

Portage Township News



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Elected Officials

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Trustees:

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(Chairman)
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419-732-2302

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419-656-2767

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.

2501 E. State Road
Garage/Office
419-732-3543

Brush Pick-up

Oct. 2, Nov. 6,
Dec. 4, Jan 2

Zoning Office Hours:

Mon.: 5:30pm – 7:00pm
Sat.: 8:30am – 10:00am
419-734-7296

A new home for an old flag pole...



This past summer Richard Ellis, Commander of the Homer D. Gardner VFW Post 2480, approached Portage Township with a proposal. He explained that the flag pole that stood in front of Bataan Memorial Elementary School since its construction had been removed and was looking for a new home.

During World War II, events which occurred on the other side of the world had a profound effect on this community. Bataan Memorial Elementary School was named to honor the members of the Armed

Forces from this community who suffered and died during the Bataan Death March. Commander Ellis felt that the flag pole which stood in front of that school for so many years deserved a better fate than to be sold as scrap for a few dollars. He offered to secure the flagpole, clean it up, and deliver it to the township if we would find a place of honor for it.

Pictured above are the elected officials of the township preparing to raise the American Flag for the first time on the flag pole at its new location in front of Shook Cemetery on State Route 163.

Township Community Room

The Township Community Room is available to Portage Township residents for parties, reunions, meetings, and other types of gatherings. The tables and chairs are also available to township residents for use in their homes. There is no charge for the use of the facility or the tables and chairs, but all are expected to clean up after themselves. If table cloths are taped to the tables, please remove ALL tape and clean the tables.

Reservations are on a first-come-first-served basis, with priority given to activities benefiting the residents of Portage Township. For further information, contact Trustee Drew Surovjak at 419-341-5445.



Township Clean-up

The Portage Township Fall Clean-Up will be held Friday, October 5th through Monday, October 8th, 7:00am to 7:00pm at the Township maintenance complex, 2501 E. State Road. 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 for individuals to cut remodeling and home renovation costs by disposing of excessive amounts of building materials, nor is it intended as a means for commercial ventures to cut costs.

Residents are reminded that daily household garbage, tires, asbestos, liquid waste, batteries, or yard waste will not be accepted.

Township Website

The Portage Township website is now hosted by Radius Advertising of Strongsville, Ohio, and can still be easily accessed at www.portagetownship.net.

In the previous issue of the *Portage Township News* residents were informed that the township was looking for a new host for the township website. Due to budget cuts the Center for Public Management and Regional Affairs at Miami University informed the township that it would no longer provide free hosting services.

In the summer issue of the newsletter, we asked for help or suggestions and quickly received a call from Randy Pindor, a township property owner with property on Sandusky Bay. Randy is the president of Radius Advertising of Strongsville, Ohio, a company specializing in marketing, advertising, and public relations. He offered to host the township website for free and assist in the websites layout and relocation.

The township is very grateful to Randy and his employees at Radius Advertising for the free help and assistance they are providing.

Thanks, Randy!

Leaf Collection



Township workers will again be picking up leaves this fall. Collection will begin on October 29th and continue until November 30th. 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.** You can see by the above picture that the leaf vacuum does not have a long reach. And please keep the leaves clear of brush and sticks. The larger materials have a tendency to clog up the equipment.

November 6th – Election Day

Voters will have a lot to consider on Election Day 2012. It will be important for all voters to study the issues and candidates in order to cast an informed vote.

State Issue 1 asks if there is a need to have a Constitutional Convention to revise or alter the Ohio State Constitution.

State Issue 2 asks if there is a need to fund a commission to draw legislative and congressional districts in Ohio.

Besides the ballot for **U.S. President, U.S.**

Senator and U.S. Representative will be selected. Three contested **Ohio Supreme Court** seats will also be decided.

State offices up for election include **State Senator and State Representative**.

Numerous Ottawa County offices will be on the ballot but the only contested ones will be the two **Commissioner** seats and the **County Coroner**.

