







April 2021

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FROM THE TRUSTEES

Is that the end of the tunnel we are seeing out there?? We sure hope so and are excited to share with you some positive news occurring in our township.

There are several projects percolating – Medina County Soil and Water is donating and planting native Ohio trees to Aaron Smith Nature Reserve during April (Earth Month). ODOT is constructing a roundabout at Routes 3 and 162 and is slated to be completed during the summer. That intersection will be closed for about 70 days and detours will be posted. Later on, ODOT is widening Route 18 and there will be a new access road in front of Aldi's, Kindercare and Taco Bell to reduce interruptions to the flow of traffic.

A "free little library kiosk" to promote neighborhood book exchanges was recently donated to the township and installed outside of Spokes 2 Café at Austin Badger Park.

Speaking of parks, we are recruiting pictures of nature from our park attendees for our park webpages and developing a "Friends of the Parks" board to assist us in developing outdoor educational opportunities. We invite young artists and students to submit original artwork of native Ohio birds and nature for our community room.

We continue to seek helpers to join Montville Cares, our volunteer community event planning committee. We are sorry to report that we had to cancel the 2021 Easter Egg Hunt, but as of today, we are hoping to have enough help to hold the 2021 Trunk R Treat Scary/ Spooky Walk in October. Many hands make light work! Get involved – help us continue to make Montville Township a wonderful place to live!!

Montville Township Police

The Montville Township Police Department is committed to fair policing for every member of our community. Keeping up with changing legislation, expectations and training requirements, while also maintaining the safety and health of our officers is resource intensive and challenging. Here, we employ LexiPol software to bridge that gap.

LexiPol is America's leading source of state-specific policy and training solutions that reduce risk, lower litigation costs and improve personnel safety in law enforcement. LexiPol's content is continuously updated to address legislative changes and evolving best practices.

We are proud to report that the Montville Township Police Department has earned LexiPol's gold standard of performance.

Welcome to our newest staff members



Recently hired was Montville Cares volunteer, Christine Navicky. She is organizing police records, helping as receptionist and managing our community events. She will be spearheading this October's Trunk R Treat/Scary/Spooky Walk. Volunteers needed!

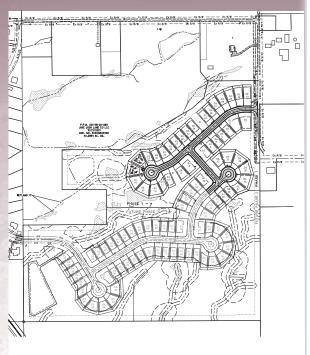
Richard Rodgers, a retired township gentleman with an impressive background in the IT industry has been hired parttime to assist Chief Neil to manage our increasingly complicated online demands.



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Zoning Updates...



After what appeared to be a long stretch of darkness in our skies following a long year of the new normal, we are finally seeing sunshine and light at the end of the COVID tunnel. I think we are all ready for days outside and reuniting with family and friends.

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Despite the above, the year 2020 was still very busy in the Zoning Office with accessory use permits. The time spent at home by the Township residents had many thinking of new projects for their outside living area. In-ground pools, covered patio entertainment areas and accessory structures ranked top in permits.

As 2021 progresses, we are seeing an increase in new homes as Windfall Estates Subdivision, on Windfall Road just south of the Ridgewood Road intersection, has received their final plan approval and will begin home construction upon recording of the final plat. Along with new homes, there have been many inquiries about some of the business lots available along Medina Road and Wooster Pike.

The Planning/Zoning Office continues to strive to keep Montville the township of choice and remind 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 2021.

Recycle Medina County 2021 Spring Clean-Up Program Vouchers available from April 5 to July 31, 2021

spring Clean-Up Clean up for Spring and bring bulk trash (furniture, rolled carpet/padding, home repair materials, toys, bagged clothes) to the Medina County Solid Waste District, 8700 Lake Road, Seville.

> Vouchers for a discounted rate of \$46.80 per ton can be obtained by contacting Ann Foky at 330-769-0289 or email afoky@medinaco.org.

Household hazardous waste, specialty waste and yard waste materials are not accepted as part of the Spring Clean-Up Collection or Voucher Program.

Road Construction for 2021

Montville Service Department is busy trimming trees on Ridgewood Road for line of sight and right of way from the road area, patching pot holes and taking note of how the winter has affected them. Even though the weather was mild at times, February was hard and some of the roads took a beating due to all of the freezing and thawing that took place. Some roads are starting to fail sooner than predicted. For road repairs, we start on the main ones and move into the developments as funds are available. Presently, we need to finish Poe and Good Roads. This year we will be chip sealing in some of the developments to help prolong the surface life. This will take place in Maplewood Farms and Hidden Acres.

We also make periodic improvements to different parts that influence road deterioration, such as ditch drainage and culverts in order to move water away from the surfaces and subbase. Removing trees close to main roads like Poe, Paradise and Ridgewood allows more light in to help dry out the road surface and prolong its life.

We ask that you remain patient with our road crews as we work forward on improving the road system of Montville Township.





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fontville Township is Recruiting "Friends of the Park" to Assist with Planning at Blue Heron Parks.

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Get Back to Nature

During April (Earth Month) Submit your Pictures/Paintings of Ohio Birds, Trees, Flowers or Just Nature from our Parks to Display in Our Community Rooms

Submit with your Name, Address and Phone Number to Christine Navicky by May 31, 2021 at the Montville Police Station 6665 Wadsworth Road, Medina, Ohio



has completed an assortment of active recreation projects at Austin Badger Park, however, the two remaining parks – Aaron Smith and Thomas Currier Parks are required to be "nature reserve" and hence, passive recreation only.

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Aaron Smith Nature Reserve was opened a few years back and Thomas Currier Nature Reserve will be ready soon to open and we hope to have an entrance there within the new neighborhood going in off Windfall Road. These two nature reserves have many beautiful, natural features. In 2016, the Cleveland Museum of Natural History identified several old growth forests and many uncommon species as well as environmentally sensitive areas.

The township also received funding to repurpose the old golf course "halfway house" into a "field station", in Aaron Smith Nature Reserve (behind the Blue Heron Brewery in the area of the previous driving range). It has bathrooms and a large training type room for community outdoor education programs.

We have many ideas for developing aspects of nature for the community at these two nature reserves - it is overwhelming - but we have decided to first form a "Friends of the Park" Board and work this year to recruit volunteers from the area who have an interest and expertise in this type of programming, and those who currently frequent the park who may want to be involved. Interested residents are encouraged to contact us at 330-725-8313. A meeting is being planned for some time in May.

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Montville Cares

Egg Hunt

Montville Cares is Montville Township's volunteer community events planning committee that was formed to foster a sense of identity for Montville Township by holding events and supporting community services orchestrated by the Montville Township Police Department. Our motto is "Montville Township is a Wonderful Place to Live."

Community Activities started in 2014 and have evolved into two main events: an Easter Egg Hunt every Spring and a Trunk R' Treat/Scary Walk/Spooky Walk event every Fall. As years passed, both of these events have become very large with thousands in attendance. As a result, more volunteers are needed to help. While the pandemic has resulted in another year's cancellation of the Easter Egg Hunt, we are still planning for our Halloween event, scheduled for October 16, 2021. Email Christine Navicky at CNavicky@MontvilleTwp. org if you would like to be a Montville Cares volunteer and help us run these awesome events.

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