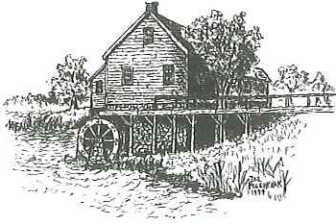


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Septic Litigation Update

Currently there is legislation in the Ohio House and Senate in regards to conventional septic systems that may take effect beginning January 1, 2015. This will force any new or failing septic system to be replaced with either mound, drip or off-lot systems. This will drastically increase the cost of septic systems in Munson Township. Please call the Geauga County Health Department at 440-279-1900 for more information or clarification. We called, and the GCHD referred us to the Ohio Department of Health website. There seems to be confusion and uncertainty. The following is an excerpt from the Ohio Department of Health website that may clear up rumors.

Don't let rumors lead you into expensive repairs and unnecessary sewage system replacements. Ohio's new sewage rules will NOT require everyone in the state to automatically replace their septic system. The new sewage rules are going into place for several reasons:

- They haven't been updated since 1977
- While some counties have modernized their own rules since then, other counties have not. These rules will set a minimum standard for Ohio homeowners so you can be assured that your neighbor's system is not leaking sewage into your yard - or the ponds, lakes and other waterways that you and your family enjoy.

RUMOR

TRUTH

No septic systems will be grandfathered in.	You can keep your system as-is as long as there's not sewage on the top of the ground, missing parts/pieces or backup in your home.
If your system was installed before 1974 you will have to replace it	
The Ohio Department of Health Report says nearly 1/3 (31%) of all septic systems in Ohio are failing.	If a system is "failing" it could indicate a number of problems, but this doesn't necessarily mean you'll have to replace the entire system to meet the standards in the new rules or the existing state laws- it could just mean replacing missing or broken parts or adding treatment.
This will cost you hundreds of dollars in fees every year.	The state will charge up to \$75 to install a new system, \$34 dollars to alter a system and \$0 to get an operation permit. You usually end up paying a little more than that because local health departments also need to charge fees to run these programs (staff, training, etc.). Getting your operation permit could be as easy as taking a receipt to your local health department that shows you hired a registered company to pump your septic tank. Local health districts set the amount and length of the operation permit which will vary between one and ten years.
You'll have to use new, expensive technology instead of traditional septic systems.	The new rules offer a wide range of technology WHEN it is time to install, replace or alter. In many cases you can still install traditional technology.
Leach fields are no longer an option.	Septic tank/leach field systems are still allowed under the new rules and are the preferred system where soil conditions are good.

Community Day

Thanks to the following for their Donations to our Community Picnic:

A Dog's Life (Ted Berr)
Chardon Advanced Auto Parts • Alpine Valley
All-Ways Flasher Service • Anytime Fitness
Chardon Auto Zone • Avalon Gardens
Avanti Salon • Bada Bing Pizza
Bass Lake Tavern & Inn
Bella's Homemade Dog Biscuits
Best Sands • Breier Family
Bremec Garden Centers
Buckeye Chocolates
Bushman, Andy (Trustee)
Cabanas Island Restaurant
Chardon Martial Arts
Cheng's China House Restaurant
Circle K • Cleats • Cleveland Browns
Cold Nose Companions
DaBoro's Fast, Fresh, Health Food
Farmer in the Deli
For The Birds, Wildlife & More
Fowlers Milling Company • Chardon Giant Eagle
Guido's Pizza Haven & Restaurant
Highland Dental Professionals
Ianiro's Imported Foods • Junction Auto
Lake County Captains • Maple Leaf Restaurant
Mayfield Sand Ridge Golf Club
Marci's Hair on the Square – Marci & Mitzi
Mary Kay (Jennifer Scerbo)
Dan McCaskey (Re/max Traditions)
Monticello Garden Center • Nu Nails
Mary Beth & Jim O'Neill (Keller Williams)
Payne & Payne Builders • Pineview Lake
Chardon Pizza Hut • Pleasant Hill Golf Course
Refound Treasures
Rosepointe Cottage Tea Room
Royle Insurance Agency • Sage's Apples
Sport Rack • Staples • T-N-T Tanning
Twisted Cone • Wal-Mart
Western Reserve Farm Cooperative
White House Chocolates • YMCA Geauga

We couldn't have done it without you!

