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### From the Elected Officials~

Life goes on in Montville Township as we live through this most extraordinary year, adjust to a new world view and many social changes in every part of our life. Early on, we identified our essential staff, adjusted their hours and incorporated disinfecting, social distancing and masks into our offices, meetings and services.

We have applied for state and federal assistance available to help us pay for these new additional expenses. We are also preparing for and calculating potential upcoming cuts to our revenue streams so we can continue to provide the same level of services as we experience a significant reduction in our income.

We are blessed to live in an area where the devastating impact of the CoVid 19 pandemic has been low. Our county and state department leaders continue to work diligently to manage our many affected social systems.

This year is forcing us to regroup and reconfigure how all of us orchestrate our lives so we can continue to manage our families, jobs, children and social lives in a healthy way. Many of us are spending much more time at home with our families – baking, making home improvements, and taking care of neglected projects.

If there could be said that something good has emerged from all this, it may be a new appreciation of how fragile is our existence and how important are our relationships with one another. Please know that we remain committed to our Montville Township families and continuing the many programs and events that promote positive relationships between our township, police and community.

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Terry Grice, Police Chief

### A Brief from the Chief ~

To date, 2020 has brought many unique changes and challenges. With the onset of COVID-19, our police department took the necessary steps to safeguard the health of our staff and community. As our community found new ways to celebrate milestones while still adhering to the health department's guidelines, our department enjoyed participating in celebration parades for birthdays, graduations and other special events. It allowed us to stay connected to our community. Our agency has had tremendous support from our community in the way of calls, cards and lunches, snacks and desserts being dropped off. For that support we are deeply grateful. We understand these are trying times, but please know our department is always here to serve and collaborate with our residents. We are stronger together!

MCPAL Video: <https://www.medinapal.org/>

MCPAL has been offering youth programming since 2010 under the direction of Executive Director Chief Terry Grice and has always had the unwavering support of the Montville Trustees and Fiscal Officer. This video was recorded on March 4th to highlight MCPAL's successes and strides the program is making to build positive relationships between law enforcement officers and our youth. Now, more than ever, the message is so relevant. Medina County Law Enforcement is proud to be making a difference in our community!!

#WeAreMCPAL      #OneCommunityOneGoal



Chris Kosman,  
Service Director

### At Your Service ~

Lately, the Service Department has been finishing projects started in the Spring that were delayed by bad weather and lots of rain. At the same time, our crew are patching areas and repairing culverts on Good and Poe Roads until these entire roads can be paved next year. Ridgewood and East Poe will be paved and we will be chip sealing part of Good Road. We will also be doing some concrete repairs in the neighborhoods that have issues with the slabs and around some of the catch basins.

We have been receiving many questions from residents regarding areas of township responsibility. Please be aware that we are not a city and that townships have different regulations. Some common clarifications are listed below:

Sidewalks and tree lawns are the homeowner's responsibility. Settling does occur over time. Trees belong to the property owner and we do not replace them.

Curbing and aesthetics are not a reason for repair or replacement.

Storm water drainage is a shared responsibility between the Township and Medina County.

At the Service Department, we are keeping up on all of the changes and trying to take care of all of our township residents. As always, if you have any questions, please call me at 330-725-0273.



### LET'S TALK TRASH

On August 15<sup>th</sup>, Kimble will be removing their recycling bins from key locations in the community and Rumpke will be installing theirs. Rumpke was awarded the new contract for these recycling materials. Recycling totals for 2020 so far are 26%. Great Job Montville!!!



Paul Jeffers,  
Planning & Zoning Director

### **In the Zone ~**

The Planning and Zoning Office has seen an explosion of accessory structures within the community during the first wave of the pandemic. Many people, forced to stay home, have had the time to review

their yards and the possibilities of additional features. These include patios, pools (mostly in-ground), decks, fences and sheds. The idea of “staycations” has come to reality as our community moves forward through the COVID pandemic.

We believe that Montville Township attracts home buyers to our area because of the character and feel of the neighborhoods that we have created through well calculated zoning rules and regular enforcement. Recent inspections of several new accessory structures in the past months has identified other structures where required permits were not obtained, some present there for years and not noticed by the Zoning Office.

Please be aware that it is still the responsibility of the current owner to make sure these items are in compliance with the Montville Township Zoning Resolution.

We wish for all our residents and business partners to remain safe and healthy. The Planning and Zoning Office still remains open to the public, however, we do ask that social distancing be adhered to and the regulation of wearing a mask be incorporated as directed by Gov. Mike DeWine.



