

The Montville Minute

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How lucky we have been to have had such a mild winter. Less snow means less overtime and less salt, which lowers operating costs. In addition, fewer repairs are required to the fleet of trucks that services the 52 miles of roads. Keep your fingers crossed that the good weather continues through April!

The 52 miles of township roads are maintained by the Service Department and are inspected every year by the Service Director, Trustees and the County Engineer to evaluate safety and identify required repairs. As the township grows, traffic is increasing, and over half of our roads were constructed almost 20 years ago. Most of the aging roads need to be repaired, resur-

faced or replaced.

Aging roads are expensive . . . from 2000 to 2014, the cost of cement increased 25 percent, while asphalt increased a staggering 183 percent. These increases have forced the township to consider going back to the old chip and seal method of resurfacing, which costs \$30,000 to \$40,000 per mile and only lasts two or three years. Asphalt resurfacing lasts five to eight years but costs approximately \$100,000 per mile. And, concrete roads cost three times as much as asphalt.

To offset the expense of road maintenance, Montville Township will have a 1 mil road levy on the May ballot. The cost per \$100,000 of the Medina County Auditor's appraised value is \$35, and the funds will only be used to repair roads, which is in accordance with the new rules outlined by the Ohio Revised Code.

In recent years, the township has lost approximately \$300,000 in state allocated funds due to reductions in Local Government Funds, elimination of the Estate Tax, and a conversion of the Personal Property Tax into a Commercial Activity Tax (CAT). As indicated in the 2017 Tax Fact Breakdown chart, Montville Township receives approximately 16 percent of total property taxes.

In addition to covering road maintenance costs, the General Fund supports the Service Department and Planning and Zoning Department, as well as covers utility expenses, which total approximately \$72,000 per year for public street lights, weather sirens and facilities.

Have you ever wondered how much Montville Township spends on road salt? Depending upon the severity of the winter, costs can range between \$38,000 and \$50,000.

Tax Facts:

(Breakdowns for 2017)

Residential Property Tax Bill

(<http://www.medinacountyauditor.org/propsearch.htm>)

Township Collection	± 16.5% of total payment
(General Fund, Roads & Bridges, Police & Safety Services)	
General Funds	\$716,100
Road Fund	\$238,700
Motor Vehicle Fund	\$16,000
Gasoline Tax	\$100,000
MVL Permissive Fund	\$76,000
Total	\$1,146,800

Please be assured, cost-saving measures are implemented when possible to reduce overall costs. Our mechanically-skilled service employees performed over \$10,000 of costly repairs to our 1990 and 2000 snow plow trucks to avoid the \$150,000 expense of replacing one of the trucks.

Montville Township has received numerous grants and donations to provide residents with three beautiful parks to enjoy; however, the costs to maintain the parks are incurred by the General Fund.

The Montville Township Administration and Safety Services Center was necessary to eliminate the high daily operating costs and costly repairs and upgrades the old facility needed. The new facility offers convenience and accessibility for various events hosted by the township, county and state agencies.

The Montville Township Board of Trustees invites you to attend one of its upcoming meetings. The meetings are held at the Montville Township Administration and Safety Services Center at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. The new facility offers convenience and accessibility for a variety of events and eliminated the exorbitant operating expenses and costly repairs and upgrades the old facility needed.

We encourage residents to become involved in Montville Township. Please call (330) 725-8313 to become a volunteer or with questions or concerns.

You are the reason why Montville Township is a wonderful place to live!



Trustees:
Sally Albrecht, Ron Bischof,
Jeff Brandon
Fiscal Officer Mary Pawlowski
not shown



Chris Kosman,
Service Director

At Your Service ~

Even though we had a mild winter, the roads have eroded more than in the past due to all of the freezing and thawing that took place. As a result, we have more potholes than normal and some roads are starting to fail sooner than predicted.

As a result, we have many more roads that need to be repaired, especially those most highly traveled, such as

Guilford Road. There, the road has major cracking and surface deficiencies in large sections. The estimate for repaving a road is approximately \$100,000 per mile and this does not include any major repair work that needs to be done. Repairing and resurfacing Guilford Road which is 1.1 miles long will cost about \$150,000.

This is just one example of

the work that needs to be completed and we have 53 miles of roads to maintain. There is a levy on the May ballot constructed just for road and culvert maintenance where funds would be used to make needed road repairs.

Please call me personally at 330-725-0273 if you have any township maintenance questions or concerns.



Terry Grice,
Police Chief

A Brief From The Chief ~

Montville Township, in partnership with Medina City and Medina Township Police Departments is currently offering our 2nd Medina Community Citizen's Police Academy. Our Academy is designed to give participants a better understanding of police functions and responsibilities by showing an in-depth view of Police work. Topics include: Drug Court, the Booking Process, OVI's, Community Orientated Policing, K9, Juvenile Detention, and decision-making scenarios. The program runs for 10 weeks, from 6:30pm-9:30pm on Wednesday evenings. Our 1st session started in September and had 18 citizens graduate on December 8th. The current ses-

sion has 16 participants.

