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# The Montville Minute



## *From the Trustees ~*

Montville Township has experienced many blessings during 2017, beginning with a really fun Easter Egg Hunt at Cobblestone Park in April. In May, we finally passed our road levy and thank all who voted for this needed increase in funding.

In June, we received an Ohio EPA grant to move forward with our one trash hauler/curbside recycling program. Montville Township is proud to be the first municipality in Medina County to offer curbside recycling. Many others are now in the process of developing similar programs. This project is good for our residents since it provides recycling at the curb and a reduced (in most cases) trash bill. It is good for the township because it reduces wear and tear to our roads and eliminates unsightly trash cans outside every day of the week. And, it is good for the environment as we increase recyclable percentages across the board for Medina County.



**Sally Albrecht, Ron Bischof, Jeff Brandon**

We also received another Clean Ohio Grant to eliminate the invasive species and connect the forests in the Blue Heron Park Complex. This is our second grant from this agency for the purpose of conservation of the nature reserve at this 252-acre park that includes Austin Badger Park, Aaron Smith Park and Thomas Currier Park. These individuals were the first three trustees of Montville Township and the use of their names marks the beginning of preparation for our 2019 bicentennial celebration.

We are also proud to report a very beneficial collaboration with PeaceWorks, a subsidiary of Intervention for Peace. This foundation provides services to adults with intellectual disabilities and has donated the construction of a lodge in Austin Badger Park. 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 by March of 2018.

As your township administrators, we work hard to spend your tax dollars efficiently and wisely, and 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. Happy New Year to all!

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Terry Grice, Police Chief

## A Brief from the Chief ~

### Shop with a Cop -

Thanks to the Fraternal Order of Police, the 2017 Medina County “Shop with a Cop” was held on December 16 at the Taste of Excellence’s Blue Heron location. Chosen by their school professionals, 152 very excited children participated. The event started at the Montville Township Safety Services Building where all of the kids were assigned to a policeman, fireman, or EMT and with the help of additional community volunteers, rode in an official vehicle to Blue Heron for a breakfast of eggs, sausage, pancakes and orange juice. Soon Santa arrived by helicopter and landed in the parking lot where all the children rushed to greet him.



the children were able to wrap their gifts and await pick up from their parents. This heartwarming event has become a holiday fixture in the county.

Then all proceeded to Walmart with a full siren parade and each was given a \$100.00 gift card from which to shop. What a sight it was to see the excited kids running about buying toys and presents for their parents and other loved ones! Walmart had staff prepared to assist and gave everyone a Santa hat and candy canes.

When the shopping was complete, all were driven back to Blue Heron for a lunch of pizza, chicken, French fries, veggies and punch. There,



## Resident Spotlight ~



Terry Hughes, former  
BZA Member

Terry Hughes recently retired from the Montville Township Board of Zoning Appeals where he served since 2006, however Terry has been involved with the township ever since he first moved here in 1974. He began in the early 1990’s as a member of our Zoning Commission but before that, Terry reports that he began attending Trustee Meetings shortly after his move to the township.

He lists that his work on our ongoing comprehensive plans has always been of keen interest to him. He believes Montville Township has excellent staff, police and road crews. Terry feels that our recent curbside recycling trash project is a big step forward for our township and he cites the Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) we share with the City of Medina to be a fantastic opportunity available to new businesses coming into the community.

He loves the parks in Montville Township, especially the new nature reserve parks at Blue Heron. He is proud to be a witness to the development of our township community events.

Montville Township, the trustees, all staff and our zoning boards will definitely miss Terry, his wisdom, kindness and family values and wish him the best in all future endeavors. It is people like Terry Hughes that make Montville Township such a wonderful place to live.



**Paul Jeffers,**  
**Planning and Zoning Director**

## ***Zoning in on Zoning ~***

As we enter into a new year, the Planning and Zoning Office typically sees a slow-down in the number of new permits. We take this time to scan files to keep our electronic database current while we review areas in which changes would increase productivity and efficiency. Part of the changes include: text reviews, map amendments, fee adjustments and suggestions for modifying and simplifying forms for a quicker overall applicant process.

The township currently has two map amendment proposals under review and in the process. The first parcel is Trillium Creek which has both commercial and residential zoning. Located along the Medina City border, the request is to add approximately 2.5 acres of land to the eastern R3 Residential zone. The second request includes 5 parcels of land located on the west side of Wooster Pike from Wedgewood Road to the southern boundary of The Trails at Montville. Preserving the first 1000 feet of Wooster Pike's roadside as commercial, the remaining rear portions are proposed to become an R2 Residential zone. These requests for map changes have been presented by the landowners who feel that their land is not zoned to best suit the township's comprehensive plan nor the property owner.

