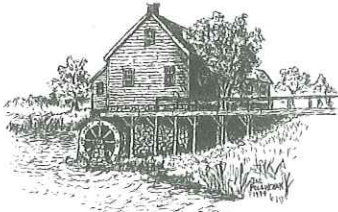


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Munson Cemeteries

On these lazy summer days, do you sometimes feel like you could stay in Munson forever? Our township owns two cemeteries which have provided the final resting place for our residents for many years. Fowlers Mill is located at 12399 Fowlers Mill Road, and Maple Hill is at 13480 Auburn Road, at the corner of Auburn and Butternut Roads. Township Trustees acquired additional property in 2003 just north of the original Fowlers Mill Cemetery to enlarge the parcel. The entire Fowlers Mill neighborhood from Mayfield Rd. to the cemetery is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Road Department is currently shaping and designing the additional Fowlers Mill property for future expansion. Graves are available in the newer sections of Fowlers Mill (approximately 70 – Section II) and Maple Hill (approximately 268 - Section III). An additional section of Maple Hill, Section IV, is reserved for future use. Our Road Department performs general maintenance work on both cemeteries, and mowing is contracted to local landscapers on an annual basis.

A Munson Township resident may purchase graves at the residential rate of \$200 for their immediate family, defined as parents, spouse, spouse's parents, and children. Graves may be purchased for siblings or grandparents with the rate determined by whether they reside in the Township or not. The non-residential rate is \$1,000. Many residents purchase gravesites well in advance of any immediate need.

Over 200 veterans are buried in the township cemeteries, including 3 from the Revolutionary War, 8 from the War of

1812, and 61 from the Civil War. Every year, veterans, township officials, a guest speaker and residents gather at Maple Hill Cemetery for our Memorial Day service to honor our veterans who made sacrifices to preserve the freedoms we all enjoy. Each veteran's grave is adorned with a flag and their names are read aloud by Munson's Boy Scout Troop #91. We traditionally purchase geraniums to place at each veteran's gravesite as well.

The township installs foundations for headstones and veterans plaques. The cost of a single foundation (up to 24" in length) is \$60. A double foundation (from 25" to 48") is \$120. Individuals can then make arrangements through a private memorial company, which can engrave and install a headstone. If you visit our cemeteries, please keep in mind that every spring, residents are asked to remove old flowers, wreaths, and baskets they have left to prepare for Memorial Day and summer maintenance.

Black iron fencing was erected at Fowlers Mill Cemetery in 2002 and Maple Hill Cemetery in 2003. Future plans include identifying a site for setting up stones from the old Brewster and Rider cemeteries which came from private residential burial sites; plotting out the additional property at Fowlers Mill Cemetery; and having a specialist visit to educate and aid in the restoration and preservation of stones.

If you have an interest in finding out more about Munson's cemeteries, please contact Paula Frieberthauser, Cemetery Sexton, at the Munson Township Hall - 440-286-9255, or any of your trustees. All of us drive by the cemeteries regularly. We encourage you to take some quiet time for yourself to wander in.

Interesting Munson Fact...



Because of the sizeable woods and hilly terrain, Munson Township was one of the last townships in Geauga County to be settled. The first permanent settler in Munson was Samuel Hopson, who built his log cabin near the corner of Rockhaven and Wye Roads.

Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste District Collection Events ...

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.**

E-Waste Collection **Saturday, July 26** **9 am to Noon**

Electronic equipment such as computers, printers, cell phones, etc. **NO televisions** will be accepted. There is a fee for computer monitors.

Household Hazardous Waste **Saturday, September 20** **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, acetone 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. 1-800-707-2673**

Recycle the letters below to make words of commonly recycled items...

ACDOARBRD _____

OBKOHPEONS _____

SEZAMNGIA _____

WAPNEERSPS _____

ARMOLINTKSC _____

GSPBARPEA _____

Recycling 1 ton of paper saves...

17 mature trees, 7,000 gallons of water, 3 cubic yards of landfill space, 2 barrels of oil, and 4000 kilowatt hours of electricity. This is enough energy to power the average American home for 5 months.

From January through May 2014, Munson Township residents have recycled 70 tons of paper.



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 now 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 see-through 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

The Munson Township Road Department is responsible for 48.12 miles of roads within township lines. The road crew keeps busy with the maintenance of the roads including repairs, ditching, berm repairs, road-side mowing and snowplowing. Added to their responsibility is the general maintenance of township buildings and grounds which include town hall and the fire station, two cemeteries, park restrooms, pavilions, ball fields and their adjacent grounds.

