

# The Montville Minute

## From the Trustees ~



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

Montville is a mecca for activity these days. We are often overwhelmed by our many responsibilities and cannot emphasize enough how grateful we are for our dedicated staff and volunteer groups who help us every day. And thank you to all of the residents who voted to approve our road levy in May.

We are very excited about our Blue Heron Park Complex and the legacy the three parks under development there will provide for Montville Township residents in the coming years. This amazing parkland is dedicated to

provide, manage and maintain an outdoor living museum that fosters an understanding and appreciation of nature while building community-based programs that maintain and enhance the natural diversity of the park.

Austin Badger Fitness Park has been up and operational for about a year. Montville Township is collaborating with Peace Works for their donation of a coffee shop/bike and snowshoe rental facility. They plan to be open by Fall, and we expect this to be a successful addition to that area.

Aaron Smith Nature Preserve is the second park area under development and consists of approximately 100 acres behind the Blue Heron neighborhood. This area, as well as the third section – Thomas Currier Nature Preserve, have conservation restrictions on their Deeds, so they must be left largely undisturbed natural land where park attendees can walk the trails and enjoy the birds, woods, and other wildlife. We hope to secure grant funds to eliminate invasive species there, connect the forests, and preserve the land in its natural state. We plan to open Aaron Smith Nature Preserve next year. Thomas Currier Nature Preserve will be open sometime in the future.

Montville Township is also examining the development of a curbside recycling program with one single township-wide trash hauler. We have secured a grant from Ohio EPA to assist in the cost of this project. The plan we are embracing would encompass three levels of service in hope that we can meet the needs of all of our residents. We believe that having just one trash hauler will benefit our residents because there would only be one day a week for trash pick-up. This would eliminate the noise of five trucks that currently come at all times of the night and on many different days. One trash truck on the roads would also reduce road stress. A request for bids has been circulated, and we should know whether we are moving forward with this project by mid-July.

We are proud of our township and it's future-thinking residents who continually inspire us in the direction of service projects that benefit your lives and property values.

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## A brief from the Chief ~



Terry Grice,  
Chief of Police

The Montville Township Police recently received a \$2600.00 grant from the Department of Natural Resources for the Medina County Police Activities League (MCPAL) children attending Blake and Waite Elementary Schools. The purpose for the grant is to take the kids on a charter boat fishing trip on Lake Erie on June 28<sup>th</sup> and August 9<sup>th</sup>. They also went last year.

MCPAL is a non-profit organization that serves as a community youth crime prevention program by building trust, understanding and respect between police officers and youth through educational, athletics, and recreational activities. Adopted by the Montville Township Police Department in 2010, MCPAL brings youth under the supervision and positive influence of law enforcement and expands public awareness about the role of a police officer.

The MCPAL program is unique in that it is staffed and supported by police officers and departments in Medina County, Ohio. It is based on the conviction that young people, if reached early enough, can develop strong, positive attitudes towards officers and be more likely to respect the

MCPAL meets after school throughout the school year, providing a safe, fun environment for over 450 children, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades in Medina County. The program is free to participants.

This year's grant will take MCPAL kids fishing on charter boats in Port Clinton through Captain Hook Fishing Charters. Each boat will be chaperoned by a police officer or MCPAL staff person. Before we hit the water, the kids will have a safety lesson as well as a lesson on how to fish and the different species of fish we might see that day. After our day on the lake, the kids will enjoy a picnic together. Field trips such as these allow kids to enjoy new experiences while staying connected to the police officers through the summer months.



## At your Service ~

Thank you for voting for the road levy!

At the present time, our service department is a little behind due to the wet Spring. We are still cleaning up Winter issues and working on Austin Badger Park, and we have to complete an inspection of the roads and culverts, as well as repair some new drainage problems that occurred due to the recent heavy rain.

That being said, we plan to begin a number of road repairs, starting with repaving Guilford Road first. We also plan to pave Smith Road in conjunction with work being done by the Medina County Highway Engineers. On other roads, we will be making repairs so that we can repave them next

year. This type of planning ahead makes some of our paving go faster and makes areas better so they hold up for the upcoming Winter season. There are many roads in the township that need some maintenance, and our crews are working hard to get to everything and to make the best repairs possible until we can get to the permanent paving of them.

If you have questions regarding our roads or any road repair projects, please do not hesitate to call me at 330-725-0273.



Chris Kosman,  
Service Director

## Resident Spotlight



Reilly Jeffers is the daughter of our Montville Township Planning and Zoning Director, Paul Jeffers. We have watched her grow up over the years. Reilly graduated from the Medina County Career Center's Cosmetology Program in 2015, and she has been one of Montville Township's community event volunteers since 2014. She worked a table at our Summer Family Festivals, polishing nails in 2014 and 2015 and doing hair braiding in 2016. After earning credits at the University of Akron, taking continuing education classes, and completing an internship and employment for almost 3 years at Salon Evangelene, she now has her own business and booth at The Hair Nook, located at 321 S. Court Street behind East of Chicago Pizza. She specializes in Bridal parties, where onsite services are available for the bridal parties' convenience, and she also offers shellac nail services, color, balayages, and hair-cuts! Contact her for your appointment at (440) 724-9062 or book online at [www.vagaro.com/teasedhairnook](http://www.vagaro.com/teasedhairnook).

