

Montville Matters

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Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday as needed at 7 p.m.
Rudy Breunig (2016-2020)
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Robert Hawkins (2018-2022)
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Ron Kruty (2020-2024)

What's Happening in Your Township

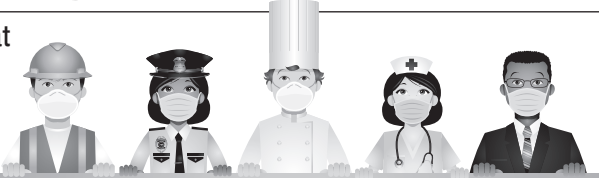
Winter woes seem mild to what we are currently facing across the world with COVID-19. As the news is ever-changing, we ask the community to stay vigilant of any updates and look out for one another. Protect you and yours during these challenging times and keep yourself aware of recommendations and warnings and follow them.

With many of the current restrictions in place, the tough decisions have to be made to cancel many of the events our community looks forward to each year in an effort to follow orders.

Please be aware that the Senior Track Pick-Up as well as our annual Clean-Up Days are currently postponed. In addition, we have had to cancel several reservations at the community center and will continue to reach out to the community regarding future dates, as the updates continue to come in.

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

Let's help each other through this and look forward to sunshine and warmer days, getting together once again with friends and family, and the many things we can once again do as a community when this passes.



We Are All In This Together!

As we deal with the day-to-day changes, keep this in mind:

- There are resources you can turn to for assistance. Research extensions and assistance with unemployment, utilities, loans, etc.
- Take the time to do things you may not normally do and play a board game, cards or do a puzzle. Complete a home project, start a garden, try a new recipe. Clean out your house, garage, barn or yard.
- Journal your experiences for future generations.
- Support your local businesses when you can.
- Contact a local restaurant for carryout or delivery: Plank Road Tavern, Stockers on the Square, Thompson Master Pizza, Hambden Country Inn, Capps Eatery or Grand River Cellars.

DID YOU KNOW...



...that while the Geauga County Library branches are closed, there are multiple digital options available such as eBooks, audiobooks, eMagazines, movies, television, music and more. Go to divi.geaugalibrary.net and look for digital offerings

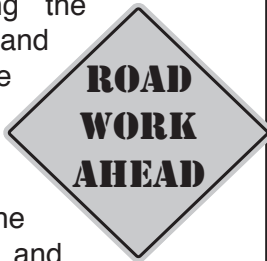


ROAD DEPARTMENT

I hope everyone is doing well. Please take all of the recommended safeguards mentioned everywhere to keep you and your families in good health. Here is the latest news regarding the township roads.

All road projects for the year are pending. Our hopes are to finish the Hart Road project as planned when the weather stabilizes. We are lucky to have had a mild winter this year which will reduce the amounts of road damages that require repairs.

We are entering the pothole season and George will be out filling them in as needed. Please be careful driving in the areas where he and Mike are working.



As mentioned in the winter issue of Montville Matters, we will not be doing anymore dust control in the township so we can use that money towards other road maintenance needed. We are scheduled for some road striping to be repainted on a few roads and we will also try to spend some time on Sun Road after we are confident that snow plowing is done for the year. For the time being, pay attention to the "Rough Road" signs that are posted on that road.

Roadside mowing and crack sealing shall also be completed this year as scheduled during the summer months. If anyone should have questions and or concerns about the roads please contact George at 440-226-2203 and leave a message. He or someone will get back with you.

Thanks and take care! - Jim

News From the Fire Department



► **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.

► **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.

Due to the dryness this year No burn permits will be issued until May 1, 2020. Even though the State ban states burning is eligible after 6pm the Fire Department is taking a PROACTIVE measure to prevent any fires from being out of control. An that is the reason for not issuing any permits at this time.

Thank you for this understanding.

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 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.

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 Wroblecky or Jeff Cvelbar at 440-968-3318.

► **Runs to date- 115**

From
Fiscal Officer
Karen Hawkins

It is hard to believe that the first quarter of 2020 is already over and that I have completed my first term as your Fiscal Officer.

I have been exploring many grant options for the Township.

The Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) is offering grants to our community. I have applied for NOPEC to be an event sponsor and been awarded a \$1,000 grant to be used for our community clean-up day. I have also applied to NOPEC for an energy grant to the Township for \$5164. The plan for this grant is to have the lighting inside the road garage and fire department upgraded to LED lights. Any money not used will be escrowed and be available in 2021. This energy grant was used in 2019 to install air-conditioning in the social room.



