

Montville Matters

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ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS:

John Holbert (2021-2025)

Jim Brace (2017-2021)

Robert Weigle (2019-2023)

Tim Bell (2020-2024)

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 (2017-2021)

Robert Hawkins (2018-2022)

Letty Kruty (2019-2023)

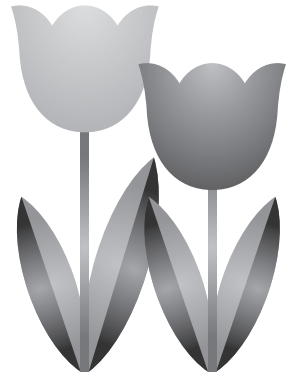
Ron Kruty (2020-2024)

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

What's Happening in Your Township

Hello to everyone in Montville,

Welcome to a surprisingly pleasant start to Spring in Northeast Ohio. With the change of the seasons, I can never make up my mind which I am more in awe of – watching the canopies transform into shades of gold, orange and red before the leaves gradually fall from the trees and the dense woods of our back property open up to reveal the woodpeckers in action, the animals romping around and the larger fowl swooping down after them OR when Spring arrives and the tiny buds of green growing greater and wider until I suddenly can't see beyond the woodline?! Well, it's certainly Spring for me because I am admittedly a freeze-baby, but who doesn't enjoy the beauty of the magnificent magnolias, dogwoods, pear trees, daffodils, tulips and crocus' that dot the landscapes? Even those of us that suffer from allergies appreciate the beauty both seasons bring to us, regardless of the havoc each season might play on our bodies.



This year, the township will receive a new and improved website with the volunteer services of resident expert, Doug Modic. Doug is an IT Generalist with extensive experience in technology consulting. Doug graciously offered his services to the Montville Township trustees to help bring our website into the 21st century. Doug and his wife own a hobby farm in the township where they raise a mixture of animals and provide private riding lessons. We are fortunate and grateful for Doug's services and look forward to the new website being up and running by summer.

To help support the cost of an updated website and hosting costs, I was fortunate enough to win \$1,000 from NOPEC for the township during an online Bingo event held in correlation with the Ohio Township Association's (OTA) Annual Conference held virtually this year. Fiscal officer Karen Hawkins and I attended the virtual event and trainings and learned valuable information to bring back to the township. We appreciate the hard work the OTA put into hosting a successful and informative virtual event for township officials as well as the generosity of NOPEC, our energy partner.

Spring also brings us hope, with COVID restrictions gradually lifting and vaccine availability increasing. We have resumed rentals of our community center and our residents will now be able to see first-hand the many improvements to our Community Center as a result of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act Funds.

There are still 3 picnic tables and plenty of chairs left available for purchase. Please visit the website at <http://montvillegeauga.com/id38.html> for pictures and contact Randy Peterson if you are interested in purchasing.

The Montville Township Trustees met with First Energy Regional External Affairs Consultant Dean Hayne in March. We want to encourage residents to visit the First Energy website at www.firstenergycorp.com to review information on available assistance programs as well as scams and frauds.

As always, stay healthy and safe and enjoy the Spring!

-Tricia





Mother's Day Flower sale

It is with deep regret that Montville Firefighters' Association announces they will not be holding a Mother's Day flower sale this year.

Our supplier, Middle Ridge Gardens, will not have enough staff to accommodate working with our sale. This family run local small business has been our "go-to" flower supplier for over twenty years offering top quality merchandise. We were never stuck with unsold items as they always accepted our returns. This made for a more profitable sale on our end.

Even though we will not benefit from a sale this year, we encourage our residents to consider a drive to Madison and support a business that has been a huge support to our community over the years. Middle Ridge Gardens is located at 6559 Middle Ridge Road, Madison, OH. Their phone is 440-428-3857. The Firefighters' Association thanks you for your past support at our flower sales.

Update on Roads

We are still doing on-going repairs to Hart Road and plan on having it recoated with chip & seal by late summer.

Whitney Road is scheduled for striping while Short Whitney Road will also be getting a chip & seal layer put on as well.

