

THE MONCLOVA TOWNSHIP MONITOR

TRUSTEE CRAIG'S FAREWELL MESSAGE

It seems like yesterday that I took my seat on the Monclova Township Zoning Commission, in fact it was October 2003. The Commission guided the township's development, farmland protection, and recommendations for Zoning Resolution text amendments. This led to my appointment on the Board of Trustees, filling a vacated position. In March 2004, Trustees Trettin and Lang appointed me to the unexpired trustee term out of 12 other applicants. I was grateful then for the trust that they placed in me and continue to feel honored to represent the residents of Monclova Township. The voters have continuously elected me since 2004.

To that end, this past July I announced that December 31 of this year will be my last day as a public servant for Monclova Township. Taking a look back at my service I realize that the many projects and decisions I was involved in may fade in memory, as so many previous Elected Officials are aware. But the quality and quantity of the work that was done on behalf of the township remains.

Indulge me for just a moment as I memorialize some of the accomplishments that I am most proud to have contributed to: Increasing our economic development districts for future stability; contract development to provide Lucas County Sheriff's services 24/7; increase Fire and EMS staffing for 24/7 presence; Zoning Resolution updates to stabilize the joining of suburban

living in our formerly rural township; 20A/US 23 interchange that is scheduled to begin in 2022; parkland development on Keener Road.

We have stability and consistency in our township. During my 17 year tenure there has been no turnover in staff positions for Administrator, Fire Chief, Administrative Assistant, Zoning Administrator, Assistant Chief, and the Maintenance Department staff. Only two individuals, holding the position of Road Superintendent and of Deputy Chief, left during my time here.

I am extraordinarily proud of the fact that we have created an environment that creates consistency with exceptional people who are loyal to this community and its residents. Each of them has my enduring respect and gratitude. If you are not aware, Elected Officials in small communities often get things done because our staff goes above and beyond the call.

I hope my involvement in the township has made a positive difference in Monclova Township. I know full well that I did nothing alone, but rather as part of a team.

You are left in good hands. Thanks for supporting me for over 17 years.

Stay Safe,
Brian D. Craig, Monclova Township Trustee

Do you have a permit for that? If someone shows up at your door selling items or services, they need a township permit. They must carry this permit with them and be able to furnish it upon request. Certain charitable organizations are exempt from this requirement. Questions? Call the Zoning Office at 419-865-7857. If someone is in violation, call the Sheriff at 9-1-1.



TRICK-OR-TREAT

AMID COVID-19 CONCERNS IT IS
IMPORTANT TO USE CAUTION FOR
HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES.
FOLLOW CDC RECOMMENDATIONS.
www.cdc.gov

TRICK-OR-TREAT NIGHT
OCTOBER 31ST, 6 PM – 8 PM

Check us out at monclovatwp.org!

FALL LEAF COLLECTION

The Township offers curbside service leaf collection to all curbed and uncurbed public streets - be they township, county, or state roads. This is a no-fee amenity which begins mid-October and stops when leaves are collected or winter conditions are imminent. Free seasonal drop-off service is available to township residents at Ohio Compost, 10839 Sager Road. Call 419-897-7807 for hours of operation or go to ohiocompost.com.

CURBSIDE SERVICE GUIDELINES:

- Crews perform a complete sweep of the township and continue to do so throughout the season. Each pass can take up to 2 weeks. There is no need to call the township and alert us about your leaves unless you have been waiting for more than 3 weeks for service.
- We will NOT collect leaves that contain sticks, large grass debris, non-leaf substances (deadheading, brush), or leaves that are bagged.
- The burning of leaves is a violation of Fire Code and could subject violators to a fine.



MILKPODS FOR MONARCHS

Through October 30, seed pods from common or swamp milkweed can be collected and donated to Lucas Soil and Water Conservation District. The pods must be dry and brown-grey in color; the seam popping when gentle pressure is applied. These pods can be collected into paper bags (avoid using plastic because they introduce mold), while wearing disposable gloves when handling the pods at any time during the process.

Collected dry pods can be dropped off any time through the 30th at the designated bin outside the District's office at 130-A West Dudley in Maumee. Our website has great examples of what the District is looking for. Go to monclovatwp.org under "News and Hot Topics."

EMPTY, CLEAN, AND DRY.

KEEP IT LOOSE!

Please recycle only the items below.



✓ PLASTICS

Recycle plastics #1, #2, #4, #5 and #7. Look on the bottom of containers for a number inside the recycling arrows.



✓ METAL CANS

Recycle all food and beverage metal cans - steel, tin, bi-metal and aluminum.



✓ CARDBOARD, NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINES

You can also include newspaper inserts, catalogs, paperback books, phone books & brochures.



✓ PAPER FOOD CONTAINERS

Recycle food boxes including: juice boxes, egg, ice cream & milk cartons, and cereal & pasta boxes.



✓ PAPER

Recycle envelopes, office paper, junk mail, greeting cards & file folders.



✓ GLASS

Bottles (clear, green & brown)
Jars

Remember to clean and dry the containers noted above. Household items excluded from the above list might be recycled elsewhere. Visit our website for more details – monclovatwp.org.

