

Montville Matters

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Trustee meeting are held the 1st and 3rd
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ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS:

John Holbert (2021-2025)

Jim Brace (2022-2026)

Robert Weigle (2019-2023)

Tim Bell (2020-2024)

Rachel Formica (2022)

Zoning Commission Meetings are held the
3rd Thursday each month at 7:30 p.m.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

Rudy Breunig (2021-2025)

LuAnn Burger (2022-2026)

Robert Hawkins (2018-2022)

Letty Kruty (2019-2023)

Ron Kruty (2020-2024)

Matthew Hawkins - Alternate

Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting are held
the 3rd Wednesday as needed at 7:00 p.m.

What's Happening in Your Township

After a long winter that is extended by Northeast Ohio springs or what I refer to as 'extra winter,' our summer finally arrived and is now wrapping up and fall is upon us. I hope you all had an enjoyable summer – it was one of the nicest in our area for sun and warmth in recent memory. I have seen many properties beautified around Montville and my garden did fantastic!

Absorb all the Vitamin D you can before the leaves begin to drop and the snow flies

In Township Happenings:

Our website went live in April. If you haven't already, check it out at www.montvillegeauga.com. Please note the Contact Us page which lists all the contact information for your Township officials as well as a generic form to submit questions. Your inquiries via the website form will be directed to the appropriate individual for a response.

You may have seen many Amish homes going up in our township over the last few years. Be mindful that none of our roads have buggy lanes. Share the road and please use caution when passing buggies.

Have you taken advantage of Montville Township's own Observatory Park? The area has been recognized as one of the world's International Dark Sky areas in the United States and Geauga Park District hosts multiple events at the park. Check out their website <https://www.geaugaparkdistrict.org/park/observatory-park/> and take advantage of the many free programs and activities.

A renewal of a 2 mill Fire & EMS levy will be on the November ballot. A renewal of this levy will generate an estimated \$108,774 per year at 100% collection and will cost the owner of a single-family owner occupied home with a Market Value of \$100,000 - \$64.25 per year.

Current Fire Department grants have helped purchased 21 SBCA bottle packs, an air compressor and fill station, 15 helmets, 9 mobile radios, 22 portable radios and 17 pagers.

The Township used Road Department funds to purchase a Yanmar Mini Excavator purchased after a sealed bid was accepted from Montville Township's own Winter's Leasing and Equipment Sales. The Yanmar replaces a current piece of equipment that is nearly 30 years old. The excavator will be used on the grounds and cemetery and is a welcome improvement to our Township equipment. In addition, an 18 Foot Dump Trailer has been purchased using some of the American Rescue Act Plan (ARPA) funds. It will be used to pick



Example of
Yanmar Mini Excavator

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News From the Fire Department



Fall Dinner

Plans are underway for the Montville Firefighters' Association fall dinner to be held on October 8, 2022.

Details will be available after September 8 at 440-968-3779 or on the township website.



Fire Department Children's Halloween Party

Montville Fire Department plans on joining with other safety forces and the Geauga County Sheriff Department this year for a Halloween Trunk or Treat activity. This event is held at the Geauga County Safety Center on Ravenna Road. Final details are not available at this time, so watch local papers for more information or on the township website.



► Welcome Aboard

Montville Fire would like to welcome aboard 2 of its newest Firefighter/EMT: Mike Knack - Mike works at Hambden Fire and at Leroy Fire, he is a Firefighter 2/ EMT

Dave Bracale - Dave works at Orwell Fire, Troy Fire and at South Central EMS. Dave is 36Hr Firefighter/ EMT

► 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 available on the Montville Twp website, you can print the form at home and bring it to the Fire station for processing. The website is www.montvillegeauga.com

Burn Permits are not valid for Commercial Property

Commercial property needs to get a burn permit from the Lake County Health Department.

Their website is <https://www.lcghd.org/air-pollution-control/>

► 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.

► 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 Wroblecky or Jeff Cvelbar at 440-968-3318

► Runs to date - 232



Cemetery News

— Karen Hawkins, Sexton

As you drive the cemetery, I am sure you notice changes. The large dead trees have been removed to protect the old headstones and overgrown trees have been removed.

