



DATES TO REMEMBER

Holiday Office Closings

Christmas Holiday – Dec. 24th & 25th
New Year's – Dec. 31st & Jan. 1st

2026 Pavilion Reservations

Scheduling opens January 2026

Office Closed

Martin Luther King, Jr. – Jan. 19th

Winter 2025 Tax Bills

Due February 14th – Due to the weekend and holiday, payments are accepted thru Feb. 17th without interest/penalty.

Holiday Office Closing

President's Day – Feb. 16th

Township Parks

Open Spring 2026

Yard Waste Site

Open Spring 2026

Muskegon County Recycling Event

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

WINTER 2025 TAX BILL INFORMATION

As winter approaches, so does the annual winter property tax bill.

Winter tax bills are due on February 14th each year. However, since February 14, 2026 falls on a Saturday and the township is closed on Monday, February 16th in observance of President's Day, payments will be accepted through Tuesday, February 17, 2026 without interest/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 HORTON PARK

After years of anticipation and perseverance through the permitting process, we are thrilled to announce that the long-awaited improvements to **Horton Park** (1405 Glenwood Avenue) are finally moving forward!



Here's the latest update:

The old playground has been replaced with a new one. A pavilion for small gatherings has been added. The installation of a small boat launch and kayak launch with a freshly paved parking lot is currently under construction.

The park is currently closed for construction but we are hopeful this project will be completed by late May 2026.

These upgrades mark a major milestone for our township, and we couldn't be more excited to welcome residents to experience the upgrades to Horton Park once they are completed!

Thank you to everyone who supported this journey. We promise the wait will be worth it!

SPREADING HOLIDAY JOY IN OUR TOWNSHIP

Since 2011, our township staff and elected officials, alongside many generous residents have come together this holiday season to bring joy to many families and individuals in our township. Thanks to your kindness, we've helped brighten the holiday season for countless children, parents, veterans and senior citizens over the years.

We're once again collecting monetary donations and gift cards to help meet the specific needs of those we'll be supporting this holiday season. We ask that any donations be dropped off to the township office by December 12th. 100% of donations go directly to the recipients and zero tax dollars are used.



If you know of someone in our township who could use a little help this holiday season, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Together, we can make this Christmas a little brighter for those who need it most.

WINTER SAFETY REMINDERS

As snow season approaches, we kindly remind all residents and property owners to follow safe snow removal practices to ensure our sidewalks, bike paths, and roads remain accessible and hazard-free.

Please avoid: Piling snow onto sidewalks or bike paths - this blocks access and slows down our maintenance crews. Pushing snow piles across the road - this creates dangerous obstacles for drivers and can lead to icy patches that are difficult to clear.

Snow Safety Tips: Shovel snow away from public walkways and bike paths. Keep fire hydrants and storm drains clear. Use salt or sand to prevent slippery surfaces. Remind contractors and neighbors to follow proper snow disposal practices.

Your cooperation helps us maintain a safe and walkable community for everyone. Let's work together to make this winter smooth and safe!

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.

If you observe a camper being used as a residence outside the permitted time frame, you may report it to the township office. Your help in keeping our community safe, clean, and compliant is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your attention and continued support.

TIPS ON HOW TO BE A GREAT NEIGHBOR



Strong neighborhoods are built on kindness, respect, a shared sense of community. Here's a few simple ways to be a great neighbor and help make our community a welcoming place for all!

Be Friendly and Respectful

Smile, wave, and say hello – it's the easiest way to build a positive relationship.

Respect Quiet Hours

Be mindful of loud music, barking dogs, and late-night activities during quiet hours.

Maintain Your Property

A tidy yard and clear sidewalks help keep the neighborhood looking great and safe for everyone.

Offer to Help

Offer to lend a hand with yard work, pet sitting, or errands, especially for seniors or new parents.

Watch Out for Each Other

Keep an eye out and report anything unusual in the neighborhood. Maybe offer to lend a hand when neighbors are away.

Communicate Kindly

If issues arise, approach conversations with understanding and a willingness to find solutions.

Together, we can foster a community built on trust, care, and neighborly spirit.

Let's keep Laketon a place we're proud to call home!

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.
- **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

COMPLAINTS: WHAT IS BEING REPORTED

Each year, our township receives a variety of complaints. The most frequently reported complaints are:

Blight - Poorly maintained properties to include lack of yard maintenance and excessive junk/trash that negatively impacts neighborhood appearance.

Improper parking - RVs, trailers, and boats parked in front yards.

Unlicensed vehicles - vehicles that are not properly registered.

Chickens - keeping chickens on properties that don't meet minimum size requirements.

Number of complaints received (4-year study):
2022: 147, 2023: 121, 2024: 114, 2025: 83

Thank you to all our residents for your commitment to keep our township clean and welcoming. Together we make it a great place to live!

