



From the Trustees ~



Trustees: S. Albrecht, R. Bischof, J. Brandon



1819 - 2019 Montville Township Celebrates its Bicentennial

Happy New Year to you and Happy 200th Birthday to Montville Township! Founded in 1819, Montville was named after a town in Vermont with high rolling land where General Aristarchus Champion, the original proprietor lived.

Montville Township was formally organized in 1819 and the first township trustees elected were T.M. Currier, Aaron Smith and Austin Badger. These names should sound familiar as they were the names chosen for Montville Township's three new parks developed from the 252 acre Blue Heron golf course that went out of business in 2011.

One of the projects being orchestrated by Trustee Bischof and Ellen Shimko, a local volunteer, to commemorate our bicentennial is tape recorded vignettes of interviews with 13 of our oldest residents to document their earliest memories and stories told to them by their ancestors about the early days of our township. We hope to place these interviews on our website where you can also read more of the history of the township. Plans are also underway to recruit students from Highland and Medina High School to participate in a drawing contest of a banner type memorial for the event. The winner would have his banner placed on Montville Townships road signs, our letterhead and our webpage.

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Henry and Mary Pawlowski

Mary Pawlowski Recognized by the Ohio Township Association

At their annual Christmas Meeting, on December 14th at Williams On the Lake, our fiscal director, Mary Pawlowski was given the Grassroots Gratitude Award by the Ohio Township Association in recognition of the support she gives to the other seventeen townships in Medina County. Mary was first appointed on January 1, 2004 to the Montville Township board to fill a position where the former fiscal officer resigned. Now, after 15 years of service, Mary reports that helping save our Montville Township residents tax dollars is the most rewarding part of her job. She enjoys making a difference in our community and being part of the township team. We are extremely blessed to have such a dedicated and talented fiscal officer.



Terry Grice
Police Chief

A brief from the Chief ~

On December 15th, our agency once again participated in the Shop-with-a-Cop event at the Blue Heron Event Center. This annual event was sponsored by the Medina County FOP Lodge #204, with the help of many law enforcement agencies. Shop-with-a-Cop has become an annual tradition and it was established as way to build positive relationships between police officers and the children of our communities. In this program, children with social or economic needs as determined by social services agencies are provided a shopping experience with a police officer.

The first stop of the day was the Blue Heron Event Center, where the kids were treated to breakfast. After that came the vehicle parade, then a shopping trip to Walmart where each were given \$125.00 gift card, followed by lunch and then time spent wrapping presents and visiting with Santa.

The children obviously look forward to the shopping trip, but so do our officers, who anticipate this event for the entire year. We are all impressed by how generous the kids can be. Many buy gifts for others, rather than themselves. I am very proud that our agency is part of such an amazing day with these kids; it provides all an opportunity to celebrate the true meaning of the season





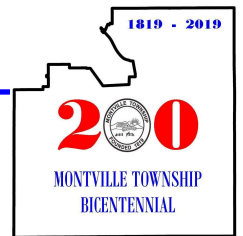
Paul Jeffers
Planning & Zoning Dir.

Zoning in on Zoning ~

Staring out the New Year 2019 is a new single family residential subdivision with approximately 269 new homes. Developed by Pulte Homes, this project will be before the Zoning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals between the months of January - March for plan approvals with anticipation of starting the project by summer 2019.

With the addition of these new homes, there has been interest in the commercial properties aligning Wooster Pike that offer commercial growth possibilities. Along with these inquiries, there is also interest in the Medina Road (SR18) corridor near the I71 intersection. The developers on both the east and west sides of I71 have potential business plans that will be presented to the township upon solidifying contracts.

Montville has grown rapidly during the past 15 years and is now seeing a steady growth with a good blend of residential and commercial uses. The key to establishing and maintaining a balanced growth is to evaluate and monitor township resources and services without adversely affecting the residents and business owners.



Sue and Ron Monroe

Resident Spotlight ~

Ron and Sue Monroe have lived on Sharon Copley Road in Montville Township for 35 years. They met in high school and have been married for 43 years. Ron retired from Buehler's after 45 years of service. He was first hired as a carry-out employee and eventually moved up to vice-president of store operations upon his retirement.

Sue was a stay at home mom. When their youngest of 3 children went to high school, she got a job in the infant room at a local daycare center. She retired from there after 8 years. Ron works 2 days a week for the Montville Service Department. Sue has been volunteering at the

Montville Police Food Bank for the past 2 months. Even in Medina County there is a dire need for the Food Bank. The Monroe's report that they truly care about the people they serve.

Ron and Sue have 3 children: Ron Jr., his wife Tracy and their sons, Darron 13 and Justin 12, live in Wadsworth. Shaun, his wife Brittani and their children, Tamara 20, Shaun Jr. 17, Steven 14 and Xander 12 live in Caldwell, and Kelly, her husband Chris and their children Hailey 4 and Andrew 2 live in Chatham. The Monroe's love the rural atmosphere that Montville offers and they report that they appreciate how the trustees and all the dedicated employees maintain the township, especially their beautiful parks.



