The Montville Minute

From the Trustees~



Trustees: Albrecht, Bischof and Brandon

We are proud to announce that Montville Township ranked 3rd safest place to live in the State of Ohio. The National Council for Home Safety and Security recently published its list of the safest communities. We are grateful for the hard work and dedication of our police and all other staff who work diligently every day to serve our residents.

There is a great deal happening in Montville Township these days. Now that the economy has recovered, there are a lot of new home starts and we have welcomed the recent opening of several new businesses – Get Go, Starbucks, Chipotle, and Accelerated Fitness. The new Blue Heron Brewery is in the works and planned to be ready this Summer.

Our beautiful parks continue to evolve. We are working on plans for an ADA approved walkway for Cobblestone Park funded by a grant from the Community Development Block Grant administered by the Medina County Commissioners. The Clean Ohio Grant we received from Ohio Public Works Commission will soon be used to eliminate invasive species and connect the forests in all three parks in the Blue Heron Park Complex.

In addition to the above grant, we were recently informed that we will be receiving a Capital Budget Grant from the State of Ohio this Summer for projects at the Blue Heron Park Complex. These include expanding the parking lot along River Styx Road; repairing the halfway house and restrooms there and making that building into a field station; repairing some bridges;

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and building storm shelters throughout those parks.

Our collaboration with PeaceWorks, a foundation that provides services to adults with intellectual disabilities has donated the construction of a lodge in Austin Badger Park in the Blue Heron Park Complex. The building will be used as a mountain bike/snowshoe rental and coffee shop which will employ adults with disabilities. We expect this to be completed this Summer. This should coincide with ramp construction and improvements being planned for the mountain bike trail located in that park.

As always, we encourage our residents to stay connected by attending our bi-monthly meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7 pm, and by communicating your thoughts and concerns to us. We remain committed to making Montville Township a wonderful place to live.





A Brief from the Chief

We recently completed our 2017 Montville Township Safety Services Annual Report where we publish statistics in traffic accidents and enforcement, activity reports, and arrests. These can be viewed at the police website.

Our many community policing services continue to place Montville Township in the top 3rd ranked safest place to live in Ohio. We strive to be proactive by offering many community programs.

Medina County Police Activities League, MCPAL is an after school program that Police Chief has expanded to 10 different locations within 5 school districts. There are over 500 students enrolled who have participated in many field trips. They operate a food pantry that serves over 30 adults and 65 children each week.

Female Self Defense Class teaches attendees the basic self-defense tactics to use when in danger.

<u>DARE</u> is a drug awareness/prevention program orchestrated by Officer Dave Pinkas for the Medina School District and the Medina Christian Academy, where he teaches DARE to all 8 elementary schools and over 550 students.

Juvenile Diversion Program educates young drivers under 18 who have received their first traffic citations and allows them to attend a three hour driving course in lieu of going to court. Attendees to this program annually have been consistently over 250.

Take Control Program is an advanced driving class that provides young drivers with real world experience in collision avoidance and it is offered the 3rd Saturday of the month.

Citizen's Academy teaches residents what our officers do on the job. Class attendees average 18 students and is 10 weeks long. Students find the experience to be very rewarding and eve opening.

Decision Making Classes is a collaboration between Leadership Medina County and Jr. Leadership Medina County that provides attendees the opportunity to be placed in the role of a police officer dealing with a high stress situation. Students leave this class with a new appreciation of what it takes to be a police officer and how fast situations can change.

Explorer's Program is a hands-on, career-oriented program open to young men and women beyond 6th grade and up to age 20 that gives them the opportunity to explore the idea of a career in law enforcement by working with local law enforcement agencies.

Drug Box Collection Site is outside of the Montville Township Safety Services Center for residents who want to dispose of old or unwanted medications.

All of these programs can be accessed at the police website at www.montvilletwp.org. Please follow the link to the Safety Services or by calling 330-725-8314.





Zoning in on Zoning ~

As we enter into Spring of 2018, the township is undergoing some necessary zoning map changes. For the first time in almost 15 years, our building lot inventory has fallen below 150 lots. With new home permits totaling around 100 per year, the opportunity for new home builds has started to diminish.

