



MEDINA TOWNSHIP



TOWNSHIP PURCHASES NEW BUILDING



**Original Schoolhouse
built in 1925**

The Medina Township Board of Trustees agreed that purchasing the property at 3334 Myers Rd. for \$80,000 was a great opportunity for the community. It includes five acres and a 39,000 square foot building. The building had various previous tenants including Windfall School, the Achievement Center for the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities, and The Medina County Transit facility. Chief David Arbogast had been in search of a new location for the Police Department and saw the building's potential. The Fire Department will take advantage

of the space the Police Department is currently using, solving the overcrowding issue for both.

The remaining space presented an opportunity to offer the community space for lease to cover a portion of maintenance costs. The Trustees currently have commitments from the Medina Soccer Association, Medina Creative Opportunities and the Weymouth Preservation Society. Updates, repairs and restoration have already begun by the Medina Soccer Association and Weymouth Historical Preservation Society under the supervision of the Township Trustees.



FLAG DESIGN CONTEST DEADLINE APPROACHING

The deadline for flag design submittals has been extended to January 25, 2013. We opened the Flag Design Contest earlier this summer to all Township residents and Medina City School students. The purpose of the Township Flag Design

Contest is to have a flag specially designed for Medina Township, in an effort to unite our community, and help solidify an identity for the Township, more importantly, allows the design to come from our citizens. A Township flag will be a tangible item that will inherently



carry the story of Medina Township wherever it is displayed.

Entry forms are available at Town Hall, or may be downloaded from our website. Five finalists will be chosen by the Trustees on or about February 15, 2013 and will be on display at Town Hall, and on our website, giving the residents an opportunity to vote on the winner. All votes must be submitted by April 12, 2013. The winner will receive a \$50.00 savings bond and a flag of their design. The winning design will be unveiled at our 2013 Flag Day event. Flags may be available to the public for purchase.

Your Township Elected Officials

Michael D. Todd, Trustee
Chairman of the Board
Police Commissioner

Ken DeMichael, Trustee
Zoning Liaison &
Road Superintendent

Ray Jarrett, Trustee
Vice-Chairman
Fire Commissioner

Linda DeHoff
Fiscal Officer

SERVICE DEPARTMENT



Service Dept. Foreman,
Denny Miller

Medina Township's Service Department works diligently throughout the year maintaining roads, ditches, right of ways and Township owned buildings. This year, repairs have been done on Foskett, Huffman and Bagdad and Paving on Pierce and Hamlin (from Hamilton to Rte. 3) estimating a cost of \$290,000 to complete these projects.



Clearing the wood brick floor
from garage of future Police
Department at Weymouth Bldg.



Denny Miller repairing the
culvert on Huffman Road



D. Miller and Ivan Clifford
clearing ditches of evergreen
trees on Hood Road



Service Dept. preparing dugouts
for cement at Blakslee



Road Repairs at Jefferson and
Pinehurst Drive



Ed Kerr, Denny Miller and Jeff
Kessler repainting Grande Blvd.



First Annual Community Toss
Your Trash Day.

RESTORING TOWNSHIP CEMETERIES



In addition to maintaining the grounds, the Service Department is in charge of digging the graves and preparing footers for the headstones at the Township's four cemeteries. We were fortunate to receive a grant from the Letha E. House Foundation in 2009 that helped fund the restoration of Windfall Cemetery and Hamilton Corners Cemetery. Restoration Specialists, Chambers, Murphy, and Burge

Architects did a fantastic job. Although funding for our preservation efforts was exhausted, we asked them to quote the restoration of critical markers at Weymouth Cemetery, which was one of the first settlements in the Township.



Anyone who is interested in volunteering or donating money to restoration efforts, please call Town Hall, 330-725-5713.

Jeff Kessler has done a great job maintaining Blakeslee Park. The grounds are kept manicured and fields in top condition. New dugouts were recently added. The weather this past summer afforded less game cancellations and the parks were in full swing. (no pun intended)



ROAD DEPARTMENT GEARING UP FOR THE WINTER



1200 tons of salt ready
for the winter.

Winter is right around the corner and our Service

Dept. is preparing for the worst, filling salt storage sheds and replacing mowing equipment with snow plows and salt spreaders. Our Road Dept. is responsible for 42.02 miles of road, which is actually double when plowing both sides. We would like to remind

you of a few safety issues for the winter months. Please be sure your mailbox is secure with the front of the box behind the curb. A reminder to refrain from pushing snow into the roadway. If you have a fire hydrant on or near your

property, please be considerate and take the time to remove the snow from around it for your safety and others.