Remember to watch out and slow down for workers during the Spring and Summer months as they will be doing various maintenance projects through-out the township including crack sealing, pot hole repairs and ditching as weather permits so please make sure everyone goes home!

News From the Fire Department



► New Members

Please welcome our 2 newest members to the department

Nick Cvejlo- Nick is a FF2/Basic Emt
Zach Lawrence- FF2/Basic Emt.
Zach is also finishing his Paramedic Class

► New ambulance update

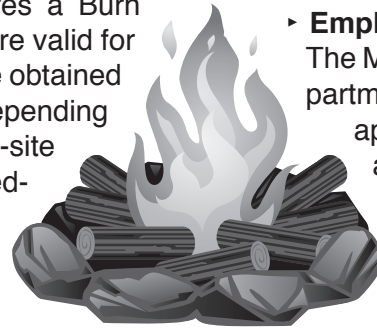
The new ambulance that replaced our 2009 ambulance has arrived on April 13 2021

► Led Sign

The LED sign has been installed, any information from the Trustees, Fire Department will be posted on the sign.

► 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 a piece 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.

We are currently hiring part time fire fighter/ EMT to staff the station

We currently staff with 2 personnel Monday-Friday 8a-6p. Pay rate is \$13.00 for Firefighter/EMT and \$15.00 for Firefighter/ ADV or Medic.

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 Eilen Wroblewski or Jeff Cvelbar at 440-968-3318

► Runs to date -128

From
Fiscal Officer
Karen Hawkins

I have been exploring many grant options for the Township. A few are:

- NOPEC Energy Grant
- NOPEC Community Grant
- Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management GO-GREEN Grant
- Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management Tire Grant
- Ohio Township MORE Grant
- Veterans Service Memorial Day Grant
- Cemetery Grant

The SAFER Grant that was received from FEMA for our fire department, is

in full operation. It has helped recruit two new firefighters and purchased the protective gear they need, help with the cost of the new sign, and updated the training room to enhance the learning experience for our firefighters.

The township has been unable to secure the grant for electronic recycling this year. I will keep an eye open for it next year and will apply.



I have been attending training to continue to utilize more parts to the software program, UAN. Changes that are unseen; however, very helpful to the Township are a new inventory section to keep track of vehicles and their maintenance records. Also the payroll module is beginning to be set-up.

Stay safe and keep watching for spring.

Karen

Volunteer

Give Back to Your Community

• ZONING COMMISSION

This is an appointment to fill a vacancy on the board. The term ends December 2022. The zoning commission meets monthly and is charged with writing and amending the township's zoning resolutions. Trustees will interview all candidates.

• BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS – ALTERNATE

This group consists of 5 Trustee appointed volunteers who serve five year terms. They hear variance appeals regarding Montville Township zoning regulations. The Board of Zoning Appeals meets monthly, as needed. This is an appointed position that is a 1-year term, your service is needed when a regular board member is absent; therefore, a 5 member panel is hearing and deciding the appeal.

Interested residents should submit a letter with their name, mailing address, preferred phone number and email address, and any additional information, to Montville Trustees, PO Box 116, Montville, OH 44064, or electronically to khawkins@montvillegeauga.com.

Cemetery News

– Karen Hawkins, Sexton

As Spring appears, the cemetery grounds will be prepared for our Memorial Day celebration. Any items left behind, will be removed by the grounds keeper or Sexton if they are deemed to be out-of-season/tattered/damaged. We strive to maintain a beautiful setting for all to visit.

As you decorate your love ones resting grounds, place your items in front of the headstone and keep the safety of our workers in mind by **NOT** using **GLASS** containers.

This summer, you may notice that some trees are overshadowing the headstones, these trees will be trimmed or removed by the grounds keeper.

Montville Township has one cemetery within its boundaries, grave sites are available for purchase. Please, contact Karen Hawkins at 440-821-4040.

