

## EMERGENCY REVERSE 911 SYSTEM NOW OPERATIONAL

We now have our community notification system operational. The reverse 911 system, as it is sometimes called, will enable the township to notify residents of important information via telephone. We have the ability to notify just a street, a small section, or even the entire township of any important notice. Some of the items that we will be able to notify you of include:

- Missing or lost children
- Pending adverse weather
- Road closures
- Evacuation requests due to an emergency
- Information on where to go for assistance

The system is able to notify you as to where you can go for help or when an evacuation shelter will be opened. We are especially concerned about our residents that are dependent on home oxygen. In the event of a power outage, those people can be housed in our building with your oxygen system restored. We have some cots available for sleeping as well.

***The Reverse 911 system will contact any HOME telephone. The Portage County Emergency Management Agency is working on the procedures to register cellular telephones so they can receive emergency notifications. As of this date, cell phones are NOT able to receive notifications.***