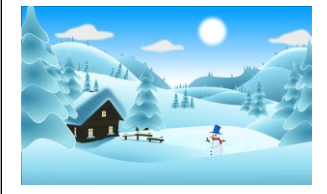




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If you are a seasonal resident, future newsletters will only be emailed. Please send your email address to portage@cros.net

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**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



*Judy Johannsen
and
Molly Sass
ran unopposed and
will each proudly
serve the residents
of Portage
Township for
another four years.*

*“A great place
to live
and raise a
family!”*

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.

**Please note that meeting times could be subject to change.*

Zoning Inspector:

Mary Gardner
419-734-7296

Zoning Office

Hours:

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

Crazy November Weather!!!

4 inches of snow fell on the ground on November 11th.

It just didn't make any sense!

Many trees still had all their leaves!

You didn't know whether to rake leaves or shovel snow.



Winter Ice and Snow, Take It Slow!

First Snow or Ice – Drivers usually aren't prepared for winter driving and forget to take it slow. Remember to drive well below the posted speed limit and leave plenty of room between vehicles.

Black Ice – Roads that seem dry may actually be slippery and dangerous. Take it slow when approaching intersections, off-ramps, bridges or shady areas. All are hot spots for black ice.

Township winter reminders:

Please assist the fire department in keeping the fire hydrant on or near your property clear of snow. Do not push snow up to the fire hydrant when cleaning snow away from your driveway.

Please make sure your mailbox is securely in place for the upcoming winter snow. It is the resident's responsibility to make sure the mailbox is secure at all times. It is much easier to fix before it's too late...and the frigid weather is upon us!

Reminder...The Township Road Crew does not plow private roads in the township.



Winter Bird Feeding: The Basics

Just as you are planning for Holiday/Winter guests to your home, consider your backyard guests as well!!

Feeding birds is a great way to brighten a dreary winter day. It's also a never-ending source of entertainment and enjoyment. Action, color, drama, song; it's all there at your backyard bird feeder. You'll get to know the regulars and, if you're lucky, you'll be rewarded with surprise visits from birds not usually found in your area.

The type of seed you provide influences how many birds come to your feeder. Over 20 types of seeds are sold as birdseed. The best all-round is probably the small black-oil sunflower seed. It costs a little more but is preferred by many smaller species, including chickadees, nuthatches, and titmice. It has a high oil content that is nutritionally important for birds, and a thin seed coat that is easy for them to crack open. If you are going to provide one seed, this is the one to choose.



Portage Township Services

Services provided directly by the Township include:

- **Curbside Brush Pick-Up** on the first Tuesday of every month.
- **Yard Waste Drop-Off** at the township complex during daylight hours.
- **Recycling Drop-Off** at the township complex during daylight hours.
- **Spring and Fall Township Clean-Ups** in April and October.
- **Curbside Leaf Pick-Up** throughout the month of November.
- **Road Maintenance and Snow Removal** for all township roads.
(If you have questions about the above services, direct your calls to the maintenance supervisor at 419-732-3543.)

- **Zoning Permits and Enforcement** *(If you have questions, direct your calls to Mary, the Zoning Inspector, at 419-734-7296.)*
- **Newsletter** published quarterly.
- **Website** includes township information and forms available at www.portagetownship.net.
- **Community Room** is available to township residents only. *(Call Molly Sass, Trustee at 419-734-3081.)*

Contracted services include:

Fire and EMS services contracted through the Port Clinton Fire and EMS Department.
(Non-emergency calls can be directed to 419-734-3430.)

"Marvel Meal," for birds is a mixture of peanut butter and other items, is fun for children to make and is a favorite of chickadees, titmice, wrens, and even bluebirds. It can be pressed into the holes of a log feeder or smeared directly onto the bark of trees. It can be spread on a pinecone and hung from a tree. It can also be frozen into blocks and put in a suet feeder or sliced into chunks and placed on a feeder tray. Recipe is below!

- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1 cup vegetable shortening
- 4 cups cornmeal
- 1 cup flour
- 1 handful of sunflower seeds (optional)

FULTON STREET OVERPASS IS OPEN!

Thank you for your patience.
 Work done was to stabilize the bank slope.
 The road was slipping and jeopardizing the
 integrity of the pavement.



Portage Township Community Room

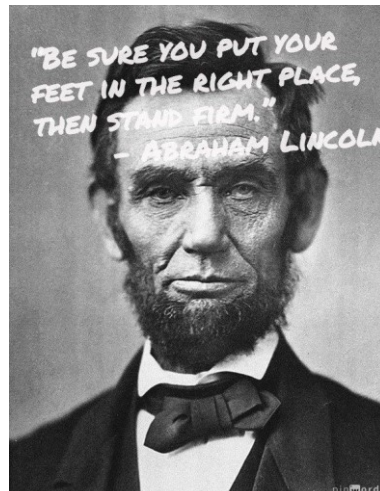
Thinking of using the Township Community Room?

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 on the answering machine.

There is a \$100.00 refundable cleaning deposit required prior to using the room.



Presidential Quotes

"Things do not happen. Things are made to happen"

John F. Kennedy

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more do more and become more, you are a leader."

John Quincy Adams

There are no problems we cannot solve together, and very few that we can solve by ourselves.

Lyndon B. Johnson

President's Day – February 17, 2020

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*Find and circle all of the US Presidents
 The remaining letters spell an Abraham Lincoln quote.*

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 JEFFERSON, MADISON,
 MONROE, J Q ADAMS,
 JACKSON, VAN BUREN,
 W HARRISON, TYLER,
 POLK, TAYLOR,
 FILLMORE, PIERCE,
 BUCHANAN, LINCOLN,
 A JOHNSON, GRANT,
 HAYES, GARFIELD,
 ARTHUR, CLEVELAND,
 B HARRISON, MCKINLEY,
 T ROOSEVELT, TAFT,
 WILSON, HARDING,
 COOLIDGE, HOOVER,
 F D ROOSEVELT,
 TRUMAN, EISENHOWER,
 KENNEDY, L B JOHNSON,
 NIXON, FORD, CARTER,
 REAGAN, G H W BUSH,
 CLINTON, G W BUSH,
 OBAMA, TRUMP

Portage Township
Winter Highlights

December 2020

- 2 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm
- 3 Brush Pick-Up
- 16 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm
- 25 Christmas Day

January 2020

- 1 *Happy New Year!*
- 6 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm
- 7 Brush Pick-Up
- 20 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm
- 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 2020

- 3 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm
- 4 Brush Pick-Up
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 17 President's Day
- 17 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm

March 2020

- 2 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm
- 3 Brush Pick-Up
- 8 Daylight Savings Starts
- 16 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 21 – 27 Cemetery Clean Up

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**CHRISTMAS TREE
COLLECTION**



LIVE Christmas trees will be collected the entire month of January. Please remove all tinsel and decorations. Trees must be at the edge of the road.



Fall Clean Up



There was 10,720 pounds of shredded metal for cleanup.



*The elected officials
and employees
wish you
Happy Holidays
and a
Happy New Year!*