

Munson Township NEWS NOTES

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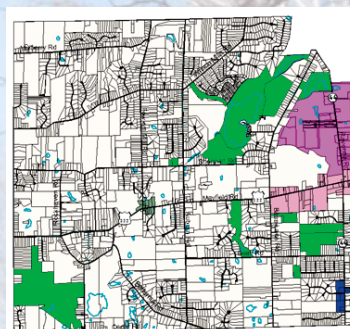
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Update to the Munson Township Land Use Plan

Townships are permitted to establish zoning regulations in accordance with a comprehensive land use plan. Munson has a long and notable history of land use planning. In 1948, Munson residents came together to adopt the first township zoning resolution in Ohio. Thirty years later, in 1978, the community prepared a comprehensive land use plan that recognized the opportunities and limitations that Munson's unique topography, soils, and water features posed for future development. The 1978 plan guided zoning and development through the late 1990s, when a committee of residents gathered again to update the plan. That committee's deep and dedicated work ultimately led to Munson's current land use plan, which was adopted by the Trustees in 2000 and amended in 2003. The 2003 plan is thorough and well-organized, and it has served as an essential guide for our township for more than twenty years, guiding decisions that have played a key role in creating and maintaining the present character of our township.



Links to the current (2003) land use plan are available on the township website, at the bottom of the "Documents and Forms" page.

Time marches on, however, and keeping the land use plan up-to-date is important to ensure that it remains a valuable and relevant tool, guiding zoning, development, and decision-making by township officials and boards, residents, and local business owners. It is now time to update the Munson land use plan again.

As an initial step in the process, the Trustees are seeking resident volunteers to serve on a land use planning committee tasked with leading the initiative to update the plan. The Trustees hope to select from the volunteers a balanced committee of residents that is representative of the various stakeholders in Munson. **If you are interested in volunteering for the committee, please send a brief statement of interest via email to munson@munsontwp.com by April 30, 2025.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the township office by telephone or email.

Please Remember, for the safety of our residents, to keep the road right-of-way and ditches free of any obstacles, structures, plantings, etc. Road right-of-ways are enforced to ensure clear visibility and proper water drainage. Help us keep our streets as safe as possible.



Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste District



DOCUMENT SHREDDING 1-DAY Paper Shredding EVENT Saturday, April 26th 9am - Noon

Geauga County Collection Facility
12685 Merritt Road
Chardon, OH 44024

Limit of 4 boxes* or bags per vehicle.
* Approximately the size of a copier paper box.
Boxes or bags must be less than 40 lbs. each.

Foam Recycling

Our Collection Facilities are now accepting foam during Hazardous Waste Collection Hours

You can now recycle clean and empty foam polystyrene packaging including: meat trays, cups, take-out containers and egg cartons, as well as transport packaging used to protect TVs and other valuables during shipping. Foam polystyrene products should be prepared just like other recyclables, empty and clean.



For more information
Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste
Management District

1-800-707-2673

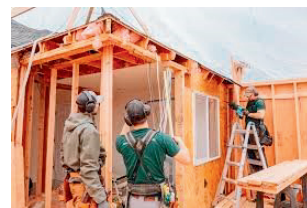
330-675-2673

www.gottagogreen.org

HAPPY EARTH DAY 4.22.25

Zoning Office

Spring will be here soon. Be advised that residents are required to get a Zoning Certificate for any new principal structure and/or any accessory structure such as decks, porches, pole buildings, gazebos, additions, pools, fences, solar panels, etc. The definition of a structure is, "anything constructed or erected, the use of which requires location on the ground, or attachment to something having location on the ground." A Zoning Certificate is also required for a home occupation and changing the use of a principal structure. Contact the zoning inspector to find out if a zoning certificate is required for your project.



NOPEC Community Grant

The Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council, is a non-profit organization that buys and sells electricity and natural gas to customers in Northeast Ohio. NOPEC's goal is to provide customers with competitive energy rates and cost savings.



How NOPEC works:

- NOPEC buys energy in bulk to get lower prices
- NOPEC negotiates with gas and electricity suppliers on behalf of its members
- NOPEC supplies energy to residential and small business customers
- NOPEC encourages energy conservation to help customers save money

NOPEC provides grants to NOPEC member communities for energy-related projects to help implement energy savings. Residents may have noticed some seasonal lighting added to the Town Hall grounds in late fall. Through a NOPEC Energized Community Grant, the Township purchased the lighting to bring seasonal cheer through the dark days of winter.

