

THE MONTVILLE MINUTE

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From the Trustees...

Montville Township wishes all residents and businesses a wonderful summer and fall – well deserved after the recent restraints we are experiencing due to the COVID virus.

We are happy to report that we plan to hold our Halloween community event on October 16, 2021 at Cobblestone Park. In it's 9th year, but cancelled during 2020, the Montville Township 'Trunk R Treat/Scary Walk/Spooky Walk' is currently being planned. Montville Cares, our volunteer community event planning committee is recruiting volunteers to help us orchestrate this popular event. We encourage neighborhoods and businesses to get involved by designing a scene for one of the trails – scary ones for the scary walk and less frightening ones for along the spooky walk trail designed for younger children. Sponsors are also needed. Interested residents can email Christine Navicky at CNavicky@montvilletwp.org. While it may seem early to be planning for Halloween, please understand that this is a huge event involving many parts. We know that the community loves this and we are working hard to make it a successful and fun event. Our theme this year is the "Montville Township Enchanted Forest".

We are also happy – very happy actually – to be receiving American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) grants of \$1,200,000.00 in the next few years. What this can be used for is very limited, so we are looking at the criteria for funding and thinking about how we can utilize this money in a way that best benefits our township.

CENSUS MAKING SENSE

The 2020 Census Data has been released, and low and behold, Montville Township has increased in numbers. Although this increase was no surprise, the growth was slower and steadier than the last Census output. Montville Township now reportedly has 13,131 residents, which is a 17.4% increase from 2010. The growth in the Township is highly due to its location to Interstate access, great school districts and convenience to shopping. The Township continues to value its current and future residents and its suburban and rural qualities. The Township Boards work very diligently on maintaining the characteristics that our residents enjoy.



Pictured here is Montville Township Trustee Sally Albrecht showing displays of artwork from the Medina County Juvenile Detention Center on the walls of the Montville Township Community Room in the Safety Services Building. Montville Township is pleased to be able to provide a gallery for these artists to display their work.

A brief from the Chief...

On March 9th, 2021, Christian Sheers was sworn in as our newest full time Police Officer. Christian graduated from Wadsworth High School, then went into the United States Army where he served his country for six years, as a Medic. In 2015, Christian earned the prestigious USO Soldier of the Year Award for his actions during an incident that occurred while he was deployed to Afghanistan.

After serving his country, Christian came home and was accepted into the University of Akron's Police Academy, where he graduated in 2020. Christian resides in the area with his wife, two daughters and another on the way.

Christian's swearing in was a very important day not only for him, but also for the Montville Police Department.

- For Christian this is his start of a new career, in a new field with an immense amount of responsibility, training, and focus.
- For the Montville Police Department, it is adding a new member to our family and a new member who will continue to carry on our values of Professionalism, Integrity, Respect and Compassion while never compromising the high ethical values in which the department is rooted.

Christian comes to us with an honorable and service-oriented background, and we are pleased to have him as a member of our department.

WELCOME TO MONTVILLE CHRISTIAN!

At your Service...

The Montville Township Service Department has been busy with road and culvert repairs that were started this spring but delayed by the weather. Crews are working around the township repairing some of the areas that have been troublesome for us to maintain, and during this paving season, we will have some roads contracted out to be paved. Poe Road has been paved along with the chip sealing of Maplewood Farms Roads. Even though we were able to get good bid prices, both of these projects have depleted our road levy budget for the year.

Unfortunately, there are many roads this year needing more than usual work and improvements. We also have been able to work on some of the concrete repairs in neighborhoods like Lexington Ridge and Emerald Lakes where there are issues with the concrete slabs, as well as around some of the catch basins.

Another issue this summer is the rain and rain runoff. This has been a very wet summer and we have seen rain events producing large amounts of water in short periods of time. Our ditches and road culverts have been overwhelmed at times and have sometimes backed up. Our infrastructure is only designed to handle so much water. The culverts have been doing a good job, and we have been inspecting troublesome areas. Drainage is monitored to keep roads safe. As always if you have any questions please call me at 330.725.0273.



