

Montville Matters

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ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS:

John Holbert (2016-2020)

Jim Brace (2017-2021)

Nathan Ricket (2018-2022)

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 (2016-2020)

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
7:00 p.m.

What's Happening in Your Township

I have never been one to wish-away a year, but I must admit, I am looking forward to the New Year and hope that 2021 brings better things to us all. We have all experienced a tumultuous 2020 that we will all certainly remember the rest of our lives.

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The Township has received funds from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (the CARES Act) in the amount of \$125,922.12. The Act outlines very specific spending requirements and covered costs. We have made the following purchases utilizing these funds:

- Replacement chairs that can be cleaned and sanitized for the Meeting Room, Social Room, Fire Department training room and offices and recliners for the Fire Department dayroom.



- Laminate flooring for Fire Department training room, offices, Community Center hallway and stage in the great room.

- Touchless bathroom renovations including touchless toilet flushing, faucets, soap dispensers and paper towel dispensers.

- Cleaning supplies including a UV light and replacement bulbs, mounted hand sanitizer dispensers, backpack fogger and disinfecting supplies, detergent.

- Second set of personal protective equipment (PPE) for the Fire Department.

- Replacement of picnic tables and octagon tables at Community Center with poly tables that can be properly cleaned and disinfected.

- Replacement doors for the Fire Department.

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This means that we are providing the community the opportunity to purchase the tables and chairs we have replaced.

Please see the website at www.montvillegeauga.com

under the Classifieds tab of the page to view the chairs and tables that are available for purchase and the prices, which are firm. They are available to

Montville residents or landowners only. You may purchase a quantity of 10 chairs and 1 table, and they are available on a

first come, first serve basis. If there is availability after December 31st, we will advertise a second sale in 2021.

Please follow the directions on the website and email Randy Peterson at rpeterson@montvillegeauga.com with the letter number of the item you wish to purchase and the quantity.

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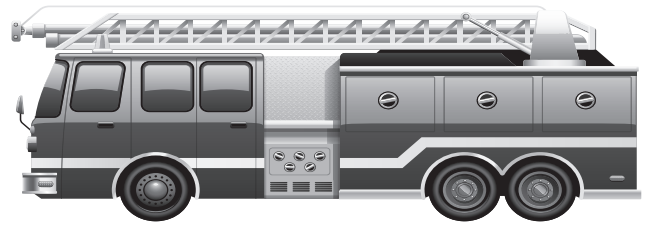
A hearty "Welcome to Montville" to the newest business to join our township – Dollar General has opened on GAR Highway, just East of Madison Road.

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Beginning Again
TOGETHER



News From the Fire Department



► New ambulance update

The new ambulance that is replacing our 2009 ambulance should be here sometime between January or February. It was delayed due to the coronavirus. More updates to come.

► Recruitment and retention grant

We are pleased to announce that in September we were awarded the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant. This grant will allow us to recruit new members and retain current members for the Fire Department.

In 2021 we plan on doing an aggressive recruitment drive to bring new members to the department. Plans include social media, going to vocational schools on career day.

Also we will be getting a new LED sign in front of the community center to replace the old sign, this will allow us to advertise along with other information. This grant is funded for 2 years.

► 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 Ellen Wroblecky or Jeff Cvelbar at 440-968-3318.

► Runs to date - 387



From
Fiscal Officer
Karen Hawkins

I hope this finds everyone well and staying warm. I can't believe that preparations for 2021 are on their way. The Township is working on temporary budgets and looking at the organizational meeting items.

With the new challenges of COVID and all the requirements needed to be followed with the funding that was given to the Township, a challenge seems to be an understatement of the year.

2020 has been a busy year! The Township implemented a new account system. I have converted our financial records to the Uniform Account System (UAN) that is supported by the Auditor of State. Going from a manual system to the electronic system has taken some getting used to by all departments. Things are running smoothly and I have been able to



close the months easily.