From Superintendent John Stoddard



The ongoing construction project for the Berkshire Local Schools new PreK-12 facility rolls forward. Recently, our very own District 18 State Senator Jerry C. Cirino joined me and several members of the Board of Education in taking a tour of the construction site. The Berkshire Local Schools thanks Senator Cirino for taking time from his busy schedule to walk the grounds of the new facility, which is set to open during the 2021-2022 School Year. The Senator's interest and attention to our project is humbling and inspiring and we look forward to a healthy and positive relationship with Senator Cirino and all of our local and statewide elected leadership.

ZONING UPDATE

- Zoning permits are required for any buildings/sheds over 200 sq ft and any decks and porches over 150 sq ft
- Agricultural exemptions still require a permit but there is no fee
- Zoning forms and fees can be found on our website <http://montvillegeauga.com/id40.html>

LEDGEMONT/THOMPSON OLD TIMERS REUNION

SAVE THE DATE: JULY 11,
Doors open at noon at
Montville Community Center

Bring your own lunch (just like school days). NO POTLUCK this year, due to COVID.

Welcome graduates of 40 plus years. Come and enjoy an afternoon of reminiscing and renewing old friendships. Spread the word.

Questions? Call Alexa at 440-968-3394 and leave a message.



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• **PART TIME CUSTODIAN**

This position will provide general cleaning of the Community Center Building. Full job description can be found on our website, under classified.



Interested candidates should submit a letter with their name, mailing address, preferred phone number and email address, and any additional information, to Montville Trustees, PO Box 116, Montville, OH 44064, or electronically to khawkins@montvillegeauga.com.

• **PART TIME CEMETERY & GROUNDS MANAGER**

This position provides general maintenance and upkeep of the cemetery, buildings and grounds, road maintenance and other responsibilities as assigned by the Board of Trustees.

LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: Valid State of Ohio Driver's License. Valid Ohio Class A Commercial Driver's License; must maintain insurability under the Township's insurance Policy.

For full job description and/or an application see the bulletin board at the back of the community center or the montvillegeauga.com website, under classified.

Applications can be submitted to TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES, P.O. Box 116, Montville, OH 44064. Please contact us at 440-968-3784 if you have any questions.

Montville Resident



Senior Trash Pick-Up Days are May 18-19

The Montville Township Trustees and Montville Road Department are joining forces with Geauga County Department on Aging for the 2021 Montville Township Senior Trash Pick-Up Day May 18 and 19, 2021. In order to be placed on the Trash Pick-up list, you must first register with the Geauga County Department on Aging, be 60 years of age or older and live in Montville Township. Those signing up for pick-up, please have a list of items to be removed.

The Department on Aging can no longer go into seniors homes to pick-up unwanted items. The Montville Township Road Crew and the Department on Aging will pick-up refuse from Montville senior's garages, out buildings, and drives.

Please note the following guidelines:

- To prevent possible bed bug transferal (or other pest), all mattresses, couches and upholstered furniture MUST be wrapped in plastic and taped securely or they will not be taken.

- Clearly mark all boxes or bags "TRASH DAY" so crews only take items intended for Trash Pick-Up. If items are not marked, they will not be picked up.

- The following items will NOT be accepted: Construction/Remodeling debris, liquids, paint or other hazardous materials, rocks, yard waste, or household garbage. Reduce wood or pipe to 6' or less. Consolidate all small materials in strong boxes or containers. We will accept unbroken car batteries, lawn mowers, and tires off the rim - 4 per load.

- Please, only 10 household items per home, and items should be from the registered senior's household only. Items should be left out the evening before trash pick-up. DO NOT leave items by the curbside.

For more information about Pick-Up and to register with the Department on Aging, please call, 440-279-2130 weekdays 8:30am-4:30pm.

GOTTA GO GREEN
Gauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District

CLEAN-UP DAY is scheduled for May 22, 2021 from 8 a.m. to 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 weekly trash collection. We will accept up to 6 rimless tires. We do NOT accept concrete/rocks/yard ornaments, liquids, fluorescent bulbs, batteries, yard waste, televisions, computers or propane tanks.