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# Portage Township News

## Ottawa County, Ohio

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



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 419-732-3543

**Elected Officials**

**Fiscal Officer:**

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**Maintenance Supervisor**

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**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.

What do you get when you cross poison ivy with a four-leaf clover? A rash of good luck!! 

**Christy Chapel Cemetery**  
**Spring Clean-Up**



Portage Township will have a clean-up at Christy Chapel Cemetery Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> to March 24<sup>th</sup>  
 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 18 and can be returned after March 25, 2015.

***Portage Township Spotlight Interview with Chris Galvin***

Township resident, Chris Galvin says she was "born to juggle"! To look at Chris's busy days, I would have to agree! In a former newsletter, we met Chris as a township 'beekeeper'. When asked how the bees were doing this winter, Chris shared she had just checked on her seven hives and all looked well. Chris recently left Portage Township Zoning Appeals Board after four years. Taking on a new responsibility, the WSOS Board of Directors elected Chris in February, as Chairman of the Board.

Chris is also Ottawa County United Way Director and recently received a Proclamation by the Board of Commissions for the recognition of 2-1-1.



**What is United Way 2-1-1?** 

When people don't know where to turn to give or get help, they turn to United Way 2-1-1. Available 24/7. Calling the number 211, is a free confidential and anonymous non-emergency information and referral service that connects area residents to the health and human services they need. Dialing 2-1-1 connects you to a broad range of services, including: homelessness prevention, free tax preparation, volunteer opportunities, healthcare navigator assistance, safe and affordable housing, after-school programs, financial literacy and job training. United Way 2-1-1 is an easy number to remember and allows people to give help and get help. A trained specialist works with you to assess and prioritize needs.

## Annual Spring Clean-Up April 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>

The Portage Township Spring Clean-Up  
Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> thru Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>  
Township maintenance complex, 2501 E. State Rd.  
**Friday/Monday: 7:00am to 7:00pm**  
**Saturday/Sunday: 9:00am to 5:00pm**



Dumpsters will be available and township employees will be on hand each day to assist residents. Metals will be separated for recycling purposes.

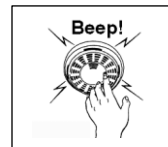
Residents may dispose of household trash, Freon-free appliances, tire rims, oil-free engine parts and small amounts of construction debris. The clean-up is intended to provide an opportunity for residents to dispose of accumulated household items; it is not intended to be an opportunity for residents 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.

## Set Your Clocks Ahead One Hour... *Spring Forward!* Daylight Savings Time - March 13, 2016

It's almost that time of year again. Soon the clocks will *spring ahead* for most of the country, and we'll enjoy that extra hour of daylight in the evening. We'll also lose an extra hour of sleep...  
Daylight Savings Time officially begins at 2 a.m. EST on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Take time to change batteries in your smoke alarm!**



### Daylight Savings Quiz:

**The need for standard U.S. time zones first came about in the late 1800s because \_\_\_\_?**

- a) Mail couriers couldn't keep track of shipments
- b) Massive railroad expansion called for a uniform schedule
- c) Airplane traffic was becoming increasingly dangerous
- d) Settlers on the West Coast began suffering exhaustion due to lack of darkness

**What is the primary reason that 2:00am was set as the changeover time set in the United States?**

- a) The time would force people to remember that the change was happening
- b) Convenient since a lot of people are up partying
- c) Less disruption and most would be changed over by daybreak
- d) It was easy to calculate the change from this time

**Which 2 states currently don't observe Daylight Saving Time?**

- a) Hawaii and Indiana
- b) Indiana and New Hampshire
- c) Maine and Vermont
- d) Arizona and Hawaii

**The Uniform Time Act made Daylight Saving Time a federal law in what year?**

- a) 1966
- b) 1918
- c) 2007
- d) 2012

## *Patience, Patience, Patience...* Township Community Room

The opening of the Remodeled Township Community Room project has been postponed to late in April. The company which makes the recycled flooring tiles is not able to ship the extra tiles that are needed at this time. The room has been freshly painted and will soon look beautiful for the upcoming celebrations.

### *The Community Room is free to use, **BUT** there are changes.*

The room may be used for parties, reunions, meetings, and other types of gatherings free of charge. At the last Township meeting, the Board of Trustees decided to require residents using the community room put down a **\$100.00 cleaning deposit**. The check will be held until the event is over. If the room is left clean, the deposit will be given back. This was put into place as thousands of dollars have gone into the renovation and it is imperative to keep it clean. If the room needs to be cleaned after usage, the \$100.00 will not be refunded.

