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Come Celebrate With Us • July 16th

Happy Birthday Munson Township! It is amazing how time flies by and the many changes the world has seen in the past 200 years. We are planning a Bicentennial Celebration that will have an old fashioned flair along with the fun that comes with this fantastic community and its residents.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 16, 2016. This exciting celebratory day will be in place of the annual Community Day Picnic. The day will start in the historical district and then move to the Town Hall at noon for food, fun, contests and games, while the day concludes with a parade, speakers, and raffles. All residents are welcome to join what will surely be a memorable day.

Parking will not be an issue since we are asking residents to park at Alpine Valley Ski Resort and be shuttled to the Town Hall after a walk through the historical district. Only handicapped parking will be at the Town Hall. In the lobby we will have historical documents and artifacts for your viewing pleasure. Thank you to the residents who have held on to the history of our Township for many years.

Are you interested in participating in our parade? This is the perfect opportunity to show off your local business, Boy Scout Troops, Girl Scout Troops, churches, school groups, sports teams, decorated bicycles and classic vehicles. There will be prizes awarded for best float, best classic vehicle and best decorated bicycle. Please stop in or call us to sign-up by June 1, 2016. The Fire Department will showcase their new replacement bucket truck.

A Grand Prize Drawing of \$1500 will be held. Thanks to Alvord's Yard & Garden Equipment, Aqua Doc Lake & Pond Management, and Payne & Payne Builders Inc. for their generous donation of \$500 each. Ticket proceeds will go to Munson's Scholarship Fund. Tickets are available now at the Town Hall or can be purchased at the Bicentennial Celebration. They are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Help support our youth. We are also offering commemorative bicentennial yard signs. Please see page 5 for more details.

Do you like to write? Participants from ages 3 to 103 are welcome to put their best pen forward regarding their memorable experience of Munson Township. Topics will be announced at a later date. Final details and times for the event will be on the website and in local papers in the near future. Expect a reminder mailing in your mailbox in June.

Thank you to the following for their generous donation:



Munson Centennial Parade, July 27, 1916

Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste District Collection Events ...

Not to be confused with Munson's Rubbish Days, the Solid Waste Management District has several collection events scheduled for Geauga County. **All collection events will be located at the Geauga County Engineer's Yard, 12665 Merritt Road (off Route 44) in Chardon.**

Appliance Collection **Saturday, April 30** **9 am to Noon**

This is for washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, and other similar household appliances. **No computers, televisions, e-waste or microwaves will be accepted.** Free freon removal. Workers will be available to help unload vehicles.

Document Destruction **Saturday, May 21** **9 am to Noon**

Perfect time to shred up your old tax records and important documents no longer needed. Limit 4 banker boxes.

Household Hazardous Waste **Saturday, September 10** **9 am to Noon**

Acceptable household waste: paint, oil, anti-freeze, propane tanks, gasoline, cleaners, art supplies, wood strippers, degreasers, pesticides, etc. Not accepted: televisions, smoke detectors, acetylene tanks, medical waste, or electronic equipment (E-waste).

Check Geauga Trumbull's website www.startrecycling.com under "events" for a more extensive list.

All collections are for residents only, no commercial businesses. If you have questions, contact Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste District office at 1-800-707-2673

24/7

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.

Pills Only • No Liquids Are Accepted



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 white container is located on the left as you enter the recycling area with the 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, microwaves, stereos, toasters, blenders, stoves, refrigerators, etc. Basically anything that you plug in to operate is acceptable.

Televisions are NOT accepted

Munson Spring Clean Up

Bring your large items and boxes of accumulated items to discard to **Vetter Ball Field Parking Lot** located behind the Munson Fire Station, at 12200 Auburn Road.

**Saturday, April 30
7am to 1pm**

Items NOT accepted: construction remodeling debris, liquids, paint or other hazardous materials, rocks, yard waste, or household garbage.

Reduce wood or pipe to six foot lengths. We can no longer accept televisions, computer monitors or other small appliances with electronic components. Consolidate all small materials in strong boxes or containers. We will accept unbroken car batteries, lawn mowers, and tires off the rim - 4 per load. Call the Township if you have a junk auto or truck to dispose of 440-286-9255.

**Recyclable items such as cardboard and newspaper will not be accepted.
Munson Residents only.
Identification may be requested.**

Senior Assistance for Spring Clean Up

The Geauga County Department on Aging and Munson Road Department will join forces and aid seniors by picking up and transporting their items to discard to the Clean Up Day dumpsters on April 25, 26 and 27, 2016. **To qualify**, you must be 60 years of age or older and live in Munson Township. Only 10 household items will be accepted per home.