## Zoning in on Zoning ~

Montville Township continues to grow at a controlled, steady pace of around 100 new homes a year. Through the end of May, there have been 42 new residential zoning certificates approved with a majority of the activity taking place within Cobblestone Subdivision and Arbor Lakes Subdivision. Maplebrook Reserve, located on Poe Road between Wadsworth Road and Wooster Pike, has also begun the building process; this development contains 40 detached sublots for single family homes.

Along with the single family lots, Hillsong Subdivision, located on Montville Drive just south of O'Hara Drive, is at the final stages for full approval. The development will offer 176 upper end townhomes and flats for purchase. The developer plans to use the rolling characteristics of the land to build unique homes that provide minimal disturbance to existing beauty. The developer's proposed start time would be Fall of 2017.

Along with the planning and zoning of the township, the staff has been working on creating rules for the Aaron Smith and Thomas

Currier Nature Preserves located east of Austin Badger Park. The areas were formally the Blue Heron Golf Course and through the grant by the OPWC Conservation Fund the township was able to capture the area protecting the habitat from future disruption and



Paul Jeffers,  
Planning & Zoning  
Director

residential/commercial growth. The rules will aid in the preservation offering clear and concise actions and activities that will be allowed in the preservation portion of the park.

We hope that you have a happy and enjoyable summer. If there are any questions you may have regarding zoning, please do not hesitate to contact our office. The phone number is (330) 725-8313 and email is [zoning@montvilletwp.org](mailto:zoning@montvilletwp.org).





Christina Fozio,  
Director

## Emergency Management Agency - See Something, Say Something

The See Something, Say Something Campaign™, sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (EMA) in Medina County, is a program that engages the public in protecting our homeland through awareness – building partnerships and other outreach.

*It reminds us that ...."Across the nation, we're all part of communities. In cities, on farms, and in the suburbs, we share everyday moments with our neighbors, colleagues, family, and friends. It is easy to take for granted the routine moments in our every day – going to work or school, the grocery store, or the gas station. But your every day is different than your neighbor's - filled with the moments that make it uniquely yours. So, if you see something you know shouldn't be there – or someone's behavior that doesn't seem quite right – say something. Because only you know what's supposed to be in your everyday. Informed, alert communities play a critical role in keeping our nation safe".*

Today's world requires more awareness from us. We should be taking mental notes regarding our surroundings and notice that "out of place" backpack, or box sitting alone in a parking lot and say something. EMA, your first responders and your neighbors all count on one another to be part of maintaining our security.

We all play a role in keeping our communities safe. To report suspicious activity, contact your local law enforcement agency and if there is an emergency, call 911. Visit the Department of Homeland Security "See Something, Say Something" webpage to learn more: <https://www.dhs.gov/see-something-say-something>

To learn about Emergency Management in Medina County, and to register for our reverse notification system, WENS, visit our webpage at: [www.medinacountyema.org](http://www.medinacountyema.org).

## Senior News ~



The Medina County Office for Older Adults is located at 246 Northland Drive in Medina and offers many services and activities for our seniors.

**Line Dancing** meets every Monday at 2 pm in the dining room. First class is free, after that, the cost is \$3.00 per class.

**Tai Chi classes** are held in the dining room every Wednesday from 2 to 4:30 pm. The cost is \$40.00 for an 8 week session but is **free for Silver Sneakers members!** A short form of this activity for beginners runs from 2 – 3:30 pm and the advanced version runs from 3:30 – 4:30 pm.

**Exercise classes** are available Mondays and Fridays at 10:30 am in the Healthy Corner Room. This group uses dynabands and light weights to strengthen muscles. There is no charge.

**Arthritis Foundation Approved Exercise Classes** meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30 to 11:15 am in the Healthy Corner Room. This class is taught by a certified Arthritis Foundation Instructor from Evergreen. Most exercises can be done while sitting. There is no charge.

**Two Yoga Classes**, instructed by Lisa Wittman are available on Wednesdays from 3:00 – 4:00 pm and on Fridays from 10:30 – 11:30 am. The cost is \$3.00 per class, but is **free to Silver Sneakers members**. The Friday class uses light weights.

**A Good Yarn** (knitting and crocheting group) meets every Tuesday and Thursday in the Craft Room at 9:30 am. Beginners and all skill levels are welcome.

**Painting Group** meets every Wednesday at 10 am in the Craft Room. Bring your supplies and learn different techniques.

**Bible Study** meets every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:00 am in the Courtyard room.

For more information about any of these events and activities, please call the Medina County Office for Older Adults at 330-723-9514.