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Think Efficiency

It's been blustery outside and the Township is doing what it can to keep our buildings protected from the elements and make our buildings more energy efficient. This year, the Fire Department installed insulating foam on the ceiling of the bay areas where our vehicles are kept. This insulation will reduce energy costs and has reduced noise levels. The light colored paint on the foam reflects more light and adds a fire barrier to the insulation. Several years ago, the bay areas were retrofitted with LED lighting as well. In addition to insulation on the roof, electric cables were installed in areas that have previously encountered ice back up problems. The Fire Department also installed a Source Capture Exhaust System (SCES). This system funnels the diesel exhaust from vehicles to the outdoors, making the air much cleaner to breathe. It has also substantially cut down on particulates which used to coat the walls and other surfaces. The men's bathroom was also recently renovated. Furnaces on the Fire Department side of the Town Hall building were also replaced. Most of these improvements were funded by grants, with most of the applications written by Fire Department personnel. We are fortunate that our firefighters have the expertise and commitment to apply for funding from sources near and far.



Our Road Department buildings have also become more energy efficient. LED lighting has recently been installed both on the inside and outside of the buildings which store Road Department equipment. As our personnel work to maintain our equipment and trucks, they now can see their work much better! The Town Hall building has also been retrofitted with LED lighting on the exterior. Each of these LED lighting related projects should result in energy cost savings over the long run. The Township has begun the process of analyzing whether we should replace street lighting with LED bulbs as well. Just as the Township looks at the costs and benefits of energy efficiency measures, we encourage you to look into opportunities to reduce your energy usage and make your home more comfortable.

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DID YOU KNOW ... Running your air conditioning at 78°F instead of 72°F can save between 6 and 18 percent on your cooling bill. The smaller the difference between the indoor and outdoor temperatures, the lower your overall cooling bill will be, so set your thermostat as high as possible during the summer months.



Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste District Collection Event & More ...

Document Destruction

Saturday, April 13
9 am to Noon

**Geauga County Engineer's Yard,
12665 Merritt Road (off Route 44) in Chardon.**

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

2019 Collection Dates

at 5138 Enterprise Blvd. Warren, Ohio

Open Wednesday, May 1 - October 30
Wednesday hours 9 am to 5 pm
or by appointment

Saturday Facility Dates:
9 am to Noon
May 4, June 1, August 3
and September 7

Geauga residents: A year-round facility is coming soon to Merritt Road Chardon. We hope the facility will be operational by October 2019; that is why we did not schedule an appliance collection or hazardous waste collection. Once the facility is built, it will be open year-round for restricted waste items. In the meantime, Geauga residents are more than welcome to utilize the facility at 5138 Enterprise Blvd., Warren, OH 44481 every Wednesday, May 1 through October 30, 2019 from 9 am to 5 pm. The facility on Merritt Road will accept the same items the facility in Warren accepts: hazardous waste such as oil-based paint, oil, propane tanks, etc., electronic waste such as television sets, computer monitors, printers, etc., and Freon-bearing appliances such as dehumidifiers, air conditioners, and refrigerators, etc.

**Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste
Management District**
5138 Enterprise Blvd. Warren, Ohio
(330) 675-2673 or 1-800-707-2673

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 27th at 8:30 am for a short but very meaningful ceremony to honor our veterans.



Recycling Information

Munson Township's recycling center at the Town Hall closed March 1st. We encourage residents to look at all of their options regarding recycling. Curbside recycling is also offered with trash pickup by Waste Management. The following nearby locations will accept recyclables:

Recycle at:

The County Offices
470 Center Street
Chardon

Chester Recycle Park
(Former site of Chester School)
12535 Chillicothe Road
Chesterland

**When recycling at these sites, they
NO LONGER ACCEPT GLASS or BAGS.
REMOVE ITEMS FROM BAGS BEFORE**

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

Message From the Zoning Inspector



With spring and the building season upon us, you may be considering adding an accessory building, swimming pool, fence or putting an addition onto your home. If so, a zoning permit is required. To view our Zoning Resolution in its entirety, go to www.munsontwp.com.

Also, the Zoning Inspector, appointed by the Trustees, is 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. Assisting the Zoning Inspector could save the property owner from possible litigation from encroaching on neighboring properties.