Grants were applied for and awarded from:

- NOPEC Energy Grant was able to replace many lights with LED's in the road garage and fire station and a new commercial dishwasher in the kitchen.
 - Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste District to help with the cost of tire collection at Clean-up day.
 - Go Green, part of the Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste District, to help with the cost of trash removal on Clean-up day.
 - NOPEC Community Grant to help with the cost of trash removal on Clean-up day.
 - Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation grant helped purchase two power cots.
 - Ohio Department of Public Safety to help send two firefighters to Paramedic school.
 - The Department of Homeland Security SAFER Grant will help with retention & recruitment of firefighters.
 - MORE Grant for safety equipment.
- A big THANK YOU is owed to:
- Travis Cotterman from Cotterman & Sons Trucking for donating dump-

sters, his time, and fuel to help with Clean-up day.

- Dave Tvergyak for removing dead trees at the Community Center playground.

- Mary DiFranco for her generous donation of the Fish Fry supplies to the Claridon Community Helps lunch program earlier this year. The donation was made in the memory of Rocco DiFranco Sr.

- Rick Plesko for his assistance with cemetery clean-up after the wind storm and for his assistance in plowing.

- You, our residents, for showing support to our Road Department and to the Fire Department with the passage of the levies.

- To the many places that awarded grants to our Township.

Here's to a Happy and Healthy 2021.

Karen

FYI: Clean-up day collected 4,260 lbs of electronics. This would have cost the township \$2,433.60 to dispose of. Thanks to Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste District for keeping this out of the landfill.

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Thank You, Thank You, Thank You to our community for your support and passage of the Road Department and Fire Department levies!

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Please note that the speed limit on Joann Dr has been reduced to 35 miles per hour. Signage will be posted soon.

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Working from home, I am seeing a substantial amount of very active squirrels. Throughout my entire workday, they are running around frantically cleaning up my yard of any fallen acorns. I hope this isn't a sign of a harsh winter, but I admire their dedication in preparing themselves for the winter-ahead and the playfulness in which they gather their supplies. I see the same fortitude in our local community as we continue to trudge through these unprecedented times.

As the cold and snow draws everyone back inside, we will continue to see a rise in cases, and we urge you all to continue to protect yourselves and your loved ones and follow all guidelines. We will continue to monitor and make changes to events, as needed.

2020 has been a tough year for everyone physically, mentally, financially and my wish for you all in 2021 is good health, happiness and success!



-Priscia

Cemetery News

- Karen Hawkins, Sexton

Please, use caution while traveling in the cemetery during our winter months. The driveway can become icy, both on the pavement part and the big hills going to the Meadow section.

Please, keep your car parked on the driveway. The road is only one car wide with graves abutting both sides of the road-way. It may look like empty space; however, no one wants their toes drove on.

We will attend to snow removal in the cemetery as soon as possible this season. Your patience is appreciated.

Best wishes to George Moore Jr. George worked at the Township both in the Cemetery and in the Road Department. We wish you well in retirement.

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Montville Resident

Share Your Opinion

Townships Consider Joint Fire District

The Montville Township and Thompson Township trustees are considering the formation of a joint fire district to support the townships. The creation of a joint fire district is covered under Ohio Revised Code 505.371.

The purpose of a joint fire district is to provide better service and better coverage to the residents. There are many possible pros & cons including but not limited to: improved service, possible reduced equipment cost, standardized training and equipment, loss of individual township control, station location and operating costs.

The creation of a joint fire district would require a Fire District Board of Trustees which would include a trustee from each township as well as at least one resident from each township. Those four members may then jointly select the fifth member of the Board. The Fire District Board of Trustees will not include any member of the Fire Depart-

Please email any of your respective trustees to provide your opinion on the formation of a joint fire district:

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Jim Marsic: jmarsic@montvillegeauga.com

Randy Peterson: rpeterson@montvillegeauga.com

Thompson Township trustees:

Erwin (Kok) Leffel: Erwin.Leffel@ThompsonOhio.org

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Frank Sirna: Frank.Sirna@ThompsonOhio.org

ment. Ideally, the Board will include individuals that can contribute to financial planning, marketing, strategy and recruitment and retention of staff for the joint fire district.

No voter approval is required to form a joint fire district; it is formed under a joint resolution between the boards of township trustees, however the trustees would like to obtain your feedback.

Please provide your feedback by December 31, 2020.

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