

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)

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 (2022)

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

What's Happening in Your Township

And just like that, a New Year has begun!

You will read some highlights of the many successes our Township had over the past year in this newsletter. Quite a lot has been accomplished!

Thanks to a NOPEC grant we were able to put air conditioning in the fire department meeting room and the trustees meeting room. The entire community center now has central air paid for by NOPEC grants. Installation of the new air conditions were contracted to Northeast Air Control and Loveland Enterprises. These are both Montville based businesses. It's an all-around win-win for Montville Township!

Come see the improvements to the Community Center when considering renting a space for your special event and the event will be advertised on the new Fire Department sign that has been installed.

In 2022 we will see our Township's new website go live, begin new projects, and continue seeking opportunities.

Continue to stay safe and look in after your family, friends and neighbors.

If you were not aware, Lifeline has funds available to assist Lake & Geauga households impacted by COVID-19 with rent or mortgage payments and to prevent utility disconnections. Lifeline will be partnering with the Fair Housing Resource Center for triage and screening of applicants for rent and mortgage assistance. Lake & Geauga County low to moderate-income residents, and have fallen behind on rent or mortgage payments are encouraged to contact Fair Housing Resource Center at (440) 392-0147 to submit an application for assistance. Funds are available for a limited time.

We wish you all great things in the New Year!

-Tricia

GOOD NEWS

The county is going to improve Leggett Road in Montville from state Route 528 all the way to the Ashtabula County line, going east.



Did you receive certified mail from Montville Township?

Per Ohio Revised Code Article X, Section 1002.4 (B) (18) (C) The board of zoning appeals shall give at least 10 days notice in writing to the parties in interest. If any portion of your property borders the property of the applicant filing an appeal, Montville Township will provide notice to you via certified mail. The mailing will provide details of the variance type.

You have the right to attend the Board of Zoning Appeals hearing to hear further details regarding the appeal and/or make a statement if you choose.

You may also contact the Zoning Inspector at (440) 968-3784 for additional details regarding the application.



MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP ROAD DEPARTMENT

Greetings everyone. I hope everyone is doing well. Please take all of the recommended safeguards mentioned everywhere to keep you and your families in good health.

Now that we are headed into Winter, here is what we accomplished during the Summer of 2021 and what we are planning on doing for the next year 2022 – 2023 township road projects.

The Hart Rd project from Clay Street to the Eastern end was completed. We had a few issues along the way but so far it seems to be holding up well. Whitney Road got some stripes painted on it and all the township roads were cracked sealed. Headed into next Spring of 2022, Montville and Hambden Townships have agreed jointly to begin the repairs on North Kile Rd which will include ditching and driveway culvert pipe replacements as needed. This will go into the Summer months as we need to prepare the road for resurfacing that is projected to be done sometime late Summer or early Fall of 2023. Montville township is also working with the County Engineer's Office to seek Ohio Public Works Funding to assist in the costs of resurfacing North Kile and Hart Road from Kile Rd east to Clay Street at the same time. We will keep residents notified as the project moves forward.

We will also be doing some road repairs to Hautala Rd next Summer and will check the other roads for needed repairs as we go.

Please remember that when plowing out your driveways, it is illegal to plow snow across the roadways into the ditches. This creates hazards not only from snow piles that are hit by the plow trucks but can cause flooding in areas because the ditches cannot drain properly. Please help out to keep everyone safe.

Thank you for all your support, should you have any questions you may call the Township Road Department phone number 440-226-2203 and leave a message or you may attend the Township Trustees meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of every month @ 7:00PM at the Community Center 9755 Madison Rd. Thanks and take care!

– Jim Marsic

News From the Fire Department



► Grants

The Montville Fire department was awarded 2 grants this year from FEMA-Assistance to firefighters grants. The first grant we were awarded was for 21 (SCBA) Self Contained Breathing Apparatus and new Air Compressor/Fill station for a total of \$191,463.18

The second grant was a Regional FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant with Chardon Fire Department for Communications equipment. We will be getting new radios and Pagers to update our old equipment. This regional grant total was \$339,213.33.

► 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 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. 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 (www.montvillegeauga.com). You can print the form at home and bring it to the Fire station for processing.