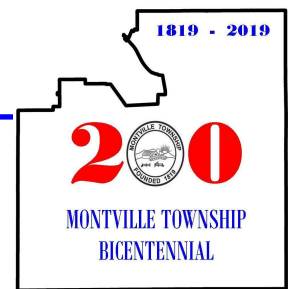
At your Service ~

This is a great time to talk about the Service Department and our busy year. During 2018, we have completed many projects with the opening of the lodge at Austin Badger Park to the partial path being completed at Cobblestone Park funded by a community block grant.

Chris Kosman
Service Director

The Normandy Park Drive reconstruction project was completed this fall with the south-bound lanes finished. We started some road repaving projects like Smith Road, Guilford Road and Autumn Run Drive. Throughout the year we are still making repairs and improvements to other roads for the upcoming pavement plan for 2019. We are also planning improvements to ditches and drainage, cross culverts and trimming back trees for line of sight and road surface conditioning.

And don't forget that snow will be here soon. As I write this article, I look out on a sunny day in the 40's. It's hard to talk about snow but we will definitely see it during 2019. We seem to be good on the amount of salt that is on hand and our trucks have all been through the shop and are ready to go. I would like to remind everyone to check their mail boxes to make sure they are in good structural condition and that they are far enough off the road edge. Keep obstructions out of the roadway like trashcans, and snow from driveways to help our plow crew keep the roads clear and safe.



Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities Helps Solve Local Workforce Needs



[MCBDD GETS HIGHEST ACCREDITATION](#)

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

It is no secret that with 500+ open jobs, Medina County has a workforce issue. The MCBDD believes everybody deserves a chance – regardless of age, gender, race, education, disability, or past history – to find meaningful employment in the community. That is why when the Medina County Commissioners declared “Everybody Works” in Medina County in October 2018, the MCBDD joined together with other community organizations to begin promoting employment for all residents, especially those considered to be part of the alternative workforce.

As part of its ongoing mission, the MCBDD helps individuals with developmental disabilities expand the skills they need to become quality employees for any business. The MCBDD is glad to help businesses by answering questions and connecting them to resources and tools for tapping into alternative workforces such as people with developmental disabilities. For more information, call the MCBDD Community Employment Department at 330-725-1373.

MEDINA COUNTY SENIOR AND ADULT FOUNDATION

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



DAY:
Saturday, February 23, 2019

PLACE:
Office of Older Adults
246 Northland Drive, Suite G-20
Medina

TIME:
7:30 to 11:30 am

DONATION:
Adults – \$6.00 (\$7.00 at the door)
Kids (6-16) – \$5.00
Seniors (60+) – \$5.00

**ENTER
TO WIN:**



To make reservations or purchase tickets, call:
330-461-1763

All proceeds to benefit the Medina County Office of Older Adults.
Sponsored by the Seville Kiwanis Club.

2018 Trunk-R-Treat and Scary/Spooky Walk

Thanks You!

Montville Township would like to thank all of our volunteers who worked tirelessly on our 2018 Trunk-R-Treat and Scary/Spooky Walks. The proceeds were divided up between the Medina County Police Activity League, our D.A.R.E. program and Montville Cares, our community event planning committee.



Many thanks to the Haberfield, Dolan, Pennington, Shaw, and Navicky families, Rob Freedline, Dan Michalec, Jill Names, Connie Stanton, Amy Brandon, Preeya Grunwald and to the Girl Scouts: Troop 90406 and Leader Kristen Minichello; Troop 90776 and 90465 and Leader Amy Smoyer; Troop 91229 and Leaders Monica Russell, Elizabeth Craig and Katie Fritz.

Also, many thanks to the A.I. Root Builder's Club, the Medina Girl's Leadership Club and the Cloverleaf High School Student Council.



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Montville Township Police's Rebecca Byrne, left, and MCPAL's Christine Navicky, right, stand with Renee Haberfield, who received the Daily Point of Light Award last week.

Haberfield wins Point of Light Award

Renee Haberfield, a volunteer with the Medina County Police Activities League (MCPAL), recently received the Daily Point of Light Award.

The award celebrates the power of individuals to spark change and improve the world. It is an award started by the late George H.W. Bush.

Haberfield has managed MCPAL's food pantry for the last three years. She unpacks pallets filled with at least 5,000 pounds of donated food twice a week. It's donated by those in the community and the Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank.

This food serves 21 MCPAL families a week, each who receive enough items necessary to make 2-3 meals per week. Along with other volunteers, she delivers the food to a pick-up area or directly to the families in need.

"I think it's just something you naturally do" she said in a statement. "My parents were amazing teachers and they taught us lessons in life. They taught us to see need, and when there is need, that God has given us natural gifts and talents and abilities to meet those needs."

She said it's rewarding that even the little things they do are making a difference in people's lives.

Renee has been a Montville Cares Volunteer since the committee was formed in 2013. Her creativity is seen every October on our scary walk pathway.

