

Portage Township News



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Elected Officials

Fiscal Officer:

Judy Johannsen
419-732-3543

Trustees:

Drew A. Surovjak
(Chairman)
419-341-5445

Sam Conte
419-732-2302

Keith Heileman
419-656-2767

Township Meetings

Regularly scheduled township meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd

Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Office.

2501 E. State Road
Garage/Office
419-732-3543

Brush Pick-up

Oct. 1, Nov. 5,
Dec. 3, Jan 7

Zoning Office

Hours:

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

Community Room Changes...



When delivering your household recycling to the drop-off site at the township complex on State Road, you probably noticed a new look to the garage/community room. The two east garage doors were getting to the point that extensive repairs or replacement were called for. After exploring costs, it was determined that it would be much more economical to remove the doors and install a few windows. All of the work was done by Matt and Bryan and it enhances the appearance of the building. The overall plan includes future upgrades to the heating/cooling system and a suspended ceiling. The goal is to make it look more like a community room and less like a garage. So far, that goal has been accomplished with the exterior of the building. The room is still

available to Portage Township residents for parties, reunions, meetings, and other types of gatherings as long as remodeling is not scheduled. The tables and chairs are also available for township residents' use. Residents are expected to transport the tables and return them promptly at the agreed upon time. There is no charge for the use of the facility or the tables and chairs, but people are expected to clean up after themselves. If table cloths are taped to the tables, please remove ALL tape and clean the tables.

Reservations are on a first-come-first-served basis, with priority given to activities benefiting the residents of Portage Township. For further information, contact Trustee Drew Surovjak at 419-341-5445.

New Sheriff's Deputy?



The new Ottawa County Sheriff's Deputy assigned to Portage Township isn't new and should be a familiar face to all of us. It is none other than Deputy Jim Muller. He served the township back in 2009. Welcome back Jim!

Leaf Collection



Township workers will again be picking up leaves this fall. Collection will begin on October 28th and continue until the end of November. Any leaves at the curb by the morning of December 2nd will be picked up. **Please be sure to keep the leaves close to the edge of the road.**

You can see by the above picture that the leaf vacuum does not have a long reach. And please keep the leaves clear of brush and sticks. The larger materials have a tendency to clog up the equipment.



Township Fire Protection

Earlier this summer a 911 call was made requesting the assistance of the fire department when a home fire was discovered on Sand Road. The Port Clinton Volunteer Fire Department responded in a timely, professional manner and then assured that the fire was totally out before finishing up their work. Portage Township contracts with the city of Port Clinton for fire protection. It's easy to forget that fact until their assistance is needed in a hurry. At times such as this you cannot overstate the value of the Port Clinton Volunteer Fire Department to the residents of Portage Township.

In order to keep up with the ever-increasing demands of providing efficient safety services, the department is currently in the planning stages of adding five additional bays to the current building.

One way to show your support for the volunteers and the valuable service they provide is to attend the annual Port Clinton Volunteer Fire Department Feather Party on November 11th starting at 6pm. It will be held at the fire department garage on State Street just west of Buckeye Boulevard. Proceeds from the fund raiser are used to purchase needed equipment for the department.

And an even better way to support the department would be to become a volunteer fireman. If the idea interests you, contact trustee Sam Conte at 419-732-2302 for more information. He has been a dedicated volunteer for many years.

Recycling Fun Facts

Americans throw away 2.5 million plastic beverage bottles every hour and 25 billion Styrofoam coffee cups every year.



November 5th – Election Day

Portage Township voters won't have a lot to consider on election day. Sam Conte and Keith Heileman will be running unopposed for the two available Portage Township Trustee seats. Other candidates running unopposed include Frederick C. Hany II for Municipal Court Judge, Paul R. Lockwood II and Randall S. Macko for Governing Board of the North Point Educational Service Center, and Barbara Drusbacky, Michele Mueller and Paul Edward Shaw for Port Clinton Board of Education. As long as everyone remembers to vote for themselves, they should have no problem being reelected.

Port Clinton City Schools will have a 2.3 mill renewal on the ballot for current expenses. The requested millage would generate \$0.23 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2014, first due calendar year 2015.

Finally, the voters of **Portage Township Precinct 2** will be asked if the sale of wine and mixed beverages and spiritous liquor should be permitted for sale on Sunday between the hours of 10am and midnight by Ciao Bella, LLC operating a restaurant at 3880 Harbor Light Landing Drive.

Dubbert Road Ditch



One of the maintenance projects selected for this season was the reconstruction of the Dubbert Road ditch. Pictured above is trustee Keith Heileman who donated his time and the use of his excavator at no cost to the township for the removal of stumps and preparation of the site. The final tile installation and grading contract was awarded to Gill Construction of Portage Township.

Bits and Pieces

Newsletter

Now that the township has a website and the *Portage Township News* is available online, an opportunity for the residents to be a little more eco-conscious exists. If you have internet access and are willing to receive the newsletter electronically, send an email to <surovjak@portagetownship.net> indicating the address at which you receive your "snail mail" newsletter. Your address will be removed from the mailing list and you will receive the newsletter via email as a PDF attachment. The added benefit of this method is that you will have quicker access to the *Portage Township News*, since you will be receiving it around the time it will be going to the printer.

Cemetery Clean-Up

The cemetery clean-up is scheduled for October

5th through October 11th. Residents are reminded that any flowers or decorations that remain on the graves after October 11th will be collected and disposed of.

Women's Health Brunch and Style Show

ProMedica Bay Park Women's Services is presenting a style show and women's wellness information Saturday, October 5th at the Mon Ami Winery Loft. Tickets are \$20 per person which includes a delicious brunch provided by Mon Ami Winery. Proceeds will benefit Bay Park Hospital Women's Services charity care fund. Seating is limited so reserve your space by September 27th by calling 419-734-8080.

Recycling Opportunities

Computers and related equipment can now be recycled during normal business hours at any area Goodwill Store. Call the OSS office at 1-800- 850-7224 for more information.

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Port Clinton, Ohio 43452

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Portage Township Calendar

September

- 16 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm
- 21 OSS Appliance Collection*
- 28 OSS Television Collection*

October

- 1 Brush Pick-Up**
- 7 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm
- 5-11 Cemetery Clean-Up
- 11-14 Township Fall Clean-Up**
- 12 OSS Tire Collection*
- 21 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm
- 28 Start of Twp. Leaf Collection

November

- 4 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm
- 5 Brush Pick-Up**
- 5 Election Day**
- 18 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm

December

- 2 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm
- 3 Brush Pick-Up**

* Visit <www.recycleoss.org> or call
toll free at 1-888-850-7224 for details.

Fall Clean-Up

The Portage Township Fall Clean-Up will be held Friday, October 11th thru Monday, October 14th. Friday and Monday hours will be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday hours will be from 9:00 a.m. till 5:00 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. Goodwill Industries will also have donation bins available for donations of clothing, household items and computer equipment.

Residents may dispose of household rubbish, 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, nor will 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.