We wish you all a safe and happy fall and winter season.





STATE OF THE ART FIRE ENGINE TO SERVE THE TOWNSHIP FOR MANY YEARS

The Medina Township Fire Department received a new red and white fire engine in April. It is designated as Engine 201-3, and is stationed at fire station #1, 3803 Huffman Road.



After being delivered, it was outfitted with communications and electronic equipment, and equipped with all necessary firefighting, rescue, salvage tools and appliances inside seven large customized storage compartments. The multi-purpose unit is specifically designed for firefighter safety and ergonomics, and is intended to serve the township for 24 years.

The engine was manufactured by Pierce Manufacturing Inc. Some of the features are: 1500 gallon-per-minute fire pump, 800 gallon water tank, 30 gallon foam tank with fire-fighting foam system, five ladders, four sizes of attack and supply fire hose and nozzles, and a top-mounted pump control panel for operator safety. There are six seats in the cab in which five (5) are fitted with self-contained breathing apparatus for immediate response. The cab has a large EMS-equipped compartment.

The cost of the new engine was \$431,000. It replaces a 1993 Sutphen engine that is retained as a reserve engine and relocated to fire station #2., as required by the Insurance Services Office.



MEDINA TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT PART-TIME FIREFIGHTER OPPORTUNITIES



Fire Chief Mark Crumley

Have you, a friend or someone in your family ever wanted to serve the community, participate in a meaningful, team-oriented organization, improve your personal skills and experience physical and mental challenges? You can have a full time job and still

work as a firefighter. We will pay you to become a cer-



Honor Guard

tified firefighter: No experience necessary. We will train!!! We train you to drive and operate the fire apparatus.

Minimum requirements:

High school graduate or equivalent. Must also pass a comprehensive background check. No drug or alcohol problems, have a good driving record and a valid Ohio driver's license.

IF WE CAN'T FIND YOU WE CAN'T HELP YOU!

In an emergency, locating the caller's address as soon as possible is the first step in saving lives and property. Many residents have failed to present identifiable markings at their



residences and businesses. This makes a big difference between knowing the address and finding it. As a community service, the Medina Township Firefighters

Association has an identification plan to continue to uniformly mark addresses. Our firefighters association will custom make an address sign, 6" x 18", that is highly visible day or night, with reflective letters. This pre-drilled sign is to be installed at the roadside, near your drive-way entrance, and may mount easily to your mailbox or on a separate post..



Lt. Scott Vargo



Cost \$20.00 Please Make Check or Money Order payable to: Medina Township Firefighters Association Attn: Address Sign 3803 Huffman Road, Medina, OH 44256

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____



PROMISES MADE PROMISES KEPT



The Police Department Levy was passed in May of 2011. We were able to follow through with the promise of hiring new officers and bring Officer Jesse Bynum from part time to full time. Officer Hallie Beardsworth and Officer Justin Harvey are now full-time and field trained. Officer Jeffrey Linsker was hired part time. With the increase in the number of officers, there

We are proud to be able to offer services such as vacation watches, extra patrol and participation in community events. Now that the Police



Department has it's own budget to fund its operations, it no longer will have to depend on the General Fund. The trustees can now focus on spending those funds on items such as road repairs.



is a decrease in response time. We would like to thank the residents for supporting the department.

SAVING MONEY IN THE LONG RUN



Police Chief David Arbogast

Chief David Arbogast had the foresight to put a program in place that will save the department money in the long run. Five police cruisers are under lease for three years. Past statistics prove that cruisers service life is three to four years max. Over 75,000 miles,



maintenance costs double. The new police cars have a bumper to bumper warranty and will have much lower miles when it comes time for trading them in, resulting in spending less on maintenance.

