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The Year That Was...

Throughout the year many things happen in Munson Township. Here are just a few facts and highlights that we would like to share. The year started off with a new Trustee as Jim McCaskey was sworn in by Geauga County Sheriff Dan McClelland.

The Township's Park & Recreation Board hosted many events throughout the year including Indoor and Outdoor Flea Markets, an Easter Egg Hunt, Fishing Derbies and Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus along with the Township's annual Community Day Picnic. With the help of Fairmount Santrol (Wedron Silica), the Township purchased new playground equipment to replace the playground at the Town Hall Park.

Munson Township along with the Cleveland Clinic, YMCA, Sisters of Notre Dame and other local businesses joined together in a collaborative effort to promote optimal health and wellness. The first Healthy Munson Initiative was held on May 17, 2014 in conjunction with the Town Hall Open House. Wellness screenings and tours of the new town hall were provided. Another exciting part of the Healthy Munson Initiative was Dr. Michael Roizen who spoke at the Notre Dame Provincial Center on October 2, 2014. Thanks to all who attended for making this a very successful event.

The Munson Township Road Department held the annual Spring Cleanup in April. Speaking of roads, did you know there are 48.125 miles of township roads in Munson? Can you imagine all of the snow that has fallen on them this year? Munson was able to resurface Tall Pines Drive, Quartermane Circle, and Falls Road. The Road Department has taken on many projects in 2014 and continues to serve the community well.

The Fire Department recommended that a new truck be purchased from Sutphen Corporation. The department also received a Life Pak 15 from University Hospital Geauga Campus. The department responded to approximately 1,100 calls in 2014.

Throughout the year, the Township has honored many who have contributed to this fine community including but not limited to; Eagle Scouts Matthew Baron, Erik Siktberg, Ryan McDivitt, Benjamin Roessler, Michael Depner, Nicholas Mataraza, Michael Garlak, Jacob Hamblen, and Larry King. We also honored Sheriff Dan McClelland for the "Emerald Leader Award" and "Principal of The Year" by the Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators went to Mr. Andy Fetchik, Chardon High School.

To no surprise, there are champions in Munson Township. NDCL Girls Volleyball Team won the state championship and Munson had its own Olympian as Jacob Rosboril was a Gold Medal recipient for his participation on the Special Olympics softball team.

Now that you have read a synopsis of 2014, you will most likely agree that it has been a busy community with many exciting points to mention. Munson Township has many things to be proud of. We look forward to an exciting 2015!

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 18 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 16 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, October 3 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

Operation Empty Medicine Cabinet Gauga County Sheriff's Office 12450 Merritt Rd., Chardon 24/7

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 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 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 25
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 20, 21 and 22, 2015. **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.

Streambank Stabilization Assistance

The Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Inc. (CRWP), in partnership with the Geauga Soil and Water District, is administering a grant through the Great Lakes Basin Program for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control to provide funding assistance to eligible Munson Township residents experiencing streambank erosion on their properties. The grant will subsidize up to 75% of a resident's streambank stabilization costs (up to \$75 per linear foot). All projects will be designed and constructed by a professional stream restoration team.

Properties must be located in the East Branch subwatershed of the Chagrin River. Maps of the eligible project areas are available on CRWP's website at www.tinyurl.com/chagrinag. As a part of the same program and project area, funding assistance is also available for agricultural properties for the installation of all-weather pad-docks, fencing, and filter strips. To find out if your property is located in the project area or for more information about the program, please email Kristen Buccier at kbuccier@crwp.org or call her at (440) 975-3870.

Did you know...

Munson Township is looking to form a Bicentennial Planning Committee for the 2016 celebration. Please submit your letter of interest to the Board of Trustees.

Message From the Fire Chief . . .

**** As the weather warms, please watch out for motorcycles, bicycles and pedestrians ****

"Wow" what a winter!

Hard to believe spring is right around the corner. I am sure that many residents are glad to see the end is in sight of a very long and cold winter. Here at the fire station we are always anxious to see the signs of spring since the winter elements add many challenges to our jobs whether it be fire fighting or EMS calls. As you are aware, the Fire Department was involved in an accident on Thursday, March 5, 2015. We wish to thank the residents for the cards and well wishes. Everyone involved is doing well.