Opening Soon

A new area of the Woodlands section called the Hillside will be open soon.

When the cooler weather of fall settles in, many of the bushes around the headstone will be trimmed. If they are too overgrown they will be removed.

The vault, building, on the property will be getting a face lift in September. This process will take a few days. The contractor will be replacing the lintel and doing some point tucking. This repair should allow the structure to stand proud for many years to come. Please understand that the workers may need close the area.

Grave sites are available for purchase. Contact Karen Hawkins, Sexton for information.



Check out
Montville
Community
Center!

Are you looking for a location to hold a

- **Wedding Reception**
- **Graduation Party**
- **Birthday Party**
- **Fundraiser**

Have you considered the Montville Community Center?

We offer two options for holding your next event!

#1 The Main Hall. This 2,346 square ft. air-conditioned room can accommodate up to 200 people. It includes a full size commercial kitchen that offers a commercial size refrigerator and freezer. It also comes with a convection oven, deep fryer, gas stove and oven and steamer trays. Also included is your choice of 8' rectangular tables or 5' round tables. Folding chairs are also included. An additional 638 square ft. room is attached to the main hall offering extra space for your event.

#2 The Social Room. This 1,090 square ft. room can accommodate up to 60 people. It includes a kitchenette that offers a residential size refrigerator and freezer. It has a microwave oven and plenty of outlets for crockpots. It includes (8) 5' round tables and 64 folding chairs.

Both options include the outdoor pavilion, playground and sand volleyball court!

We offer discounted rates to Montville residents!

If you would like more information or a tour of the facility contact Randy Peterson @ 968-3460.

Check Your Car Registration!

If your property is in Montville but your mailing is Chardon or Thompson be sure that your vehicle is registered to Montville. This simple act will send the fees to the township! The fees are already incorporated into the cost of your plates.

Why not send the fee to the municipality that taxes you? The Township is restricted by law to use these fees to take care of the roads.

STATE OF OHIO - BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION
CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

PLATE NO.: [REDACTED] REG. DATE: [REDACTED] EXP. DATE: [REDACTED] ISS. [REDACTED]
VALIDATION NO.: [REDACTED]
OWNER NAME: [REDACTED] VEHICLE OWN. [REDACTED]
ADD OWNER: [REDACTED]
OWNER ADDR.: [REDACTED]
CITY: MONTVILLE
STATE: OH ZIP: 44064
TAX DISTRICT: MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP
COUNTY: GEAUGA

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up items for Senior Trash Day, haul the excavator, mower, mulch, gravel and countless other uses.

Utilizing NOPEC grant money, air conditioning units were added to Fire Department and Township Zoning Office.

School is back in session for our Berkshire Local Schools after a ribbon-cutting that took place on August 9th. There was a large turnout to share in the excitement of Superintendent John Stoddard and Board President

John Manfredi while the marching band played and the cheerleaders and other performers greeted the community. The Berkshire Board of Education formally cut the ribbon to allow visitors to tour the halls of the new PreK-12 facility. Wishing all our Berkshire families a wonderful school year!

Lastly, please note that many of the Geauga County offices have migrated to the new Geauga County Office Building at 12611 Ravenwood Dr, Claridon Township. Know before you go!

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Montville Resident

From
Fiscal Officer
Karen Hawkins

The end of summer is a busy time, gardens and grass are growing, school sports are practicing, and I am already preparing the Township finances for 2023!

The 2023 budget has been prepared and turned in to the County Budget Commission.

Documents have been prepared for the upcoming November 2022 election day.

The Township has passed the required audit from the Auditor of State and from the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation with no exceptions.

I hope you have been able to spend time with your family this summer. The time goes by faster each year so enjoy your kids, parents and love ones as often as possible.

Thank You To:

• Cotterman and Sons Trucking for your donations of dumpsters to the Annual Clean-up day.



• NOPEC for your donation of funds to help cover the cost of Clean-up day.

• Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District for the grant



to help with the cost of recycling tires.

• OTARMA, our insurance company for the grant that helped place mulch in the playground and sand in the volleyball court at the community center.

Karen

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