/services: Every Woman's Place Phone: 231-722-3331, Text: 231-468-6060 or website: www.everywomansplace.org/

Family Assistance: Muskegon-Oceana Community Action Partnership Phone: 231-725-9499 or website: www.mocap1.org/

Fire Dept: Muskegon Township Fire Dept: Phone: 231-744-4365 or website: www.muskegontwp.org/Departments/FireDepartment.aspx

Legal questions/services: Legal Aid of Western Michigan Phone: 231-726-4887 or website: <https://lawestmi.org/location/muskegon-2/>

Library information: Muskegon Area District Library North Muskegon Branch Phone: 231-744-6080 or website: www.madl.org

Local Airport information: Muskegon County Airport Phone: 231-798-4596 or website: www.co.muskegon.mi.us/160/Airport

Men's & Women's Services/Homelessness: Muskegon Rescue Mission Phone: 231-727-6090 or website: muskegonmission.org

Mental Health services: Health West Phone: 231-724-1111 or website: www.healthwest.net/

Police Dept: Muskegon County Sheriff Office Phone: 231-724-6351 or website: www.co.muskegon.mi.us/173/Sheriff

Road complaints/questions: Muskegon County Road Commission Phone: 231-788-2381 or website: www.muskegoncountyroads.org

Senior Citizen services: Senior Resources of West Michigan Phone: 231-739-5858 or website: www.seniorresourceswmi.org

Senior Food/Nutrition services: Nutritional Services/Meals on Wheels Phone: 231-755-0434 or website: www.agewellservices.org/services-for-seniors/meals-on-wheels/

Veterans services: Muskegon County Dept. of Veterans Affairs Phone: 231-722-3499 or website: www.co.muskegon.mi.us/892/Veterans-Affairs

Water Resources Commissioner (formerly the Drain Commissioner): Phone: 231-724-6219 or email: moorebr@co.muskegon.mi.us

Well or Septic questions, Health/Dental services, WIC/Family Assistance : Muskegon County Health Department Phone: 231-724-6246 or website: www.co.muskegon.mi.us/793/Public-Health

Want to be an Election Inspector?

Laketon Township is always looking for people to be Election Inspectors. Election Inspectors work in the polling locations on election day. State law requires Election Inspectors to be certified by attending a training class.

If you are interested in becoming a Certified Election Inspector, please visit the Laketon Township website or you can stop in to the Township Hall to pick up an application.

There is a wealth of voting information available online at the Michigan Secretary of State Website listed below:

<https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us>

UPCOMING ELECTIONS:

There will be several elections this year. The State Primary on August 2, 2022, the State General on November 8, 2022 and possibly a special election on May 3, 2022—stay tuned for more information on that!

Streetlights out?

The need for streetlight repairs can be reported online to Consumers Energy at: www.streetlights.consumersenergy.com/

Or call Laketon Twp staff and they will report it for you.



YARD WASTE SITE—2022 Season

This site is for Laketon Township Resident Use ONLY! You must purchase a \$20.00 yard waste card to use the site. The card can be purchased at the Township Hall or at the Yard Waste Site and you must show ID—**You must show the card & ID to the Yard Waste Attendant each time you use the site.** The site is operated seasonally (*weather permitting) and there is no availability in the “off season” once closed for the winter. The seasonal operating hours for 2022 will be as follows: **Weather permitting—severe weather may cause dates/times to change &/or the site to be closed.*

Spring/Summer: March 29, 2022—Oct 8, 2022 Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Fall: Oct 9, 2022 - Dec 4, 2022 Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays from 10 AM to 7 PM & Sundays from 1 PM to 5 PM.

"In the Spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours." ~Mark Twain, 1835—1910, American Writer