

April

The Montville Minute

2020



Fiscal Officer M. Pawlowski, Trustees R. Bischof, S. Albrecht and J. Brandon

From the Elected Officials:~

Spring, 2020 is proving to be a challenging time for everyone. We are working hard to do our part to help Montville Township to get through the current medical crisis.

We would like to assure our residents that your safety forces (police, fire and life support team) are ready to respond to your emergency calls. The COVID-19 pandemic has led to some operational changes. We feel we must do our due diligence, and take every precaution we can to help reduce potential exposure to our employees and our community.

Along with that, our service department will continue to maintain all of their responsibilities in the township. Our zoning office will be working but modifying meetings to facilitate social distancing. Please be aware of the following:

[Director Acton's Stay at Home Order 3-22-2020](#)

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) has opened a call center to answer questions regarding coronavirus (COVID-19).

The call center will be open 7 days a week from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and can be reached at 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

Call center staff includes licensed nurses and infectious disease experts. They will be available to answer questions and provide accurate information about COVID-19, the risk to the public, and the state's response.

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/home/COVID-19-Checklists/COVID-19-Checklists>

<https://medinahealth.org/community/current-outbreaks/>

Together, we will get through this difficult time.

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Zoning Updates ~

The Planning and Zoning Office, in lieu of the COVID-19 pandemic, will be continuously posting Board of Zoning Appeals and Zoning Commission meeting dates and reschedules. Information for any upcoming meeting will be posted to the website for review. At this time, in-office review of said meeting files has been suspended.

In conjunction with the Medina County Building Department, the Planning & Zoning Office will continue to issue permits on approval.

If you have any questions regarding the temporary changes, please feel free to contact Bonnie or Paul at (330) 725—8313.



Paul Jeffers ,
Planning & Zoning Director



Terry Grice, Chief

A Brief from the Chief ~

The Montville Police Department will continue to respond to emergency calls or crimes in progress. Those calling the dispatch Center requesting police, fire or LST may be asked a few COVID-19 screening questions. These questions will not affect our response or the level of service that we provide, but it will allow our employees to take any needed precautions.

Additionally, our officers may respond to requests for non-emergency matters by phone if an officer's presence is not necessary. If a written statement is needed for a criminal investigation, our officers may email a statement form to you, or ask that you email or drop off your written statement to the lobby of the police department. We are discouraging our officers from entering a private residence for non-emergency calls, so be prepared to come outside to meet with an officer. Officers will try to keep a safe distance of the recommended 6 feet and will not be shaking hands.

These are unprecedented times and we want to assure our residents that we are here to protect and serve our community. We are stronger when we work together, and we want to work as a team to help combat COVID-19 and get life back to normal for our community.



Chris Kosman
Service Director

At Your Service ~

This Summer, we will be making many concrete repairs in some of our developments and completely repaving our section of Ridgewood Drive. We also plan to repair the eastern part of Poe Road and finish with chip and seal surface, Good Road from Guilford Road to the township maintenance line around Deerpath Trail.

For more information about road repairs, please do not hesitate to call me at 330-725-0273.



Fiber to the Home Update ~

Residential support for Fiber to the Home remains strong across Medina County. Fiber to the Home will bring true high-speed fiber, phone, television content, telemedicine and smart home applications to many areas that are struggling to receive connectivity. Phase 1 of the project includes Westfield Center, Seville and Guilford Township while interest outside of the Phase 1 area continues to grow. The construction start date is on schedule to begin in April 2020, weather contingent with completion goal being the end of 2020 for Phase 1. February was a very busy

month with network engineering being completed and equipment selection. Meetings were held with the Board of Public Affairs in both Seville and Westfield Center for aerial and underground permitting. The selection of fiber contractors was also completed and GIS mapping programs is underway. Fiber to the Home is well on its way in Westfield Center, Seville and Guilford Township!

Trees and native plants provide services to our communities!

Did you know?

The simple act of planting a tree also helps to keep waterways clean
More native trees and plants in our neighborhoods make our creeks and communities healthier.



Benefits of Trees:

Decrease the impact of heavy rainfall
By capturing and filtering pollution contained in storm runoff
By capturing and filtering sediment in snowmelt

Improve the quality of water
Reduce the volume of stormwater

Help reduce flooding
By intercepting rainfall before it enters creeks and streams



Fun fact: A single sugar maple tree with a diameter of 15" intercepts about 1,400 gallons of stormwater and has an approximate monetary benefit of \$150 annually. Calculate benefits of *YOUR trees* at treebenefits.com/calculator/

Action item: Make a difference and plant a tree! Conservation tree seedlings are sold each year from January to April in packets of ten trees for \$12 from SWCD office. Order forms go out in January, get on our mailing list - call 330-722-9322.

Linda K. Schneider, Education Coordinator
Medina County Soil and Water Conservation District



MCPAL Receives \$5000.00

Medina County Police Activity League (MCPAL), was a recipient of one of the Medina County Commissioner's Grants for 2020, receiving \$5000.00 at their Commissioner's Ball held February 29, 2020 at the Blue Heron Event Center.

MCPAL is grateful as always for the support of the community.

Good Job Montville

Thanks to all, Montville Township's Recycling percentage was 25% during 2019! Impressive!



Montville is a Safe Place to Live

Using FBI crime data, Montville Township was ranked as the 73rd safest place to live in the US.

What Is the 2020 Census?

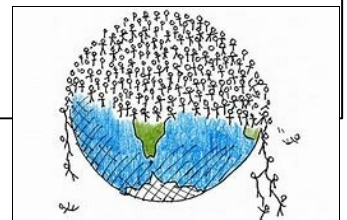
The 2020 Census counts every person living in the 50 states, District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories.

The count is mandated by the Constitution and conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, a nonpartisan government agency. The 2020 Census counts the population in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories (Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands). Each home will receive an invitation to respond to a short questionnaire—online, by phone, or by mail.

Invitations to respond to the 2020 Census will be delivered between March 12-20. Once you receive that invitation, you can respond online, by phone, or by mail.

The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data.

The results of the census also determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and they are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.



*Sorry—The 2020 Montville
Township Easter Egg Hunt is being*

POSTPONED

Until further notice.....