The Academy is hosted at Montville PD, unless the class is visiting an offsite facility, such as the Juvenile Detention Center. Other offsite visits include driving simulators at Medina High School and Medina County Sheriff Department and Medina Municipal Court. Lt. Neil of Montville PD has spearheaded the initiative of this new endeavor and has done an outstanding job organizing each week's session to ensure the program is successful.

Montville PD is plans to host another Academy in the fall and which will be open to

all Montville residents. Registration notifications will post on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/MontvillePD/>). A background check will be done at the first class for all participants.



Zoning In On Zoning ~

Montville Township continues to lead the county in residential growth with over 25 new home permits approved in the first quarter of 2017. This continued growth has reduced the township's building lot inventory to around 200 vacant lots. The increase in rooftops has opened the door for commercial growth within our commercially zoned corridors.

Our Zoning Boards have approved a major economic subdivision plan on the corner of Medina Road and Normandy Park Drive that includes three sublots, and a future development block. Two of the lots have been approved for commercial development. Sublot 2 will host a GetGo Gas Station and Sublot 3 will entertain a retail com-

plex with Chipotle, Starbucks and a third party yet to be determined.

Also along the Medina Road corridor, Valore Builders have a plan, to be reviewed by the Zoning Commission, for a residential development on Montville Drive encompassing 176 cluster units. These uniquely designed units will be attached in segments ranging from 2 to 4 attached homes. The design is to create a small community atmosphere with courtyards dispersed throughout the development. The layout of these units has been designed to accommodate the current topography by combining flats and townhomes, thus preserving the characteristics of the land. There are trails planned that will be open to the public for walking, and an extension of the sidewalk to con-

nect O'Hara Drive to the Ridgewood Falls Community. The developer has stated that these units will be offered for sale or rent, thus giving options for the potential resident.

The Planning/Zoning Office continues to strive to keep Montville the township of choice and reminds the community to contact our office prior to any construction or placement of structures upon your property. Our office phone number is (330) 725-8313. Have a happy and safe spring.



*Paul Jeffers,
Planning and Zoning
Director*

Senior News

The Medina County Office for Older Adults (330-723-9514) has many services for adults age 60+. Their mission: "Enabling older adults and adults with disabilities to remain independent and at the highest level of functioning possible in their homes" is carried out every day with their list of many programs, activities and services.

Meals on Wheels is available for homebound, non-driving seniors who live alone. After a short assessment to determine eligibility, their volunteers deliver hot meals on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of

each week. And on Tuesdays, they bring a hot meal and also a frozen meal because they don't deliver on Wednesdays. The service is free, but they will accept any donation possible.

Health and Fitness activities are held daily at their agency at 246 Northland Drive. There is line dancing every Monday at 2 pm; Tai Chi classes every Wednesday at 2 pm; exercise every Monday and Friday at 10:30 am; Arthritis Foundation approved exercise classes every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30 am; Yoga every Wednesday and Friday, and much more. To re-

ceive their Senior Newsletter, send your email address to: jakiouis@medinaco.org, or go to their website: www.mcooa.org and follow the Newsletter link.

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Emergency Management News ~

The Medina County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) now has most of their response vehicles in Montville Township at our former maintenance building. We are pleased to have their vehicles and equipment so local to our residents, and so centrally located in the county in general. In this day and age of increasing emergencies, it should be a comfort to you that this protection is right here, even though it is rarely



EMA Response Unit

employed.

The Medina County All-Hazards Plan addresses Medina County's planned response to extraordinary emergency situations associated with natural disasters, technological emergencies and acts of civil hostility.

When confronted with a minor emergency, county agencies normally carry out their responsibilities largely independent of other agencies. However, large-scale emergencies and disasters often generate situations requiring planned, coordinated responses by multiple agencies and jurisdictions.

This plan establishes a framework for an effective system of comprehensive emergency management and its formal purpose is to assist communities with any of the following:

- Reduce the vulnerabilities of the people and communities of Medina County to damage, injury, and loss of life and property resulting from disasters and emergencies;
- Prepare for prompt and efficient response and recovery to protect lives and property;
- Respond to emergencies using all systems, plans and resources, necessary to preserve the health, safety and welfare of persons affected by the emergency;
- Provide public information;
- Recover from emergencies by providing for the rapid and orderly start of restoration and rehabilitation of persons and property affected by emergencies;
- Restore normal government operations;
- Provide an emergency management system embodying all aspects of pre-emergency preparedness and post-emergency response, and recovery; and
- Assist in the mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery of emergencies

For more information about emergency responses and EMA, visit their website at www.MedinaCountyEMA.org.