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TRUSTEE MEETINGS
1st Tuesday -
9:00 a.m. Work Session
11:00 a.m. Trustees Meeting
3rd Tuesday -
6:30 p.m. Work session
7:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting



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TRUSTEE NOTES

RENEWAL OF THE 2.7-MIL ROAD LEVY

Township Residents will find a Road **Renewal Levy** on the November ballot. In these trying times, property values have declined, as will the amount of money the Road Levy will generate. The Trustees understand the economic conditions and felt a **Renewal Levy** holding the taxes the same was the only way to go in order to maintain the current level of service from our Road Department.

NOTE: THE PASSING OF THIS LEVY WILL NOT INCREASE TAXES!!!

WHERE THE LEVY DOLLARS WILL GO

The funds generated from the 2.7-mil Road Renewal Levy are directed toward these Painesville Township Services:

- Township-wide Road Improvements
- Ice and Snow Removal
- Road Maintenance
- Curb and Gutter Repair and Reconstruction
- Township-wide Brush and Branch Pick-up
- Township-wide Leaf Pick-up
- Township-wide Christmas Tree Pick-up
- Township Brush, Branch and Leaf Drop-off
- Drainage within the public right-of-way
- Traffic Control – including Street Signs and Roadway Striping
- Intersection sight-distance maintenance
- Road Service Employee Wages

SAVE THE DATE!

December, 8th 1pm-4pm

There will be a community Holiday party at Fire Station 3 on Hardy Road and all Painesville Twp residents are welcome. Refreshments will be served and children 10 and under can get pictures with Santa and a special treat. More details coming soon.

BEWARE OF BEES

Bee stings are a common problem during the warm summer months when you're spending more time outdoors. If you or a family member gets stung by a bee, follow these simple steps:

- Remove the stinger by gently pushing it out with tweezers (using your fingers may squeeze venom back into your skin)
- Clean the wound with soap and water
- Ice the sting and use hydrocortisone cream for pain relief

If you or a family member experiences an extreme allergic reaction, like difficulty breathing, swelling of the tongue or loss of consciousness, contact your provider immediately or call 911.

ALGAE, PHOSPHORUS, AND WATER QUALITY

In the hottest parts of summer, harmful algae blooms often make the news. Once Lake Erie and inland lakes reach the right combination of temperature and nutrients, the algae population multiplies very rapidly. These mats of algae make swimming and boating less enjoyable, and sometimes downright dangerous. Algae is always present in healthy surface water, so we have to be careful not to overfeed it.

Over the years, industry and government have taken steps to remove phosphates from laundry detergent and dishwasher detergent. Many wastewater treatment plants have also been upgraded to reduce the amount of phosphorus that is discharged and farmers have used technology to identify and accurately apply only the necessary nutrients to their soil and plant. However, phosphorus continues to enter our rivers, inland lakes, and Lake Erie through surface runoff from our communities.

Here are a few things you can do to reduce your phosphorus contribution:

- If you fertilize, use a product with zero in the middle (10-0-10, for example). The zero represents the percentage of phosphorus in the fertilizer. Established lawns typically do not need any additional phosphorus, but a soil test kit can confirm this.
- Build a buffer zone. If you have a stream, ditch, or stormwater inlet on your property, make sure that you have healthy plants with healthy roots alongside. Don't use chemicals or fertilizers along these waterways, either.
- Be careful with detergents. If you are washing your car, boat, lawn mower, or anything else, make sure that the soapy water isn't running into a stream or storm drain. Let it soak into the lawn or utilize a commercial car wash that recycles and treats the runoff.

For more information on phosphorus and other stormwater issues, contact the Lake County Stormwater Management Department at 440-350-5900.

SUMMER MAINTENANCE

Many summer maintenance activities we do can cause pollution of our storm sewers, streams, and Lake Erie. Remember that all those storm drains in the street drain directly to our streams and eventually Lake Erie. That means any pollution on your driveway or lawn will end up directly in Lake Erie. Follow these summer maintenance tips to do your part to keep stormwater clean.

