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Lafayette Clean-Up Days are here!

Lafayette Township is again partnering with Recycle Medina County to allow residents to drop off their solid waste. The township is offering the 'Clean-Up Days' program at no cost to Lafayette Township residents. In order to receive a Disposal Voucher, you must provide proof of residency. Disposal Vouchers and informational flyers can be picked up in the Administration Building during operating hours. One voucher will be issued per household. Let's keep Lafayette Township beautiful!



Join Our Resident Email List

Stay up-to-date on the latest news and information from Lafayette Township by joining our Resident Mailing List. Point your camera phone at the QR code to the left, and click the link to register.



NEW FACES IN LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP

Lafayette Township Trustee:

On December 7th, 2023, newly elected Trustee, Justin Peroli, took his oath of office at the Medina Country Club. The oath was administered by current Ohio State Supreme Court Justice Michael Donnelly. The ceremony was followed by a reception where friends, family, residents, and other local officials shared in the celebration.

Justice Donnelly has long been a champion for open and transparent government, having committed to a life of service in the advancement of those ideals. Having him administer the oath was an honor that will never be forgotten by those in attendance and will be a constant reminder of what we should strive for as public servants.

Trustee Peroli took office on January 1st, 2024 and his term will run until December 31st, 2027.

JUSTIN PEROLI



Trustee Justin Peroli swearing in ceremony.

Administrative Assistant: KRISTEN RAULIE

On February 22nd, the Board of Trustees officially voted to bring on Kristen Raulie as the new administrative assistant for Lafayette Township. The position was open due to former zoning commission vice chair and administrative assistant, Sherri Meinke, being recently appointed as the new zoning inspector. After advertising for the position, the trustees, fiscal officer, and zoning inspector interviewed three candidates for the role. All three candidates were well-qualified, and the decision was not easy; however, trustees voted unanimously to award the position to Kristen. She hit the ground running the following Monday and has already settled into the job, learning the ropes very quickly. With Kristen's enthusiasm, organizational skills and "can-do" attitude, she has fit in perfectly with our new team and is taking the lead on general office duties. If you get a chance, please stop by the township administration building to meet Kristen and say "hello" to her!



Kristen Raulie
Administrative Assistant



Zoning Inspector/Fiscal Assistant: **SHERRI MEINKE**

How did you get involved in working for the Township?

Back in 2005, I was approached by a former Trustee to write a letter of intent to be on the Zoning Commission. I knew nothing about Zoning at the time, but wanted to be more involved in the community that I live in, so jumped in feet first. I have been on the Zoning Commission up until 2024, when I was appointed Lafayette Township Zoning Inspector.



Sherri Meinke
Zoning Inspector/Fiscal Assistant

What is your favorite part about working for the Township?

I like meeting the residents and being a part of a Team that takes pride and cares about the community that we live in. In the last 2 years I have worked in the office and the township employees truly care about one another, making it a great place to work.



LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD

The Lafayette Township Zoning Commission is made up of five members and one alternate. The Zoning Commission is the legislative body that can initiate updates and changes to the current Zoning Resolution for either text or map amendments, or both. These changes must go through a public hearing process at the Zoning Commission level and at the Trustee level. It is a lengthy process.

Current Lafayette Township Zoning Commission Members

Chair: Rich Javorek

Vice-Chair: Jim Aylsworth

Board Members: Dianne Wenslow, Joe Praisler & Chase Burmeister

Alternate: Brian Morse

The Lafayette Township Board of Zoning Appeals is made up of five members and two alternates. The BZA (Board of Zoning Appeals) is a quasi-judicial body that reviews applications for use and area variances, among other things. Prior to the BZA Public Hearing, board members review completed applications and supporting documentation. At the meeting, all people for or against the application are sworn in to give testimony. The BZA board uses Duncan Factors in addition to testimony given and questions asked.

