

Montville Matters

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Rudy Breunig (2016-2020)
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What's Happening in Your Township

We have continued to encounter unprecedented times in 2020 due to COVID-19. The news continues to change daily and many in our community have felt the effects of this pandemic. Please continue to protect yourselves and those you care about and follow the recommended guidelines.



The trustees continue to address rentals and gathering restrictions as the orders change and sadly our community has had to cancel many of the events we look forward to each year.

Please review the website regularly for the most up-to-date information regarding events and informational resources at www.montvillegeauga.com.

We hope you all have taken the opportunity to enjoy your homes, your loved ones and maybe even visited some local parks during this pandemic. We wish you all continued health and wellness and let's continue to support our local businesses during these challenging times!

Understanding the Road Levy on the November 3rd ballot

This fall you will see a road levy on the ballot. This has been a very difficult decision for the Trustees as they understand the current economic impacts to some since COVID 19, however whereas they wish to keep taxes as low as possible for all township homeowners, they are bound by Ohio Revised Code to maintain the roads. Considering this, the Trustees have made the decision to place a levy on the ballot for 1.5 mill for 5 years which is only the amount needed to continue maintenance and upkeep on our township roads. Without the passing of this levy, the township will be facing a deficit in the road budget and will be unable to upkeep the recent improvements made. Based on tax year 2019 (2020 collection) values, 1.5 mill "New/Additional" Mill will yield \$79,950 per year and cost the owner of a single-family owner occupied home with a Market Value of \$100,000 - \$52.50 per year.

As of January 2020, our Road Fund had a beginning cash fund balance of \$99,400.04 on hand. As of this newsletter, we are projecting ending 2020 with a balance of \$24,100.04 and ending 2021 with a balance of \$1,000.04. Similarly, our Gasoline Tax Fund had a beginning cash fund balance of \$73,447.01 in 2020 and we are projecting ending with a balance of \$15,447.01. The township has seen a substantial increase in the costs of all materials including salt, aggregate, asphalt and road resurfacing materials.

Townships are limited by state law in how they raise revenue and there are

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Clean Up Day

Montville Twp Clean Up Day is Saturday, September 12th from 8:00 am until noon. Residents must bring their IDs.

We accept appliances (freon must be removed from refrigerators/freezers as well as the doors), furniture, scrap metals and items too large for your weekly trash collection. We will also accept up to 6 rimless tires.



We do NOT accept concrete/rocks/yard ornaments, liquids, fluorescent bulbs, batteries, yard waste, or propane tanks.

THIS YEAR ONLY we are accepting electronics.

News From the Fire Department



► Welcome Aboard

Please welcome our newest member to the Department Jackie Williams as a probationary firefighter, Jackie is a Firefighter/EMT.

► CoronaVirus

During these difficult times, Please remember to keep your social distancing. If you feel like you are having any of the symptoms please contact your physician . If you need any information on the Corona Virus you can go to the following websites: 1) odh.ohio.gov 2) cdc.gov

If you do call 911 and need an Ambulance please wait outside for the ambulance, this will help limit the exposure for the EMS personnel. Unfortunately we cannot have any riders with us while transporting to the hospital.

PLEASE remember that we are under a mandatory mask order.

► Open burn policies

This is a reminder that the Montville Fire Department requires a Burn permit. These permits are valid for 30 days. Permits can be obtained at the Fire Station. Depending on the situation an on-site inspection may be needed before a permit will be issued. The permit will be valid for yard waste only. Shingles, roofing material, or any non organic material will not be allowed. If burning, any source of extinguishment is required close by IE: Fire Extinguisher or garden hose.

Ohio Revised Code 1503.18 Ohio DNR Forestry prohibits outdoor open burning and prescribed fires in the months of March, April, May, October, and November between 6am and 6pm. This ban includes burning of yard waste, trash, and debris, even in a proper burn barrel.

Even outside the time and date restrictions, any person conducting a burn must obtain landowner permission, remain with the fire while it is burning, and take all reasonable precautions to prevent the fire from escaping.

Burn Permits are not valid for Commercial Property

► Help us help you

The Montville Fire Department has address signs available for purchase; these signs are \$15.00 each and include numbers. By having your address posted at the road, this will help the fire department when trying to locate your residence in the event we need to respond for an emergency.

► Employment opportunities

The Montville Volunteer fire department is always accepting applications for firefighter and Cadet positions.

Please visit our website at: <http://montvillegeauga.com/id41.html>

► Earn while you learn

Montville Fire Department has a unique opportunity for students ages 14-18 to learn about the Fire service. The cadet program meets on the first Monday of every month. With the cadet program, the cadets can respond with the Fire Department on emergency calls. The cadet program also gives a yearly stipend depending on how many calls the cadet responds to. Any questions, please contact Ellen Wroblewski or Jeff Cvelbar at 440-968-3318.

► Fire levy

A renewal of a 2.4 mill Fire & EMS levy will be on the November ballot. A renewal of this levy will generate an estimated \$96,175 per year at 100% collection and will cost the owner of a single-family owner occupied home with a Market Value of \$100,000 - \$54.56 per year.

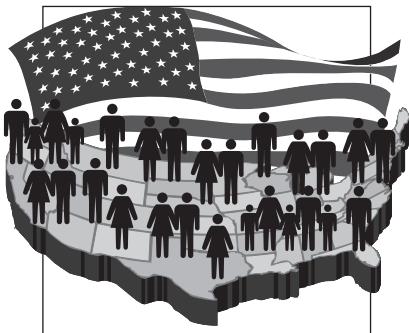
► Runs to date - 270 (as of 8/18)

Montville Website

Have you seen the updates to the Montville website?