How many times can the same paper be recycled? Paper recycling does have limits. Every time paper is recycled, the fiber becomes shorter, weaker and more brittle. In general, paper can be recycled up to seven times before it must be discarded.



Residents have most likely noticed the different mixed recycling containers at the drop-off facility for recycling at the Vetter Ball Field parking lot behind of the fire station.

Mixed Recycling - The following items may be recycled: clear, green and brown glass, plastic, aluminum and bi-metal cans, and clean aluminum foil and foil pans. Plastic **must** have a small triangular symbol with the numbers 1 through 7 in the center. Without the number, the recycling facility cannot determine the type of plastic and therefore cannot process it. Exceptions are the plastic bags from grocery and retail stores, which do not need to have the printed triangle. **Tarps, laundry baskets, garden hose, lawn furniture, large plastic toys, and plastic pots and buckets are NOT recyclable** unless there is a triangular symbol. Glass is restricted to bottles and jars – no plate glass windows, no corning ware, no drinking glasses, no mirrors, and no canning jars. Also not recyclable: any expanded polystyrene foam (Styrofoam), aluminum gutters, window frames or cooking pans. Recyclables should be rinsed clean with lids and caps left on, and should be separated from garbage. **Do not leave bags on the ground.**

Paper Recycling - Cardboard, newspapers, magazines, office paper, mail, phonebooks and paperback books (**no hardback books**) can be commingled in the yellow and green receptacles. Always flatten cardboard and **never leave items on the ground.** Shredded paper must be bagged in a transparent plastic bag - handlers will discard a bag if they cannot see the contents. No pizza boxes or waxed containers. Remove and discard all packing materials.

We hope that residents, once informed, will be more conscientious about what they bring to the site.

E - Waste • Recycle Your Appliances

We are pleased to host a recycling container for computer equipment and electronics. The container is located in the same area as plastic and newspaper recycling bins.

This program is provided as a community service for Munson Township residents at no charge. 100% of the equipment is recycled with nothing entering the landfills. All material is recycled in the continental United States; no material winds up offshore.

Acceptable items include anything electronic, computers and their counterparts, monitors, microwaves, stereos, toasters, blenders, stoves, refrigerators, etc. Basically anything that you plug in to operate is acceptable.

Televisions are no longer accepted

Road Department

I am sure that all of us have at one time forgotten about the classes that are required to get your drivers license. The classes are about safety and some of the lessons include the following:

- ◇ Coming to a complete stop behind a stop sign and then pulling forward to check for oncoming traffic.
- ◇ When at an intersection, the vehicle that arrives first, after coming to a complete stop and checking traffic in all directions, then has the right-of-way to make their way through the intersection. At that point, all of the traffic to the right can proceed and so-on to the other vehicles to the right.
- ◇ When passing slower traffic, make sure there is no oncoming traffic and that there is a passing lane, no double yellow or single yellow line to indicate who can pass and who should not.
- ◇ Obey the speed limit and allow one car length for every 10 MPH you are traveling (for example: four car lengths for 40 MPH) AND Do Not Tail Gate!

With Fall upon us and Winter just ahead, we need to prepare for poor driving conditions. Slow down and drive defensively, not offensively.

Speaking of the fall with colors so vibrant, always remember that leaves can be slippery.

1. Leaves from residents' yards should not be raked or blown into the roadside ditch, plugging culverts, topping the flow of water that leads to erosion and washouts of road edge berms, driveways, and sometimes roadways. The alternative is to compost those leaves and use the compost for flower beds and gardens next year.
2. New concrete or asphalt driveways Ideally a way to improve your property, but improperly installed, these driveway surfaces, especially at the adjoining road surface, in relation to finished height, may lead to many problems such as: water not pitched to flow to the ditch line and out into the road or berm, therefore causing a build-up in colder weather; and driveway ending height above the road edge may cause damage to snowplows and to the surface itself.
3. Snow removal from private residents' driveways Though prohibited by Ohio law, the practice of pushing snow across the roadway or out into the road and cul-de-sacs causing a hazard, still is a common practice by some. Please contact the responsible party at your residence and ask that this practice not continue.

2015 - 2016 Scholarship Program

Munson Township is offering a minimum of two scholarships for graduating seniors. To be eligible, the student must be a Munson resident; have a cumulative GPA of 3.0; a 22 ACT or 1000 SAT score; and plan to attend an accredited 2 or 4-year college, university, or career or technical education institution in the fall of 2015. Applications may be obtained from area high schools, the township hall or online at munsonwp.com. Applications must be received no later than January 9, 2015. If you have any questions please call the township hall at 440-286-9255.

