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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. State Road
419-732-3543

Elected Officials

Fiscal Officer:

Judy Johannsen
419-732-3543

Trustees:

Sam Conte
419-734-2828
(Chairman)

Keith Heileman
419-656-2767

Molly Sass
419-734-3081

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.

Zoning Inspector:

Mary Gardner

Zoning Office

Hours:

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

TOWNSHIP COMPLEX IMPROVEMENTS



Removing pavement



New stormwater drainage



Putting down new stone base



Pavement being put down

The Township Trustees were concerned about the condition of the pavement and the drainage around the buildings. Drainage was minimal and the life expectancy of the pavement was long past. A new drainage system was much needed to keep water away from the buildings. This would also extend the life of the pavement. Trustees initiated an upgrade which benefits all that use the facility for: recycling, increased parking for cemetery, voting, township meetings, community room, and easier access for salt deliveries.

The Portage Township Fall Clean-Up Friday, October 4th through Monday, October 7th

Friday and Monday: 7:00am to 7:00pm
Saturday and Sunday: 9:00am to 5:00pm
At the Township Complex.

Dumpsters will be available, and township employees will be on hand each day to assist residents. 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 of disposing excessive amounts of building materials. Residents are reminded that daily household garbage, tires, asbestos, liquid waste, batteries, or yard waste will not be accepted.



Fall Cemetery Clean-Up

The cemetery clean-up is scheduled for October 5th through October 11th. This includes all three cemeteries: Christy Chapel, Shook and Dwelle. Residents are reminded that any flowers or decorations that remain on the graves after October 12th will be collected and disposed of by Township Maintenance workers.

Portage Township Community Room

Thinking of using the Township Community Room for the Holidays? Call and reserve today! Only one resident per weekend can use the Community Room, to allow time for set up and clean up.

Call Trustee Molly Sass, 419-734-3081, and leave a message

There is a \$100.00 refundable cleaning deposit to use the room.

LEAF COLLECTION



After raking, do not put leaves in township ditches

The Township workers will soon be picking up leaves. Collection will be the month of November. Any leaves at the curb by November 30th will be picked up.

Please be sure to keep the leaves close to the edge of the road and within six feet of the curb.

Keep the leaves clear of brush and sticks and ANYTHING metal.

The larger materials tend to clog the equipment.

Fire Prevention Week October 6 – 12, 2019

Fire Extinguishers ... are not for decoration!

Be prepared for small fires by having fire extinguishers placed around your house: at least one on each floor

- one in the kitchen (this should be one that can be used on grease and electrical fires)
- one in the basement, the garage, and any workshop area

Always keep fire extinguishers out of reach of children.

When Should We Use a Fire Extinguisher?

Fire extinguishers are best used when a fire is contained in a small area, like a wastebasket, and when the fire department has already been called.

How Should We Use a Fire Extinguisher?

Using the word PASS makes it easier to operate an extinguisher:

- Pull the pin. Release the lock with the nozzle pointing away from you.
- Aim low. Point the extinguisher at the bottom of the fire.
- Squeeze the lever slowly and evenly.
- Sweep the nozzle from side to side.

The best time to learn how to use a fire extinguisher is now, before you ever need it. Fire extinguishers have gauges on them that show you when they need to be replaced. Check them regularly to make sure they're still working correctly. If you have any questions, the local fire department can help.

If you're ever in doubt about whether to use an extinguisher on a fire, don't try it. Instead, leave the house immediately and call the fire department.



TIRES Ottawa-Sandusky-Seneca

Joint Solid Waste Management District Collection Location: Ottawa County Fairgrounds

Residential Tire Collection Saturday, October 19th, 9:00 am till 12:00 noon

- Accepting car and small truck tires at \$0.50 per tire - Limit 10 per resident - Accepting racing at \$2.00 per tire - Limit 10 per resident - Tires will be accepted on or off the rim
- ABSOLUTELY NO TRACTOR TIRES

For more information about TV and Electronic Recycling Collection contact OSS office at 419-334-7222 toll-free 1-888-850-7224 or website www.recycleoss.org

November News

“Everyone was a patriot and wanted to do their part with the war”.

We spotlight and honor Portage Township resident, **Erma Leiske Peters** for Veterans Day. Erma graduated from Oak Harbor High School in 1941. When she turned 21 years old, Erma joined the Women’s Army Corps during World War II. “I wanted to see the world and travel,” realizing this was the only way she would be able to do so. Erma served in the army from 1942 – 1944 and earned the rank of Corporal.

