

## TRUSTEES

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## TRUSTEE MEETINGS

1st Tuesday -  
9:00 a.m. Work Session  
11:00 a.m. Trustees Meeting  
3rd Tuesday -  
No Evening Meetings in  
June, July & August

Zoning Commission meets the  
2nd Monday of every month  
BZA meets the 2nd Tuesday  
of every month

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## TRUSTEE NOTES

### FIRE DEPARTMENT ACHIEVES EXCELLENT RATING

The Painesville Township Board of Trustees announces a significant change in the Township's fire insurance ratings. In late 2013, the Township invited an organization that rates a community's fire risk to reevaluate the Township's fire protection systems. That organization is called Insurance Services Office (ISO). Since our last review in 1994, many improvements have been made to our fire department, personnel, infrastructure and supporting agencies. We have improved our rating from 5/9 to 3/3X. The significance of the second number means that our Township's fire department has improved in almost every category measured by ISO. The vast majority of our residents and businesses should see a reduction in their fire insurance rates. Not only is there a possible savings to the homeowner; an even more significant fact is that we have been evaluated by an outside organization and been found to be in the top 6% of fire departments in the country. Thanks to our residents support, and our political leadership's commitment to improve the fire department, we have taken a big step forward.

Many of our residents and businesses should qualify for lower fire insurance rates based on our new rating. Please contact your insurance agent and let them know the ISO rating has changed in your community from 5/9 to 3/3X. All insurance agents have access to the ratings in our area. If a resident needs help, we have a letter we can provide to you to give to your insurance company.

The investment made by the Township in improving the fire protection system in our community has paid off.



Some residents will see a reduction in their fire insurance premium that will offset the increase in property tax due to our latest fire levy. Our community is safer and we have reduced response times and increased staffing within the Fire Department. We will use this report as a planning tool and a benchmark as to where we would like to be in the future. Some of the areas where we did not score so well on can be improved without significant expense. Other areas such as water supply will require significant investment in new infrastructure by the utilities that provide water to the Township.

The challenge is to maintain our service levels in an unstable economy. We utilize part-time staff, and we have working agreements with other communities on shared equipment costs and shared services. We have reconditioned major equipment instead of purchasing new vehicles. There is much more work to do on the regional approach to delivering fire and rescue services to our Lake County community. We are committed to explore avenues and solutions that make sense for the greater community and maintain the level of service to our residents.

### VISIT US ON FACEBOOK

Visit us on our two Facebook pages. **Painesville Township, Lake County Ohio,** and **Painesville Township Fire Department.** We regularly update our Painesville Township Facebook page with information on events and happenings in the Township. Check us out!

### OUR NEW FIRE ACCELERANT DOG

The Painesville Township Fire Department welcomes its newest member, Ian, a new accelerant K9 dog. Ian is a 2 and a half year old male who is black in color, golden retriever and Labrador mix. Ian is a very well socialized dog. He is very docile around small children and gets along with other dogs without a problem. Ian has already worked a fire scene in Painesville City.

## TRUSTEE NOTES



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Ian spent six weeks training with The Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives (ATF) at their National Canine Training Center prior to his handler's (Lt. Gordon Thompson) arrival at the training center. Once Gordon arrived at the training center, he spent six weeks training with Ian to establish a bond and finish his training. Ian is trained to detect ignitable liquids which helps fire investigators locate the best spot to collect samples for laboratory analysis. Ian and Lt. Thompson are certified by the ATF. There are currently 55 accelerant K-9 teams nationwide, which are trained and certified by the ATF. The K-9 team is part of the ATF National Response Team and work locally for The Lake County Fire Investigation Unit.

Ian replaces "Tahoe" our first accelerant K9 who is enjoying retirement with Lt. Thompson and his family. Tahoe had been in-service since December 13, 2006 and was retired on March 16, 2014 (over seven years of service).



## SERVICE DEPARTMENT

The Road Department has come through a very trying winter this past year. Hats off to the crew for coming out on so many nights at 3 a.m. and clearing roads until the job was done. We can now turn our attention to the many road repair projects that ol' man winter left us.

Speaking of road projects, we are putting the following roads out for bid to be resurfaced this summer.