In the past, the Township has received NOPEC grant funding for street lighting, energy efficient doors, LED lighting upgrades, heaters, and energy efficient kitchen appliances.



Wreaths Across America



Wreaths Across America, a nonprofit organization, annually lays wreaths on graves to honor military veterans and their families. To honor our Revolutionary War veterans, Lyndhurst resident Molly Francis laid three wreaths at Fowlers Mill Cemetery on the graves of Steven Northrup, Peter Thompson and

Ezekial Woodard; and one on the grave of Elija Eggleston at Maple Hill Cemetery. A big thank you to both the organization and Molly!

Cemetery Rules & Regulations

We take pride in maintaining our cemeteries while also allowing residents freedom to honor their loved ones. Winter wreaths and artificial flowers will be removed in April and May to prepare the cemeteries for Memorial Day. Veterans' flags will be displayed for a reasonable time for Memorial Day. These flags are the property of Munson Township.



Your attention to the rules is greatly appreciated. Please check our website for our Cemetery Rules and Regulations. If you are unsure of what is permitted, please call the Township office.

2025 Scholarships Awarded



The Munson Scholarship Committee (Frank Gliha, Jim O'Neill & Andy Bushman) interviewed eight bright, deserving applicants. Scholarships were awarded to the following seniors: Kath-

erine Thur, Seianna Coon, Emily Cvelbar, Elaina Mardula, Sarah Ritacco, Payton Platz, Alivia Perfetto and Csilla Schafer. Congratulations to these fine scholars and to their families.

Scholarships are funded by proceeds from games and raffles at the Community Day picnic, flea markets and donations. Applications are distributed to area schools in the late fall and are also available at the Township office.

Senior Citizen Assistance for Spring Clean-Up

The Geauga County Department on Aging and Munson Road Department will join forces to aid seniors by picking up and transporting their items to discard at the Clean-Up Day dumpsters April 1, 2 and 3, 2025. **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.

The following information will be needed: senior's name, address, phone number 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 Monday, March 31, so 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 transfer, all furniture with fabric and mattresses **MUST** be wrapped in plastic and taped securely or they will not be taken.

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 5, 2025
7am to 1pm**

Items NOT accepted: construction or remodeling debris, sinks, vanities, toilets, liquids, paint or other hazardous materials, rocks, yard waste, or household garbage, televisions, computer monitors or other small appliances with electronic components. Recyclable items such as cardboard and newspaper will not be accepted.

Reduce wood or pipe to six foot lengths. 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).

**For Munson Township Residents Only
identification may be requested.**

Thinking About ENCLOSING your DITCH? - A permit must be obtained from Munson Township for township roads and from the county engineers office for county roads. The cost is the resident's responsibility. Ditch enclosure pipes installed without permit approval are subject to removal with the cost billed to the property owner.

Message From the Fire Chief...

Munson Fire Department & UH Hospitals EMSI presents:



Whether you are an experienced babysitter or just starting out, this class is perfect for obtaining a certified education on lifesaving procedures. Be confident that when seconds matter you are able to take the appropriate steps to help and have certifications to add to your resume. This class is **FREE** to Munson Township residents.

- American Heart Association Babysitter Course
- This course includes American Heart Association First Aid, and Heart saver CPR/AED
- Stop the Bleed as offered by The American College of Surgeons
- Participants will receive First Aid Kits and CPR Pocket Masks

CLASS DATES

May 10th • from 9am to 1pm • Ages 11+ (deadline April 5th)

May 25th • from 9am to 1pm • Ages 11+ (deadline April 19th)

YOU MUST RSVP BY THE DEADLINE DATE



Interested in registering? Email c.ferroni@munsonfire.org or call **440-286-6797**

2024 Annual Report & Statistics are available at www.munsonfire.org



Learn more about your fire department before you need them. The Citizens Fire Academy is for Munson Township residents who want to learn more about the fire department. Know what to expect and learn the extensive training involved in becoming a firefighter / paramedic and meet the staff. Limited class size of 15 residents or business owners. Classes fill up fast!

6 weeks of Live Training and Demonstration

Every Thursday beginning April 3rd - May 8th • 6:30 – 9:30pm

Tuesday, May 13rd 6:30pm • Graduation at The Township Trustees Meeting

(family reception with refreshments at the Fire Department to follow)

Applications are available at the fire station or by email request.
Fill out the application and drop it off at the firehouse or email it to: m.vatty@munsonfire.org

The Munson Township Fire Department is staffed 24/7 to assist you.