Breakfast With Santa

Mark your calendars for Munson Township's Annual Breakfast with Santa on December 6, 2014 at the Munson Township Hall, 12210 Auburn Road. Pictures with Santa will be available. Boy Scout Troop #91 will serve pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee. Adults \$5, Children ages 4 to 12 \$3, Children under 3 are free. Sign-up forms can be found at munsonwp.com or picked up at the township office 9am to 3pm Monday thru Friday.



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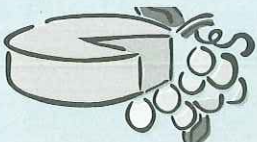
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Message From the Zoning Inspector

Most calls to the zoning office are inquiries concerning decks and unattached buildings for additional garage or storage space.

The Zoning Resolution states "No person shall change any use of land, a building, or a structure, nor locate, relocate, erect, construct, reconstruct, enlarge or structurally alter any building or structure within Munson Township without first obtaining a Zoning Certificate".

Like all other buildings and structures proposed to be built, they must meet the current minimum dimensional requirements set for the district in which the structure is to be built.

In the Residential District, all buildings and structures to be erected must be 25 feet from a side property line, 80 feet from the road right-of-way, and 40 feet from the rear property line.



Accessory structures are not permitted in the front yard and buildings must be located 15 feet from the home. Zoning Certificates are required for new homes, home additions, unattached buildings, decks, in-ground and above-

ground swimming pools, porches, gazebos, certain ground and wall signs, etc.

When applying for a Zoning Certificate, the applicant will be required to come in to the zoning office with documentation as to authority to make application, which is a copy of the deed for the property, a site plan to scale showing the location and size of the proposed structure and its distance from the four lot lines and the distance from the home. An elevation and floor plan are required for buildings and building additions.

Any questions about zoning can be addressed to Tim Kearns, Zoning Inspector, at 440-286-9182. Hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8am to 3pm, or schedule an appointment.

Board Openings

Munson Residents interested in serving on the Munson Township Park & Recreation Board or Zoning Commission, which are non-compensated public service appointments, are requested to send a letter of interest and resume to the attention of the Munson Township Trustees at 12210 Auburn Road, Chardon OH 44024, to be received by Monday, November 23, 2014. Applications may also be dropped off at the Township Hall between the hours of 9am and 3pm weekdays. The Park & Recreation Board currently meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm and the Zoning Commission meets the third Monday of the month at 7pm. For additional information contact the Munson Township office at 286-9255.

Healthy Munson Initiative

Thank you to Dr. Roizen, Sisters of Notre Dame, and the Healthy Munson Initiative sponsors (below) for the successful health talk held on Tuesday, October 21st at Notre Dame Educational Center.

Avalon Gardens • Benjamin Franklin, The Punctual Plumber • Cleveland Clinic • DeBoro's - Fast, Fresh, Healthy Food! • DeBord's One Hour Heating & Air Conditioning • Fairmount Minerals • NAMI Geauga, National Alliance of Mental Illness • Maplewood at Heather Hill • Mental Health Association in Geauga County • Spencer Printing Concepts, Inc. • The YMCA • University Hospital



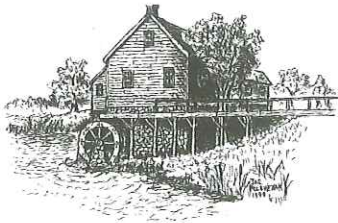
Does Your American Flag Need To Retire?

If you answered yes, we have the perfect solution. Bring your American Flag to our Fire Department. Located in front of the building you will see this Flag Drop Box. James Sankovich of Chardon made it in 2010 for his Eagle Scout project.



Did You Know...

That Veterans Day was once called Armistice Day. Armistice Day was created to honor veterans of World War I.



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Meetings

Trustees

second and fourth Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

Zoning Commission

third Monday at 7 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

third Thursday at 6:30 pm

Park Board

second Tuesday at 6:30 pm

2014 Events

Breakfast with Santa • Saturday, December 6
(more info on page 3)



Youth athletic programs that lease the township fields:
www.chardonbaseball.com
Geauga YMCA 440-285-7543