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Pictured above, the newest addition to the Fire Dept. fleet, a 1997 Pierce 75' Quint aerial ladder truck purchased from the City of Midvale Fire Dept. in Utah. Prior to investing in this vehicle, when needed, a ladder truck had to be requested from an available station outside of Monclova for the protection of township homes and businesses. This vehicle was paid for through JEDZ and CEDA funds.

November 4 Election Day

You may obtain voter registration information from the Lucas County Board of Elections, 419-213-2070 or www.lucascountyvotes.org.

Polling locations: Open 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM
Heavy turnout is expected, so please plan ahead.

Winter Salt Shortage

Due to the heavier-than-average snowfall last winter, many salt storage barns were left virtually empty. Communities that needed additional salt late in the season had trouble finding it because supplier stockpiles had also been depleted. Fortunately, the conservation efforts of Monclova Township's road crews meant that our supplies were never completely depleted.

This year supplier salt orders grew significantly. There is a very real possibility that there will not be enough salt to fulfill contracts. If this comes to fruition, the township will strategize to maintain intersections and major roadways as a first priority.

Fire Levy Renewal on Ballot

On November 4th residents will be asked to consider renewal of the 1.5 mil fire levy. The fire levy is the primary source of funding necessary to operate the Monclova Fire~Rescue Department, accounting for a majority of the annual operating budget, which includes items such as payroll, supplies, utilities and minor equipment replacement, as well as capital budget expenditures.

A renewal levy does not increase your taxes. A levy estimator can be found at the Lucas County website: www.co.lucas.oh.us

Questions regarding Fire~Rescue operations can be directed to Chief Kevin Bernhard at 419-865-9423 or chiefbernhard@monclovatwp.org.

Clothing Donation Box

The township has added a clothing donation box to the recycling center at Albon and Monclova Roads. This is for CLOTHING ONLY. No toys or other donated items.

Trick or Treat Night

October 31 6-8 PM



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. 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 or non-leaf debris (Leaf disposal information continued on page 2)

Emerald Ash Trees

Monclova Township supports an Ash tree owner*s right to determine for themselves whether a pesticide treatment to fight the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) insect is appropriate in their specific circumstance. Tree owners are encouraged to thoroughly research the various treatment options currently available and carefully weigh the costs associated with the required repeated treatments. Treatment of an ash tree may prolong the life of a tree until a natural predator or other viable option for the eradication of the EAB are discovered. If there is an Ash tree in the public right of way in front of your home you may choose a chemical method to try and save it with prior township approval. This work must be carried out by a licensed pesticide applicator. The township has the authority to remove street trees infested with EAB regardless of whether it has been previously treated with a pesticide or not.

The trustees encourage Ash tree owners to contact the Ohio State Extension office (419-578-6783) to find out about all options for your tree.



The Emerald Ash Borer

Fall Leaf Collection (cont. from page 1)

- The township peruses the roadways and collects on an "as needed basis".
- Although not necessary, if you would like Maintenance Staff to be aware of your leaves, call 419-878-6942 or Administrative Office at 419-865-7862, ext. 10 and leave your message.

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.

Change in Road Superintendent



J. Thomas



K. Bucher

Jerry Thomas, Road Department Superintendent for 10 years, has retired after seeing the township through park expansion, building renovations and expansion of services including leaf collection. We sincerely thank him for his efforts!

Ken Bucher will be continuing his role in the township as the new Road Maintenance Superintendent. Mr. Bucher will supervise the final stages of the Keener Park project as well as continuing the good services to our residents!

Road Jurisdictions

STATE:Airport Hwy. and Maumee-Western Rd. (US 20A) - CALL 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. - CALL 419-893-2232

TOWNSHIP: All other public roads - CALL 419-878-6942

Township Winter Policies

Snowplowing

While it seems a bit early to be speaking of snowplowing and winter conditions, the Board of 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. Salt is applied at the start of a storm. 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.

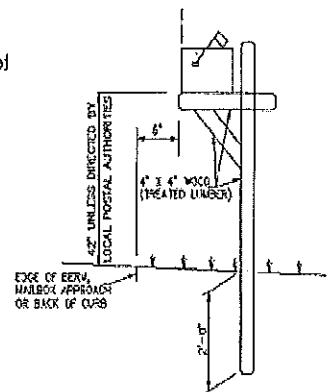
Residents and property owners are responsible for clearing snow from sidewalks and driveways. Snow should be shoveled into the yard, not into the street. Depositing snow in the street could create dangerously slippery conditions for both

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. 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 below) 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.

Mailbox Issues

- The front outer most edge of the mailbox must be 6" away from the back of the curb (or the edge of the pavement).
- Breakaway mounting posts, typically 4x4 wooden posts or 2" or 4" steel posts, are acceptable.
- Do not enclose mailbox in brick or stone. They are considered public safety hazards and are an obstruction to the safe use of the highway.
- Do not fill plastic posts with cement or anchor posts in cement. It is a public safety hazard.
- The township recommends an additional brace on the wooden posts of (typically erected in subdivisions).
- Monclova Township will not be responsible for the replacement of a mailbox or post as a result of incorrectly placed mailboxes.



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U.S. POSTAGE
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Brian D. Craig, Trustee
Chuck Hoecherl, Trustee
Sharon Bucher, Fiscal Officer

Administrator:
Harold A. Grim.....419-865-9662

Zoning Administrator:
Eric Wagner.....419-865-7857

Maintenance Superintendent:
Ken Bucher.....419-878-6942

Fire/Rescue Department:
Chief Kevin Bernhard
Business Line.....419-865-9423 X12
EMS Billing Questions:
Medicount Mgt.....800-962-1484

General Safety Tips from
Lucas County Sheriff James A. Telb:



1. Keep shrubbery cut back from around your residence
2. Light the area around your residence, especially doorways.
3. Keep your overhead garage doors closed.
4. Call 9-1-1 for anything that does not look right/suspicious.

Go to www.monclovatwp.org for the Sheriff's Halloween safety tips.

Electronics Recycling Event

FREE Recycling Opportunity:

**computers phones televisions microwaves shredders
household appliances power tools VCR's stereos and more**

Friday, October 24th (9-3) and Saturday, October 25th (9-2)

Lucas County Solid Waste Management District Office
1011 Matzinger Road, Toledo, OH
call 419-213-2230 for more information