Non-Emergency • 440-286-6797

m.vatty@munsonfire.org

2025 Community Events

March 22 • Indoor Flea Market Town Hall 12210 Auburn Road



The Indoor Flea Market is from 9am to 2pm at the Town Hall and in the Fire Station Bay. There is a \$1 admission fee for shoppers which goes towards the Munson Township Scholarship Fund (no charge for age 12 & under). You will find a wide variety of new, vintage and antique items. Come and browse for that special treasure you have been searching for.

April 19 • Easter Egg Hunt Township Park 12641 Bass Lake Road

Hop on down to Munson Township Park at 10:15am. The Easter bunny will greet you and your children. This is a great photo op as well. Watch your kids hunt for Easter eggs. Bring your own basket or bag to collect the eggs which will be turned in for a bag of goodies. Children will be divided into two age groups, 2-5 years old and 6-9 years old. Dress appropriately. Rain or shine event.



May 17 • Ribbon Cutting & Disc Golf Clinic Nero Nature Preserve 12150 Bean Road

We will be holding an official ribbon cutting and a free Disc Golf Clinic at the park on May 17, 2025 at 11am with light refreshments.

June 7 • Fishing Derby Scenic River Retreat 10900 Mayfield Road



The Community Fishing Derby is open to all Munson Township residents. Please join us for a morning of fishing fun from 9am to 1pm. Don't forget your fishing pole. Catch and release only. Bait will be provided and door prizes awarded.

August 2 • Community Day Picnic Town Hall 12210 Auburn Road

A fabulous day is planned for the entire family starting with a light picnic lunch at noon and ice cream for dessert. Also enjoy Magic by Rick Smith Jr., Euclid Beach Rocket Car rides, a rock climbing wall, bounce house, raffles, games, contests, auctions, fire trucks and lots more. Rain or shine event.



August 23 • Concert in the Park Scenic River Retreat 10900 Mayfield Road



Mark your calendars for a great concert experience. Enjoy music by "Word of Mouth Band." It will be an exciting evening for all. Bring your lawn chairs & blankets. The concert is from 7pm to 9pm. Rain or shine event.

Your Beautiful Parks

Disc Golf Course at Nero Nature Preserve



The Township Trustees and the Park and Recreation Board are pleased to announce the completion of phase one of the Munson Disc Golf Course.

The course, located at 12150 Bean Road at Nero Nature Preserve, consists of nine baskets with eighteen grass tee boxes. Situated amongst the trees in the center of the park, the course is great for both seasoned players, or those new to the game. Check out the kiosk for a course map and rules of the game.

The Park and Recreation Board would like to extend our thanks to all the volunteers who helped work on the course. The turnout was incredible, and more than we could have expected. We would also like to thank the Munson Road Department. This project would not have been possible without their help and support.

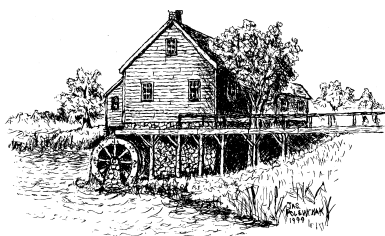
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In other park news, the relatively new dock on the pond at Scenic River Retreat will be extended another 15 feet this spring. This will allow better access to fish in the deeper waters of the pond. The Board of Trustees have also approved the construction of a 240-foot boardwalk at the northeast corner of Scenic River Retreat. This boardwalk will allow people to park on Auburn Road, cross the waterway via the boardwalk, and access the main portion of the park trails. Work on this project is anticipated to start in late Spring.

Board Appointments

In December 2024, the Township Trustees reappointed Jim O'Neill and Roger Simpson to the Board of Zoning Appeals and Jim O'Neill and Rick Webb to the Park & Recreation Board. In January 2025, they appointed Debbie Roche and Kurt Hoffmann (alternate) to the Zoning Commission.

Thank you!
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS



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jmccaskey@munsontwp.com

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nmcdonald@munsontwp.com

Todd Ray - Fiscal Officer 440-286-9312
trray@munsontwp.com

MEETINGS

Trustees

second and fourth Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

Zoning Commission

second Wednesday at 6:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

third Wednesday at 6:30 pm (as needed)

Park & Recreation Board

second Monday at 6:15 pm

Check munsonwp.com for meeting schedule and event information

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