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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

Zoning Inspector:

Mary Gardner

Zoning Office

Hours:

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

**Ohio History
Fun Tidbit**

Where's the Beef?
November 15, 1969
Wendy's Hamburgers
begun by Dave Thomas,
opened in Columbus.
Fresh, Never Frozen!

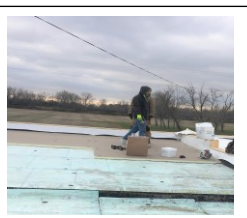


ROAD SALT IS SCARCE



Ron Lajti Ottawa County Engineer, shared with Trustees at the Quarterly Ottawa County Township Association meeting in October, that we have a significant road salt shortage in the County. Reasons for the shortage include: last year's high salt usage due to increasing inclement weather, a water leak at Cleveland's Cargill mine, Compass Minerals mine (one of the world's largest salt supplier) had an 11-week strike last summer in Goderich, Ontario and municipalities ordering more salt due to liability concerns. These issues seriously affected the shortage to fulfill road salt needs for the winter. Last winter, the Township spent \$45.22/ton from the County and this winter the price has almost tripled. There is no ODOT road salt supply for Ottawa County or its Townships. The County and many Townships, including Portage have ordered road salt from a private contractor. The Township has ordered 100 tons. This road salt was shipped from Italy to Toledo docks. Township residents are warned that more caution should be observed when traveling on all township, city, county, and state roads. The Township workers will continue to keep snow removed from the township roads but will conserve and direct their attention salting near intersections and curves.

Please know, the township road crew will do their best to keep the township roads clear and safe during the winter months!



**MUCH
NEEDED
NEW
ROOF**

**MAINTENCE BLDG / COMMUNITY
ROOM**

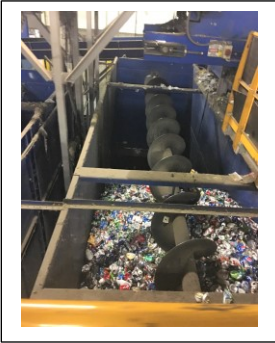


Township Community Room

The Township Community Room has been widely used over the last year. Every weekend in December has been reserved! It is wonderful to see so many residents using the Community Room. The room can hold up to 40 people. The room offers 10 – eight-foot tables and 40 chairs. There are no kitchen facilities. To reserve the room, call Trustee Molly Sass at 419-734-3081. Please leave a message with your name, address, phone number and the date you are wanting.

Republic Services Lorain County Resource Recovery Complex

Township Trustee Molly Sass, along with the Ottawa, Sandusky, Seneca Solid Waste District staff attended an informative tour of Republic Services Lorain County Resource Recovery Complex processing plant in Oberlin. We first watched a video of plant operations and then went on a tour of the processing facility.



The Resource Recovery Complex has the capacity to process more than 500 tons of mixed recyclables per day, or 35 tons per hour. Advanced technologies using high capacity screens, powerful magnets, high-tech optical scanners and hand recyclables are separated into different areas for processing. Then, once sorted and baled, the materials are shipped to more than 100 different markets around the country and overseas for remanufacturing into new products. Recent technology upgrade maximizes recovery of plastics 1 through 7 and can recycle food and beverage cartons along with aseptic containers.

RECYCLING SAVES

- Recycling 1 aluminum can saves enough energy to keep a 100-watt bulb burning for nearly 4 hours.
- Recycling one ton of glass saves about 9 gallons of fuel oil.
- Steel makers rely on recycled steel scrap to produce new, high quality steel.
- 50 percent of newsprint published is recovered, saving forests.
- Recycling plastic into new products saves 50% in energy used to make the same product from new material.



Why We Need to Continue to Recycle

...Dead whale washes up on Indonesian beach with over 1,000 pieces of plastic in its stomach.

On November 19, 2018, a 31-foot-long dead sperm whale washed up on a beach in eastern Indonesia with more than 1,000 pieces of plastic waste in its stomach. Researchers from the conservation wildlife group, WWF and the Indonesia Wakatobi National Park Conservation Academy found in the whale's stomach the debris of 115 plastic cups, four plastic bottles, 25 plastic bags, two flip-flops, a nylon sack and more than 1,000 other assorted pieces of plastic weighing 13.2 pounds.

The United Nations' environmental chief warned that "humans are dumping eight million tons of plastic into the oceans every year, and soon it will come back to seriously harm us. At some point, the whale's stomach fills up with trash and is not able to eat real food." U.N. Environment Executive Director and Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations, Erik Solheim, told CBS News' Pamela Falk, "At the current rate, we'll end up with more plastic in the oceans than fish by the middle of the century, and ultimately that comes back to our own food chain."