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 in 2021** - 454

Berkshire Local Schools Report



with John Stoddard

Berkshire Local Schools will Postpone Transition to New Facility Until Fall 2022

The Berkshire Local Schools has made the decision to postpone the official transition of all students and staff into our new PreK-12 facility. Over the past year, our transition has been widely anticipated and meticulously planned. However, we have received news from our construction team that the global supply chain disruption has now officially impacted our project. In light of this reality, the intended transition will be postponed until the fall, when the Berkshire Local Schools anticipates beginning the 2022-2023 school year in our new facility. This will not affect our current schedule for winter break. We will continue to follow the current calendar that has students' last day on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 and their first day back on Monday, January 10, 2022. The most notable change is that we will finish this academic school year in our current school buildings.

The district and construction team have worked extremely hard to keep this project on schedule. Our progress, along with many other sectors

of our economy, has now been affected by supply chain shortages, labor shortages and the ability to ship, place and install key areas of the new facility. More specifically, the delivery of items such as technology cabling, classroom furniture, auditorium seating and other building amenities and educational resources have all been delayed. Consequently, Berkshire Local Schools officials and leaders have determined that postponing the transition until next school year is our best course of action. We do not take this decision lightly, and we do so with the education and well-being of our students as our highest priority.

With this in mind, we plan to present a variety of creative and interactive opportunities as soon as the new facility is finished. Events like tours, orientations, and community activities will be finalized soon, posted online, and shared with the Berkshire School family. A new timeline for move-in dates during the summer of 2022 and other revised milestones is currently being finalized. Please stay on the lookout for updated information.

We share in your disappointment at this unfortunate news. We, like you, were counting down the days until we were in and settled in our new PreK-12 Campus. But we are resilient, Badger Family, and we will adapt as needed to the circumstances in a positive way. We look forward to using the spring-time orientations as opportunities to become acquainted with the new building before the first day of school, in the Fall of 2022. Thank you for your continued support and go Badgers.



Chili Cook Off

Saturday, March 12,
2022 5-7 P.M.



Montville Community Center
Open to everyone. Bring your favorite chili recipe to vie for Montville's best chili award. There will be judged categories as well as popular vote. \$10.00 admission gives you a sample cup of each entry along with crackers, beverage and dessert. There is no entry fee to bring chili, but pre-registration is requested.

Call 440-968-3779 or email mrsb53@hotmail.com by March 7 to enter or for more information.

Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bunny visit

Saturday, April 16
Bunny arrives at
10:30 A.M.

Egg hunt begins
at 10:45 A.M.



Montville Community Center
Pavilion and ball field

Event held outside rain, snow or shine.
Dress for the weather. Bring your own baskets for gathering eggs.
Preschool through 10 years.
Monetary donations accepted at event.



Check us on Facebook at
Montville Fire Association

NOW SEEKING ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS

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.

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 email khawkins@montvillegeauga.com.

Trustees will interview all candidates.

Cemetery News – Karen Hawkins, Sexton

Please, understand that for your safety the cemetery may be closed due to the weather. We work to keep the driveway clear, but mother nature has a mind of her own.

- Use caution when heading up to the Meadow area.
- Please, stay on the driveway when visiting.
- Walk carefully, flat stones are hard to see when the snow covers them.

• **DO NOT** leave glass at the grave side.

Dead trees as well as trimming of the north and south fence lines may occur next year. Please, understand that machinery is used for this removal. Work will take place to smooth the ground as weather permits.

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Montville Resident

From
Fiscal Officer
Karen Hawkins

I hope this finds everyone well. It is hard to believe that preparations for 2022 have began. The Township is working on temporary budgets, planning projects, and looking at the 2022 organizational items.

During 2021 the Township implemented the payroll module of 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. Grants were applied for and awarded from:

- NOPEC Energy Grant was able to install an A/C unit in the township offices. Now, the entire community center has air.
- 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.
- The EMS Grant purchased IV warmers and some sensors for the medics.
- The AFG Grant to help replace

breathing tanks for the firefighters.

- The Department of Homeland Security SAFER Grant is ongoing for retention & recruitment of firefighters during 2022.
- The MORE Grant helped replace fire extinguishers in the Community Center.

A big THANK YOU to:

- Travis Cotterman from Cotterman & Sons Trucking for donating dumpsters, time, and fuel to help with Clean-up day.
- To the many places that awarded grants to our Township.
- Dave Tvergyak for donating his time and saws to help with storm damage clean-up.

Here's to a Happy and Healthy 2022.

Karen

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