Current Lafayette Township Board of Zoning Appeals Members

Chair: Curtis Perkins

Vice-Chair: William Lister

Board Members: Mike Meden, David Ruebensaal, & Simon Bartos

Alternates: Robert Fertal & Julie Stanton

SERVICE DEPARTMENT PROJECTS

Lafayette Township Administration Building: New Conference Room

This spring, the administration building received an upgrade with a new conference room. The new room will provide ample area and a comfortable space for the township administrative staff members to conduct small meetings such as zoning-related discussions, or to review files, maps, plans, and even large drawings. The three old garage bays on the east side of the building were renovated to create the new, approximately 936-square foot, conference room. Without contracting outside labor, our own service department removed the garage doors, framed in doorways, completed drywall, finished the ceiling, painted, installed trim, installed new LED light fixtures, installed a new countertop, cabinets, and even a small kitchen sink! New carpeting was installed in mid-March. This was accomplished by using funds available through the American Rescue Plan Act grant and was completed at NO ADDITIONAL COST to township residents.



Administration Building Conference Room.

The room is complete with running water, a usable counter space for making coffee, etc., and boasts a new 12-foot conference table and chairs that can comfortably seat 8 people. It also has wireless internet, a wall-mounted television/monitor, and three cubicle workstations that will be used by the Trustees to be able to serve the township better for small/individual meetings with residents. Thank you to our Service Department team, Rick, Ben, and Dave, for making this beautiful transformation happen!



THE ROAD AHEAD

Once the weather breaks, here is a look ahead at some of the road projects expected to take place in Lafayette Township. While exact schedules have yet to be determined, please check for updates at www.lafayettetownship.com or contact the Administration Office.



- Ballash Road culvert replacement – Ballash Road will be temporarily closed for approximately 45 days starting in late-May 2024. The project is expected to kick off in May, and should wrap up in July. Exact dates for the work are not yet available, but check lafayettetownship.com for updates.
- Honey Shade Court concrete replacement – The cul-de-sac on Honey Shade Court in the Hunter's Run neighborhood will undergo concrete replacement this summer. The work will be completed in phases so that access to residential driveways can be maintained. The start date and details will be announced once they are set.
- Lance Road shimming and culvert replacement – Our service department will be replacing two culverts on Lance Road starting in approximately July 2024. The culvert locations are roughly 800 feet south of Egypt Road, and 800 feet north of Chatham Road, and are expected to take roughly one day to complete at each site, with just a few hours of closure. Further, shimming will take place in low spots throughout the summer as weather permits.
- Egypt Road culvert replacement – The service department will be replacing the culvert on Egypt Road, located roughly 400 feet east of Lance Road in 2024.
- Coon Club Road inspection – Service department personnel will be checking Coon Club Road periodically throughout the season. While no closures are planned this year, there will be some repairs in 2024. Plans for resurfacing Coon Club Road are potentially slated for 2025.
- Ditching – Along various township roads, crews will be ditching throughout the summer season. This is important maintenance to keep the ditches clear and in good working shape to ensure optimal drainage.



MEDINA COUNTY (EMA) EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

The Medina County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) is a local government agency that provides support and coordination assistance to first responders for county-wide emergency/disaster planning, education, response and recovery activities. The EMA also serves as the administrator for the Local Emergency Planning Committee and the Medina County All Hazards Team.

On February 22nd, The Lafayette Township Trustees were invited to attend the groundbreaking event for the Medina County EMA. The ceremony marked the beginning of construction for a new five bay storage facility that will enhance emergency preparedness and response in our community.



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The new facility, which will be located at 5834 Heatherhedge Dr, Chippewa Lake, OH, 442153, will also have office space, a conference room, a training room, and a backup emergency operations center.

The Medina County EMA plays a crucial role in ensuring the safety and well-being of our residents. Their dedicated efforts include water rescue training, hazardous material response, and coordination during emergencies. With this new building, they will have an even better platform to carry out their vital work. The collaboration between local leaders, government agencies, and the community exemplifies our commitment to safeguarding Medina County. This project is expected to be completed by the end of 2024.



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For more information about the Medina County EMA, you can visit their official website at www.medinacountyema.org.

Village Corner: Chippewa Lake News



SAVE THE DATE

MOTHER'S DAY PLANT SALE

Need the perfect gift for Mom on Mother's Day?

May 11, 2024 the Chippewa Lake Lions Club will once again host their Mother's Day Plant Sale at the corner of Lake Road and Chippewa Road.

