

Montville Matters

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ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Tim Bell (2020-2024)
Jim Brace (2022-2026)
Rachel Formica (2023-2027)
John Holbert (2021-2025)
Robert Weigle (2024-2028)

Zoning Commission Meetings are held the
4th Thursday each month at 7:30 p.m.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

Rudy Breunig (2021-2025)
LuAnn Burger (2022-2026)
Matthew Hawkins (2023-2027)
Letty Kruty (2024-2028)
Ron Kruty (2020-2024)

Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting are held
the 4th Wednesday as needed at 7:00 p.m.

What's Happening in Your Township

With a wonderful summer wrapped up, Fall is upon us with the trees already in transition. I hope you all enjoyed the beautiful weather summer brought us and enjoyed the outdoors. Here is a recap of some of the township happenings:

With the support of Senator Sandra O'Brien, Montville Township is the recipient of \$1.25 million from the One Time Strategic Community Investment Fund. With these funds, we will be planning for an addition to the current fire department that will meet the future needs of the department and the community. A huge thank you to Senator O'Brien for her support of Montville Township.

The remaining American Rescue Plan Act funds were utilized to install a new swing set, mulch and border at the Community Center playground. The new swing set installed by Meyer Design includes four swings, a toddler swing as well as an inclusive support swing seat.

Vandalism has occurred at our Community Center playground and pavilion recently. Please be vigilant to ensure the property is respected and in good condition for the community for years to come. If you see something, say something. Call (440) 968-3784 and leave a message.

Work has begun at the township property located at 16867 GAR Hwy. This property was purchased by the township in 2003 with long term plans to develop for community use. The initial work in-progress is to create a parking lot at the property. Please note that the property is not currently open for accessibility by the public. We continue to monitor grant opportunities that will allow us to develop the property in the future.

The November ballot will include a 5-year renewal of a 2.4 mill Fire levy first voted on in 2000. This levy costs the homeowner of a single-family owner-occupied home \$37.00 for each \$100,000 of the County Auditor's appraised value and is for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery or other fire equipment and appliances.

Several road improvement projects are be-

ing worked on for 2025 and 2026. More information will be provided as soon as we have details to confirm as they do involve other townships.

Spring Clean Up Day is currently planned for Saturday, May 10, 2025.

Montville Community Day took place on September 14th. We had beautiful weather and the event has continued to grow with lots of booths, a fantastic performance by Thunder Creek Band, a demonstration by Geauga County Sheriff Randy Primer with K9 Justice, and Wiley West of Hidden Lakes Family Campground who entertained young and old alike with his mischief and mayhem.

Donations collected at the Dunk Tank went to Claridon Community Helps Now That's What I'm Talking About Summer Lunch Program.

We appreciate the following brave individuals that volunteered for dunking:

Chair of the Lunch Program Judi Maloney, candidate for Geauga County Commissioner and Geauga Public Health board member Carolyn Brakey, Berkshire Superintendent John Stoddard, Dr. Rob Schwartz of Trinity Veterinary Hospital, Berkshire Band Director Matt Hadsell, Berkshire Choir Director Sean Eppler, Fiscal Officer Karen Hawkins, Trustee Randy Peterson and Nathan Ricket of Ricket's Construction. It was great seeing everyone this year.

Thank you to our sponsors: Permco, NOPEC, Countryside Truck Service and Grade Line.

A big thank you to all who came out, participated with a vendor booth and those that helped contribute to planning and/or working Community Day including: Permco

for providing the dunk tank, sno cones, popcorn and cornhole competition, Grade Line and Countryside for sponsoring this year's



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 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/>

Board of Zoning Appeals Is Seeking an 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 and your service is needed when a regular board member is absent; therefore, a 5 member panel is hearing and deciding an appeal.

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

News From the Fire Department



Welcome Aboard

Welcome aboard to the following new member: Kelly Alger, a 240hr Firefighter and Basic EMT, Kelly also works for Thompson FD

Help us help you

The Montville Fire Department has address signs available for purchase; these signs are \$15.00 apiece 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 \$14.20 for Firefighter/EMT and \$16.39 for Firefighter/ ADV or Medic.