To receive assistance, you must call the Department on Aging at 440-279-2130 to register. Have the following information ready: senior's name, address, phone number, last 4 digits of social security number, birth date and a list of the items to be picked up.

The Township will be divided into three sections, one (possibly more) to be serviced each day. Make sure your items are set out by Sunday, April 20th, so that you do not miss your scheduled pick-up. The Senior must also be home to sign a release for the items at time of pick up.

To prevent possible bed bug transferal, mattresses **MUST** be wrapped in plastic and taped securely or they will not be taken.

Message From the Zoning Inspector

The Trustees of Munson Township appoint a Zoning Inspector as the enforcing officer of the Township's Zoning Resolution. Any citizen or person may assist the Zoning Inspector by reporting any new construction, reconstruction, land use changes or suspected violations. In this situation please contact the Zoning Inspector and provide him with the property address and alleged violation. The Zoning Inspector will then check to see if a zoning certificate has been issued and if not, will contact the person or persons involved.

By contacting the Zoning Inspector, a person is not looked upon as telling on someone. Assisting the Zoning Inspector could save the property owner from possible litigation from encroaching on neighboring properties. After a zoning permit is issued, the property owner takes the permit to the Geauga County Building Department. The Geauga County Building Department will then issue their department's permit which includes inspecting the projects while construction is in progress. This allows the resident peace of mind that the project is being inspected by someone other than the contractor and that it meets all the building codes and requirements.



Message From the Fire Chief ...

**Our replacement ladder truck is set to arrive in May. We look forward to having it on display for the Munson Township Bicentennial celebration that is set to take place in July of this year.*

Now that spring has arrived, I think most of us would agree that it was a very interesting winter. Nonetheless, I am sure everyone is glad to see longer days and warmer temperatures. Along with that, comes much anticipated outdoor activity. Here are some tips for keeping safe and enjoying the spring and summer seasons.

Outdoor Safety

Ready for some outdoor exercise and adventure? Here are a few pointers:

- Winter's inactive muscles can take only so much strain. Don't overdo it - build up slowly so you don't have strains that can put you out of commission for some time.
- It may look appealing, but don't wander onto frozen rivers and lakes in the spring. The ice is beginning to thaw, and you never know just how thin the ice really is.
- Spring's extra rain and thawing snow can cause normally safe rivers, streams and creeks to turn treacherous. Even standing on banks can be risky, as they can be undercut by the rushing water and give in under your weight. Springtime can also be severe weather time. If the skies look threatening, check to see if a storm watch or warning has been issued before you initiate outdoor activities. If you're already outside and thunderstorms threaten, go immediately into a building or enclosed vehicle. For tornadoes, go to the nearest safe structure, or the basement or interior first-floor room of your home. If there's no time to follow these precautions, take cover in a ditch or depression in the ground.

Tiny Batteries Can Pose a Big Threat To Kids

Many young children can't resist putting small, shiny button batteries in their mouths. And all too often, end up swallowing them. These are the batteries that are found in many toys, remotes, watches and flashlights. If swallowed they can cause acid burns, tears in the esophagus and internal bleeding. If you notice the following symptoms with no apparent cause or you saw your child swallow a battery, get immediate medical help:

- Sudden vomiting or diarrhea
- Abdominal pain
- Trouble breathing or swallowing.

To keep kids safe, always store home electronics and spare batteries out of their reach.

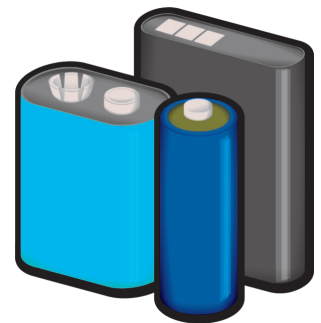
Scooter, Bike and Pedestrian Safety

Scooters, bikes, in-line skates and skateboards are associated with numerous injuries yearly.

- Wear a comfortable, properly fitted helmet bearing the label of an independent testing lab. Be sure that the helmet sits level on top of the head—not rocking in any direction—and always fasten the safety strap.
- Be sure that safety gear (wrist, elbow and knee pads) fits properly and does not interfere with the rider's movement, vision or hearing. Wrist pads are not recommended for scooter riders as they may affect their ability to maneuver.
- Ride scooters and bikes only on smooth, paved surfaces and only ride during daylight hours. Learn the proper hand signals and use them when you turn or stop.
- Come to a complete stop before entering driveways, paths or sidewalks, then look left, right and left again for bikes, cars or pedestrians heading your way.
- Teach crossing safety to children by example.

Who Knew...

***Between 1997 and 2010, battery-related injuries sent more than 40,000 U.S. children under the age of 13 to the emergency room.**



Fire Station office hours: Mon. – Fri. 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Our station is staffed 24/7 to assist you.

