



LAKETON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

Summer 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mullally & Lange Park Hours

Gates open by 8:30 a.m. - Close at dusk

Office Closed

Friday, July 4th – Independence Day

Public Safety Day

Wednesday, July 30th – 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Special Election

Tuesday, August 5th

Office Closed

Monday, September 1st – Labor Day

Summer 2025 Tax Bills

Due September 14th

Yard Waste Site

Beginning October 12th the site will also be open on Sundays from 1-5 p.m.

Muskegon County Recycling Event

October 2025 – See Muskegon County's website for more information.

JOIN US JULY 30TH FOR OUR PUBLIC SAFETY DAY

We are excited to invite you to our annual Public Safety Day on Wednesday, July 30th from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m., a fun and friendly event held right in the township parking lot (2735 W. Giles Rd.). We will welcome members from the Muskegon County Sheriff's Department, Muskegon Charter Fire Department, Muskegon County Road Commission, DTE Energy, and MISS DIG 811! Come and explore their vehicles and learn more about how they keep our community safe.

The Muskegon Area District Library (MADL) Bookmobile will be joining the fun as well!



The Muskegon County Sheriff's Department will be bringing their Polar Patrol ice cream truck stocked with ice cream treats for everyone to enjoy! Bring the whole family and enjoy a day of community connection, learning, and fun!

THANK YOU FOR HELPING FIGHT THE BLIGHT

Thank you to those who participated in our annual household clean-up day. Because of your hard work, we've taken another step toward keeping our township clean, safe, and beautiful!

Within 6 ½ quick hours, we were able to unload 238 vehicles, consisting of cars, trucks, trailers, a U-Haul, a Military vehicle and a wagon! There were 18 total dumpsters brought to the landfill and 15,320 lbs. of scrap metal recycled.

TO OUR VOLUNTEERS – THIS EVENT COULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT YOU! Thank you for your time, energy, and effort. Your hard work made a real difference, and our township looks better and brighter because of you!

SUMMER 2025 TAX BILL INFORMATION

As summer approaches, so does the annual summer property tax bill. This tax bill includes two specific components: State Education Tax and County Operating Tax.

Summer tax bills are due on September 14 each year. However, since September 14, 2025 falls on a Sunday, payments will be accepted through Monday, September 15, 2025 without penalty. Payments can be mailed in, paid in-person at Laketon Township Hall (Mon. - Fri., 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.), paid at any Choice One Bank (must have tax bill) or paid online at www.laketontwpmi.gov.

Any questions, please reach out to the Treasurer's office at (231) 744-2454.

IMPROVEMENTS TO MUSKEGON STATE PARK



Muskegon State Park is home to 3 miles of breathtaking shoreline (2 miles along Lake Michigan and 1 mile on Muskegon Lake), Snug Harbor, forested dunes, two campgrounds, picnic areas, multiple trails, the blockhouse, Muskegon Luge Adventure Sports Park and more!

Michigan Department of Natural Resources have announced some exciting improvements that will be happening within Laketon Township! The Lake Michigan Beach House will be closed for replacement throughout the summer. The Lake Michigan Campground sanitation station will be replaced over the course of the summer. Upgrades to Snug Harbor's water, sewer, and electric systems, along with improvements to the parking lot and fishing pier. Construction on the walkway along the Muskegon Lake Channel will take place this summer through Spring 2026. Please understand with all of the upgrades, there may be limited parking in areas, use of portable restrooms, alternate use of sanitation stations, intermittent interruptions to water/electric services within the parks and may require temporary use of construction entrances. Thank you for your patience and understanding. For more information, you may visit the State of Michigan's Department of Natural Resources website at: www.michigan.gov/dnr.

KEEPING OUR PARKS & CEMETERY ENJOYABLE

We love our four-legged friends just as much as you do—but please remember that dogs should not be directly inside the playgrounds, sports fields, sports courts, or running loose through the cemetery. When dogs are in these areas, they often mark their territory where other dogs have done so, creating sanitation issues and lessening the enjoyment where kids play, people walk, or where loved ones are remembered. Let's all do our part to keep our public spaces clean, safe, and enjoyable for everyone. Always pick up after your pet and make sure they're on a leash in public areas.



Each year, our township parks experience acts of vandalism. Big or small, these acts harm public property and take away from the enjoyment of our shared spaces and result in costly repairs that affect all of us. We ask for your help in keeping our parks clean, safe, and welcoming for everyone. If you witness any suspicious activity or damage, please report it to local authorities or township officials right away.

Let's work together to protect the places we all enjoy.



AUGUST 5, 2025 ELECTION UPDATE:

As we approach the upcoming election on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, please be advised of the following important information:

- Early in-person voting will not be available.
- Voting will 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 July.

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 TOWNSHIP INFORMATION:

- **Property/Cemetery Viewer Online Services** – To view your property lines or find a grave, visit Muskegon County's GIS site at www.muskegoncountygis.org.
- **Household Hazardous Waste Disposal** – Every 2nd and 4th Friday from May – October from 9 am-12 pm, you may recycle household hazardous waste at 1300 E. Keating Ave., Muskegon (Rear lot of the old Pound Buddies) For more information, please call: (231) 724-6001-option 4 or visit the county's website at: <http://www.co.muskegon.mi.us/hhw/>
- **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.muskegoncountyroads.org/>
- **Muskegon County Landfill Discount Cards** - Stop in the township hall for more information!
- **Laketon Township Board of Trustees** - Meet the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.
- **Laketon Township Planning Commission** – Meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?

We are thankful for the support, trust, and connection we share with you—our community!

As we prepare the next edition of our Township Newsletter, we're inviting residents to share something they are thankful for. It could be a kind act from a neighbor, a positive experience at a township event or service, or something heartwarming you witnessed. Big or small, these moments remind us of the strength, appreciation and kindness in our township.

If you would like to share (anonymously) and have it printed in our next newsletter, you may fill out this form and mail/drop it off to the township hall or email to: mjoslyn@laketontwpmi.gov. Submission deadline is October 30th. Let's help spread the good in our township!