Please visit the Fire Department section of the website for an application or to download a burn permit.

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 Tuesday 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 - 319

Cemetery News

Currently, work is being done to complete a live fence on the North property line. Please, watch for workers and equipment. Please be considerate and keep your vehicles on the driveway when visiting. Use your best judgement when the drives are snow or ice covered. The roads are first priority then the cemetery can be plowed. Consider sending in a list of heirs to the grave plots you own to the Trustees. This will be attached to the deed. Include your name, grave information and year purchased, the name and addresses of the person whom the plot would pass by intestate succession. This information can be sent to Montville Trustees C/O Karen Hawkins, Cemetery Sexton PO Box 116, Montville, OH 44064. A form is available on the website under Cemetery.

Summer Lunch Program

"Now That's What I'm Talking About!" Summer Lunch, a Claridon Community Helps program, served 14,099 lunches to children in Geauga County this past summer. This is a 9% increase from the number of lunches we served in 2023. This program is 100% volunteer driven. In total 139 volunteers gave 2,391 hours of their time and talent this summer. Of these 139 volunteers, 88 were adults and 51 were students. Total expenses for "Now That's What I'm Talking About!" – Summer Lunch program was \$31,437.32. This does not include Claridon Community Helps monthly insurance, telephone, website and garbage pickup during the summer. All expenses are paid from money received through donations and grants. It is not funded by the state or other agencies. It is solely funded by donations. The cost per lunch was \$2.23. The estimated cost per lunch was \$3.58 per child. Thanks to numerous donations we were able to deliver a homemade meal \$1.35 below our estimated cost per meal. I say this often, yet I cannot say it often enough, we live in an amazing community. People freely share their time and are not afraid to open their pocketbooks to purchase the items we need to make the summer lunch program happen. Claridon Community Helps was able to offer "Now That's What I'm Talking About!" because of you! Together, we are making a difference!

Judi Maloney

Montville Community Day



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Montville Resident

From
Fiscal Officer
Karen Hawkins

Summer is coming to a close and the 2025 Budget has been completed and passed.

Each August the County Budget Commission reviews the Township budget and makes recommendations.

This process is one of much collaboration between trustees, myself and department heads

Planning for the future or repairs, and ensuring that all operations can continue smoothly within the means of revenue that is collected is of high priority.

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treat from Vivander Cookie Mobile who kindly canvassed the grounds distributing cookies to those in attendance, Wiley West, Geauga County Sheriff Department, Deputy Randy Primer and K9 Justice, Geauga Park District, Geauga Public Library, NOPEC for the Community Event Sponsorship Program which covered the cost of the band, Trinity Veterinary Hospital, Ohio Department of Transportation, University Hospitals, The Berkshire Tunebackers, Montville Firefighter's Association, Mike Benesh, the Montville Social Committee members Dave Schade of D's B's, Karen Hawkins, Lu Ann Burger, Heidi Abrams, Randy and Diane Peterson, Sara Alberts of Permco and last but not least, the following members of the Montville Fire Department Assistant Chief Bryan Briskey, Captain Bruce Johnson, Matt Welch, Xander Sedmak, Michael Taraba and cadets Ryan Hudec, Christopher Clay, Zach

Clay and Lily Wasley.

Thank you to Hallie Benesh for contributing some of the great photos included in this newsletter.

For anyone looking to get involved in planning future events, please send me an email. We would like to continue to grow Montville Community Day and add other events during the year.

And finally, I have been asked about the cadence of the Montville Matters newsletter. It would be ideal to issue the newsletter quarterly, but truth be told, there just is not enough information to share quarterly that justifies the editing, printing and postage costs. As pertinent information arises, it is always posted on the website www.montvillegeauga.com and we will continue to issue the newsletter as subject matter permits.

I hope everyone's autumn is full of beautiful sites, cool and crisp days, and bonfires (with a valid burn permit, of course)!

-Tricia

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