- The Schedule of Events is updated regularly with changes due to the pandemic.
- Pictures of the community center's available rental spaces are now available.
- The zoning page has been updated to provide access to the zoning forms.
- Meeting Minutes are now added to the site.

www.montvillegeauga.com



Stand Up and Be Counted

Just a reminder that the 2020 Census is under way. Your first mailers should have arrived and you can complete your responses online. Please submit your responses, if you haven't already. So far, Montville Township is above the state-average for responses. Typically, if you haven't yet responded to the census by now, the at-home interviews will begin, however it is unclear how the coronavirus outbreak will affect in-person census taking.

The data gathered by the US Census Bureau provides information on our township and county which is used to make decisions regarding government services, roads, new retail locations, housing and more. In addition, the data collected assists in determining how federal funds are distributed which include educational support programs for schools and services for people in poverty.

Keep up the good work, Montville!

Self-response rates from households that responded to the 2020 Census online, by mail, or by phone

Ohio Self-Response 68.3%

Montville Township Self-Response 73.0%

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few opportunities to significantly increase funding. Whereas grant applications can be filed for additional funding for road projects, those grants are very difficult to obtain and the financial position of the township means we cannot meet the criteria for being awarded those grants as most grants awarded require townships to match funds and the funds are not there to match any grant awards.

For over 10 years, the township has consistently improved the quality of the roads within the township. 2020 has been the first year that we have been unable to make any improvements. There has only been patch or repair work done in the township this year due to funding. If we see a bad winter this year, we cannot repair any damages that result. There will be no road improvements until further notice without passing a levy due to the funds.

The 11.775 miles of township roads that are maintained impact everyone in the township. All property values are impacted by the quality of the township on a whole.

Without your support, we find ourselves with insufficient cash balances to continue maintenance on recent road improvements and the inability to provide future necessary maintenance needs.



Turkey Shoots

Now open year round on the third Sunday of each month. Doors open at 3 p.m. Bring your own 12 gauge gun. Ammo is provided. Meat, gift cards and cash prizes.

Fall Dinner & Chinese Auction

Due to the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Montville Firefighters' Association finds it necessary to cancel the fall dinner and postpone the Chinese auction. We hope to hold the Chinese auction in conjunction with our chili cook off in March. Watch for more information in the next newsletter.

Fire Department

Children's Halloween Party

At this time it is unknown if the Fire Department will be able to host the annual children's Halloween party.



Check us on Facebook at **Montville Fire Association**

Berkshire Schools



Business is a little different than usual for our returning Berkshire Badgers this 2020-2021 school year. Please review the Responsible Return to School Plan on their website at www.berkshireschools.org



Crossword Solution

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|--------------|----------------|------------------|------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| 33. Palms | 8. Satrapy | 59. Breast | 41. SF | 23. Rotated | SOLUTIONS |
| 35. Seaboard | 9. TL | 60. Dye | 42. Tabasco | 24. Nemesiss | ACROSS |
| 38. Popular | 12. Span | | 48. Pompeii | 26. En | 1. Off |
| 41. Siesta | 13. Cute | SOLUTIONS | 50. Bagman | 27. Pipe | 4. Artist |
| 43. Barley | 17. Mom | DOWN | 51. Assures | 28. Maim | 10. SRO |
| 44. Agnate | 19. Attill | 1. Oscine | 52. Ornate | 30. Ylem | 11. Vernal |
| 45. SMA | 20. Teepee | 2. Fracas | 53. A hair on top of the eye | 31. THP | 12. SC |
| 46. Cate | 21. Edema | 3. Forelimb | 54. A la | 34. Bises | 14. Car |
| 47. Ones | 25. Saltfishes | 4. AV | 54. Es | 36. Tea | 15. Tilt |
| 49. Erase | 29. Iso | 5. Retirement | 56. Pasted | 37. Reap | 16. Pumice |
| 56. PB | 31. Trapa | 6. Triton | 58. Ret | 39. Lone | 18. Iterate |
| 57. DT | 32. Helios | 7. Inlet | | 40. Alilo | 22. Atonal |

Did You Know...

The Township was founded in 1812 with approximately 25 square miles of area and 15,534 acres.

Today an estimated 1,991 residents reside in the township.

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Montville Resident

CLUES ACROSS

1. Opposite of on
4. Creator
10. No seats available
11. About springtime
12. Flagship ESPN show (abbr.)
14. Automobile
15. A matchup
16. Porous volcanic rock
18. Utter repeatedly
22. Not written in any key
23. Revolved
24. Archrival
26. Within
27. Smoker's accessory
28. Disfigure
30. Primordial matter
31. Thrust horse power (abbr.)
34. Kisses
36. Some is iced
37. A way to derive
39. Unaccompanied by others
40. Discontinued Google app
41. Tony B. left his heart there
42. Condiment
48. Ancient Italian city
50. One who distributes payoff money
51. Guarantees
52. Highly decorative
53. Strike with a stick

54. Pie ___ mode

55. Spanish be
56. Glued
58. A way to drench
59. Part of the body
60. Changes the color

CLUES DOWN

1. Passerine birds
2. Noisy quarrel
3. The front arm or leg of an animal
4. Early multimedia
5. Golden years
6. Large mollusk
7. Small arm of the sea
8. Persian jurisdiction
9. Atomic #81
12. From end to end
13. Adorable
17. Ma
19. Nearly falling
20. Portable conical tent
21. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
25. Fish with high dorsal fins
29. Equal (prefix)
31. Aquatic plant genus
32. Choppers
33. Hand parts
35. Region bordering the sea

38. Well-liked

41. Nap
43. It's used to make beer
44. Related on the father's side
45. Senior officer
46. Delicacy (archaic)

47. Figures

49. A way to take away
56. Beloved sandwich ___&J
57. Symptom typical of withdrawal (abbr.)

