



# PIKE TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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## TRUSTEE MEETINGS

1st & 3rd Mondays  
of each month  
7:30 p.m.  
Open to the Public

## PIKE TOWNSHIP POLICE LEVY

The Pike Township Trustees have partnered with the Village of East Sparta for additional police coverage through the Stark County Sheriff's Department. This partnership is currently for two years, and enables us to have a deputy on the road 40 hours a week, year-round, for both entities.

**Pike Township has provided this with no additional levy to the Pike Township residents.**

The Pike Township Trustees do not want to continue taking the funds out of the General Fund as this depletes the other uses for which the General Fund has historically been used. These uses include wages, roads, supplies, salt, black top etc.

We hope the residents will consider supporting a 1/2 mill Police Levy on the May 6, 2025 ballot. These funds will strictly be used for additional police coverage in Pike Township.

The same deputy year-round has benefited the Pike Township residents with proactive police coverage. The deputy has learned the area and the trouble spots throughout the township. This 1/2 mill Police Levy would cost the owner of \$100,000 home approximately \$18 annually.

Please contact any one of the Pike Township Trustees if you have additional questions. Thank you for your continued support!

## ELECTRIC AGGREGATE

The Pike Township Aggregation program has a contract rate of 6.96 kWh through June 2025 with Dynegy. We are currently negotiating a new 3-year contract, and are seeing local surrounding Townships rates to be around 8.20 to 9.00 kWh. Given the fact that there was such a sharp increase in cost for 2025/2026 capacity, we expect an increase in our rates. Our goal is to always help our residents save money. With the current Pike Township Aggregation program, participants have already saved a combined \$567,428.12.

This June, don't be surprised with a higher rate and maybe a new supplier. **Residents that are currently in the Pike Township Aggregation program will not need to do anything.** Residents can compare rates at *Apples to Apples* and switch at any time, but be careful with variable rates and short-term contracts. As always, there is an OPT out program with a fixed price.

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS**

**TOWNSHIP CLEAN UP DAYS** will be held on April 12 and September 20, 2025 **FOR PIKE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS**. The hours of each event will be from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All items must be contained in bags or boxes and be non-toxic. Information about TIRE RECYCLING can be found at <https://www.timetorecycle.org/>

**THE RESIDENTIAL YARD WASTE** site will open for the season on April 1, 2025 and will be open 7 days a week from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Residents of Canton Township, Pike Township, and the Village of East Sparta can register a Residential Yard Waste card or renew an existing card for \$40 to access the site. For questions, please contact the Canton Township Administration Office at 330-484-2501.

**PIKE RIDGE PARK** off Route 800 will officially open for daily use on April 11, 2025. More details on the opening celebration will be posted on <https://starkparks.com/>

**LIBRARY LOCKERS** are available 24/7 at the Pike Township parking area. Request items from the Stark County Library and choose Pike Township as your preferred pickup/drop off location. More information is available at <https://www.starklibrary.org/>

**THE STARK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT** has information on vaccinations, annual wellness checks and screening, safe sleep resources for your baby, child car seat checks, emergency preparedness kits, smoke detectors, septic systems, and well water testing. Visit their website for more information:  
[https://starkhealth.org/government/ffices/public\\_health/index.php](https://starkhealth.org/government/ffices/public_health/index.php)

### **EXPANSION OF MELSCHMEIER CEMETERY**

Pike Township's Melscheimer Cemetery has recently expanded to accommodate the growing needs of the community. This expansion includes 632 additional burial spaces, ensuring that future generations will have a peaceful and respectful resting place.

For those interested in securing a burial space or learning more about our expansion, please contact Cemetery Sexton Molly Wadsworth at 330-866-3433 or [pikeoffice@piketownship.com](mailto:pikeoffice@piketownship.com)

### **PIKE TOWNSHIP ZONING**

Before you begin any construction project, such as a deck, room addition, garage, storage barn, or swimming pool, your first step should be to contact the Pike Township Zoning Department at 330-866-3433 or email [zoning@piketownship.com](mailto:zoning@piketownship.com) to obtain information about the zoning permit that will be required.

Zoning was put into effect in Pike Township by a majority vote in 1962 and is an important part of our Township regulations. Zoning is designed to "promote public health, safety, morale, and general welfare" of the residents in Pike Township.