### **Medina County Fiber Network**

After delays due to the current pandemic and inability to get materials, the Medina County Fiber Network will start in Seville and Westfield Center using existing poles and then come into Montville Township.

Montville residents are now asked to shift from completing the survey to signing up. OnTrac is a CoVid sensitive contractor who will be approaching residents to score their “hook-up” from the street to each home. To reduce confusion to the community, they will be wearing Medina Fiber branded uniforms and driving their trucks and vans.

Fiber will bring us cable competition, lower prices/faster speed and better offerings. Fiber Network will provide education and a demo center in Seville at the Old Rittman Pharmacy building. Marketing will be “grass roots” and MVPs will be recruited to assist with signup. Coming will be new and helpful applications, i.e., Smart Homes, Telehealth, Waste Management and Wifi potential cameras. Installation to the house is free. They will be coming to Montville Township in the Fall and working through the Spring.

# ***2020 Scary Walk/Trunk or Treat***

## ***CANCELLED***

The Montville Cares Volunteer Community Events Planning Committee has decided to cancel the 2020 Scary Walk/Trunk or Treat event. Large community events increase the risk of spreading the CoVid 19 virus and we don't want to do this to our community.

## **But Wait - We are orchestrating a Halloween Parade instead!**

We are thinking a stream of decorated floats and vehicles could drive through our neighborhoods and we will hand out safely sealed and packaged baggies of candy to kids as we pass.

So, we are in the planning stages but we want our residents to participate by building floats and be in the parade, or decorating your yards and wave from the road.

We are looking for sponsors to include in the parade, and HOAs to organize their neighborhoods with fun but safe decorations. We are guessing that masks won't be a problem for Halloween!

At the end of the evening once it is dark, we will end up at Cobblestone Park for fireworks again! Residents will be required to social distance and stay in front of their cars.

The date is Saturday, October 17, 2020. Please contact Rebecca Byrne at 330-725-8314 to get involved and help us make this a great event for our families and children.



Medina Fire Department is looking for additional firefighters on an on-call part-time basis. Training will be provided.

Anyone interested should call Chief Painter at 330-725-1772.





## Resident Spotlight

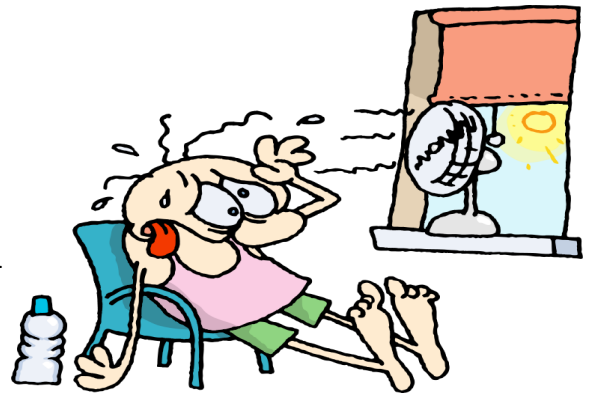
Many thanks to Ella Clapper, Highland High School sophomore who built eight bat houses as part of her Girl Scout Silver Award project. Montville Township maintenance staff installed these on July 9th in Aaron Smith Nature Reserve.

## FirstEnergy Prepares Customers for Summer Heat

AKRON, Ohio -- As temperatures rise, FirstEnergy Corp. (NYSE:FE) customers can take steps to beat the heat while also managing their energy costs.

Implementing the following tips will help customers use electricity wisely during this period of high demand:

- Set thermostats as high as comfort will allow. Every degree a customer can increase the temperature in their home will result in using about 3 percent less energy during the summer. During sunny weather, close drapes or blinds on windows facing the sun to prevent direct radiant heating from impacting interior temperatures.
- Use fans – moving air cools skin faster, resulting in greater comfort on hot days.
- Use a programmable or smart thermostat to keep temperatures higher when no one is home and to reduce the temperature before arrival back home.
- Only operate window air conditioners when someone is in the room.
- Keep refrigerators and freezers as full as possible. Frozen or cold items in the refrigerator help keep other items cool, reducing the amount of work the refrigerator has to do to maintain a lower temperature.
- Close rooms that aren't used regularly during the summer, and close the air conditioning vents in those rooms, as well.
- Avoid using heat-producing appliances during the hottest hours of the day. The less heat produced at home, the less work the air conditioner will do.
- Consider investing in ENERGY STAR® appliances or heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) systems. FirstEnergy's utilities may offer rebates on these purchases and tax deductions may apply as well.
- Check air conditioner and furnace fan filters. Clogged filters waste energy and money by forcing HVAC systems to work harder than necessary.



