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March 10th

Portage Township News

Ottawa County, Ohio

A great place to live and raise a family!

Township Hall

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Elected Officials

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Zoning Inspector:

Mary Gardner
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Zoning Office Hours:

Mon.: 5:30pm – 7:00pm
Thu.: 8:30am – 10:00am



Ohio Township Association Winter Conference

Judy Johannsen and Molly Sass are pictured, visiting with Ohio Township Association Executive Director, Matthew DeTemple during the Winter Conference in Columbus on January 31st.

More than 90 educational workshops were offered during the conference for both Trustees and Fiscal Officers. We were able to attend workshops that had the most benefit to our township. Networking with others during sessions gave insight to how other townships face issues at hand.

Congratulations to Judy, for successfully completing her Ohio Township Leadership Academy coursework. Judy will be recognized and given a diploma at the 2020 OTA winter conference.

Ohio's Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week March 17 – 23, 2019

Annual Statewide Tornado Drill
Wednesday, March 20th at 9:50am
This statewide tornado siren activation drill is part of Ohio's Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week.
weathersafety.ohio.gov

Township Community Room

As soon as you have a date in mind, call Molly Sass, Trustee (419-734-3081) and make reservations for using the Community Room. Leave your message on the answering machine. Only one resident per weekend may use the room. This allows a day before the activity to set up.

Room Stats

- 10 8-foot tables
- 40 metal folding chairs
- 40 people - max occupancy
- No kitchen facilities, coolers and crock pot use only
- Cleaning supplies provided
- NO pets
- \$100.00 deposit required, refundable depending on cleanup
- NO smoking
- NO alcoholic beverages

NO GLITTER!



**Portage Township Residents
AND
Port Clinton Firefighters/EMS**

Portage Township Fire/EMS Levy Issue #1

- The current levy will expire at the end of this year and will no longer be collected. The millage of that levy is 1.6.
- Due to the change in the EMS provider, costs are rising and the current levy does not bring in enough money to cover the increased charges.
- 20 years since we have asked voters for a levy increase
- Portage Township's 2019 Fire/EMS cost: \$208,000.00
- The levy will collect enough money to cover the increased cost of providing Fire/EMS service. For a \$100,000.00 house there will be an increase of \$45.34/year.
- The levy on the ballot in May is for 2.5 mils and if approved will be collected for five years.

***A Spring Outing
Greatest Week in Birding is a
Treasure of Ottawa County
10th Anniversary
May 3 – 12, 2019***



The biggest week in American Birding is a 10-day festival in Ottawa County. Ottawa County is known as "The Warbler Capitol of the World!" Thousands of 'birders' come from all over the world for this *best* birding spring songbird migration of North America. The festival has offerings for the novice birder to the accomplished veteran. Bird identification workshops, guided birding trips, birding by canoe and daily walks at Magee Marsh Wildlife are offered during the ten days. The festival headquarters is Maumee Bay Lodge and Conference Center. Vendors and activities can be found at Black Swamp Bird Observatory at Magee Marsh. For more information go to the website: www.biggestweekinamericanbirding.com

Earth Day 2019 Protect the Species

On April 22nd, people across the world celebrate Earth Day. It is a day focused on taking care of the environment. A big part of Earth Day is looking at how humankind can look towards the future of our planet for our children.

EARTH DAY WORD SEARCH up, down, forward, backward, or diagonal

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AIR, APRIL, CLEAN, CLIMATE, COMPOST, WATER, CONSERVATION, ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT, EXTINCTION, FOREST, GLOBAL, LAND, LITTER, NATURE, OCEAN, OZONE, PEOPLE, PLANET, POLLUTION, RECYCLE, REDUCE, TRASH, RESOURCES REUSE, SMOG, TREES, WASTE, WILDLIFE

Residents Only



Township Spring Clean-Up: Friday, April 5th thru Monday, April 8th.

Township employees will be on hand each day to assist residents.

Metals will be separated for recycling purposes.

Friday and Monday: 7:00 am to 7:00pm

Saturday and Sunday: 9:00 am to 5:00pm

Residents may dispose of household trash, tire rims, oil-free engine parts and small amounts of construction debris. Please do not cut Freon lines when bringing refrigerators/freezers to the Clean-Up. Remember 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. 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 by the worker on duty.

We are very pleased to offer this service to Portage Township residents.

Christy Chapel Cemetery Spring Clean-Up

Portage Township will have a clean-up at Christy Chapel Cemetery beginning **March 23.**

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 be removed from the graves by March 29th.

Grave decorations can be returned after April 3rd.

Ottawa-Sandusky-Seneca Joint Solid Waste Management District

www.recycleoss.org

Location: Ottawa County Fairgrounds

Household Hazardous Waste – Saturday, May 4th

9:00 am 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.

Televisions and Small Electronics – Saturday, May 11th

9:00 am till 12:00 noon

ATTENTION: NO LONGER ACCEPTING ANY TYPE OF CONSOLE OR PROJECTION SCREEN TV's

Accepting only standard glass tube televisions. There is a **CHARGE** to recycle glass tube TV's

TV's 24" or less - \$5.00 TV's 25" or more - \$7.00

NO CHARGE for Electronics (LCD/LED or Plasma TV's, computers, CD/DVD players, stereos)

Appliance Collection – Saturday, June 8th

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

Portage Township Trustees
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Port Clinton, Ohio 43452

**Portage Township
Spring Highlights**

March 2019

- 4 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm
- 5 Brush Pick-Up
- 10 Daylight Savings Time
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 18 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm
- 23-29 Cemetery Clean Up

April 2019

- 1 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm
- 2 Brush Pick-Up
- 5 -8 Spring Clean Up
- 15 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm
- 21 Easter

May 2019

- 6 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm
- 7 Brush Pick-Up
- 20 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm
- 27 Memorial Day

June 2019

- 3 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm
- 4 Brush Pick-Up
- 14 Flag Day
- 17 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm



NO PLASTIC BAGS

A RECYCLING NOTE... If you bring your recyclables in a plastic bag PLEASE take that bag home with you. The bags jam up the recycling sorting equipment. Just dump your recycled items directly into the dumpster.

Springtime Tidbit:

16 million jelly beans are made for the Easter holiday. Jelly Beans were first introduced during the Civil War. They didn't become an Easter treat until the 1930's.



ICE, SNOW STORMS AND WIND!

Goodbye Winter!

This winter weather has been like riding a roller coaster at Cedar Point! One day it was -45 degrees windchill and five days later it was almost 60 degrees!



Wreathes Across America REMEMBER, HONOR, TEACH



On December 15, 2018, Local Girl Scouts from Port Clinton laid wreathes on graves of fallen soldiers at Christy Chapel Cemetery in participation of Wreaths Across America. WAA's mission is to remember the men and women who served our country, and honor our military.