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- If you wash your car in the driveway, all that soapy water, dirt, oil and grime will wash directly down a storm sewer in the street. Take your car to a commercial car wash or wash it on the lawn.
- If changing your car or lawn mower oil at home, never dump waste oil down a storm sewer or on the ground. Save the oil for the Lake County Solid Waste District Special Collection Day on September 29, 2012.
- Do not over fertilize your lawn and sweep any extra from the driveway and sidewalk to prevent the runoff of nutrient rich fertilizer, which is harmful to our streams and lakes.
- Compost your grass clippings and sweep them off the street, driveway, and sidewalk. Grass clippings can clog storm sewers and streams, leading to flooding. Also, never dump grass clippings on the banks of a stream or in a storm sewer.

Do your part to help keep Lake Erie a great lake! For more information, contact the Lake County Stormwater Management Department at (440) 350-2543 or www.lakecountyohio.gov/smd.

ATTENTION HOME OWNERS

In an effort to help save you money and become more energy efficient, the Ohio State Treasurer sponsors the Energy Conservation for Ohioans (ECO-Link) program. This program provides reduced-rate financing through partnering banks for Ohioans completing energy-efficient improvements in their homes.

How can ECO-Link benefit you?

- Homeowners receive a 3% interest-rate reduction on qualifying loans for 5 or 7 years
- Weatherization projects may reduce energy bills while adding value and comfort to your home
- Many home improvements are also eligible for federal tax credits and rebates, as well as utility companies' incentive programs, which add to your potential savings

Who is eligible?

- **MUST** be an Ohio resident
- **MUST** own an existing home or condominium, but additional residential classifications may be eligible
- **MUST** receive approval for a qualifying loan through a participating bank
- **MUST** use 50% of the loan proceeds for installation of qualifying energy-efficient products; the other 50% of the loan can relate to other home improvement projects

For additional questions please contact the Ohio State Treasurer's office at 1-800-228-1102, option #3 or e-mail at ECOLink@tos.ohio.gov.

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS

Small businesses are faced with numerous challenges in today's economy. The Ohio State Treasurer continues to support small business owners through an additional linked deposit program – ReEnergize Ohio. ReEnergize Ohio offers up to a 3% interest rate reduction on new or existing small business loans when at least 50% of the loan proceeds are used to implement energy-efficient upgrades. Small businesses may apply the interest rate reduction on up to \$550,000 of the loan amount for a term of four years.

The cost of energy to run a small business can be significant. ReEnergize Ohio provides a possible money-saving tool to make energy-efficient upgrades and improve energy performance. ReEnergize Ohio benefits small business owners, supports Ohio's manufacturing industry, and promotes building restoration and historic preservation. It is easy to apply for ReEnergize Ohio! Check the website www.ReEnergize.Ohio.gov or contact the Ohio State Treasurer's office at 1-800-228-1102, option #3 to learn more.

2012 Zoning Permit Summary

A total of 150 Permit applications were processed during the year thus far, representing a slight increase over last year's pace

* New dwellings	11	* Site Plan Reviews	3
* Residential Additions and Accessory Projects	59	* Zoning Amendments	1
* Miscellaneous Category	2	* Zonig Appeals	6
* Industrial Construction	1	* Conditional Uses	1
* Commercial Construction	3	* Exemptions	5
* Signs	30	* Right-of-way Access	4
* Zoning Use & Occupancy	19	* Transient Vendor	5

A total of five (5) permit applications were denied for various reasons.