The construction process for the new GetGo Gas Station, Chipotle Restaurant, and Starbuck's Café is coming along nicely. The anticipated opening is for late winter/early spring of 2018. The township will be repairing the two western lanes of Normandy Park Drive to tie into the eastern new lanes recently installed. This process will take place in 2018.

The 2017 permit totals through the end of December were 506 of which 99 were new homes and cluster units. Montville continues to lead the county in new home builds. With the Zoning Commission overseeing the growth, Montville Township continues to maintain a good balance and high occupancy rate without empty structures.

We wish all of our residents, business owners and community partners a very Happy New Year.

# **Save the Date**

## **March 18, 2018 at 2:00pm**

# **Easter Egg Hunt**



Chris Kosman, Service Director

## *At your Service ~*

As part of an exciting collaboration with PeaceWorks, our service department has spent a great deal of 2017 constructing a lodge-type building shell at Austin Badger Park along River Styx Road. This building is currently being completed by an interior crew from PeaceWorks. PeaceWorks is a subsidiary organization of the Intervention for Peace, an organization that provides services and jobs for people with developmental disabilities. This lodge will be called Spokes Two and will house a café, restrooms, meeting room and mountain bike/snowshoe rental business.

We also spent a great deal of time and effort making repairs and improvements to the new Austin Badger Park. This park has experienced many visitors who enjoy the mountain bike trail, walking pathways and fitness equipment.

Currently in the planning stage is a state project to widen and improve Route 18 from Normandy Park Drive past Buehlers. This project will include traffic control devices, access roads to businesses, an additional traffic light and a walking/bike pathway coming from the City through Montville on the south side. Expected to increase flow and reduce accidents, the project also affords us the opportunity to develop a “sense of arrival” to our township. How that will appear is a topic of ongoing discussions and ideas at present.

At the same time, we have completed the first phase of the Normandy Park Drive widening project. Here, an extra turning lane was constructed to accommodate the projected increase in traffic for the new businesses being built to the east of that road. Soon to open will be a Get-Go Gas Station/Convenience Store, a Starbucks and a Chipotle restaurant. The second phase of this road improvement will take place this coming summer when we plan to resurface the southbound lane. We want to thank the residents and businesses in Normandy Park for their patience during this period of construction. And, as always, please do not hesitate to call me at 330-725-0273 if you have questions about these and our many other township service department projects.



# Nexus Pipeline Project

The proposed NEXUS Gas Transmission pipeline project is approximately 255 miles of new “greenfield” natural gas pipeline located in Ohio and Michigan. It will have the capacity to move 1.5 billion cubic feet of gas per day. The project partners are DRE Energy and Spectra Energy.

If not delayed by the City of Green lawsuit, construction is scheduled to be done by the third quarter of 2018. The timeline for construction of each segment of the pipeline will vary but typically the work will be conducted in short segments, taking approximately 4 to 8 weeks to complete. This duration will vary based upon features that are being crossed at each location. There will be some areas where construction will take longer based upon construction techniques and existing conditions.

The pipeline will be constructed using high-strength carbon steel, manufactured in accordance with U.S. Department of Transportation pipeline regulations. Approximately 94% of the pipe being used for the project was manufactured in the United States.

To ensure that the pipeline remains in safe and reliable operating condition, NEXUS will employ a number of redundant, overlapping layers of protection during the construction process and throughout the life of the project. NEXUS construction and environmental inspectors, as well as FERC third-party compliance monitors, will oversee the day-to-day construction activities. There will also be FERC inspectors and state environmental inspectors that will periodically be on site to inspect the work and review construction records.

As various long sections are completed and backfilled, the pipes are filled with water and pressurized to a point higher than the maximum pressure at which the pipe will be operated. This test pressure is held for a minimum of eight continuous hours and catalogued to ensure the integrity of the pipeline.

Following pipeline installation, all disturbed areas will be returned as close as possible to their pre-construction contours. The entire right-of-way and work area will be restored in accordance with applicable federal and state requirements, as well as individual landowner agreements. The temporary construction workspace will also be returned to its original state. All temporary fencing and gates required during construction will be removed. NEXUS Right-Of-Way Agents will be available throughout the restoration process to help respond to landowner questions and concerns.