POLICE PROTECTION ON BALLOT IN NOVEMBER

The Board of Trustees unanimously agreed to proceed with a request to the voters for approval of a renewal levy to continue police protection in Monclova Township.

This 1.5 mill levy would generate \$736,930.00, which equates to \$0.15 per \$100 property valuation for a period of one year.

Under the current contract with the Lucas County Sheriff's Department, 24/7 service is provided to the citizens of Monclova Township, with a substation located at the township's Administration Building on Albon Road. The Sheriff's service includes emergency response, road patrols, traffic enforcement and more.



REMINDERS FOR FALL SAFETY

- Deputy Chief Michael George

*Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents every year.

*Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container and keep it outside at least 10 feet from your home and any nearby buildings.



*Plug only 1 heat-producing appliance (like a coffee maker, space heater or microwave) directly into a wall outlet at a time.

*Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, or space heaters.

*Install carbon monoxide alarms and test at least once a month.

*Never use an extension cord with a heat-producing appliance.

*Extension cords should only be used temporarily. Have an electrician install additional wall outlets where you need them.

ADOPT YOUR CATCH BASIN

Catch basins are storm sewer inlets that filter out leaves, litter and other debris, typically located next to a curb. It is important to maintain catch basins to prevent blockages and minimize the amount of pollutants entering storm sewers, which discharge directly to streams, creeks and the river. Clogged catch basins can also cause water to gather in streets and yards, which can be a nuisance to motorists and homeowners.

The township has approximately 990 catch basins on residential curbed streets. You can adopt the catch basin in front of your home. Simply remove debris from grates - especially in the spring and fall. Clean waterways provide recreation, fish habitat, and add beauty to our landscape.



Contrary to popular belief, grass, oil, and sediments dumped into storm sewer grates do not go to the waste water treatment plant, but flow directly into our waterways. All of us benefit from clean water –and all of us have a role in keeping our lakes, rivers, wetlands and groundwater clean.

TOWNSHIP WINTER POLICIES

In advance of winter conditions we know are just around the corner, Monclova Township Winter Policy is listed here. NOW is the time to shore up your mailbox post as weed whipping may have affected the stability of the post and will be affected by the weight of the snow from snow plows.

*Major connector roads will be attended to first, followed by residential streets.

*One single pass in each direction. After an initial pass, the plow will return to widen the cleared area to the curbed area.

*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 snow coming off the edge of the plow as it passes a driveway.

*Cul de sac plowing will place snow along the outside of the circle. It is impossible to push the snow to the center of the cul de sac. If the plow blade is turned to the left in an attempt to do so, the potential for the truck to slide sideways increases exponentially, creating a hazardous situation that is not acceptable.

*Residents and property owners are responsible for clearing snow from sidewalk and driveways. Snow should be shoveled into the yard NOT into the street. You could be charged with a violation of Section 5589.01 of the Ohio Revised Code if you deposit snow in the street. To avoid double shoveling, 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 shall be temporarily repaired as quickly as possible to minimize disruption in mail delivery. If a properly installed mailbox is struck by our equipment, it is restored to original condition when scheduling and weather permit. Improperly installed mailboxes or mailboxes knocked down due to the weight of the snow receive no further repair or adjustment.

A list of road jurisdictions can be found at monclovatwp.org.

MONCLOVA TOWNSHIP

Administration Offices
4335 Albon Road
Monclova OH 43542

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CHECK US OUT AT MONCLOVATWP.ORG

DIRECTORY

Administration Offices - 419-865-7862

General Inquiries, ext. 2010

Administrator

Harold Grim, 419-865-9662

Elected Officials - 419-865-7862

Trustee Brian Craig, ext. 2025

Trustee Chuck Hoecherl, ext. 2030

Trustee Barbara Lang, ext. 2020

Fiscal Officer Gavin Pike, ext. 2013

Fire/Rescue - Business Calls 419-865-9423

Chief Kevin Bernhard, ext. 2012

Assistant Chief Matt Homik, ext. 2027

Fire Prevention Bureau Mike George, ext. 2017

Road Maintenance Department

Superintendent Ken Bucher, 419-878-6942

Zoning Department

Zoning Administrator Eric Wagner, 419-865-7857



- ✓ Briarfield Boulevard is in Monclova Township! Restaurants and businesses need your support! This includes Barr's Public House, Briarfield Café, Joy Dry Cleaner, Hair Chiasso, Urban Pine Winery, and more!
- ✓ Local Farmers/Markets appreciate your investment in their livelihood, such as Ryan's Farm, Stevens Market, 3N Livestock
- ✓ Two golf courses in Monclova – Brandywine and Fallen Timbers
- ✓ Monclova Road's business district which includes Pizzaroma, The Bakers Kitchen
- ✓ The Monclova Community Center businesses-guitar lessons, Tracy Disbrow Photography, Step by Step, Mary Kay Studio, DanceFam Ballroom Dancing; and Freeze Daddy's is across the street.
- ✓ In our westerly region, Ed's Barbeque

Support the township's small business community! There are more business than we can list in this space. Be cognizant of local choices and home-grown commerce.