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# Portage Township News

Ottawa County, Ohio

*"A great place to live and raise a family!"*

**Township Hall  
Office/Garage**  
2501 E. Harbor Road  
419-732-3543

**Elected Officials**

**Fiscal Officer:**

Judy Johannsen  
419-732-3543

**Trustees:**

Sam Conte  
419-732-2302  
(Chairman)

Keith Heileman  
419-656-2767

Molly Sass  
419-734-3081

**Township Meetings**

Regularly scheduled township meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Office.

**Zoning Inspector:**

Mary Gardner

**Zoning Office**

**Hours:**

Mon.: 5:30pm – 7:00pm  
Sat.: 8:30am – 10:00am  
419-734-7296



**Set Your Clocks Ahead One Hour  
Daylight Savings Time  
March 8, 2015**

At 2 a.m. on March, 8<sup>th</sup> most Americans will turn their clocks ahead one hour observing Daylight Savings Time.

When daylight saving time rolls around, set your clocks to "spring forward" one hour. Daylight Savings Time is observed from the second Sunday in March to the first Sunday in November.

Remember to adjust any times on household gadgets, indoor and outdoor lights and those regulating the thermostats on your heating system.

Take time to change batteries in your smoke alarm!

**Christy Chapel  
Cemetery  
Spring Clean-Up**

Portage Township will have a clean-up at Christy Chapel Cemetery beginning March 21 - 27, 2015.

All out-of-season items should be removed, including dead flowers and potting containers, plastic ornaments and flowers.

Any items people wish to keep should also be removed from the graves by March 20 and can be returned after March 28, 2015.

**State Route 2: Mine Remediation update from  
Theresa Pollick, Public Information Officer, Ohio Department of  
Transportation District Two**

- Crews are working as weather permits. Work will pick up in mid to late March as the weather should improve.
  - SR 2 will open to two lanes in each direction as well as the ramp from SR 53 to westbound SR 2 in May as planned.
  - Crews continue to fill in the area below SR 2 and will be working on median area.
  - Project complete: May 2016.
- All work is weather permitting.



### SMALLPOX HITS HARD IN PORTAGE TOWNSHIP

#### History Repeats Itself... The effects of vaccinations now and then...

Dealing with the outbreak of measles in the United States now, lends itself to look back to a time in Portage Township's health history. "On April 3, 1903 Trustees of Portage Township met in special session to investigate the cases of smallpox prevalent in **Plasterbed**. Motion was made by Trustee Clausen that on and after April 20, 1903, all scholars in attendance at Schools in Districts One and Two will be required to present a certificate of a physician stating that they have been vaccinated and all that do not present such certificate of a physician will be excluded from the school after the date."

...Health Officer of Portage Township was instructed to go with Dr. HJ Pool, make a thorough examination of the conditions existing and to report to the Trustee April 17, 1903

"On April 21, 1903, Trustees of Portage Township met in special session for the purpose of legislating to control the smallpox epidemic now prevalent in **Plasterbed**. Trustees passed the following resolution by the aye vote of Richardson, Clausen and Rohde, Trustees present.

**The resolution states:** It is hereby declared necessary and is hereby ordered that the families of all persons working for the United States Gypsum Company at their mill or premises located near Gypsum and all persons boarding living with, or residing at the home or houses of such person including such persons so working shall not, until the further order of this Board, be permitted to leave the premise on which said house is located without the written permission of the Health officer of said Township; and said Health Officer is hereby authorized and directed to inspect such premises and examine such persons with the aid of a physician employed by him to determine their condition as the existence of smallpox and to report to this board from time to time."

Signed by B. Richardson, Herman Clausen and Henry Rohde, Trustees of Portage Township, Ottawa County

~Taken from Township Minutes 1903

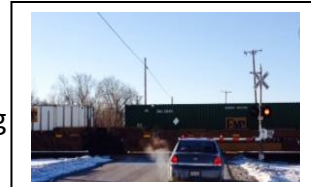
### Train Frustration Continues...

It is very frustrating to sit and wait for a train blocking the road!

If a train is blocking the crossing, call the sheriff's office to report the problem.