The Road Department is located at 11000 Sherman Road and houses a full line of trucks, snowplows, tractors, mowers, asphalt equipment and the list goes on. The Road Department Superintendent, Jim Teichman, and his six hard-working crew members keep busy year-round.

After the long hard winter, many residents have damage to their mailboxes. Below are a few guidelines to follow when replacing or repairing the mail receptacles:

Mailbox and post information:

- Posts are to be no larger than 4"x 4" in size.
- Boxes are to be postal regulation acceptable.
- The distance from the bottom of the box to the road surface is to be between 43" and 45".
- Setback placement of the mailbox will be a minimum of 18" from the face of the box to the edge of the road surface.
- Mailbox placement is approved by the postmaster of your zip code and the regulations design by your County Engineer's office.
- The mail carrier must be granted easy access to the box for uninterrupted mail delivery.

Community Day Picnic

SATURDAY, August 2, 2014

12 Noon—5pm

**Munson Township Park
12641 Bass Lake Road**

**FAMILY
FUN**

Scheduled Events

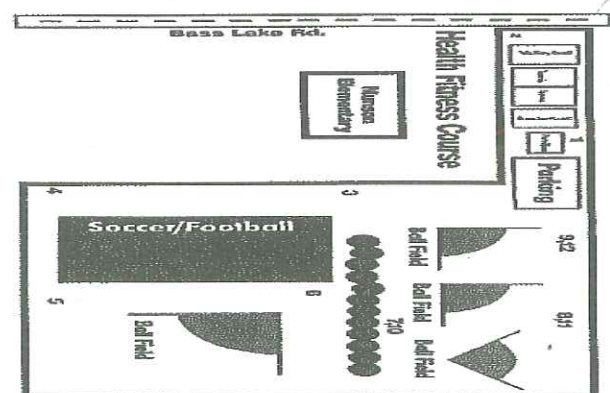
- 12-3** Free Picnic Meal
- 1-4** Euclid Beach Rocket Car Rides
- 1:30** UHHS MedEvac Helicopter Arrival
- 2:15** The Magic of Rick Smith Jr.
- 3:45** 50/50 Raffle
- 4-5** Raffle/Auction/Grand Prize Awards

**Games – Prizes – Inflatables
Music – Raffles – Silent Auction
Fire Trucks – Ice Cream & More**
rain or shine event

GRAND PRIZE - \$500
Donated by Payne & Payne Builders Inc.

Vita Exercise Course

Located at Munson Township Park at 12641 Bass Lake Road, you will find a Vita Course that was installed in 2001. It offers stations throughout the park for your exercising pleasure. Both individuals and sports teams will find the course challenging and effective for conditioning. A map of the course is located on the kiosk near Emmons pavilion. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of this beautiful course, and get into shape!



WHO KNEW... People who laugh a lot are much healthier than those who don't. Dr. Lee Berk at the Loma Linda School of Public Health in California found that laughing lowers levels of stress hormones, and strengthens the immune system. Six-year-olds have it best - they laugh an average of 300 times a day. Adults only laugh 15 to 100 times a day.

Message From the Fire Chief...

**** Safety doesn't happen by accident****

Summer time is finally here meaning lots of fun in the sun, entertaining, cooking and of course some fireworks. Summer is the time to unwind and have fun, but also a time to think safety first. Don't let us be that unexpected guest at your next outing or event. Following a few simple and common sense safety rules will help you to have a safe, healthy and enjoyable summer.

Campfire Safety:

- Build campfires where they will not spread; away from dry grass, leaves and never under overhanging trees.
- Keep campfires small so they don't get out of hand.
- Keep plenty of water and a shovel near to douse the fire when you are done. Then stir it again and douse it with water again.
- Never leave campfires unattended.
- Never allow children or pets near the fire unattended.



Water Safety:

- Always swim in designated areas supervised by lifeguards.
- Always swim with a buddy. Never swim alone.
- Actively supervise kids whenever around water – even if lifeguards are present.
- Ensure that every family member learns to swim. Have young children or inexperienced swimmers wear U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets near water, but do not rely on life jackets alone.
- If boating, always wear life jackets and avoid alcohol use. Most boating fatalities occur from drowning. Alcohol impairs judgment, balance and coordination: affects swimming and driving skills; and reduces the body's ability to stay warm.
- Install and use recommended barriers around your home pool or hot tub. Fences should be at least 4-feet high with gates that are self-closing, self-latching and open outward away from the pool. Place latches out of reach of small children. Safety covers and pool alarms should be added as additional layers of protection.

