

From the Trustees: Learn how to lower your taxes

Montville Township Board of Trustees has placed a new Safety Services Levy on the ballot for Electors of Montville Township on the November 2016 ballot. The new Safety Services Levy would provide funding for both the Police and Fire Services for the Township. Monies collected by specific levies separately may be used only for specific services. A Safety Services Levy provides more flexibility to support the basic operations of both fire and police services. The Trustees have reviewed the existing levies and have determined that restructuring the current levies would be beneficial to provide for these essential services.

The proposed new Safety Services Levy is a 1.3 Mill, 5 year levy based on current valuations. The levy would generate a total of \$477,500 per year. If voters approve, the trustees will eliminate the current 1.3 Mill Fire Levy. Taxes would not increase as this is a restructuring of levies without any additional taxes placed upon homeowners.

In addition, the 1.0 Mill ambulance or LST (Life Support Team) levy is up for renewal as well. However, because of various cost saving efforts, the trustees are proposing to decrease the ambulance levy by .25 Mills to .75 Mills. If approved, this levy would generate \$271,800 per year for emergency ambulance services. The LST Levy cannot be combined into the Safety Services Levy because ambulance services for Montville Township are under contract with

the Cleveland Clinic and must remain separate.

Both levees must be passed to lower the tax dollars collected from Montville Township property owners.

On May 19th, the Akron



Trustees Albrecht, Bischof, and Brandon

Beacon Journal featured census results for the area, reporting that Montville Township is a “boom town”. Indeed, housing starts are way up especially in Cobblestone Park, Blue Heron and Mulberry Row.

Our next community event is our Montville Family Festival (formally known as Music and a Movie in Montville), which is scheduled for August 20th at Cobblestone Park from 6 to 9 pm. We will still have music, but are skipping the late night movie as our residents have seemed to lose interest in attending that. Nationally recognized comedian/magician, Rick Smith, Jr. will return again this year for a longer performance. Local guitarist, Kevin Alexander will again

be participating. And, we will have two bouncy houses from Romp N Stomp, face painting, giant bubbles, balloon art, and much more.

Montville Township’s recently adopted Property Maintenance Violation policy is gaining popularity as a faster way to enforce grass cutting and other poor maintenance problems. Residents are reporting uncut grass around the township and these property owners are being sent letters with quick deadlines for compliance. In the

past, before we had this policy, it took months to reconcile overgrown parcels.

Please report unsightly areas to Paul Jeffers at 330-725-8313.

Help us continue to make Montville Township a wonderful place to live.

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Resident Spotlight ~

Jim and Donna Duchek, owners of 2D3D, are Montville Township residents and also a members of Montville Cares, our community events planning committee. Jim and Donna's company orchestrates graphic designs, marketing, seasonal social media marketing, commercial photography, brand consultation, product development, illustration and copywriting. They have donated the design, marketing and photography for all of our community events. Many thanks to Jim and Donna for everything they do for us!



Donna and Jim Duchek

Open House ~

Thanks to all the residents who attended the May 1st Open House celebration to view our new service department and administration wing. We received many positive comments about these additions and are very pleased to have been able to finally complete these projects after three years of planning to keep within our budget. Also, thanks to Donna Duchek for photographing the event and to Montville Cares for supplying volunteers to help make and distribute popcorn and cotton candy.



Our old service department building will soon be the home of Medina County Emergency Management and provide a location where all their equipment and vehicles can be housed in one location. Beginning in July, EMA will be leasing the building free of charge so that we can provide this agency a central location within the county, as well as to our residents in Montville Township.

Take Control has received recognition from the State of Ohio Department of Public Safety and the Medina county Safe Communities.

A Brief from the Chief ~



Terry Grice, Police Chief

The **Take Control Program** is a teen driver safety instructional class run by the Montville Township Police Department in partnership with other Medina County law enforcement agencies. **Take Control** is a half day, officer instructed program offered at no charge

and available for Medina County teen drivers (ages 16 – 19) to gain the experience and confidence they need in difficult driving situations. It is an opportunity for teen drivers to learn and practice techniques such as skid recovery, collision avoidance, emergency braking and evasive lane changes by combining classroom and hands-on behind the wheel learning. This age group represents a disproportionately high percentage of automobile accidents each year, highlighting the importance of the **Take Control Program**.

Montville Township offers the class every third Saturday of the month from 9:00 am until 12:00 at Westfield Insurance. Students who complete the class will be provided one free ticket to a Cleveland Cavaliers game with the purchase of one regularly priced ticket for the 2016-2017 schedule. **Take Control** has received recognition from the State of Ohio Department of Public Safety and the Medina county Safe Communities. To register, please call 330-661-0122.

Zoning in on Zoning ~



Paul Jeffers, Planning & Zoning Director

Upon completion of the first two quarters, Montville Township has some exciting adventures taking place in the commercial sectors. With the Holiday Inn Express getting ready to open their doors and Montville Centre filling their tenant

spaces, activity is moving along for the property at the southwest corner of Medina Road and I71.

LRC Realty has submitted plans for a GetGo gas station along with a multitenant building which will host Chipolte, Starbucks and a third party to be determined. The applicant will need to appear before both the Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals for the necessary approvals.

On Wooster Pike, there is an application submitted for a new alternative learning school for

toddlers up through pre-kindergarten. The school will focus on nutrition and education through its CALM (Culture, Arts, Language, Music) philosophy. The students will build their skills based on experimental learning.

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At your Service ~



Chris Kosman, Service Director

School is out and with the nice dry warm weather the Service Department has been busy finishing up projects all around the township. We have been out on the roads making needed small repairs, and working in the parks to keep them ready for all of the games, gatherings and parties.

Brandon Steidl, one of our

service staff is heading up the installation of the exercise equipment at Austin Badger Park. Brandon has taken a great interest in the fitness trail development part of the park.

Brandon has been working for Montville Township for five years and has proven to be a great asset. As a crew leader with a great deal of knowledge regarding all township operations, Brandon is the kind of guy that I can give any task to and he will find a way to fix, repair, or just get the job done as needed.

You will see Brandon out all over the



township doing many different chores whether it is a major building project, such as the pavilions at Cobblestone Park, or making repairs under a snowplow

truck during a snow storm or out landscaping throughout the township. He is a well-rounded individual with many talents. When you see Brandon, say hi and he will be glad to answer any questions you may have.

As always if you have any questions or concerns for the Service Department please call 330.725.0273



MONTVILLE FAMILY FESTIVAL

Montville Township invites you to Cobblestone Park
Saturday, August 20, 2016, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Be ready for a great time... and meet your neighbors! There will be something for everyone.

What will you find at this fun event?

- Rick Smith Jr. - world renown magician
- 33' Inflatable Obstacle Course
- Bouncy House
- Giant Bubbles
- Acoustic Guitar - Kevin Alexander
- Cotton Candy and Popcorn
- Styles by Reils hairdos for kids
- Face Painting
- Balloon Artist
- Fire Trucks and EMS Vehicles on display
- And more!



Cobblestone Park is located next to Waite Elementary School, in Cobblestone Subdivision.

- Wooster Pike - Hwy 3
- Turn onto Cobblestone Park Dr.
- Left at the school entrance
- Right at the school



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