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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



Exercise your right to vote!
November 6th

Polling hours:
6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Portage Township residents will
now be voting in the
Community Room at the
Township Complex.
Signs will be posted!**



Firewood for Portage Township Residents

Portage Township has a number of trees on Township property that have died. The trustees have decided to make **the trees available to Township residents at no cost for personal use.** The Township is not offering the wood to any resident intending to sell it for a profit. Of course, it will be necessary for anyone wishing to remove the wood from Township property to agree to conditions and assume liability for their work. A waiver form approved by Ottawa County Prosecutor must be signed by those interested Portage Township residents in order to remove the wood. Applicants will be notified when the trees are ready to cut.

Interested Township residents will be required to cut down the trees and remove the wood in a safe and orderly manner. No minors will be permitted to assist in the process. Small limbs and branches will be ground into mulch by Township employees. The Township will remove the stumps.

Any interested residents can access a copy of the waiver form by visiting the Township website at <www.portagetownship.net>. Click under Services on the Navigation Bar to find the waiver. The form must be completed, signed, and returned to the Township Maintenance Office. Call Matt at 419-732-3543 to arrange a convenient time to turn in the waiver. If more requests are received than available trees, applicants will be selected through a random drawing.

If interested, waivers must be turned in by November 30, 2018.

Is it illegal to burn leaves in Ohio?

Ohio EPA defines an open burn as any outdoor fire without a chimney or stack. Open burning is particularly dangerous in the fall season, when leaves are on the ground and the weather is warm, dry and windy.

Put your leaves out for Township leaf collection!

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. The larger materials tend to clog the equipment.



Move over Red Delicious apple! The Gala apple is now America's favorite apple!



Gypsum Canning Company

The Gypsum Canning Co. was incorporated on June 16, 1900.

Gypsum's products were principally cherry, tomato, and pumpkin food products. A large part of the food was canned or packed under the name "Ottawa Chief", Other registered trademark names were "Lake Shore" and "Bellevue".



WOW, that is a lot of pumpkins being brought in for canning!



Ottawa-Sandusky-Seneca

Joint Solid Waste Management District Collection Location: Ottawa County Fairgrounds

Household Hazardous Waste – Saturday, September 8th, 9:00am 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.

Appliance Collection – Saturday, September 15th, 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

Televisions and Small Electronics – Saturday September 29th, 9:00 am till 12:00 noon

The District will CHARGE to recycle glass tube TV's. The fee associated with the service covers the proper removal of lead from the glass • TV's 24" or less - \$2.00 • TV's 25" & larger - \$3.00 • NO CHARGE – for flat screen LCD or Plasma TV's and glass (CRT) computer monitors NO CHARGE for Electronics (computers, CD/DVD players, stereos, etc.)

No longer accepting Console or Projection TV's or Glass Tubes removed from TV's

Residential Tire Collection – Saturday October 27th, 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

The Portage Township Fall Clean-Up

Friday, October 5th through Monday, October 8th

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

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

At the Township Maintenance 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 6th through October 12th. 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.

November News

November 4, 2018



Daylight Saving Time ENDS

Sunday, November 4, 2018,

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 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!

Veterans Day is November 12, 2018



We honor Portage Township Vietnam War veteran, Steven Fultz.

On July 9, 2018 U.S Rep Marcy Kaptur and Ohio Adjutant General Mark Bartman presented Fultz with service medals he earned during the Vietnam War, but never received. Fultz spent seven years in the US Army Aviation unit with two tours of duty in Vietnam. On his first tour of duty in the Vietnam War, he was a crew chief door gunner on Hueys. (*The Bell UH-1 Iroquois (nicknamed "Huey") is a utility military helicopter powered by a single turboshaft engine, with two-blade main and tail rotors.*) His second tour in the Vietnam War was in CH47's as a flight engineer. Steven did a third tour serving two years in Germany. But, he never received his service medals as there was a mix up with his medals while he was serving in Germany.



CH47

So, after many years, he contacted U.S Representative Mary Kaptur to help him receive his much-deserved medals he earned during his tour of duty in the army.

Steven Fultz received the following medals in the Hough Theater at Camp Perry: Bronze Star, Air Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam campaign ribbon, Expert Badge - Auto Rifle Bar, Sharp Shoot Badge with Rifle Bar.

Steven Fultz, Thank you for your service!

Portage Township

Fall Calendar

September Recycle Fairgrounds

- 8 – Household Hazardous Waste
- 15 – Appliance Collection
- 29 - Televisions and Small Electronics

September 2018

- 4 Trustee Meeting, Tuesday
7:00pm
- 4 **Brush Pick-Up**
- 17 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm

October 2018

- 1 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm
- 2 **Brush Pick-Up**
- 5 – 8 **Fall Clean – up**
- 8 **Columbus Day**
- 6– 12 **Cemetery Clean-Up**
- 15 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm

November 2018

- 4 **Daylight Savings Time Ends**
- 5 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm
- 6 **Brush Pick-Up**
- 6 **Election Day**
- 12 **Veterans Day Observed**
- 19 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm
- 22 **Thanksgiving Day**

I LIVE IN A WHAT?? WHAT'S A TOWNSHIP??

There are 1.308 Townships in Ohio!

Pilgrim fathers brought this form of government in 1620, predating our state government!

In Township government in Ohio, three Trustees and a Fiscal Officer, each elected to a four-year term, administer the township. Townships are their own form of government. They are a separate entity, a political subdivision of the state. Townships follow the Ohio Revised Code. It has only those powers granted to it by the state legislature. Township government is the grassroots of the community which offers more personal service, more attention to individual needs and a better understanding of local problems than any other unit of government. Resident population has greatly increased over the years in Townships.

Please visit the Portage Township website to understand all the services provided within the Township:

www.portagetownship.net

Road Maintenance

Bryan continues to improve the safety of township roads.

Here he is berming the side of the road on Christy Chapel Road.



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

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