SAVE THE DATE

4th of JULY PARADE

Thursday, July 4, 2024 the Chippewa Lake Lions Club will once again be celebrating the 4th of July with a parade down Lake Road from Gloria Glens Town Hall to the Lions Park. Last year's theme was "Rock in Roll". This year we're looking for theme ideas.



Visit Chippewa Lake Lions Club on Facebook for more information.



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LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT



The Lafayette Township Fire Department has been blessed with a great start to the new year. These past few months, our firefighters have been training and preparing to provide the best possible service to our community. More of our officers and firefighters have taken leadership courses and educational opportunities to improve our already great fire department.

Lt Andrew Berger, FF Alex Thomas and FF Allison Jadlos have completed their Fire Officer I and II certification. Lt Cody Uniack has been credentialed by the Ohio Fire Chiefs as an Ohio Fire Officer. Captain Mike Savetski has begun his Fire Safety Inspector Certification Course. FF Ben Grega, Lt Christian Hall, Lt. Cody Uniack and Chief Cavanaugh participated in the Ohio Fire Chiefs Maxwell Leadership Course. This course gives officers the tools and resources needed to be effective leaders.

We have expanded our staff, adding Firefighter/Paramedic Todd Kemp, Firefighter/EMT Lorenzo Valley, and Firefighter/EMT Noah Gable. Firefighter Kemp comes to us from Cleveland EMS and FF Valley and Gable are newer to the fire service and plan on attending Paramedic school.

As a reminder, open burning regulations are in effect for March, April, and May. The State Fire Marshal and the Ohio EPA advises no open burning from 6am-6pm daily in unincorporated areas.

As the weather changes, remember to be safe while grilling.



GRILLING FIRE SAFETY

Stay safe this spring and summer! Follow these grilling safety tips.



- Only use your grill outside. Keep it at least 3 feet from siding, deck rails, and eaves.
- Clean your grill after each use. This will remove grease that can start a fire.
- Open your gas grill before lighting.
- Keep a 3-foot safe zone around your grill. This will keep kids and pets safe.
- Place coals from your grill in a metal can with a lid once they have cooled.
- Keep an eye on your grill, fire pit or patio torches. Don't walk away from them when they are lit.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS OF THE LAFAYETTE FIRE DEPARTMENT

				
Jessica White Firefighter of the Year 2023	Andrew Berger Officer of the Year 2023	Tara Powell Mission Dedication Award 2023	Phil Willis Fire Chief's Award 2023	Luke Yuravak Probationary Firefighter of the Year 2023

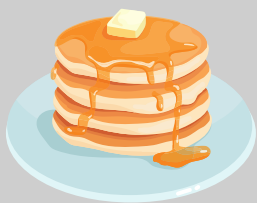
FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY SURVEY



Our department is training, planning, and preparing for the future and we would like to provide the best possible service to the community we serve. We are asking you to take a few moments to complete the attached survey to help us better prepare for the coming years. You can access the survey by using this QR code or by typing the following link into your browser:

<https://forms.office.com/r/28qHXevycV>

If you'd like you can pick up a paper copy of this survey at the Lafayette Township Fire Station at 6367 Technology Lane, Medina, Ohio 44256. Please have them completed by May 31, 2024.



Pancake Breakfast

Every Sunday in April at the Lafayette Township Fire Station
8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FULL BREAKFAST!

\$15 adults/\$13 seniors & vets/\$10 age 6-12/\$2 age 5 & under

*Proceeds benefit the Lafayette Township Fire Fighters Association





Lafayette Township

6776 Wedgewood RD
Medina, OH 44256
330-725-6515

Township Directory

Fire Department

6367 Technology Lane
Medina, OH 44256
Non-Emergency: 330-722-4965

Medina Police Department

150 W. Friendship Street
Medina, OH 44256
Non Emergency: 330-725-7777

Township Administration/ Township Zoning Inspector/ Service Department

6776 Wedgewood Road
Medina, OH 44256
330-725-6515

Medina County Sheriff's Office

555 Independence Drive
Medina, OH 44256
Non Emergency: 330-725-0028

New Town Hall Interior!



Starting May 13 - June 30, Lafayette Town Hall will be CLOSED for interior renovations. There will be no rentals issued during these dates. Please plan accordingly.



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