COMMUNITY PARTNER PROGRAM

We are very fortunate to have people in Medina Township who still care and believe in helping others. We have very limited resources to educate the public and commit resources to preventing crime. This is where the COMMUNITY PARTNER PROGRAM comes into play. We currently have several community based programs in the works and have

penny contributed has been used for equipment, promotional materials, safety information materials etc. Monies collected before 2013 will be allocated to next year's budget and available for purchasing much



Kids learning how to reveal finger prints



Community Volunteers from "Pick It Up" event 2012

given rise to new programs thanks to generous partners who have contributed in the past. We need your help to fund the resources needed to keep our current programs alive and to continue making our community safer. Every

needed literature and safety materials. Your donation would be a tax deduction for 2012. Our mission is not only to react to crime, but also to prevent crime through education. For more information on how your donation is helping to make a difference in the lives of so many in our community, we invite you to visit us on line at www.medinatownship.com and go to the Police Department link.

WEYMOUTH DAYS



Weymouth Days was held on Saturday, September 15 this year. Weymouth area residents take this opportunity to clean out attics and sell their treasures.

We were able to open the Weymouth Community Building to allow people to use the restrooms.

Chief Arbogast is hoping to expand future Annual Weymouth Days with activities planned throughout the weekend. The potential opportunities we have for various uses of the newly purchased building are unlimited.



ZONING DEPARTMENT



**Zoning Inspector
Elaine Ridgley**

The Zoning Office is your first contact with Medina Township when building a house, shed, accessory building, detached garage, deck, hot tub, and installing a pool or pond. You must have a zoning permit before you build anything on your property. New businesses must go before the Zoning Commission for approval of their site and signage. After approval, they must get permits for their site and

all signage, temporary or permanent. The Zoning Resolutions Book may be downloaded from our website. It is our goal to work with you and help guide you through the process in keeping within the guidelines of the Township's zoning regulations.



The Zoning Commission meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. The Board of Zoning Appeals meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday each month.

WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THE NEW BUSINESSES IN MEDINA TOWNSHIP

Bamboo House
Shop 42
MC Sports
Club Ryo
Brunswick Auto Mart

Medina Car Care
Clarity Hear LLC
Quaker Steak and Lube
Medina Family Barbershop
Cutler Real Estate
Soccer Post

Medina Creative Opportunities
Keller Williams
Medina Soccer Association
Stifel, Nicolaus & Company
Weymouth Historical Preservation Society

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

At a regular meeting on January 12, 2012, the Board of Trustees approved the following as voting members of the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee; Mike Baach, James Apana, Gail Sommers, Allan Hallock, Tony Rataczak, Paul Sevougian, Cindy Szunyog, Bill West, Susan McKiernan, Chris Traynor, Robin Gray, and Bill Ostmann. Mr. Ostmann was voted as Chairman and Mr. West as Vice-Chairman.

This Comprehensive Plan will serve as a "road map" for the future preservation, development and redevelopment of Medina Township. Over the past several years, there has been strong interest and community support to develop an update to the existing Comprehensive Plan to identify the Township's



vision for the future. The original Plan was formerly adopted in 1983 with updates and revisions in 2002. The Comprehensive Plan will be utilized as a policy guide for the Township with a fifteen (15) year time horizon, and will provide a framework for the orderly and efficient development of the Township that takes into account a variety of economic, social, physical, and environmental concerns.

Medina Township residents will have the opportunity to share ideas. It has not been determined as of yet how the committee will go about involving residents but a community survey has been discussed. Public hearings will be held. All meetings are open to the public.

SOLICITORS MUST OBTAIN PERMIT

All solicitors, with the exception of religious or political must obtain a permit from Town Hall in order to knock on your door. They must display a 3" x 5" bright yellow SOLICITOR PERMIT badge with their picture on it in plain view. The permit will have the person's picture and name. If you do not want solicitors knocking on your door you may display a "NO SOLICITORS OR PEDDLERS" sign. If a solicitor does not

display the appropriate documentation, please call 330-723-5191 as soon as possible. This is a non-emergency number to police dispatch. They will radio an officer immediately to your area. We are asking for your assistance in monitoring who is knocking on your door without a permit.

MEDINA COUNTY OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS

The Medina County Office for Older Adults is the premier service provider that can help with a wide variety of services and activities.

Medina County Office for Older Adults is also the location of the Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC). Our ADRC Specialists will help any senior or any adult with a disability with resource assistance, benefit counseling or long term options planning. This

free service enables individuals to remain in their communities independently for as long as possible.

The office is located at 246 Northland Drive, Medina, on the ground floor. Never hesitate to call us with any questions at 330-723-9514.

There is a link on Medina Township Website that brings you directly to Office for Older Adults site.