## When Does Spring Begin – March 20, 2016



In the Northern Hemisphere, spring begins with the equinox on the 20th March at 6:29 a.m. (EDT).

The word *equinox* is derived from the Latin words meaning “equal night.” All over the world, days and nights are approximately equal. Today, the Sun rises exactly in the east and sets exactly in the west.

### Equinox Folklore

**Question:** According to folklore, you can stand a raw egg on its end on the equinox. Is this true?

**Answer:** One spring, a few minutes before the vernal equinox, several Almanac editors tried this trick. For a full workday, 17 out of 24 eggs stood standing. Three days later, we tried this trick again and found similar results. Perhaps 3 days after the equinox was still too near. Try this yourself and see what happens!

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### *All Roads Lead to Portage Township!*

ANDERSON	LIZLANE
BAY	LOCKWOOD
BAYVIEW	LUCHSINGER
CHRISTYCHAPEL	MACKEYLANE
DEERVIEW	MADISON
DOLORES	MAUNALOA
DOUGLAS	MIAMIBEACH
DUBBERT	OTTAWA
EMERALD	PLASTERBOARD
EWERSEN	RAILROAD
FISHACK	RHODE
FLETCHER	SAND
FOREST	SANDBAY
FULTON	SCHIEWE
GARNET	SHAWNEE
GILL	SHORE
HARBOR	STATE
HEISER	STRAND
HICKORYGROVE	SUNRISE
KNECHTSBEACH	WILCOX
LAKE	
LIGHTNER	
LINDA	

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



**Televisions and Small Electronics – Saturday  
April 23, 2016, 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.)

**Household Hazardous Waste – Saturday,  
May 7, 2016, 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 14, 2016 - 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



**About Arbor Day**

**April 29, 2016**

In 1854 J Sterling Morton moved from Detroit to the area that is now Nebraska. He and other pioneers noticed a lack of trees, which were needed to act as windbreaks to stabilize the soil and to give shade from the sun. Morton planted many trees around his own home and encouraged others to do the same.

On January 4, 1872, he proposed a holiday to plant trees on April 10 that year. This was known as "Arbor Day" and prizes were awarded to the counties and individuals who planted the most trees on the day. About one million trees were planted in Nebraska on the first Arbor Day. In 1885, Arbor Day became a legal holiday and was moved to April 22, which was Morton's birthday. In 1989 the official state holiday was moved to the last Friday in April. All states in the US now have an official Arbor Day; usually at a time of year that is has the best weather conditions for planting trees.

Portage Township will plant 5 new trees to celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day. The trees are being purchased through the Soil and Water Conservation District. The trees will be planted at the Township Office Complex. All the Ash trees had to be removed at Township due to the Emerald Ash Borer beetle. The new trees ordered are 3 Red Oak and 2 Red Maple.

**Celebrate Earth Day**

**April 22nd**



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

## Portage Township

### March 2016

- 7 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm
- 15 Primary Election Day
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 19 – 24 Cemetery Clean Up
- 21 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm
- 27 Easter

### April 2016

- 4 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm
- 5 Brush Pick-Up
- 8 -11 Spring Clean Up
- 20 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm
- 22 Earth Day
- 29 Arbor Day

### May 2016

- 2 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm
- 3 Brush Pick-Up
- 8 Mother's Day
- 16 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm
- 30 Memorial Day

### Ohio's Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week March 20 - 26, 2016

#### Annual Statewide Tornado Drill

Wednesday, March 23, 2016 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



Compared to the last couple of winters... Township road salt usage is down. Let's see how the next couple of months treat us!

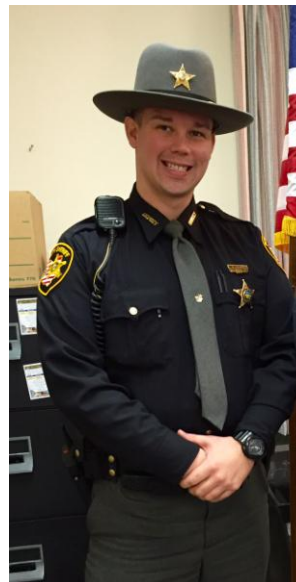
#### Zoning Office Hours:

Mon.: 5:30pm – 7:00pm

Sat.: 8:30am – 10:00am

419-734-7296

Zoning Inspector: Mary Gardner



#### *Welcome*

Portage Township welcomes Deputy Chris Bacisin. Chris comes to Portage Township from working at the jail in the corrections division. He is out making positive stops at businesses within the township. If you see Deputy Chris, introduce yourself and make him feel welcomed to Portage Township!