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Change in Polling

Locations

In an effort to better serve the voters of Monclova Township, Lucas County Board of Elections has modified polling locations.

Precinct 3 - now votes at Monclova Primary/Community Room (corner of Monclova and Waterville-Monclova Roads)

Precinct 4 - now votes at the Monclova Community Center (8115 Monclova Road)

Precinct 7 - now votes at Monclova Primary/Community Room (corner of Monclova and Waterville-Monclova Roads)

Precinct 11 - now votes at the Waterside Subdivision Clubhouse (7062 Longwater Drive)

Precinct 12 - merged with Precinct 7; Precinct 12 no longer exists.

If you have any questions on where to vote, go to the Board's website: www.lucascountyvotes.org or call 419-213-2070. Call prior to Election Day.

Fall Leaf Collection

The fall season is upon us and the leaves are beginning to drop. The following options are available for leaf disposal:

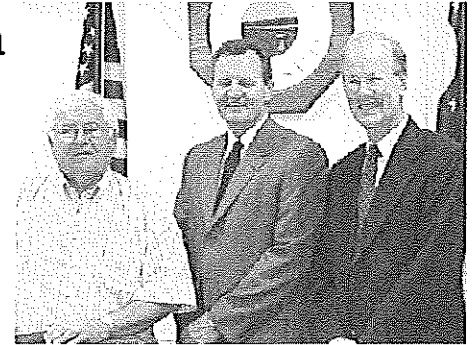
1. Use Township curbside service for leaf collection. This is a no-fee service which begins mid-October with a flexible ending for the service-when winter weather is eminent, leaf collection ceases and the vacuum apparatus is replaced with snow and salt equipment.

The procedures are as follows:

- Leaves must be brought *as close to the edge of the road as possible*.
- We will not collect piles of leaves that contain sticks, grass or non-leaf debris. (Cont. on page 2)

Land Use Plan

The Monclova Township Zoning Commission will hold an open house on Thursday, October 8, 6-8 PM regarding the proposed 2009 Contemporary Land Use Plan, an update to the existing 1998 Land Use Plan.



Above, Trustees Gary Kuns, Chuck Hoecherl and Brian Craig

The Board of Trustees and the Zoning Commission will conduct a joint public hearing on the matter on Monday, October 19th at 6:30 PM. Both events will occur in the Township Meeting Room, 4335 Albon Road. The proposed document is available for pick up (CD or paper) or at www.monclovatwp.org.

Trick or Treat Night

October 31
6-8 PM



Township Police Protection

At the request of Lucas County, Monclova Township officials met with officials from Lucas County and the Lucas Sheriff's department on June 19, 2009. At this meeting, the Township was informed that the Sheriff's patrolling of the Township was not mandated by the Ohio Revised Code and would be discontinued on January 1, 2010. If the Township wanted to continue the sheriff's patrols, the Township would have to pay Lucas County \$737,000 annually for these services.

Acting as promptly as possible, on June 24th, your Trustees sent letters requesting quotes for services on police protection and patrolling of the Township to all the neighboring communities with a police force: Whitehouse, Waterville, Waterville Township and Maumee. (Cont. on page 2)

Police Protection (cont. from page 1)

On July 23rd all three Monclova township trustees attended a meeting of the Lucas County Township Association. At that meeting, we were told that the Sheriff's obligation under Ohio law is to "keep the peace" and the deputies would continue to respond to 911 calls. The sheriff deputies would not actively patrol Monclova Township. No promise could be made as to response time. Other Townships in Lucas County, including Springfield, Harding, Providence and Jerusalem, are facing similar situations. Waterville Township, Washington Township and Sylvania Township currently have their own police force which are funded by township levies.

To date, Waterville and Waterville Township have declined to submit proposals to Monclova Township. The Township has received a quotation from Whitehouse. The Township is also exploring contracting with the Village of Holland and the Lucas County Sheriff's Department.

Your Trustees are continuing to explore all options, including the formation of our own police force. Rest assured that Monclova Township **WILL** have police protection, including patrols, in January. The Trustees are committed to keeping our community and neighborhoods safe and while continuing to be good stewards of Township funds.

We would like to hear from you! Please e-mail your comments and concerns (both positive and negative) to the trustees or Alan Mikesell, who is spearheading this project for the Township.

We will certainly keep the community updated on our progress. Thank you for your cooperation and patience.

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Fall Leaf Collection (cont. from page 1)

- The township performs a complete sweep of the township and continues to do so throughout the season.
- It is not necessary to call or alert the township regarding the collection of your leaves unless your leaves have been sitting for more than 7 days (excluding bad weather conditions).

The township to offer curbside leaf collection service to curbed and uncurbed roadways, whether they are designated as township, county or state roadways.

2. Residents may take their leaves and other yard waste to Clean Wood Recycling, 6505 W. Bancroft St., for free disposal with valid Lucas County drivers license. Commercial plated vehicles will be nominally charged. Call 419-843-9663 for information.
3. Private curbside service is a chargeable item through the vendor of your choice-landscape companies or garbage collectors offer a seasonal program May-October.
4. Backyard compost, if allowed in your area, can enrich your garden soil. Many lawn and garden supply stores offer homeowner compost bins.