Medina Township Police, in cooperation with the DEA, has a drop-off box for residents to expose of expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. The box is located in the parking lot between Town Hall and the Police and Fire Dept.



A NOTE FROM THE FISCAL OFFICER

It's hard to imagine that it will be about 18 months since I became Fiscal Officer for Medina Township. During that time it has been many things; exciting, challenging, intimidating, educational and frustrating. Yet above all it has been very rewarding.



A Township Fiscal Officer must keep an accurate record of all township account and transactions specified by the Ohio Revised Code (ORC). The Fiscal Officer works together with the Board of Trustees to ensure that all decisions and actions comply with the laws and regulations that govern townships. Without approval from the Board of Trustees, the Fiscal Officer has no authority to spend money, approve contracts, or do anything else involving Township funds. A good relationship with the Trustees is very important and I am glad to say I have that type of relationship with our Trustees.

A Fiscal Officer, formerly known as Clerk, must wear many hats. Duties include maintaining accounting records, payroll processing, payables, receivables, appropriations, budgets, bank reconciliations, OPERS (Ohio Public Employees Retirement Service) and

BWC (Bureau of Workers' Compensation) reporting just to name a few. One thing I quickly learned was this job is made up of deadlines. If deadlines are not met, penalties may be assessed. The duties vary depending on the Township size, budget and services offered.

With the help of UAN (Uniform Accounting Network) provided by the office of the Auditor of State, accurate accounting practices are possible. Without it, Township officials would not have the necessary information to make informed decisions regarding management and the townships fiscal condition.

This is just a brief overview of some of the responsibilities and duties of a Fiscal Officer. I would like to mention that since becoming Medina Townships' Fiscal Officer, I have had the pleasure of meeting and working with some great people, including my Assistant Fiscal Officer, Celia Goe. Without her I would not be able to accomplish as much as I do. I'd also like to thank the Trustees (both former and present) for their confidence in me when I was first appointed.

FOURTH ANNUAL FLAG DAY CELEBRATION



**Gavin Kruchan and Mike Zevchek,
Medina Township Honor Guard**

In addition to the presentation of the Colors, Retiring of Flags, 21 Gun Salute and Taps, there were speeches and songs that touched those who attended our fourth annual Flag Day celebration. We continued the traditions which include

the Medina Community Band, (conductor Marcus Neiman), Max Deka of Boy Scout troop 462 leading the Pledge of Allegiance, soldiers from the National Guard and George Santosuosso providing a wonderful lunch.

Our keynote speaker this year was Congresswoman Betty Sutton who presented such a humble and moving speech. Mike Todd opened the ceremony followed by Pastor David Tennant of United Methodist church giving the Invocation. Presentation of the Colors was led by Ron Kesek, Sr. Vice Commander VFW Post 5137. Winners of the Fourth Grade Essay Contest were both from Garfield Elementary this year. First place went to Avery Kasian and second place to Blake White. Both girls were presented sav-

ings bonds with a certificate and a commendation from Ohio Speaker of the House William Batchelder.

The Fifth Annual Flag Day Celebration is set for Saturday, June 8, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us to unveil the new flag for Medina Township.



**Medina County Community Band,
Conductor Marcus Neiman**

- *Shop with a Cop is right around the corner. Raffle tickets are available for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Please contact Laurie Shoemaker for tickets or further information. A link to view video of last year's event is available on our website. Go to upcoming events on the Police Link and see slide show from 2011 event. This is a must see. Students needing community service hours are welcome to help chaperone—Must be at least 16 years old.
- *Sixth Annual "Pick it Up" event is scheduled for April 13, 2013.

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- *Second Annual "Toss Your Trash Day" is scheduled for April 20, 2013.
- *Life Pouches for Senior Citizens are available from the Fire Department. See website for further details.
- *Zoning Commission meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month.
- *Board of Zoning Appeals meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month.

- *Schedule for Steering Committee meetings will be available on our website.
- *Trustee meetings are every other Thursday. Schedule is available on our website.

If you would like to receive future Newsletters Electronically, please send your email address to Laurie Shoemaker:
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EMERGENCY 911

Monday—Friday 9-4

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Police Dispatch: 330-723-5191
Road Dept.: 330-764-8767
Fire Dept.: 330-723-6900
Zoning Office: 330-721-1997
Fire Inspections: 330-723-1943

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