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Recycle News



RECYCLE OFTEN.
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ONLY RECYCLE:

DO NOT BAG RECYCLABLES



Plastic Bottles
& Containers



Food & Beverage
Cans



Paper



Flattened Cardboard
& Paperboard



Food & Beverage
Cartons



Glass Bottles
& Containers

DO NOT INCLUDE IN YOUR MIXED RECYCLING CART:



NO Food Waste
(Compost instead!)



NO Plastic Bags & Film
(Giant Eagle
Accepts bags)



NO Foam Cups
& Containers
(Check Earth911.
org for options.)



NO Bagged Recyclables



NO Needles
(Keep medical waste out of recycling. Place in
safe disposal containers like Waste Management's
MedWaste Tracker® box.)

If you have any questions, please call Waste Management
Customer Service Center Toll Free: (800) 633-9096.

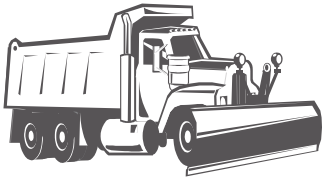
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RECYCLING FACTS • If you throw away your aluminum cans, they can stay in that can form for up to 500 years or more, so recycling is the way to go • Aluminum cans can actually be recycled and put back onto the shelf at your local grocery store in just about 2 months • You can recycle aluminum over and over again, and there is really no limit to it • 24 trees are cut down to make 1 ton of newspaper • Reduce • Reuse • Recycle

Road Department



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.

LEAVES - Leaves from residents' yards should not be raked or blown into the roadside ditch. Leaves plug the culverts, stopping the flow of water that leads to erosion and washouts of road edge berms, driveways, and sometimes roadways. The alternative is to compost the leaves and use the compost for flower beds and gardens next year.

DRIVEWAYS - New concrete or asphalt driveways are a great way to improve your property. If they are 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.

SNOW REMOVAL - 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.

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Operation Empty Medicine Cabinet

**Geauga County Sheriff's Office
12450 Merritt Rd., Chardon**

It is important to clean out your medicine cabinet and dispose of expired and/or unused pills.

You can discard them in the drop-box located in the lobby at the Sheriff's office.

Message From the Zoning Inspector

As the result of recent amendments to the Township Zoning Resolution (effective October 25, 2018) there are some revisions and additions to the Zoning Resolution that can effect both resident and business owner. Revised sections include the following:

- 202 Definitions of Principal Building, Yard, Setback Line and Sign.
- 405 Flood Prone District-Intent and Purpose; 405.2 Conditional Uses; 405.3 Permitted Accessory Uses
- 507.4 Places of Worship
- 509.5 Accessory Structures; Fences, Gates and Walls
- 516.2 Storage of Construction Equipment and Other Large Vehicles; Other Vehicles
- 801.2 Conditional Zoning Certificates; Conditional Use Standards
- 804.6 Solid Mineral Extraction Operations
- 806.1 Flood Prone District Principal Buildings

To view the Zoning Resolution in its entirety, go to www.munsontwp.com. Feel free to call Zoning Inspector Jim Herringshaw with any questions. The Zoning office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9am to 3pm or by appointment.

New Softball Dugouts

Next time you're at Munson Township Park, please take a moment to check out the two new dugouts located on the lower softball field. The project, which was spearheaded by Stewart Landies and a host of generous donors (listed below), upgraded the existing area with two new enclosed structures. Started in March, the work proceeded quickly enough to be completed in time to be used by the Chardon High School girls' softball team in late April. Future plans are to reconstruct the dugouts at the varsity field in 2019.

List of Donors

William E. and Mary F. Conway
The Fairmount Santrol Foundation
The Leggett Family
The Noerr Family
Mentor RV
Residence Artists
Chardon Softball League
S.A.M. Landscaping

Munson Township thanks all involved with the funding and construction of this project.

Thank you!

