

## OTTAWA COUNTY, OHIO | WINTER 2025

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### ZONING HOURS

Mon. 5:30pm - 7pm  
Thurs. 8:30am - 10am

2025  
DATES

### JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day
- 6 Trustee Meeting 7pm
- 7 Brush Pickup
- 20 Trustee Meeting 7pm

\*All month Christmas trees will be picked up.

## GET TO KNOW YOUR PORTAGE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

John "Junior" Gluth

John was born and raised in Port Clinton and has lived here his entire life. He married his high school sweetheart Jan (Lukac) Gluth, and they have a daughter Marie who currently attends OSU (Go Bucks!) and son Trey, who is married to Mackenzie (Stewart). Their first grandchild arrived in December of 2024!

John is the owner of Gluth Building, a local contracting company his father started in the 1970's. John Junior and John Senior worked side by side together for decades until John Junior took over operation of the business several years ago.

In 2023, John was newly elected as a Portage Township Trustee. In this last year he has learned quite a bit about the township but likes to share a few takeaways that stick with him.

"Portage township has more to offer than I think people realize when you really take the time to look around. From the natural beauty of the Sandusky Bay to the impressive regional airport and numerous businesses along the way, it is such a great place to live."

John is available by township email at: gluth@portagetownship.net or phone at 419-656-3629.



## WINTER WEATHER IS HERE

We alluded to its inevitable arrival in our last newsletter, and now it is here! We are asking residents to please assist the fire department in keeping fire hydrants, on or near your property, clear of snow or ice. Don't push snow up to the hydrant when cleaning snow off your driveway or sidewalks.

And also, make sure your mailbox is securely in place for the weight of the winter snow. It is the resident's responsibility to make sure the mailbox is always secure.

One last thing – SLOW DOWN on the roads during the winter months. A few minutes saved is not worth the increased accident chances. Let's keep everyone safe!



## DRAINAGE DITCHES

Please help drainage ditches keep doing their job! Avoid raking yard waste, leaves, or brush into drainage ditches at the side of the road. Even if the material is compostable, it takes a long time to break down and can cause blockage and problems for you and your neighbors. If you have yard waste like grass clippings, plant material, and vegetation, you can drop them in the yard waste pile at the township complex. For brush, leave it by the curb and it will be picked up the first Tuesday of every month. More details here: <https://portagetownship.net/yard-waste-drop-off/>

### FEBRUARY

- 3 Trustee Meeting 7pm
- 4 Brush Clean Up
- 17 Trustee Meeting 7pm

### MARCH

- 3 Trustee Meeting 7pm
- 4 Brush Clean Up
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 18 Trustee Meeting 7pm
- 22-29 Cemetery Clean Up

### APRIL

- 7 Trustee Meeting 7pm
- 8 Brush Clean Up
- 11-12 Biannual Township Clean Up
- 21 Trustee Meeting 7pm



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## NEWS & UPDATES

## WINTER 2025



### BRUSH PICKUP

It happens, cold winds, snow and ice take down branches during the winter months. That is why the Portage Township maintenance crew continues to pick up brush piles on the first Tuesday of each month, even throughout the cold winter months.

Help our crew out by following the below guidelines:

- Branches should be less than 4" in diameter.
- To facilitate easy feeding into the chipper, please try to set branches near the road with the largest ends closest to the shoulder.
- The township chipper cannot safely handle beach debris or material such as stumps, rocks, dirt, nails, metal, or sand.
- During the fall months, please keep leaves separate from branches because they are collected using different equipment.

Remember -it's cold out there – let's make sure our crews don't have to stay out longer than necessary. Follow the guidelines!

### GET IT ALL AT YOUR FINGERTIPS!

Tell your friends and neighbors in Portage Township – all the information they need is online! Get information faster on our website and by following us on Facebook. The website has lots of great information in an easy to navigate format. Stay up to date by going to [www.portagetownship.net](http://www.portagetownship.net).

Give us your email address and we will sign you up to receive notifications digitally, including our quarterly Portage Township newsletter.

On Facebook often? Why not keep an eye on happenings in Portage. Follow us by going to [www.facebook.com/portagetownshipOH](http://www.facebook.com/portagetownshipOH).

### BIANNUAL TOWNSHIP CLEANUP

The biannual Portage Township cleanup will be on April 11- 12th from 9 am – 5 pm at the Portage Township Complex. Dumpsters will be provided for residents to dispose of accumulated trash. Township employees are on hand each day to assist residents in unloading.

Residents may dispose of accumulated trash, such as freon-free appliances, tire rims, oil-free engine parts, and small amounts of construction debris. The clean-up is intended for residents to dispose of household items that are not picked up by residential trash service.

Daily household garbage, tires, asbestos, liquid waste, batteries, or yard waste cannot be accepted. The clean-up is not intended for commercial use or for disposing of excessive amounts of home renovation and construction materials.