



Laketon Township Summer 2026 Newsletter

DATES TO REMEMBER

Office Closed

Friday, July 3rd – Observed for
Independence Day

Public Safety Awareness Day

Thursday, July 30th

Primary Election

Tuesday, August 4th

Office Closed

Monday, Sept. 7th – Labor Day

Summer 2026 Tax Bills Due

Monday, September 14th

Yard Waste Site opens on Sunday's
beginning October 4th, 1-5 pm

Muskegon County Recycling Event

Oct. 2026 – See Muskegon County's
website for more information.

General Election

Tuesday, November 3rd

Office Closed

Wednesday, Nov. 11th – Veteran's Day

As our country gets ready to celebrate its 250th birthday, it's a great time to look back on the people and events that helped shape America. It's also a chance to appreciate the freedoms we enjoy today and the many generations who have worked to build strong communities like ours. As neighbors and friends, we can take pride in our shared history while looking forward to the future and the opportunities ahead.

LAKETON TOWNSHIP 2026 ELECTION INFORMATION



Laketon Township will hold two elections in 2026:

Primary Election: August 4, 2026

General Election: November 3, 2026

ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION

will be mailed out late June/early July 2026

EARLY VOTING LOCATION FOR THE AUGUST 2026 ELECTION

Muskegon County Early Voting Site, Marquette Campus Student Center
1903 Marquette Ave., Muskegon, MI 49442

DATES: July 25 – August 2, 2026

Date	Day	Hours
July 25	Saturday	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
July 26	Sunday	10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
July 27	Monday	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
July 28	Tuesday	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
July 29	Wednesday	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
July 30	Thursday	11:00 AM – 7:00 PM
July 31	Friday	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Aug. 1	Saturday	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Aug. 2	Sunday	10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

NEED TO REGISTER, REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT (IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY ON OUR LIST), OR HAVE QUESTIONS? Visit Michigan.gov/vote or call the clerk's department at (231) 744-2454.

JOIN US ON JULY 30TH FOR OUR PUBLIC SAFETY AWARENESS DAY!

We are excited to invite you all to our annual Public Safety Awareness Day on Thursday, July 30th from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m., a fun and friendly event held at the township hall (2735 W. Giles Rd.). We will welcome members from the Muskegon County Sheriff's Department, Muskegon Charter Fire Department, DTE Energy, Consumer's 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!

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!

SUMMER 2026 TAX BILL INFORMATION

Tax bills are due Monday, September 14, 2026. To avoid penalties and interest, please ensure your payment is received by the due date.

Tax payments may be made in the following ways:

- By mail to the Township Treasurer's Office
- In person at the Township Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- At any Choice One Bank location (tax bill must be presented at the time of payment)
- Online through the Township website at www.laketontwpmi.gov

Residents are encouraged to pay early and verify that mailed payments are sent with sufficient time for delivery before the due date.

If you have questions regarding your tax bill or payment options, please contact the Treasurer's Office at (231) 744-2454. Township staff will be happy to assist you.

HORTON PARK CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



We appreciate everyone's patience and excitement as improvements continue to Horton Park (1405 Glenwood Ave.).

We understand the biggest concern for many residents is the completion of the boat launch. This portion of the project has experienced delays due to issues that had to be addressed during construction. Please know that Township staff and contractors are doing everything possible to complete the project as quickly and safely as we can while following all required state regulations and environmental guidelines.

We appreciate your understanding, patience, and continued support as we work through these final steps to provide a launch and park facility for the community.

Additional updates can be found on the township's website at www.laketontwpmi.gov or on our Facebook page (Laketon Township Community Info).

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CLEAN-UP DAY

Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual Household Clean-Up Day. Because of your hard work and community spirit, we've taken another important step toward keeping our township clean, safe, and beautiful!

In just 6½ hours, volunteers and staff helped unload 311 vehicles. The event resulted in 19 dumpsters of materials being transported to the landfill and 13,580 pounds of scrap metal being recycled.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to our residents for their patience throughout the day. We know the lines were long and many of you experienced extended wait times. Your understanding and cooperation helped make the event a success.

To our volunteers—thank you! This event would not have been possible without your time, energy, and dedication. Your efforts made a meaningful difference, and our township is cleaner, brighter, and better because of you.

CEMETERY DECORATION REMINDERS

To help maintain the beauty, safety, and maintenance of the cemetery, residents and visitors are asked to follow the Township's cemetery regulations.

Only one urn per grave is permitted. All decorations and plantings must be contained within an approved urn. Urn liners are permitted from April 1 through November 1.

Planting flowers, shrubs, trees, bulbs, or any other vegetation directly in the ground is not permitted. Any flowers, plants, or other vegetation placed in the ground will be removed by Township staff. This policy helps prevent damage to gravesites, ensures consistent cemetery appearance, and allows for proper mowing and maintenance.

The following items are not permitted: borders, bricks, mounds, fences, shepherd's hooks, glass items, and other non-natural surface materials. In addition, small personal items and trinkets left at gravesites—including figurines, solar lights, wind chimes, toys, ornaments, signs, balloons, and similar decorative objects—are discouraged and may be removed if they create maintenance concerns, become weather-damaged, present a safety hazard, or detract from the overall appearance of the cemetery.

The Township reserves the right to remove any decorations, plantings, or other items that are not in compliance with cemetery regulations, are unsafe, unsightly, abandoned, or interfere with cemetery maintenance operations.

HELPFUL TOWNSHIP INFORMATION

- **Interested in serving on one of our boards?** If you have any interest in serving on our Planning Commission, Board of Review or Zoning Board of Appeals, please send a letter of interest to Supervisor Kim Arter at karter@laketontwpmi.gov
- **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 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.

RESIDENTIAL PARKING REMINDERS

Residents are encouraged to park vehicles on their own property whenever possible, such as in driveways, garages, or designated parking areas. Vehicles may not be parked on township streets for more than 72 continuous hours, on sidewalks or the grassy area between the street and sidewalk, in front of driveways or crosswalks, within 15 feet of a fire hydrant, or in posted No Parking zones. Parking on streets for vehicle repairs and parking perpendicular to the curb (except while loading or unloading) are also prohibited. These regulations help maintain safe, accessible, and attractive neighborhoods. Parking Ordinances and Zoning Ordinances – Parking Requirements can be found on our website at www.laketontwpmi.gov/forms-ordinances.