Barrington Ridge Rd.  
Prentice Rd.  
Huntington Rd.  
Virginia Dr.  
Buxton Circle

Ridgebury Dr.  
Mantle Road Ext.  
Branch Ave.  
Big Rock Dr. Cul de sac

The Township has applied for a grant in the amount of \$289,000 that will be used to help offset the cost of this year's Road Paving Program. Upon receiving acceptable bids the work will start in mid to late summer. You may have noticed that Jackson Street has been repaved and Riverside Drive between Wintergreen Hill and the eastern corp. line is currently under construction. These projects are being funded by a combination of State and County dollars. No Township funds are being used for these road repairs.

An Ohio Public Works Commission grant application will be submitted in June for a major repair of Lake Road in the summer of 2015. A portion of Lake Road will receive an asphalt overlay this summer to address the worst area until permanent repairs can be made next year.

The Service Department has purchased a new International dump truck with a snowplow and liquid brine dispenser that will be delivered this summer. It will replace an aging 2001 dump truck.

A new F550 dump truck with a snowplow has also been purchased and will replace a 1994 one ton dump truck. Both of these new trucks will deliver better gas mileage and efficiency. Both trucks can be used for many different jobs year-round.

The brush, leaf and yard waste drop off area is open on Wednesdays from 7:30 am until 3:00 pm and on Saturdays from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. A member of our Service Department will be there to assist anyone who needs help. We accept limbs, twigs, branches, grass clippings and leaves. Please have grass clippings and leaves bagged in recyclable paper bags. This service is for Township residents only and proof of residency may be required.

Curbside Brush Pickup is on June 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 am until 3:30 pm. All brush must be tied in bundles no longer than four feet in length.

Did you know that you can look on the Painesville Township web site and see if a road is maintained by the County or the State? Look at [www.painesvilletwp.com](http://www.painesvilletwp.com) and click on the Service Department tab. You can also use this tab to report road problems to us.

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

## MENTOR AVENUE STREETScape PROJECT

This summer, in partnership with Laketran and the Lake County Engineer's Office, we will build five glass-enclosed bus shelters along Mentor Avenue. A nice addition for our Laketran patrons.

## HALL OF FAME

Congratulations to Madison Avenue Elementary School for being named a 2014 Hall of Fame School by the Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators! This award is given to schools that go above and beyond the call of duty to get students, teachers, and community members excited about education. No more than eleven schools are chosen in any given school year. What a wonderful achievement. Many good things are happening at Madison Avenue Elementary School!

Also happening at Madison Avenue Elementary – the school hosted a walk / bike to school day on May 8. Students who walked or biked to school received a zipper pull with the Riverside walk to school logo on it, stickers, pencils and a fun morning. Thank you to the Painesville Township Fire Department and Lake County Sheriff's Department for helping out.

## THE HOUSE CAME DOWN

The Lake County Land Reutilization Corporation, in cooperation with Painesville Township, demolished an abandoned house at 93 Crestwood Drive. This is the second abandoned house that has been torn down in the last year. We have three more abandoned houses we are working on to return to green space.

## THANKS

A big thank you goes out to Hardy Industrial Technologies for giving away over 100 hams on the day before Easter. Hardy Industrial Technologies also gave away turkeys at Thanksgiving, and helped sponsor our annual Holiday Party at the Hardy Road fire station. Their community spirit is much appreciated, and enjoyed by the residents who were able to receive a ham.

## NOISE ORDINANCE

Now that summer is here we have lots of outdoor activity going on, with a lot of open windows. We encourage all residents to be considerate of their neighbors when operating machinery, vehicles, toys, mowers, tools, music, etc. The Township has a noise ordinance which regulates times of day and types of noise that may be prohibited. The noise ordinance can be found on the homepage of our website. The Lake County Sheriff's Department has responsibility for enforcing noise violations.



## PROPER DISPOSAL OF FLAGS

Residents who want to dispose of an American Flag may take their old flags to VFW Post No. 2595 located at 570 Liberty Street in Painesville. There is a mailbox located in the back parking lot that is painted red, white and blue. Flags may be placed in the box for proper disposal.

## PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP FAMILY FUN DAY

Painesville Township will hold its first annual Family Fun Day on Saturday, August 23, at the Lake County Historical Center. We are planning a fun day for families to come out and enjoy games, food, music and much more. Save the date and come out and have fun with your neighbors! Check out our Facebook page for more information as it becomes available.





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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Township Events

First Annual Township Family Fun Day  
August 23<sup>rd</sup>

### At the Fairgrounds

Ohio Celtic Festival  
June 27 - 29

Johnnycake Jog  
July 13<sup>th</sup>

Lake County Fair  
August 12 – 17

The Great Garage Sale  
September 13<sup>th</sup>