The burning of leaves is a violation of Fire Code and could subject violators to a fine.

Road Jurisdictions

STATE: Airport Hwy. and Maumee-Western Rd. (US 20A)

STATE ROAD MAINTENANCE - 419-382-2681

COUNTY: Albon Rd., Briarfield Blvd., Bucher Rd., Crissey Rd., Eber Rd., Jerome Rd. (between Monclova Rd. and 20A), Manley Rd., Monclova Rd., River Rd., Salisbury Rd., Stitt Rd., Strayer Rd. (between 20A and Salisbury), Technology Dr., Waterville-Monclova Rd., and Weckerly Rd.

COUNTY ROAD MAINTENANCE - 419-893-2232

TOWNSHIP: All other public roads

TOWNSHIP ROAD MAINTENANCE - 419-878-6942

Township Winter Policies

While it seems a bit early to be speaking of snowplowing and winter conditions, your township trustees and township administrator want to review the winter policies for township roads well in advance of any seasonal concerns. This is a review of consistent township policies that we have had over the years.

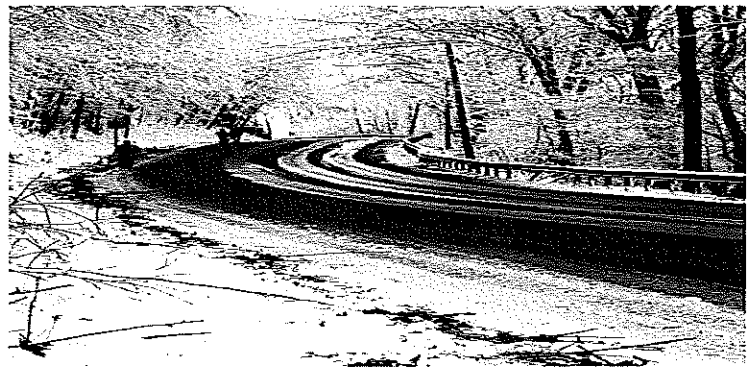
When snow falls, major collector roads and streets are cleared first, followed by residential streets. When snow begins to accumulate, the roads will be plowed with one single pass in each direction. After this initial pass, the plow will return to widen the cleared area. Our goal is to clear the street from curb to curb as quickly as possible to ensure that emergency vehicles and all traffic can move safely. This will also accommodate the delivery of mail.

One of the most frequent complaints with the snow removal process is snow being deposited in driveways. As the plows pass driveways, the snow accumulated on the side discharge blade has no place to go but to the adjacent street and driveways. This is unavoidable. There is no technology that will allow the plow operator to stop the snow coming off the edge of the plow as it passes a driveway.

The situation is compounded in cul-de-sacs due to space limitations and the laws of physics which require all the snow to be placed along the outside of the circle.

The principle of centrifugal force makes it impossible to push the snow to the center of a cul-de-sac. If the plow blade is turned to the left when traveling in a counter clockwise direction the truck may slide sideways creating a hazardous situation.

Residents and property owners are responsible for clearing snow from sidewalks and driveways. Snow should be shoveled into the yard, not into the street. Depositing snow in the street could create dangerously slippery conditions for both
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motorists and pedestrians. When temperatures drop, slippery patches form, creating a hazard.

You could be charged with a violation of § 5589.01 of the Ohio Revised Code if you deposit snow in the street. To avoid double shoveling, you may want to wait until after your street has been plowed to the curb before you clear your driveway.

It is the property owner's responsibility to maintain mailboxes, posts and supports in the proper condition and location. As a courtesy, a mailbox that goes down as a result of snow removal operations on a township road is temporarily repaired as quickly as possible to minimize disruptions in mail delivery. If a properly installed mailbox (see www.monclovatwp/mailbox_regulations.html) is struck by our equipment, it is restored to original condition when scheduling and weather permit. Improperly installed mailboxes or mailboxes knocked down by the weight of the snow receive no further repair or adjustment. Resident comment/complaint forms can be found online-use for winter issues.



Pictured above, Monclova Township Firefighters at Toledo Training Academy on Airport Highway, practicing hose advancement for upper story of structure with the township's ladder truck.

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Gary F. Kuns, Trustee
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Zoning Administrator:

Eric Wagner.....419-865-7857

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Ken Bucher.....419-878-6942

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Business Line.....419-865-9423 X17

You may be interested to know...

1) **Resident Comment Forms**, found on our website, make it easier to inform township staff of issues that need addressing as well as noting positive aspects of the work we perform for you.

Go to www.monclovatwp.org



2) **Street light issue?** Go to www.firstenergycorp.com and search for street light outage form (once there, under "service request", click on "report street light outage". Here's the specific website address; we suggest bookmarking: <https://www.firstenergycorp.com/forms/streetlight/reportStreetLightProblnit.do> or you can file your complaint via our website (www.monclovatwp.org). Administrative staff will pass on your information to the electric company on your behalf.

3) **Green reflective address signs** help emergency services finds you by having your street address easily visible at the road. Purchase green reflective address signs from the Fire Department at a cost of \$10.00; includes one green reflective plate and numbers on both sides. Post can be purchased as well. Order during regular business hours at the Administration Offices, 4395 Albon Road or contact a staff member.