Erma made her first trip out of Ohio to Daytona Beach, Florida for basic training where she was inducted in the army at Fort Hayes. From there, Erma took off to Arkansas, Fort Bragg, North Carolina and then to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. Traveling to New York City by train, Erma boarded the Queen Mary and shipped out to Salisbury, England. Erma said, “there were 6500 soldiers on the Queen Mary and it went so fast that submarines couldn’t catch up!” She spent 6 months in England working in the finance office as a clerk, and then was moved to Rheims, France. While there she worked very close to the front, distributing supplies.

Erma tells of a story while she was in England. Due to a shortage of drivers when their headquarters moved, WACs in her company were called to drive supplies as a part of invasion preparations. They were unprepared and few trained as drivers. None the less, they drove jeeps, trucks and staff cars, many with heavy trailers attached, to a British port and on to a Landing Ship, tank (LST) that carried them to France. Arriving on the Normandy Beach, they moved through battle scared French cities and towns to their new station. This convoy of WACs was the first driven by women in the European Theatre of Operations.

Another story Erma tells is how she learned to drink coffee! The water they had was bad and questioned its safeness. Two cups coffee each day was the best choice since the coffee was hot and in the perking process, hopefully killed germs! She also tells of having to wash out of her army helmet!



Erma spent her 1944 Thanksgiving *“Somewhere in France”.*



Inside the menu was a message from C.O. Thrasher, Brigadier General, USA Commanding.

It is fitting that as we pause to give thanks on this day that I should extend to all members of my command my own thanks for their loyal support, enthusiastic cooperation and exemplary performance of their duties. Each one of us by hastening our inevitable victory and end of the War.

It is my fondest hope that this will be the last Thanksgiving that you will spend on foreign soil and that you may all be united with your families to celebrate the next one.

Erma will turn 98 on December 15, 2019. She now lives in the Ohio Veterans Home. It was wonderful to interview Erma! God Bless and we thank you for your service!

TURKEY TRIVIA

1. In what year did the first Macy's Thanksgiving parade take place? A. 1924 B. 1927 C. 1952 D. 1932
2. Who was the chief of the Indian tribe who were invited to the Thanksgiving feast? A. Geronimo B. Massasoit C. Pontiac D. Tecumseh
3. What is the name of a baby turkey? A. Chick B. No Name C. Poults D. Tommies
4. The first giant balloon to ever take part in the Macy's Day Parade was _____. A. Mickey Mouse B. Betty Boop C. Felix the Cat D. Spiderman
5. The first Thanksgiving in 1621 was believed to have lasted how many days? A. 2 B. 3 C. 5 D. 7
6. The first department store to hold a Thanksgiving parade was _____. A. Gimbels B. Macy C. J.C. Penny D. Montgomery Wards
7. From which tribe were the Indians invited to the Thanksgiving feast? A. Cherokee B. Chippewa C. Wampanoag D. Apache

Portage Township Trustees
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Port Clinton, Ohio 43452

**Portage Township
Fall Calendar**

September 2019

**28 Recycle Televisions and
Small Electronics 9:00 am till
12:00 noon at Fairgrounds**

October 2019

**1 Brush Pick-Up
4 – 7 Fall Clean – up
5 – 11 Cemetery Clean-Up
7 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm
14 Columbus Day
21 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm**

November 2019

**3 Daylight Savings Time
Ends
4 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm
5 Brush Pick-Up
5 Election Day
11 Veterans Day Observed
18 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm
28 Thanksgiving Day**

Looking ahead to December

December 2019

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

Trivia 1B 2B 3C 4C 5B 6A 7C



Election Day

**Tuesday
November 5th**

**Polling hours:
6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Portage Township
residents vote in the
Community Room at the
Township Complex.**

November 3, 2019



Daylight Saving Time ENDS
Sunday, November 3, 2019

2:00 AM clocks are turned
backward 1 hour to 1:00 AM
local standard time. It will be
lighter in the morning. Also
called Fall Back and Winter Time.



Port Clinton Firefighters

Association Feather Party

The Port Clinton Firefighters Association annual
Feather Party will occur on or around the first
weekend of November.

Many fun raffle items and door prizes are being
collected for the event. Portage Township
fire/EMS protection is provided through a contract
with the City of Port Clinton. We strongly
encourage residents to keep an eye out for the
event and support the association's fundraising
activities **CHECK THE NEWSPAPER!**