THE WATCH LIST

There are some new things we might be seeing in Painesville Township over the next several months. Some of the commercial projects which have already gained a preliminary approval include;

- An expansion and remodel at Ganley Village Chrysler on Mentor Ave.
- A new Get-Go at the intersection of Fairgrounds and Mentor Ave. which will include a convenience store and deli shop
- A new Dollar General at the intersection of Madison Ave. and Park Rd.
- A new self-check kiosk at the E-check inspection station on N. Ridge Rd.
- The addition of a medical clinic and improved handicap access at the CVS Pharmacy on Mentor Ave.
- The expansion of the Family Dollar store on Mentor Ave.
- Small industrial expansions/additions at Morton Salt and Carmeuse Lime.
- Continued addition of replica buildings at the Lake County History Center on Riverside Drive.

There are additional new construction projects being discussed at present which will most likely be heading toward the approval process by the end of the summer.

COMPLAINTS

The number of complaints against properties seems to be much higher this year. The question we might ask is, "Are more of us becoming concerned with property values and quality of life?" The answer is probably a resounding, "yes!" Good housekeeping and yard keeping generally help keep property values for the whole community at their best within the overall market conditions. All of us are encouraged to keep our properties looking clean and well-kept, to be good neighbors and to follow the rules in effect for the Township.

Also on the increase are property boundary disputes. When such disputes arise, please bear in mind that the appropriate way to settle the dispute is to engage a registered surveyor to mark the boundaries. Two disputing parties may even agree to share the expense (now, isn't that a novel approach!) and possibly avoid the additional costs of legal counsel and court costs. As for local government, Painesville Township does not mark property boundaries. The Township Zoning and Road Departments will provide information relative to road right-of-ways, but we do not employ a staff of surveyors. We will also be happy to assist you in interpreting the legal description portion of your property deed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

NEW LIEUTENANTS

We recently promoted four (4) new lieutenants. **Congratulations to Lt. Gordon Thompson, Lt. Mike Shoff, Lt. Brian Moore and Lt. Ryan Skully.** The promotional process involved a written exam on knowledge, a leadership skill assessment and an interview. The additional promoted positions will allow us to have a lieutenant assigned to all three stations on all shifts



Left to right: Lt. Ryan Skully, Lt. Mike Shoff, Fire Chief Frank Whittaker, Lt. Gordon Thompson and Lt. Brian Moore.

NEW GUIDELINES HANDS ONLY RESUSCITATION

Please take the time to learn the new guidelines for doing "CPR". The American Heart Association has approved a compression only technique, no more mouth to mouth. Visit our web site at www.Painesvilletwp.com to see a short video on the new procedure. Should you want more information or classes, please call the Fire Chief Frank Whittaker, 440-579-0011, or email firechief@painesvilletwp.com

OUR OWN GOLD MEDAL FIREFIGHTERS

Two of our firefighters competed in the 20th Annual Ohio Police and Fire Games in July. Not only did they win gold medals, they set state records. **Firefighter/Paramedic Bob Vencl** competed in the 220lbs weight class, his gold winning and new state record was a bench press of 420lbs. He also took first place in his division for the "pump and run" completion setting another state record of 220lb bench press times 30 repetitions and then ran a 5k with a combined time of 23:30.



Firefighter/Paramedic Oska Sayavongsa took first place in his weight class (168lbs) and set a new state record for a bench press of 320lbs.

RECENT SPECIALIZED TRAINING

In July, two of our firefighters had the opportunity to attend classes at two world class training facilities. **Firefighter/Paramedic Bill Whalen** attended a "Highway Emergency Response Specialist" class at the Security and Emergency Response Training Center in Pueblo, Colorado. The class involves training to handle accidents and incidents involving road tankers. These training opportunities are funded by the Lake County Local Emergency Preparedness Committee (LEPC) and the Lake County Homeland Security Committee. The Painesville Township Fire Department supports the

Lake County Hazardous Incident Team by providing 4 members to the team including, Lt. Ryan Skully, Lt Mike Shoff, Bill Whalen and John Talcott. The team is a regional asset and is supported by all Lake County Fire Departments and Lubrizol. The Lake County HazMat team was recently ranked as a Type I response team that being the highest level of capability. We are one of only a few validated Type I teams in Ohio.