Other FirstEnergy summer safety tips are available at [www.firstenergycorp.com/safety](http://www.firstenergycorp.com/safety).



## Medina County Soil and Water Conservation District

### “Tiny Steps to Reduce Your Water Footprint”

What is a water footprint? **Sum total of every water decision you make daily,** obvious and not so obvious decisions. Care about your water usage. Be mindful.

Kitchen: Wash dishes by hand or in a dishwasher? Usage at sink?

Bathroom: Shower/tub? Usage at sink? Low-flow showerhead & toilets?

Laundry room: Washing machine or laundry mat?

Closet: Throw away old clothes or recycle?

Grocery store choices: Almonds or walnuts? Avocados? Chicken or beef?

ACTION ITEM: Visit websites below to learn the importance and find ways to save water. You might be surprised at the size of your water footprint. Tiny steps made daily add up to big impacts and lower water usage.

[www.watercalculator.org](http://www.watercalculator.org)

[www.lexiconofwater.com](http://www.lexiconofwater.com)

### Do you know where the river flows?

Medina County Soil & Water Conservation District

What is a watershed? Everyone lives in a watershed!  
You have a watershed address. How do you figure it?



Your watershed address **begins with the first named stream or lake that your property drains towards; name all the waterways. Keep following the flowing water until it ends at an Ocean.**

Example, watershed address of Medina County Soil and Water Conservation District: Chippewa Creek Headwaters → Chippewa Lake → Chippewa Creek → Tuscarawas River → Muskingum River → Ohio River → Mississippi River → Gulf of Mexico → Atlantic Ocean

Consult maps that contain rivers and streams to find your personal watershed address. Questions: call Medina County Soil & Water Conservation District 330-722-9322

More information: [www.mcconservation.org/what-is-a-watershed.html](http://www.mcconservation.org/what-is-a-watershed.html)

For map: Type your address then use +/- keys to find creeks, streams and rivers <https://oepa.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html>

# Office of Older Adults -

## Are we ever going to reopen???

Hello to all. Right now all of you may be asking that question, but know that we are also asking it! We are planning and taking extra steps to do all we can to ensure your safety. There will be a lot of different schedules and procedures when we do eventually reopen. Know that we do not yet have permission from the State of Ohio to reopen any of our senior centers. Even when we do open, we will not be starting many activities right away. We will facilitate small group activities both in Medina (July/August) and in Brunswick (September). Food operations will not be reopened until at least September, and the date will be subject to change. When we finally get a reopen date for Medina, we will begin with a limited schedule of activities in the dining room only and we may open two of the three pool tables. Everything will need a sign up, so you can't just pop into the agency.

Masks will have to be worn at all times. No congregate food or beverage so there will be no coffee station or drinking fountain, but you can fill up your water bottles or bring your own coffee. No food – yikes! Everything has to be distanced so no card groups or mah jongg can start, but exercise, yoga and tai chi will begin in the next few months. We will get used to things and slowly bring in more activities as the virus allows.

Know that we will continue to offer some classes and activities via Zoom and we continue to offer services over the phone or by appointment. We will continue to have new and different offerings so please check back often. Thank you so much for your patience, we are all in uncharted territory and we have all adapted. Stay safe and healthy, please wear your masks and get tested!

Laura Toth, Director



### RECYCLE RIGHT

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING  
DROP-OFF PROGRAM GUIDELINES



- 1 Know what to recycle.**  
Use these basic rules.  
For complete, up-to-date information, visit [RecycleMedinaCounty.com](http://RecycleMedinaCounty.com)
- 2 Empty, Clean, Dry!**  
Keep recyclables free of food and liquids.
- 3 Don't bag it!**  
Never put recyclables in containers or bags.



**YES! GOOD RECYCLING**



Newspaper Cardboard   Plastic Bottles & Jugs   Glass Bottles & Jars   Metal Cans   Cartons

Can they use it? If you don't know, please find out.  
330.769.0289 | [RecycleMedinaCounty.com](http://RecycleMedinaCounty.com) | 8700 Lake Road, Seville, OH 44273



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**NO!**  
KEEP THESE ITEMS OUT OF THIS BIN.



VIOLATORS WILL BE PROSECUTED



Rubbish   Furniture   Plastic Bags   Toys  
Scrap Metal   Construction Materials   Clothing   Batteries

Recycle Medina County does have a home for just about any item at our main campus at 8700 Lake Road in Seville (for Medina County residents only). Visit [RecycleMedinaCounty.com](http://RecycleMedinaCounty.com) for more details.

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