The fire department recently applied for the State of Ohio EMS Grant. This grant is available to purchase equipment and or training to EMS agencies in the state of Ohio. The money is generated from fines and enforcement of seat belt laws. In 2014 we were awarded \$2750.00. These funds are used to keep our equipment and supplies up to date. Last year University Hospitals Geauga also donated a Physio Control Lifepak 15, the new standard of care in EMS. They perform vital signs, transmit EKG's, and provide wave form capnography, (measuring the exchange of oxygen to carbon dioxide in exhaled air). These devices cost around \$30,000.00. They aid in the accurate documentation of medical interventions as they are performed. Munson Fire Department is very grateful to have been the recipient of this monitor as it is a great benefit to our community.

Burn Permits

Residents that need to burn yard debris, please stop by the fire station and pick up a burn permit. These permits are free, list the guidelines for burning and are good for a 15 day period. As always, we like to remind everyone to be responsible whenever you start a fire.



Address Signs

We recommend residents place a **green reflective** address sign at the end of their driveway so emergency responders can locate your address easily. Residents can purchase them for only \$10 at the fire station.

Home Safety

Another very important reminder is to change the batteries in all smoke and CO detectors at the same time you change your clocks for Daylight Savings. It is a proven fact that smoke detectors do help to save lives. Manufacturer recommendations are to replace smoke detectors every ten years and carbon monoxide detectors every seven years. Some new carbon monoxide detectors now have an end of service alarm. After seven years they will no longer function and need to be replaced. The Munson Fire Department does have smoke detectors on hand for any Senior Citizen residents that may need them. If help is needed getting them installed, we can do that also.

Knox Box

A Knox Box allows Firemen easy access into a home of the elderly or disabled if they are unable to get to the door. Call us if you would like one placed at your home.

Our NEW fire truck is here! It arrived on March 20th. It will be put into service mid April. Residents are welcome to stop in and see it.

Did You Know... Munson Fire Department responded to a total of 1067 calls in 2014 and have already responded to 115 calls in January 2015. The department currently is staffed by 22 Firefighter/Paramedics & 2 Firefighter/EMT certified members.

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., Warren, Ohio. (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 in June 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 6, 2015 through October 28, 2015. 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 new Community Room at Town Hall was used 281 times in 2014. There were 61 private parties and 202 meetings held in the beautiful space. Munson residents receive a discounted rate. For more information on renting the community room, go to www.munsontwp.com to view the rental agreement, rental rules and fees.

We are looking to borrow... Old photos or memorabilia related to Munson Township for the Bicentennial Celebration in 2016. Please let us know if you have something of interest.

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 25th for a short, but very meaningful ceremony to honor our veterans. The time will be posted on the township web site and in local newspapers.

Board Openings

Munson residents interested in serving on the Munson Township Park & Recreation Board or Zoning Commission, which are non-compensated public service appointments, are requested to send a letter of interest and resume to the attention of the Munson Township Trustees at 12210 Auburn Road, Chardon, OH 44024. Applications may also be dropped off at the Township Hall between the hours of 9am and 3pm weekdays. The Park & Recreation Board currently meets the second Monday of the month at 6:15pm and the Zoning Commission meets the third Monday of the month at 7pm (subject to change). For additional information contact the Munson Township office at 286-9255.

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, dress appropriately. See you there!

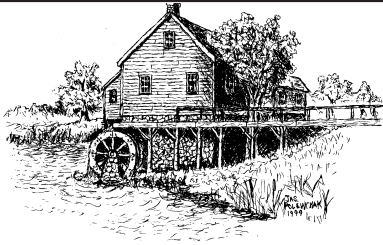


Where: Munson Township Park
12641 Bass Lake Rd.

When: Saturday, April 4, 2015

Time: 10:00am -Easter Bunny Arrives
10:30am -Easter Egg Hunt Begins

Age Groups: 2-5 years old • 6-9 years old



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Judy Toth Fiscal Officer	440-286-9312 / 286-9255 jtoth@munsontwp.com

Meetings

Trustees

second and fourth Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

Zoning Commission

third Tuesday at 7 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

third Thursday at 6:30 pm

Park Board

second Monday at 6:15 pm

Events

Easter Egg Hunt • Saturday, April 4

10am - Easter Bunny arrives • 10:30am - Easter Egg Hunt
At Munson Township Park • 12641 Bass Lake Road

Fishing Derby • Sunday, May 3

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

Community Day Picnic • Saturday, August 1

Noon - 5pm
At Munson Township Park • 12641 Bass Lake Road

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

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