The MORE grant is being worked on from our insurance company. OTARMA helps the Township to purchase up to \$500 in safety equipment yearly. This year they have included safety items needed to fight the COVID-19 along with the usual replacement safety items.

In the name of thrifty spending, I applied for a grant from Veterans Services to have a new flag flying at the cemetery for the Memorial Day celebration.

The fire department has been working on grants too. They have applied for a safety equipment grant from Ohio Bureau of Workers Comp. (BWC). This grant will help cut the cost of equipping the ambulances with power cots. These cots help save the backs of our first responders by doing the lifting.

Other grants that the fire department is working on: Ohio EMS grant for EMS equipment; AFG regional grant for communication equipment; AFG for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) these would be full firefighter suits; and an Ohio Fire Marshal Grant.

We have been working hard to keep our bottom line up and our people protected.

Stay safe and keep watching for spring.

Montville Friends

Montville Friends is a group of men and women who get together weekly to socialize. They meet every Thursday in the Social Room of the Community Center from 9am to 3pm. You don't have to be a senior or a resident of Montville to join the group. There is no charge to join in the activities, which include card playing, crafts, socializing and of course lunch and snacks. The group is growing. The Social Room is handicap accessible. They meet year round, but if the schools are closed due to weather, the center will also be closed.



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.

Mother's Day Flower sale

Friday, May 8, 5-8 p.m.
Saturday, May 9, 9 a.m. – Noon
Montville Fire Department Training Grounds/Turkey Shoot
We plan on holding our flower sale as long as the "shelter at home" mandate has been lifted. Pre-sale orders accepted.



Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast

Monday, May 25
Montville Community Center
Serving 8:30-9:30 a.m. and after cemetery program until 11 a.m.



Check us on Facebook at
Montville Fire Association

Cemetery News – Karen Hawkins, Sexton

As Spring appears, the cemetery grounds will be prepared for our Memorial Day celebration. If you have left any fall/winter decorations check behind the building for your item. 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.

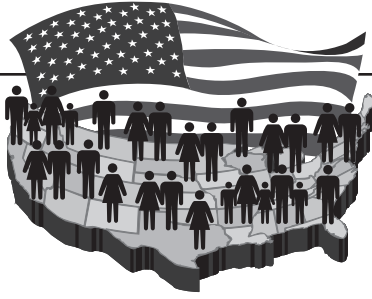
This summer, you may notice that some trees are overshadowing the headstones, these trees will be trimmed or removed by the grounds keeper.

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



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Can We Count on You?

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 and remember that you can check www.2020census.gov/jobs for any opportunities.

Montville Resident



Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District

2020 EVENTS

Document/Paper Shredding

Open to all Trumbull County and Geauga County Residents!

When: Saturday, May 9, 2020

Where: 5138 Enterprise Blvd, Warren

Time: 9 am - 12 pm

Limit
4

Boxes/Bags
per person

When: Saturday, June 13, 2020

Where: 12665 Merritt Road, Chardon

Time: 9 am - 12 pm

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Where: 5138 Enterprise Blvd, Warren

Every Wednesday: Starting April 22nd through October 28th 9 am-Spm

Saturday Dates: May 2, June 6, August 1, September 12, and October 3; 9 am - 12 pm

- Geauga ONE Day Event -
NO Electronics - NO TVs - NO Appliances
Where: 12665 Merritt Road, Chardon
When: Saturday, October 10
9 am - 12 pm

Electronic and Appliance Collection

Where: 5138 Enterprise Blvd, Warren

When: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday, Friday (open all year round)

Time: 9 am -4:30 pm

DEA Drug Take Back Day

Open to all Trumbull County and Geauga County Residents!

When: Saturday, May 2, 2020

Where: 5138 Enterprise Blvd, Warren

Time: 9 am -12 pm

Please call 1-800-707-2673 or visit www.gottagogreen.org for information on upcoming events and to learn more ways to recycle.

Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste District Board of Directors:

Geauga County Commissioners: James Dvorak, Tim Lennon and Ralph Spidalieri • Trumbull County Commissioners: Mauro Cantalamessa, Frank Fuda and Daniel Polivka