



LAKETON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER

Yard Waste Site

Opens Tuesday, March 25th - Senior citizen sign-up flyer coming early March

Township Parks

Open Tuesday, April 1st

Office Closed

Friday, April 18th - Good Friday

Muskegon County Recycling Event

Saturday, April 26th – See Muskegon County's website for more information

Free Household Garbage Dump Day

TBD- If offered by County and approved by Township Board (late April/early May)

Special Election

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Senior Citizen Farmer's Market Info.

Flyer coming late May

Office Closed

Monday, May 26th - Memorial Day

MARCH 2025 BOARD OF REVIEW

Many ask why did my assessment increase or decrease? There are a wide number of reasons for your assessment to change, but mostly, the answer is due to an analysis of general sales throughout the Township and County. By law, the Assessor is responsible for re-evaluating the land and building values on an annual basis. Sales data is used to determine what the current land value and building values should be.

If you do not believe that your assessment fairly represents 50% of the market value of your property, you may file an appeal with the March Board of Review. Information on how to appeal is located below.

As described above, the assessor has applied the rules prescribed by the State Tax Commission and the State of Michigan to arrive at a mass-appraisal estimate of market value. Without additional information, this method is the best estimate of market value. If you make an appeal, it is important for you, the property owner, to bring information for the board to consider and that supports why you believe the proposed assessment is incorrect (such as local market sales, listings, appraisals, etc.) This evidence needs to be extracted from the local market surrounding your property. Please make sure to bring a copy of all evidence to provide to the Board. Without additional evidence, it may not be enough to establish market value.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO OUR RESIDENTS...

On behalf of the township, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to all of our residents for your continued dedication to making our community a better place to live. Your contributions, whether through volunteering, supporting local initiatives, or simply being good neighbors, have a lasting impact on the well-being and spirit of our township.

Together, we are building a stronger, more vibrant community, and we couldn't do it without each and every one of you. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to making our township a wonderful place to call home.

2025 March Board of Review Meeting Dates and Times

Monday, March 10, 2025 – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 11, 2025 – 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment to meet with the Board of Review, please call (231) 744-2454.

To file a written appeal, you must submit Form L-4035 with your letter and any documentation of the facts to support your appeal. This **MUST** be received by Laketon Township **BEFORE** the close of March Board of Review at 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 2025.



Best Wishes and Farewell to Treasurer Lori Archer

Please help us give our best wishes and farewell to our Treasurer, Lori Archer. We want to take a moment to reflect on her remarkable 14 years of service to our township! Throughout her time with us, Lori has not only been an outstanding treasurer but also a trusted and dedicated leader who has shaped our community with her hard work, commitment, and passion for the betterment of our township.

Her knowledge in managing the township's finances has played an important role in ensuring our financial health, stability, and growth. But beyond the numbers, Lori has shown true dedication to the people she served, always with a warm smile and a willingness to help. Her integrity and professionalism have set a high standard for all of us, and her contributions will leave a lasting legacy.

While we are sad to see her go, we are excited for the new opportunity she has received in this next chapter of her career. We know that whatever she sets her mind to, she will continue to inspire and lead with the same quality that she brought to our township for the past 14 years.

On behalf of the entire community, we extend our heartfelt thank you to Lori for her incredible service and dedication to the township!



Introducing our new Township Treasurer - Veronica West

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Veronica West as the new Township Treasurer! Veronica is a very familiar face to the township residents. She has served as Deputy Treasurer for over 25 years! Veronica has demonstrated exceptional commitment and a deep understanding of our community's financial needs.

As Township Treasurer, Veronica will oversee all aspects of our financial operations, ensuring the continued transparency, accountability, and responsible management of taxpayer dollars. We are confident that under her leadership, our Township will continue to thrive.

Please join us in congratulating Veronica on this well-deserved appointment. We look forward to the exciting advances ahead as we continue to build a strong and vibrant community!



NEW CREMATION AREA NOW AVAILABLE IN THE CEMETERY

The cremation area features five columbarium's made from dakota mahogany granite. The columbarium's house cremations in each niche space. Benches and a podium are placed in the area for taking the time to honor your loved ones. Call the township for more info.

MAY 6, 2025 ELECTION UPDATE:



As we approach the upcoming county-wide election on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, please be advised of the following important information:

- Early in-person voting will NOT be available.
- Voting will only be conducted through absentee ballots and in person on election day.
- Any voter who is on the permanent absentee ballot list will automatically receive an absentee ballot by mail early April.

For more details on absentee voting procedures or any other election-related inquiries, please visit www.laketontwpmi.gov or contact the Clerk's department at (231) 744-2454.

HELPFUL TIDBITS:

- **Dog Licenses** – All Muskegon County Residents can purchase or renew their dog's Muskegon County Dog License at the township hall. To complete the process, please bring the rabies vaccination proof (required for all licenses) and the spay/neuter documentation (required for the reduced rate). If you have any questions, please call the office at (231) 744-2454.
- **Water and Sewer Utility Bills** – You can pay your water and/or sewer utility bill at the township hall (cash or check only, no credit/debit cards).
- **Streetlight Outages** – You can report streetlight outages directly on Consumer's Energy's website at: <https://streetlights.consumersenergy.com/> If you have difficulty with the website, you can always report it to Laketon Township and staff will report it for you.
- **Township Recycling** – You can recycle household batteries, eye glasses, and CLF lightbulbs at Laketon Township hall.
- **Road Commission Request** – You can submit road requests directly to Muskegon County Road Commission's website at: <https://www.muskegoncountyoroads.org/>
- **Muskegon County Landfill Discount Cards** - Stop in the township hall for more information!