Some 18 billion lbs. of plastic waste end up in the oceans annually. China and Indonesia are the world's most contributors to plastic waste, according to the journal *Science* in January, 2018.

In the United States, we can further help reduced plastic waste if people avoid single-use products — such as plastic bags and plastic straws — and by properly recycling plastic products.

Recycling During the Holiday Season



NAUGHTY LIST: ribbons and bows, tissue paper, foil wrapping paper, plastic bags, packaging materials such as plastic air bags, bubble wrap, Styrofoam blocks or packaging peanuts, plastic toys, aluminum pie or roasting pans, candles, Christmas lights, batteries, broken glass, sticky gift tags, soiled disposable tableware

NICE RECYCLE LIST: wrapping paper (not foil), gift boxes, paper gift bags, cardboard wrapping rolls, cardboard boxes, greeting cards and envelopes, newspapers and sales ads, junk mail, paperboard (like cereal boxes), rinsed plastic bottles, jugs, and glass bottles.

Call the OSS District office at 419-334-7222 or toll free at 1-888-850-7224 for questions.

Lake Erie Shores and Islands

In August 2016, Portage Township Trustees were approached by Larry Fletcher, Executive Director of Ottawa County Visitors Bureau to put up signage on Lightener Road featuring Lake Erie Shores and Islands. It was to be affixed to the outside of the overpass fence on the west side, in Portage Township. The goal of this signage was to increase the visibility of 'Lake Erie Shores and Islands' in our area to the local market and to make visitors feel that **'they have arrived'** to the greatest place on the North Coast. All expenses would be covered by the Visitor Bureau. The Board of Trustees approved the proposal and now, two years later, the signage was put up on November 14th!

Welcome! Lake Erie Shores and Islands



Ottawa County Home Delivered Meals

Molly Sass, Township Trustee and husband Jim are ready to volunteer with the Senior Resources Home Delivered Meals program.

Riding with a driver on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, we each went on a different route helping deliver meals to seniors. A hot meal along with two frozen meals for Thursday and Friday were taken into each home. These senior resource drivers are extremely dedicated people delivering meals Monday through Friday. Each driver goes to the home, delivers the meal, and offers conversation. Sometimes the drivers are the only person these seniors see during the day. Wintertime snow and cold can be challenging for the driver to get to the front door, but they do it with a smile on their face! The Genoa route is 65 miles round trip and can take up to 4 hours to deliver meals.

Ottawa County Home Delivered Meals program is offered to seniors through a partnership with Riverview Healthcare Campus, Area Office on Aging of Northwest Ohio Inc., and the Ottawa County Senior Resources Department. Home Delivered Meals are offered to residents of Ottawa County and must meet a certain criterion. A senior interested in the Home Delivered Meal program should contact Senior Resources at 877-898-6459.

Christmas Word Scramble

Unscramble the letters to find Christmas words.

1. Groceos _____
2. Naclorig _____
3. Rats _____
4. Scunttshe _____
5. Porduhl _____
6. Naast _____
7. Skagceap _____
8. Dresswphh _____
9. Gramen _____
10. Galen _____

11. Limesotte _____
12. Vaniyitt _____
13. Gotscink _____
14. Viraso _____
15. Traweh _____
16. Gisehl _____
17. Wamsonn _____
18. Ejuss _____
19. Stranneom _____
20. Scamathir _____



1. Scrooge 2. caroling 3. star 4. chestnuts 5. Rudolph 6. Santa 7. packages 8. shepherd 9. manger 10. angel
11. mistletoe 12. nativity 13. stocking 14. savior 15. wreath 16. sleigh 17. snowman 18. Jesus 19. ornaments
20. Christmas

Portage Township
Winter Activities

December 2018

- 3 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm
- 4 Brush Pick-Up
- 17 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm
- 25 Christmas Day

January 2019

- 1 Happy New Year
- 7 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm
- 8 Brush Pick-Up
- 21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 21 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm
- 18 Christmas Tree Pick-up ends

February 2019

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

March 2019

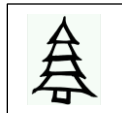
- 4 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm
- 5 Brush Pick-Up
- 10 Daylight Savings Starts
- 18 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm



*The elected officials and employees of Portage Township
would like to wish all residents a safe, peaceful, and joyous
Holiday Season!*

Christmas Tree Pick-Up

LIVE Christmas trees will be collected at the curb until January 18th. Please be certain all ornaments and decorations have been removed.



Any live Christmas tree left by the side of the road after 7 a.m. on January 18th, will have to wait for the next normal brush pickup.

Reminder: Brush pick-up occurs on the first Tuesday of EVERY month.

~Happy New Year 2019~

WINTER WEATHER 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 easier to fix before it's too late...and the cold weather is upon us! The township road crew do their best to not throw snow onto the mailboxes.