Paul Jeffers Planning & Zoning Director

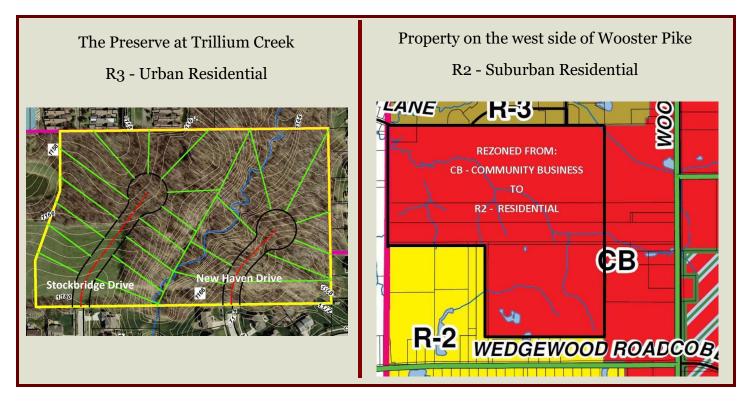
To aid in the availability of lots and assist landowners wishing to sell parcels, the Zoning Commission has approved the rezoning of 2 areas of the township, pictured below. The first area is the eastern portion of Trillium Creek which was partially already zoned R3-Urban Residential. The landowner was able to receive approval to incorporate an additional

2.53 acres from CB-Community Business to add to the 11 acres of R3-Urban Residential. This has created 13 acres for single family residential dwellings that will consist of 25 sublots. The lots will range in size from 12,000 square feet to 47,000 square feet and these homes will be located within the Medina City School District.

The second area which has been rezoned is the west side of Wooster Pike between the southern property line of The Trails of Montville and the northern side of Wedgewood Road. The land was formerly zoned as CB-Community Business and now, approximately 160 acres, has been changed to R2-Suburban Residential. The frontage on Wooster Pike will remain CB-Community Business from roadside to the west 1000 feet. This will enable businesses to line Wooster Pike keeping the residential parcels away from the roadway hustle and bustle. The combined 160 acres could provide an additional 166 single family sublots. These homes would also be included into the Medina CitySchool District.

The township has been told by several commercial developers that more rooftops will be needed to sustain commercial activity along the Wooster Pike corridor. With the addition of the residential possibilities, the business front of Wooster Pike may have the number of homes needed to build out.

The Planning and Zoning Office invites anyone to contact us at (330) 725-8313 or zoning@montvilletwp.org with questions or concerns involving planning, zoning, permit requirements and property maintenance . The office hours are Monday-Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Thursday, Friday 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.





Chris Kosman, Service Director

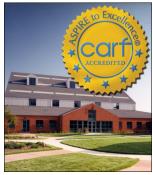
At your Service ~

Coyote Sightings

We have received many reported sightings of coyotes this Winter - sometimes in our neighborhoods but more frequently in our parks. We are in the process of constructing warning signs with advice about what to do if you encounter one while out walking. If you see one, do the following:

- Stay away from coyotes at all times.
- Keep pets away from coyotes at all times.
- If approached by a coyote, scare it away by shouting at it, waving your arms, making yourself look bigger.
- Never feed a coyote.





GETS HIGHEST ACCREDITATION The Medina County Board of DD receives highest accreditation from the CARF International.

Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Since 1967, the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities (MCBDD) has served to meet the needs of children and adults with disabilities and their families. As part of its mission, this board works to promote opportunities for people with disabilities to achieve an independent life.

Their work starts with identifying children with developmental delays to provide them with concentrated early intervention so they can have the best possible outcomes. You can reach this program at 330-764-8680, or the Medina County Board of DD at 330-725-7751.