Swim and enjoy the water

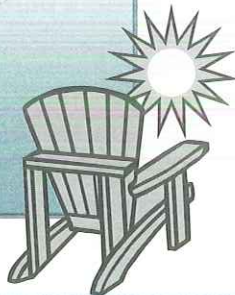
Use caution and be safe

Make a new friend

Master a new skill

Exercise

Read a book



Barbecue Safety:

- Position the grill well away from building structures and any foot traffic.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area by declaring no less than 3-foot zone around the grill and keep all matches and lighters away from children.
- Use proper utensils with long handles while cooking to ensure plenty of clearance from heat and flames.
- Never leave campfires unattended.
- Never allow children or pets near the fire unattended.

Fire Station office hours are
Monday – Friday
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Our station is staffed
24 hours a day
everyday 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 "Gauga Public Alerts". The direct url is http://entry.inspironlogistics.com/geauga_county_oh/wens.cfm

Message From the Zoning Inspector

PRIVATE SWIMMING POOLS -

Private swimming pools may be permitted in any district, provided the following provisions are met:

The pool is intended solely for the enjoyment of the occupants and guests of the principal user of the property on which it is located. The pool must be located on the property so as to conform to the minimum dimensional requirements set forth in Section 411, and may not encroach upon any required front yard, or any required on-site wastewater leaching areas or replacement areas designated by the Geauga County Health Department. In ground swimming pools shall be walled or fenced in order to prevent uncontrolled access by children from any street or adjacent property. Any such wall or fence shall:

- a. not be less than four (4) feet in height;
- b. not be less than four (4) feet nor more than fifteen (15) feet from the pool's edge;
- c. and maintained in good condition with a gate and a lock.

Exterior lighting shall be shaded wherever necessary in order to avoid casting direct light upon any other property or any public street.

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. He is a member of Boy Scout Troop 91.



The colors of the flag may be thus explained:

*The red is for valor, zeal and fervency;
the white for hope, purity, cleanliness
of life, and rectitude of conduct;
the blue, the color of heaven, for
reverence to God, loyalty, sincerity,
justice and truth.*

Healthy Munson Initiative

The Healthy Munson Community Initiative is a collaborative effort between Cleveland Clinic, Munson Township, YMCA, Sisters of Notre Dame and other local businesses to promote optimal health and wellness. Based on the community health needs assessment and utilizing combined resources within the Township and their surrounding community, the Healthy Community Initiative programs will be customized around three core areas: education, nutrition and physical activity.



Healthy Munson will feature an event each quarter that will provide the opportunity to get outside or do something to benefit your mind and spirit. Dr. Roizen will be our guest on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 held at Sisters of Notre Dame, Notre Dame Education Center Auditorium, 13000 Auburn Road in Munson Township. We hope you can make this informative event.

We would like to Thank the following business for being a part of our Healthy Munson Initiative...

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
Sisters of Notre Dame
Spencer Painting Concepts, Inc.
The YMCA
University Hospital

Board Opening

Munson Residents interested in serving on the Park & Recreation Board, which is a non-compensated public service appointment, are requested to send a letter of interest and/or resume to the attention of the Munson Township Trustees, 12210 Auburn Road, Chardon OH 44024, to be received by Monday, August 18, 2014. Applications may also be dropped off at the Township Hall, 12210 Auburn Road, between the hours of 9am and 3pm weekdays. The Park Board meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm. For additional information contact the Munson Township office at 286-9255.



**MUNSON TOWNSHIP
NEWS NOTES**
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Phn: 440.286.9255

Fax: 440.286.1180

munson@munson township.com
www.munson township.com

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Chair imcmullen@munson township.com

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Jim McCaskey 216.789.1436
Trustee jmccaskey@munson township.com

Judy Toth 440.286.9312 / 286.9255
Fiscal Officer jtoth@munson township.com

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

Community Day Picnic • Saturday, August 2 (noon—5pm)

Outdoor Flea Market • Saturday, September 6

Fishing Derby • Saturday, September 13

Dr. Roizen at NDCL Ed. Center • Tuesday, October 21

Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus • Saturday, December 6

Youth athletic programs that lease the township fields:

www.chardonbaseball.com

Geauga YMCA 440.285.7543