**419-734-4404**

From January 13 to February 13, 2015 there have been 11 reports of trains blocking Portage Township crossings. *As reported from the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office.*



### Spring Clean-Up April 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>

The Portage Township Spring Clean-Up will be held Friday, April 10th thru Monday, April 13th, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Township maintenance complex, 2501 E. State Rd. Dumpsters will be available and township employees will be on hand each day to assist residents. Metals will be separated for recycling purposes.

Residents may dispose of household trash, Freon-free appliances, tire rims, oil-free engine parts and small amounts of construction debris. The clean-up is intended to provide an opportunity for residents to dispose of accumulated household items; it is not intended to be an opportunity for residents to cut remodeling and home renovation costs by disposing of siding, shingles, or excessive amounts of other building materials.

Commercially produced refuse will not be accepted. Daily household garbage will not be accepted, tires, asbestos, liquid waste, batteries, or yard waste. Please keep these guidelines in mind when bringing items for disposal. Your cooperation is very much appreciated and expected. As always, proof of residency will be required. Materials which do not comply with the above guidelines will be refused.

**Ohio's Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week  
March 1-7, 2015**

**Annual Statewide Tornado Drill**

Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 9:50am

This statewide tornado siren activation drill is part of Ohio's Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week.

**Tornado Safety Tips**

Whether practicing in a tornado drill or sheltering during a warning, the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness encourages Ohioans to DUCK!



- D** - Go **DOWN** to the lowest level
- U** - Get **UNDER** something
- C** - **COVER** your head
- K** - **KEEP** in shelter until the storm has passed

**Township Community Room**

*Need a place to have a celebration?*

The Township Community Room is available to Portage Township residents.



The room may be used for parties, reunions, meetings, and other types of gatherings free of charge.

The room comes supplied with tables and chairs. Individuals using the facilities are reminded that they are expected to leave the room in a neat and clean fashion.

For more information contact Keith Heileman.



**REMEMBER OTTAWA COUNTY  
HAS MEDICATION TAKE BACK**

The Port Clinton City Police Department has a medication drop box in the lobby for FREE disposal of unused, unwanted or expired medication. Medications can be dropped off 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

[www.recycleoss.org](http://www.recycleoss.org)

**Ottawa-Sandusky-Seneca  
Joint Solid Waste Management District  
Collection Location: Ottawa County Fairgrounds**



**Household Hazardous Waste – Saturday,  
April 25, 2015, 9:00am till 12:00 noon**

Accepting household batteries, fluorescent/CFL bulbs, cooking oil, etc. • All automotive fluids & fuels, hand-held propane cylinders, motor oil • Household cleaners, household pesticides/herbicides/fungicides/insecticides • All paints, wood stains, aerosols, primers, thinners, strippers, sealers, tars, adhesives and coatings • For instructions to dispose of latex paint properly at your home, contact the District's main office. • Bring in your old mercury thermometer and exchange it for a free digital thermometer. • Fluids will not be accepted in containers larger than 5 gallons.

**Appliance Collection – Saturday,  
May 2, 2015 - 9:00 am till 12:00 noon**

Any appliance or household object made primarily of steel including grills, mowers, etc. • No televisions, computers, plastic fans or vacuum cleaners, etc. • Refrigerators with food inside will not be accepted  
• Units containing Freon will be accepted at no charge

**Televisions and Small Electronics – Saturday  
May 9, 2015, 9:00 am till 12:00 noon**

• The District will CHARGE to recycle glass tube TV's. The fee associated with the service reflects 20% of the District's cost. • TV's 24" or less - \$2.00 • TV's 25" & larger - \$3.00 • All console units and projection screen TV's (limit 2 per household) - \$5.00 • NO CHARGE for Electronics (e.g. - flat screen TV's, computers, CD/DVD players, stereos, etc.)

**Portage Township Trustees**  
2501 East State Road  
Port Clinton, Ohio 43452

**Portage Township**

(Refrigerator Friendly Calendar)

**March 2015**

2 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm

3 **Brush Pick-Up**

21 – 27 **Cemetery Clean Up**

23 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm  
(4<sup>th</sup> Monday)

**April 2015**

6 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm

7 **Brush Pick-Up**

10 -13 **Spring Clean Up**

20 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm

**May 2015**

4 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm

5 **Brush Pick-Up**

18 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm

**June 2015**

1 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm

2 **Brush Pick-Up**

15 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm

**STOP!!!  
NO MORE SNOW!!!**