The following are upcoming events supported by MCBDD:

April 17th at 6:30 pm: Estate Planning for Parents of Children with Disabilities

Achievement Center, 4691 Windfall Road, Medina

April 19th at 5:30 pm: Parent Transition Academy

Copley High School, 3807 Ridgewood Road, Copley

May 3rd at 9:30 am: Special Arts Festival

Achievement Center, 4691 Windfall Road, Medina

May 8th at 6:00 pm: Self-Advocates Meeting

EI Patron Mexican Grill, 1154 Hinkle Drive, Wadsworth

May 12th at 9:00 am: Raymond Biegel Special Olympics Softball Fundraiser

Blakeslee Fields, 3718 Weymouth Road, Medina

May 19th at 10:00 am: Community Shred Day

Achievement Center, 4691 Windfall Road, Medina

June 29th at 6:30 pm: Ice Cream Sundae Social

Medina Public Square, Medina

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Bicentennial Celebration 2019

MontvilleTownship has begun planning for projects and events to celebrate our bicentennial coming up in 2019.

Heading the committee is local resident of Cobblestone Park , Ellen Intermill-Shimko. Ellen has a master's degree in education and a keen interest in the history of the township.

Ellen has begun interviewing older adult residents about their early memories in Montville Township and also recruiting their memories of stories from their deceased older relatives. These are being developed into YouTube videos for our website.

The township plans to kick off our bicentennial celebration at the Spokes II Lodge at Austin Badger Park in January, 2019 with a historical overview of the early years in Montville Township.

Plans are underway to purchase a time capsule to be opened in 50 years. This will be planted with a commemorative plaque and an oak tree somewhere at the Montville Township campus at Poe and Wadsworth Roads. Your help is needed for items to be placed in the time capsule. Please email your ideas to pjeffers@montvilletwp.org.







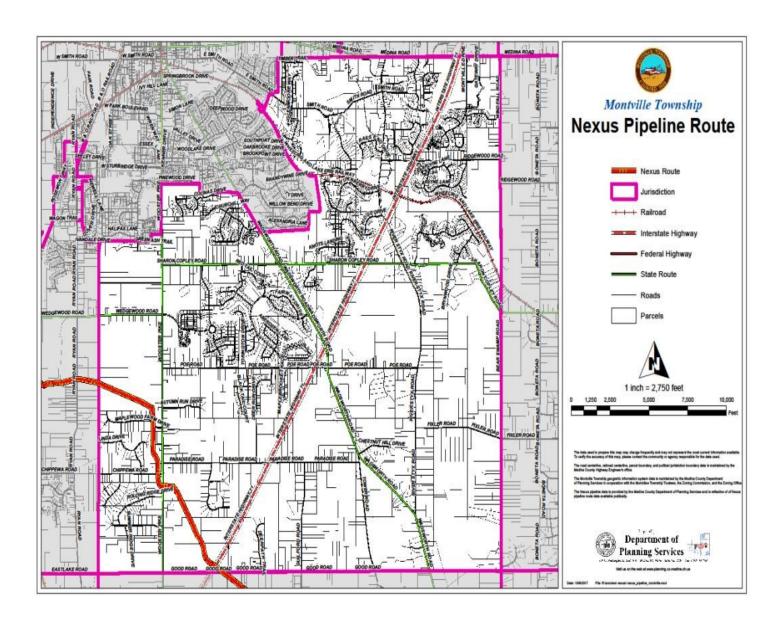
After three years of review by the Federal Energy Regulation Commission (FERC) and Ohio EPA, the Nexus Pipeline Project slated to run through Montville Township and the surrounding county has begun. The project will be completed and all land restored by the Fall.

During that time, 1200 landowners were approached and 99.9% have signed easements and received compensation.

Nexus stresses safety above all else in design, construction and operation. All phases and stages will be inspected by the Pipeline Hazard Material Safety Association (PHMSA). The 36" diameter pipe is made of 100% high pressure ½" carbon steel and all connections are welded. It will move 1.5 bcf of dry gas per day and have 1440 lbs. pressure maximum. The pipeline will be monitored digitally 24/7 by real people at Nexus in Texas.