Geauga County Sheriff's Office • Geauga Public Alerts

Sign up for **Geauga Alerts!** In the event of an emergency or severe weather condition, a text message alert will be sent to the phone number provided. To reach the registration page go to the Sheriff's Office page (<http://www.sheriff.co.geauga.oh.us/>) and select "Geauga Public Alerts". The direct url is http://entry.inspironlogistics.com/geauga_county_oh/wens.cfm

Seasonal Household Hazardous Waste Facility

The Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District's Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Facility (HHWRF) is located at 5138 Enterprise Blvd., in Warren (Off Route 422). District residents are encouraged to use the facility for recycling of household hazardous waste and computer/electronic equipment. It is located about 31 miles from Munson Town Hall. **The lines for the one day collection of HHW can be over an hour, so it might make sense to take a trip down to Warren to the drop-off site instead.**

The facility is only open to residents of Geauga and Trumbull counties, identification is required from everyone participating in any type of collection event. No commercial loads will be accepted!

The facility will open every Wednesday beginning May 4th through October 26th 2016. Wednesday hours of operation are 10am to 6pm. The facility will also be open the first Saturday of the months June and August from 9am to 12 Noon. Household hazardous waste and electronic/computer equipment will be accepted during these times. New acceptable items include microwave ovens and for a small fee, they will accept television sets.

Community Room Usage



The Community Room at Town Hall was used 263 times in 2015. There were 66 private parties and 235 group meetings held in the beautiful space. Munson residents receive a discounted rate. For more information on renting the Community Room, go to www.munsontpw.com to view the rental agreement, rental rules and fees.

We are looking for volunteers...

Please let us know if you would like to help us out on this special day.

Call the Town Hall at 440-286-9255

Cemetery Decorations



All artificial flowers, decorations and containers in the Munson Cemeteries must be removed by May 1st. Those items remaining will be disposed of to prepare the cemeteries for Memorial

Day and summer mowing. Also, iron plant hooks are not permitted in the cemeteries.

Join us at the Maple Hill Cemetery on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30th at 8:30 am for a short but very meaningful ceremony to honor our veterans.

Bicentennial Yard Signs For Sale

The Township is offering Bicentennial commemorative yard signs for sale for only \$20. You too can spruce up your landscape with a bicentennial sign. Stop in: 12210 Auburn Rd. We are here Monday through Friday 9am—3pm.

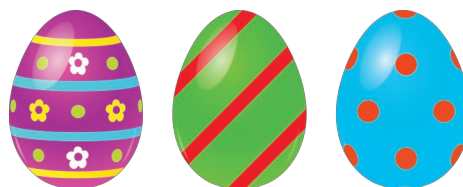
Thank you and congratulations to Fritz Newbauer from Sugar Pines Farm on Mulberry Road. He is the first resident to purchase a sign.

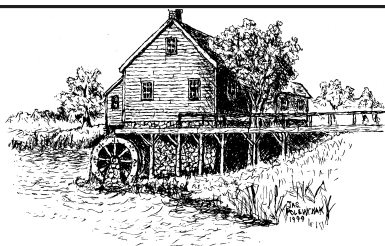


Easter Egg Hunt

Hop on down to Munson Township's Annual Easter Egg Hunt! A bunny will be there to greet you and your children and will watch your kids hunt for eggs. Bring your own basket or bag to collect the eggs, which will be turned in for a bag of goodies! This is a rain or shine event, so dress appropriately.

Where: Munson Township Park
12641 Bass Lake Rd.
When: Saturday, March 26, 2016
Time: 10:00 am - Easter Bunny Arrives
10:30 am - Easter Egg Hunt Begins
Age Groups: 2-5 years old • 6-9 years old





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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

Park Board

second Monday at 6:15 pm

Events

Easter Egg Hunt • Saturday, March 26

At Munson Township Park • 12641 Bass Lake Road

Rubbish Days • Saturday, April 30

7am - 1pm at Vetter Ball Field • Behind Fire Station

Fishing Derby • Sunday, May 1

9am - 1pm at Scenic River Retreat • 10900 Mayfield Road

Memorial Day • Monday, May 30

8:30am at Maple Hill Cemetery • 13480 Auburn Road

Bicentennial Celebration, Saturday, July 16

Start the morning at Fowlers Mill Historical District &

Afternoon at Town Hall • 12210 Auburn Road

Outdoor Flea Market • Saturday, September 10

9am - 2pm at Munson Township Park • 12641 Bass Lake Road

Fishing Derby • Saturday, September 17

9am - 1pm at Scenic River Retreat • 10900 Mayfield Road

For more info... www.munsontwp.com or call 440-286-9255

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