Port Clinton City Schools will have a renewal on the ballot and Portage precinct 2 voters will see a **Sunday Liquor Sales** issue.

Motor Vehicle Registration

In the last issue of the *Portage Township News*, there was an article explaining that the township would be pursuing the enactment of a \$5 motor vehicle license plate tax for the purpose of road and bridge related expenses. Public meetings were held on June 11th and June 18th to receive public comment.

Shortly after the public meeting on June 18th, at the regularly scheduled trustee meeting, resolution 12-11 was unanimously passed enacting the tax. Effective on January 1, 2013, an additional \$5 Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax will be collected on all motor vehicles registered in Portage Township when their registrations are renewed. The money collected by the Ohio Department of Motor Vehicles will be credited directly to the township to be used for road-related expenses. The tax is expected to generate approximately \$12,900.

Bits and Pieces

Sheriff's Office

Deputy Amanda Grimm notified the township trustees that she has received a promotion to detective and, once her replacement is identified and trained, she will no longer be serving as the deputy assigned to Portage Township. The township would like to thank Deputy Grimm for her dedicated service and wish her the best in her new position.

Newsletter

Now that the township has a website and the *Portage Township News* is available online, an opportunity for the residents to be a little more eco-conscious exists. If you have internet access and are willing to receive the newsletter electronically, send an email to <dsurovjak@roadrunner.com> indicating the address at which you receive your "snail mail" newsletter. Your address will be removed from the mailing list and you will receive the newsletter via email as a PDF attachment. The added benefit of this method is that you will have quicker access to the *Portage Township*

News, since you will be receiving it around the time it will be going to the printer.

Land-Use Planning

After extensive research, planning, and discussion, the Land-Use Planning Committee is prepared to present its recommendations to the township trustees and Portage Township residents. There will be a public meeting on October 3rd at 7:00pm at the Portage Township hall to present the plan and address any questions and concerns.

The purpose of the plan is to prepare for the township's future development. The plan was last reviewed in 1994. Much of the discussion for this new plan addresses the possibility of commercial development along portions of East Harbor Road, Gill Road and State Road.

Cemetery Clean-Up

The cemetery clean-up is scheduled for October 1st through October 7th. Residents are reminded that any flowers or decorations that remain on the graves after October 7th will be collected and disposed of.

Portage Township Trustees
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Port Clinton, Ohio 43452

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Portage Township Calendar

September

17 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm

October

1 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm

1-7 Cemetery Clean-Up

2 Brush Pick-Up

3 Land-Use Pln. Mtg. – 7:00pm

5-8 Township Fall Clean-Up

6 OSS Television Collection*

15 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm

20 OSS Tire Collection*

29 Start of Twp. Leaf Collection

November

5 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm

6 Brush Pick-Up

6 Election Day

19 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm

December

3 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm

4 Brush Pick-Up

* Visit <www.recycleoss.org> or call
toll free at 1-888-850-7224 for details.

Recycling Changes

Township residents who drop off their recyclables at the township drop off station will notice a change beginning in late September. The Ottawa-Sandusky-Seneca Joint Solid Waste District has purchased new 8-yard containers to replace the older 30-yard containers. The new containers will have front lids as well as side doors for easy accessibility.

At this time it is planned that Portage Township will be provided with three containers that will be dumped three times a week.

A new company to this area

called Rumpke will be servicing the recycling containers.

Residents will also notice a few new things that can be recycled in the new containers. The whole list of materials accepted is as follows:

- Glass Bottles and Jars
- Aluminum and Steel Cans
- Paper – Cardboard, Cartons (juice etc), Junk Mail, Magazines, Newspapers, Office Paper, Paper board, Phone Books, paperback books
- All Number 1&2 plastics & **3-7 plastic (new)**

The containers will have signs indicating what will be accepted and the items which cannot be accepted. Please pay close attention to the signage.

The OSS office plans to change over to the new containers the last week of September. It is suggested that residents avoid bringing recyclables that week. According to the OSS office, all new containers will be in place by October 1st.

Residents' patience and understanding will be appreciated during this transition.