



Hello
Spring

Laketon Township Spring 2026 Newsletter

DATES TO REMEMBER

Horton Park Closed for Construction
Tentative opening early Summer

March Board of Review Meetings
Mon., March 9th 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Tues., March 10th 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Yard Waste Site Opens
Tuesday, March 31st at 10:00 am
Senior citizen sign-up flyer coming
early March.

Muskegon County Recycling Event
Spring 2026 – See Muskegon
County's website for more information.

Mullally Park
Officially opens Wednesday, April 1st

Office Closed
Friday, April 3rd – Good Friday

Free Household Clean-up Day
TBD – If offered by County and
approved by Township Board
(late April/early May)

Senior Citizen Farmer's Market Info.
Flyer coming late May

Office Closed
Monday, May 25th – Memorial Day

MARCH 2026 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.

2026 March Board of Review Meeting Dates and Times

Monday, March 9, 2026 – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 10, 2026 – 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 Board of Review by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2026.

PLEASE REACH OUT EARLY – WE ARE HERE TO HELP

If you are experiencing concerns about tax foreclosure or difficulty paying property taxes, we strongly encourage you to contact the Township as early as possible. While we may not always have a solution, we can sit down with you, explain the process and timelines, discuss possible options, and help you understand what may happen if the situation is ignored.

Too often, residents lose their homes simply because they felt overwhelmed or unsure of what to do next. In many cases, homeowners still have options but those options can be lost when action is delayed.

Our goal is not to judge or pressure, but to provide information. Even if you're unsure what help you need, reaching out early can preserve choices and provide clarity during a difficult time. Contact Treasurer Veronica West or Deputy Treasurer Molly Joslyn for more information.



2025 PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION

Please note that after March 1, 2026, all unpaid 2025 property taxes will be turned over to the Muskegon County Treasurer's Office for collection. After this date, payments and inquiries regarding balances due must be directed to the county.

For more information or to check your balance, please contact the Muskegon County Treasurer's Office at (231) 724-6261 or visit them at 173 E. Apple Ave. Suite 104, Muskegon, MI 49442

CAMPING REGULATIONS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

As a reminder to all residents, per township zoning regulations, living in campers or RVs on residential properties is not permitted beyond 14 days in a calendar year. This rule is in place to maintain the health, safety, and general welfare of our community.



We've noticed an increase in extended camper use across the township, and while we understand the occasional need for temporary stays, long-term occupancy is not allowed. We ask for everyone's cooperation in following this regulation.

NEW YARD SALE ORDINANCE

The Township has recently adopted a Yard Sale Ordinance. The ordinance establishes guidelines for conducting yard sales within the Township, including rules intended to promote safety, limit disruptions, and ensure consistency throughout the community. Residents planning a yard sale should review the ordinance to understand the requirements before holding an event. You may do this by visiting our website at www.laketontwpmi.gov or stopping in the township hall.

IMPORTANT CEMETERY REMINDERS

Spring clean-up will begin in mid/late March. Please be sure to remove all winter decorations. Reminder that one urn per grave is permitted. All decorations and plantings are limited to urns. Urn liners are allowed from April 1 through November 1, with holiday decorations permitted one month before and after each holiday.

Items, such as borders, bricks, mounds, fences, shepherds' hooks, glass items, or non-natural surface materials are not permitted. No grading, leveling, or excavating is allowed without Township approval. Funeral decorations must be removed within 10 days following a burial. The Township reserves the right to remove any items that are unsafe, unsightly, or difficult to maintain.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US SPREAD JOY

Since 2011, Laketon Township staff, elected officials, and many generous residents come together each holiday season to bring joy and support to families and individuals in our community. We have helped brighten the holidays for countless children, parents, veterans, and senior citizens.

Thanks to the generous donations we received, we were able to help more families than ever before. This season, six Laketon Township families received holiday support.

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped make this possible. Your compassion and willingness to support neighbors in need, truly reflect the spirit of our community. Laketon Township is an amazing place to call home.

thank you

HELPFUL TOWNSHIP INFORMATION:

- **Interested in becoming an Election Inspector?** Reach out to the Clerk's department or stop by the township hall and fill out an application!
- **Property/Cemetery Viewer Online Services** – To view your property lines or find a grave, visit Muskegon County's GIS site at www.muskegoncountygis.org.
- **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.
- **Property Check** – Are you leaving for a long period of time and would like your property checked by our Muskegon County Sheriff's Department PINS Officer? Stop in the office for more information and grab a form!
- **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 CFL 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 your new 2026 Discount Card!
- **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.
- **Laketon Township's Website** – For information about the township, please visit www.laketontwpmi.gov

PLANNING AHEAD BRINGS PEACE OF MIND

Making burial arrangements in advance is a thoughtful way to ease the burden on loved ones and ensure your wishes are honored. The Township currently has burial space available in our cemetery, and residents are welcome to plan ahead at their own pace. For more information on availability or cemetery guidelines, please contact the Township office.