Recycle News (continued from page 1)

The Munson Township Trustees are facing a hard decision regarding the recycling center. Many factors we have considered are the where, the why, the how, and the when. We have tried to make the best decision for all of the residents in the township. Other townships have closed their recycling centers, mostly due to the amount of maintenance they require and the number of unrecyclable items dropped off. County residents who use the recycling center located on Sherman Road need to realize what can and cannot be recycled. Items such as Styrofoam, toilets, trampolines, televisions, drum sets, football helmets, Christmas trees, plastic lawn furniture, plastic grocery bags, household trash, furniture, appliances, ceramics, and un-washed cans and bottles are not recyclable. Many of these items can be dropped off at the Munson Spring Clean-Up typically held the last Saturday in April. Please note that plastic grocery bags can be recycled at Giant Eagle in Chardon and Chesterland. There is also another drop off location for your recyclables at 470 Center Street in Chardon (County Offices).

There are other options available to residents to decide which plan works best for them. The information below states the cost of trash pickup and recycling (if available) from the local trash hauling companies in the area. We encourage residents to look at all of the options since curbside recycling pickup is also offered with trash pickup by some of the companies/haulers. It is the Trustees intention to close the recycling center at the end of the year if these problems remain unresolved.

Currently there are 4 residential garbage hauling companies who service Munson Township. We called for pricing in September which is reflected below. Munson Township is not responsible for any pricing discrepancies. There are different promotional specials that run throughout the year with some of the businesses listed.

Chardon Disposal 440-669-3355 • \$25 per month, paying for 1 year in advance would cost \$275 per year. If you would like a garbage toter there is a one-time deposit of \$50. No recycle program is offered at this time. 10% Senior discount on monthly fee.

Major Waste 440-254-4929 • \$25 per month bagged (age 65+ \$20.50 -2 bag limit); \$26 per month with a 96 gallon toter (age 65+ \$21.50 with a 64 gallon toter). Toters have a one-time rental fee of \$25 (nonrefundable). No recycle program is offered at this time.

Rumpke 800-828-8171 • \$24.86 per month without a toter, \$28.86 per month with a toter. Recycle pick-up is an additional \$6 per month and you can add a recycle cart (blue) for an additional \$2 per month. If paying 1 year in advance: \$297.18 without a toter and \$346.12 with a toter. 10% Senior discount for trash service only.

Waste Management 844-492-9417 • Trash pick-up only for approx. \$79.00 per quarter (totter included). Trash and recycle pick-up approx. \$110 per quarter. If paying 1 year in advance there will be a significant discount. No Senior Discount offered.



Message From the Fire Department . . .



Greetings Munson residents,

Let me first take this opportunity to introduce myself as your new Fire Chief. My name is Al Zwegas and I have approximately 40+ years of Fire Service experience.

I have held every position in the Fire Service and worked my way up the ranks and retired as Fire Chief after a 38+ year career from the City of Willoughby Fire Department.

Over the course of my career, I have achieved multiple Ohio and National certifications and certificates along with attendance and course work from the National and Ohio Fire Academy's including National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Fire Officer I, II, III certifications and various commendations.

My wife Connie and I are the proud parents of three children and reside in Geauga County.

It is my honor and privilege to be your Fire Chief. We at the Munson Fire Department look forward to serving you. If we can ever be of assistance, or if you have any questions or suggestions to help us serve you better, please feel free to stop by the fire station or give us a call at 440- 286-6797.

Kitchen Safety:

- Stand by your pan and create a child free zone and never leave cooking unattended.
- Turn the handles of pots and pans in and do not wear loose fitting clothing and keep combustibles away from cooking surfaces.
- Stove-top pan fires – place a lid over the pot, pan or skillet and do not attempt to remove the pot/pan until it has cooled. If the fire does not extinguish call 911.

Safe
at
home

Home Safety:

- Assure that working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are installed. At the minimum outside each sleeping area and on each level of your home. We would be happy to assist and help you evaluate your home needs.
- Never leave candles and/or smoking material unattended and never smoke in bed. Keep combustibles away from candles and extinguish when leaving the room.
- Have fire places and all heating appliances serviced by qualified technicians.
- Never refuel kerosene or gasoline powered equipment inside your home or basement.
- Assure adequate ventilation when using portable generators and never operate them indoors.
- Assure that outdoor furnace venting is clear of leaves and/or snow, to assure proper operation and exhaust of carbon monoxide.