Firefighter/Paramedic Chad Tekavic attended the 50th Annual Texas A&M Industrial Firefighting School at College Station, Texas. This program provides some of the most realistic live fire training opportunities in the world. The facility has numerous buildings and mock chemical processes that can be set on fire. Some of the chemical process structures are 3 stories high and involve several pressurized flammable liquid leaks that are set on fire. **The Lubrizol Corporation has sponsored a Township firefighter to attend these schools for the last 20 years.** Lubrizol sends 6 to 10 people every year to take various classes as well as provide instructors to the school. Chad was awarded the O.C. "Butch" Shattel Outstanding Student Award.



"Chad exemplifies outstanding performance throughout the entire class with knowledge and skill ability, tremendous work ethic, harmonious personal demeanor, and an outstanding commitment for achieving excellence. Of most importance this award comes from peer classmates and the Section Leader of this class."
Robert Moore; Director, Emergency Services Training Institute

SMOKE DETECTORS

Make sure you have a working Smoke Detector !!!!!!! So many times we will go to a house fire and not find a WORKING smoke detector. If you need help with a battery change or installing a smoke detector please call us, we will come out and help you. We have a program to provide free smoke detectors to our senior citizens or others in need. Call 440-579-0011 and leave a message if you need assistance with a smoke detector.

ROAD SERVICE DEPARTMENT

The Road Service Department was able to repair a storm sewer cave-in on Thatcher Dr. with the assistance of the Painesville Township Fire Department's Confined Space Rescue Team. The ability to enter the culvert pipe to inspect and make needed repairs eliminated the need for excavating the area to access to culvert. It was also an excellent training opportunity for the Fire Department.





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DATES TO REMEMBER

August 31st – September 3rd
Ohio's Celtic and International Fall Festival
Lake County Fairgrounds

September 3rd
Labor Day - Township offices will be closed

September 15th
Lake County Great Garage Sale – Lake County Fairgrounds

September 23rd
Great Western Reserve Clambake-Lake County History Center

September 29th
Household Hazardous Waste Collection, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Lake County Fairgrounds

October 8th
Columbus Day - Township offices will be closed

November 6th – Election Day – DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

November 10th and December 8th
Township Curbside Leaf Pick-Up on Two Days: All leaves MUST be in paper yard-waste bags (available at most hardware stores) and must be placed curbside by 7:30 AM on the mornings of November 10th and December 8th. Any leaves NOT in paper yard-waste bags WILL NOT be picked up. Leaf Pick-Up is a one-day & one-pass service for Township residents only.

December 8th 1pm-4pm - Community Holiday party at Fire Station 3 on Hardy Road and all Painesville Twp residents are welcome.



ROAD SERVICE DEPARTMENT

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The **brush and leaf drop** off area will continue to be open on **Wednesdays from 7:00am until 3:00pm and on Saturdays from 10:00am until 2:00pm. thru December 5th.**

During the month of **November**, hours will be **Monday thru Friday from 7:00am until 3:00pm and Saturdays from 10:00am until 2:00pm.** These extended hours are offered to accommodate the large volume of leaves our residents must deal with. Please observe the signs at the drop off area and place the leaves in the appropriate pile.

There will be **TWO curbside leaf collections** this fall:
Saturday November 10th and Saturday December 8th.
Leaves must be in recyclable bags only and placed at the curb by 7:30 am.

PREVENT DRAINAGE PROBLEMS

Please do not place leaves, grass clippings or any other debris into storm sewers or drainage ditches. Keeping drainage ditches clean and clear of debris allows storm water to flow freely.

CRACK SEALING PROGRAM

The Road Service Department used over 20,000 pounds of rubber sealant to fill cracks on 23 roads this summer. A rubber based poly patch material will be used during the fall to repair some larger areas throughout the Township.

SIGHT RESTRICTIONS

Trimming of roadside trees and brush is needed at times to reduce sight restrictions throughout the Township. The Road Service Department performs this work as needed.