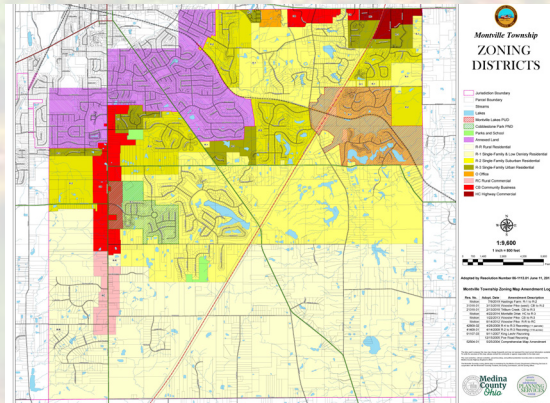
In the Zone...

In the Fall, typical building trends start to slow down, however, with material costs starting to decline and accessibility materials increasing, decks, patios and accessory buildings have increased the number of permits being issued. Scheduling and labor still have an impact many projects within our community.

During the next couple of months, the Planning and Zoning Office will review the Montville Township Zoning Resolution and Zoning Districts. This zoning code is a living text that must expand and contract with the current and future growth.

In 2022, the Trustees will have the Comprehensive Plan Committee working on amending the Comprehensive Plan, which is a document that outlines the ideals and goals for Montville Township. This process is reviewed about every 5-10 years. Please note that surveys will be sent out in the first part of 2022 that will help in revising this plan. Please take part by completing the survey and returning it to the Planning and Zoning Office.

For any questions regarding uses allowed on properties or if permits are needed for certain structures, please be sure to contact the Planning and Zoning Office (330) 725-8313 or zoning@montvilletwp.org.



Watershed Project

Montville Township Trustees are discussing ways to mitigate the Rocky River watershed along River Styx Road, which at the same time will restore the natural biodiversity of Aaron Smith and Thomas Currier Nature Preserves, the two uncompleted parks in the Blue Heron Park Complex. Austin Badger Park, along River Styx Road has been completed with mountain bike trails, a bike pump pad and outdoor fitness equipment. Spokes 2 Café and Badger Lodge are located in Austin Badger Park.

Climate change that has resulted in more intense rainfall, along with township growth since 1990, has increased the amount of watershed to lower areas along River Styx Road, creating periodic flooding along the creek. We are hoping to develop native prairie pollinator plot areas and connect the forests with native hardwood trees in the coming years. These native species have deep roots that retain water in contrast to the very short golf course grasses that are currently there. The ARP grant is available to fund this project.

During June, Abby Costilow and Jim Dietter from the Medina County Soil and Water Agency and their staff, partnering with John McGovern from the Rocky River Water Shed toured Aaron Smith and Thomas Currier Nature Preserves and made recommendations as to how the Township can mitigate periodic flooding of the Rocky River while at the same time returning these parks to their native state. Montville Township is grateful for this collaboration and their advise.

A presentation of this project is scheduled on 9/28/2021 at 6:00pm by Otisco Engineering Team, environmental engineers who specialize in watershed Open to the public.





Save the Date

Join us **October 15th**
for the grand opening of Medina Fiber!
225 Center Street, Seville, OH 44273



A Halloween-themed poster for a "Scary Walk & Trunk or Treat" event. The background is dark green and black with silhouettes of trees, bats, and a witch. In the center, a large orange jack-o'-lantern with a smiling face is dressed in a black and white tuxedo with a white shirt and a black bow tie. To the right, a green Frankenstein monster's head is shown in a similar tuxedo. The text "Scary Walk & Trunk or Treat" is written in a large, orange, serif font. Below it, the date and time "Saturday, October 16, 2021 6:00-8:30pm" are written in a smaller orange font. In the bottom right corner, there is a circular logo for "WORLD TRUCK" with a globe in the center, the letters "WT" in red, and the text "ONE CALL DOES IT ALL" and "800.886.1116". To the right of the logo, the text "Proud Sponsor" is written in black. In the bottom left corner, the text "Montville Cares" is written in a small, white, sans-serif font.