Here is some additional Munson Fire Department information:

The Munson Fire Department is a full-service organization committed to reducing the risks to life and property in our community. This is accomplished through team work, training, preparedness and prevention. We are able to complete our mission, due to the support that we receive from you and our Township Trustees. We pledge to continue to deliver professional, cost-effective services in a personal, responsive and innovative manner that will always serve the public's best interest. The Munson Fire Department recently has been awarded an Assistance to Firefighters Grant for \$135,866.00 with a Township match of \$6,793.00, making the total grant award for \$142,659.00. Our Fire Prevention Program was also awarded a Grant in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the purchase of smoke detectors for our residential smoke detector program. Recently we also received a Grant from Covia/Best Sand, of approximately \$4,000.00 for the purchase of heavy rescue lift equipment. Your fire department will continue to seek alternative funding sources so that we will continue to provide the level of service our community expects and deserves. Hopefully, you will never require our assistance, but if you do, please be assured that we will be there for you.

Fire Department Hours: Mon. – Fri. 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The station is staffed 24/7 to assist you.

Community Day Fun



Thank You Donors

A BIG Thank You goes out to the many local businesses and individuals who donated to our raffles. We raised over \$2,600 for our scholarship fund.

Andy Bushman – Trustee, Auto Zone – Chardon, Avanti Salon, Bass Lake Tavern & Inn, Centerra Country Store & Co-Op, Cheng's China House Restaurant, Cold Nose Companions, Mitzi Coso (Marci's Hair on the Square), D.S. Cakes & Sweets Café, Farley's Country Store, Rich & Sandy Ferlin, Fowlers Milling Company, Geauga TV (GTV), Giant Eagle, Guido's Restaurant, Guy's Pizza, Ianiro's Bakery & Imports, Junction Auto, Carane Ladd, Mangia-Mangia, Mayfield Sand Ridge Golf Club, Dan McCaskey-Re/Max Traditions, Jim McCaskey – Trustee, Irene McMullen – Trustee, Nathans Mobile Car Detailing, NOPEC, Payne & Payne Builders, The Powell Family, Rising Sun Automotive, Royle Insurance Agency, Sage's Apples, The Scerbo Family, Sport Rack, The Carpet Company, TNT Tanning, University Hospitals, Wicked Woods Golf Course and YMCA – Geauga Campus.

Halloween at the Fire Station



The Fire Department is gearing up for their annual Halloween Celebration to be held on Wednesday, October 31, from

6 pm until 8:30 pm at the Munson Fire Station. This family-friendly event is free to Munson residents and will include an obstacle course and inflatable bouncing houses for kids to play in plus candy and refreshments.

Township Scholarships

Munson Township is offering a minimum of two scholarships for the 2019-20 school year. The Township's Scholarship Program was established in 2005. Proceeds from games and raffles at our Community Day Picnic, Flea Markets and any scholarship-specified donations fund this program. Any Munson resident that will be a graduating senior in 2019 is eligible to apply. Applications can be obtained from your school's guidance department, Munson Township's office between 9am-3pm weekdays, or can be downloaded at www.munsontwp.com

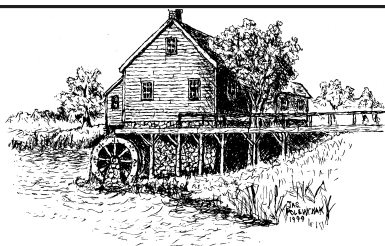
Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus

Mark your calendars for Munson Township's Annual Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus on Saturday, December 8, 2018 at Munson Township Hall, 12210 Auburn Road.

Boy Scout Troop 91 will serve pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee. Adults \$6, Children ages 4 to 12 \$4, Children under 3 are free. Pictures with Santa will be available for only \$10 per family with the proceeds going to Troop 91. Sign-up forms can be picked up at the town hall or downloaded at munsontwp.com



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Meetings

Trustees

second and fourth Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

Zoning Commission

third Tuesday at 7 pm (may vary)

Board of Zoning Appeals

third Thursday at 6:30 pm (as needed)

Park Board

second Monday at 6:15 pm

Events

Trick-or-Treat

Wednesday, October 31st • 6 - 8pm

Halloween Celebration at the Fire Station

Wednesday, October 31st • Munson Fire Station 6 - 8:30pm

Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus

At Munson the Town Hall Community Room
Saturday, December 8th • Reservation Required

For more information:

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