Please call Zoning Inspector Jim Herringshaw with any questions. The zoning office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9am to 3pm or by appointment.

DID YOU KNOW...

Children of parents who talk to their teens about drugs are up to 50% less likely to use.
 Start the conversation:
StartTalking.Ohio.Gov

Geauga County Veterans Expo

VETERANS EXPO



June 15, 2019
 9 am—1 pm

Event held at:
 Geauga County Senior Center
 12555 Ravenwood Drive
 Chardon, OH 44024

Bring Your DD214

ON SITE SERVICES INCLUDE:

- VA Benefits Information
- VA Medical Enrollment
 - Claims Assistance
 - Medals Replacement
 - Records Requests
 - Eastside Vet Center
- RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program)
- County Agencies
 - Auditor
 - Recorder
 - Department on Aging
 - Geauga Park District
- Burton Healthcare
- Chardon Healthcare
- Amelia Grace
- United Way
- Veterans Organizations
 - AmVets
 - American Legion
 - VFW

Website: vets.co.geauga.oh.us
Contact for more information:
440-279-1860

Message From the Fire Department ...

Smoke Alarms at Home



SMOKE ALARMS ARE A KEY PART of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

SAFETY TIPS

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom. They should also be outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all do.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to make sure the alarm is working.
- Current alarms on the market employ different types of technology including multi-sensing, which could include smoke and carbon monoxide combined.
- Today's smoke alarms will be more technologically advanced to respond to a multitude of fire conditions, yet mitigate false alarms.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on the wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

FACTS

- ☆ A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- ☆ Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level. Smoke alarms should be connected so when one sounds, they all sound. Most homes do not have this level of protection.
- ☆ Roughly 3 out of 5 fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.



NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards

Fire Department Hours: Mon. – Fri. 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The 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

Easter Egg Hunt

Hop on down to Munson Township's Annual Easter Egg Hunt! A bunny will be there to greet you and your family and will watch your children 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 Road
- When:** Saturday, April 20, 2019
- Time:** 10:00 am - Easter Bunny Arrives
10:30 am - Hunt Begins
- Age Groups:** 2-5 years old • 6-9 years old

Community Day Picnic

Mark your calendars for the Annual Community Day Picnic. It will be held on Saturday, August 3, 2019 starting at Noon at the Town Hall located at 12210 Auburn Road.

A fun day is planned for the entire family. Start the party with a free picnic style lunch and a Chinese Auction. While here you can take a memorable ride on the Euclid Beach Rocket Car, climb a rock wall, have fun in the bounce house, partake in raffles, play a few games and enjoy other activities as well. This is a rain or shine event.

Volunteers Needed — Call 440-286-9255

Looking forward to seeing you this year.



Senior Citizen 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 at the Clean-Up Day dumpsters on April 22, 23 and 24, 2019. **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.](tel:440-279-2130) **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 Sunday, April 21st, 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 transfer, mattresses and all furniture with fabric **MUST** be wrapped in plastic and taped securely or they will not be taken.

Munson Spring Clean-Up

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

Saturday, April 27
7am to 1pm

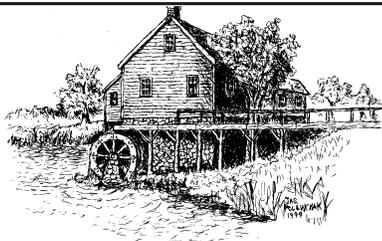
Items NOT accepted: construction remodeling debris, liquids, paint or other hazardous materials, rocks, yard waste, or household garbage.

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.

For Munson Township Residents Only, Identification may be requested.

An energy smart washing machine can save more water in 1 year than 1 person drinks in their lifetime.



Place
Stamp
Here

**MUNSON TOWNSHIP
NEWS NOTES**
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Chardon OH 44024-9454

Munson Township Resident at:

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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

Indoor Flea Market • Saturday, March 23

9am - 2pm at Munson Town Hall

Easter Egg Hunt • Saturday, April 20

Hunt begins at 10:30am at Munson Township Park

Spring Clean-Up • Saturday, April 27

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

Memorial Day • Monday, May 27

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

Fishing Derby • Sunday, June 2

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

Community Day Picnic • Saturday, August 3

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

**For more information: www.munsontwp.com
or call 440-286-9255**