Michaels Construction and Latex Construction are the contractors you will see in the area. They will be hiring local labor. After construction, inspections are done every three years to look for anomalies or anything out of the ordinary. The average depth of the pipeline is 3' minimum but most areas will be 4' or deeper. It will be 5' under roads.

You can find more information at www.nexusgastransmission.com.



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Pastor Pete Ryder Church of the Nazarene

RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Pastor Pete Ryder and family moved to Montville Township four years ago, but have been residents of Medina for over 15 years. He has been the Pastor of the Church of the Nazarene for 15 years. Pastor Pete has been married for 25 years to his wife, Rebecca, who is a clinical counselor at Encompass Christian Counseling. Daughter Claire attends Tri-C and son, Nick who is 17 attends Medina High School.

He reports that they love to serve in their church and community. For years, Nick headed up "Café Naz", their church coffee bar every Sunday. Pastor Pete and Nick deliver food from our township food bank on the 3rd Friday of every month. The Church of the Nazarene helps the township with our annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Pastor Pete thoroughly enjoys living and serving in Montville Township. "It's a great community with awesome people. We have good neighbors who we have enjoyed getting to know. We really like taking advantage

of the parks, enjoying the hiking trails and just having great places to be out in nature. We feel at home here and we believe that Montville Township is a great place to live and raise a family?"

Montville Cares Easter Egg Hunt

Montville Cares hosted their 5th annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 18th at 2:00pm at Cobblestone Park. There were over 10,000 stuffed Easter Eggs for the kids to collect, including eggs that were stuffed with a gold coin that could be turned in for a special treat. The Easter Bunny made a special appearance to the delight of all the younger attendees. Smiles could be seen in every direction that afternoon. The committee estimates there were over 2,000 in attendance and were very pleased with the turnout!!



While at the event, we spoke to some of our younger residents about their favorite candy and what they were hoping to find in their Easter Basket on April 1st. Milo, age 4, said he loves Smarties and was hoping to find a tractor in his Easter Basket. Trinity and Bailey, both age 9 said they love chocolate bunnies and were hoping for peeps and slippers in their Easter Basket. Brother and sister, Parker, 6, and Paige, 8, said their favorite candy was chocolate bunnies and peeps and were hoping for new shoes and new pants respectively. They were also looking forward to spending Easter in Florida.

The Montville Cares Community Event Planning Committee is comprised of residents who are committed to making our community a wonderful place to live and a great place to do business. The committee holds 2 events annually - the Easter Egg Hunt and the Spooky Walk in October. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Montville Cares at 330.661.0123.











Save the date – the 2018 Senior Day is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15th at the fairgrounds from 9 am to 1 pm. The theme this year is "school spirit", so seniors are invited to wear their old class sweaters and school colors. Trustee Sally Albrecht is speaking during the luncheon about the new Senior Foundation recently formed.

The center has many health and fitness activities: Line Dancing is every Monday at 2 pm; Tai Chi is every Wednesday at 2 pm; Exercise is every Monday and Friday at 10:30 am; Arthritis Foundation Approved Exercise Classes are every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30 am; and Yoga is every Wednesday at 3 pm and every Friday at 10:30 am.

For more information, call the Office for Older Adults at 330-723-9514.



Medina County Solid Waste District RESIDENTIAL YARD WASTE DROP-OFF MANIFEST



Acceptable Drop-Off Items

Materials need to be loose and not bagged.

Trees, branches and logs need to be 4' length and 24" diameter.

Clean Vegetation Garden Waste Pine Needles & Cones Lawn Trimmings Brush & Limbs Bark

Unacceptable Items

Hay / Straw Barn / Stable Material
Tree Stumps Root Balls

Sod / Dirt Bricks

Metal Caging Burlap Wrap

Stones Plastic Bags

Pallets Business Yard Waste
Railroad Ties Contractor Yard Waste

Lumber | Garbage

Biodegradable / Paper Yard Waste Bags

Businesses, landscapers, lawn maintenance and tree service companies shall be charged \$20.00/ton. Manifests are available to <u>residents only</u>. Manifests can be obtained online at www.recyclemedinacounty.com; calling (330) 769-0289; or your local community.

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