

Huntsburg Township

Huntsburg News & Views

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Trick 'r' Treat Night

Saturday, October 31, 2008 between the hours of 5:00 and 7:00 PM. has been designated as "Trick or Treat" night for Huntsburg Township.

Residents wishing to have their homes visited are asked to leave a porch or outside light on.

Children are asked to stop only at homes with lights on. Have a safe Halloween!!



General Election

November 3, 2009 is voting at the Huntsburg Town Hall. Polls open at 6:30 AM and close at 7:30 PM.

On the ballot this year you will choose two trustees from the following candidates:

Jim Baker 17650 Burton Windsor Rd Middlefield OH.

Jon A Hunter 12665 Princeton Rd Huntsburg OH

Erik R. Mirossay 12029 Hunt Rd Huntsburg OH

Nancy J Saunders 12081 Hunt Road Huntsburg OH.

The Hershey Montessori Farm School will sponsor a candidates night at the town hall. Please check local newspapers for date & time.

There will also be three State Issues and Two County Issues.

State Issue I Constitutional Amendment—Bonds to provide compensation to Veterans of the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts.

State Issue II Constitutional Amendment—Create the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board.

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State Issue III Constitutional Amendment — authorize a single casino in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus and Toledo.

Geauga County Tax Levy for Senior Services 1 Mill replacement running for 5 years.

Geauga County Tax Levy for Mental Health is a 0.7 Mill replacement for 5 years.

We urge you to vote on November 3, 2009. Visit the Board of Elections at: http://www.co.geauga.oh.us/BOE_Main.aspx for more information.

TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

Trustees Meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the town hall. Residents are encouraged to attend and assist with the governmental process.

Zoning meetings for the Zoning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals are held when necessary. Please check local papers for dates and times.

Zoning Inspector Erik Mirossay is available by appointment for your zoning permits, exemptions and variances. He may be reached by calling the township offices at 636-5486 ext. 3. Please leave a message and he will return your call.

HUNTSBURG CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

This is a challenging time for some of our neighbors. The Huntsburg Congregational Church food cupboard is active and available to the community. If you or anyone you know are in need of assistance, please contact Dr. Bob Barber at 636-5504 or 286-5019. If you are able to help with non-perishable food and paper product donations, they can be dropped off at the church at any time.

Once again the Hershey Montessori Farm School will represent Huntsburg by participating in the Geauga Park District's Holiday Tree Display—Catch the Spirit. The 2009 theme is "To Wish Upon a Star". The Holiday Trees will be on display at the Donald W. Meyer Center, Big Creek Park during the month of December.

The following questions were asked at several trustee meetings this summer. Administrative Assistant Nancy Saunders complied the following information.

▪ **Why haven't the trustees searched for more monies for hard surfacing such as stimulus, grants etc?**

The township does apply each year for OPWC Grants, Issue 1 Money; however, we have only received funding approximately every three (3) years. The Administrative Assistant did apply for Stimulus money \$4,000,000.00 for hard surfacing of all township roads. She also applied for \$200,000.00 to cover the township's portion of Bundysburg Road and \$600,000.00 to hard surface north and south Princeton Roads. We were told our roads did not meet the criteria required for stimulus funding.

Total Grant Money received for roads 1994 – 2009

\$	40,000.00	1994
\$	145,125.16	1997
\$	112,375.36	2000
\$	200,000.00	2003
\$	213,300.00	2006
\$	710,800.52	Total
\$	212,000.00	2009
\$	922,800.52	Total

▪ **Could the Calcium Chloride placed on the roads be put down in a stronger concentration?**

No. The concentration is regulated by Federal & State regulations SARA Title III and material safety data sheets accompany the bid.

▪ **Why don't we use MC30 for dust control?**

MC30 costs approximately \$4.00 per gallon. 30,000 gallons would cost \$120,000.00.

▪ **Why was the MC30 removed from township roads when it was in a good condition and had stabilized the road?**

MC30 was removed to allow for the proper maintenance of the road. Gravel roads need to be graded and graveled in the spring and fall. Winter weather usually destroys MC30.

▪ **Why don't we sell the 50-acre farm and use that money for the roads?**

The property was purchased in segments. The first two hold the current recreational park. The last 97 acres was purchased for future use, such as more recreational facilities, future home of a new maintenance facility, future water & waste facility. Many other townships and cities have found themselves in a bad position when the OEPA dictated they add a waste water treatment facility for the denser populated town centers thus causing them to borrow monies to purchase land at a premium. We were fortunate enough to purchase the property for less than \$1,000.00 an acre. The township rents 50 acres to the highest bidding farmer for a five-year period. The property doesn't cost the township any money at this time. Selling is a bad idea. The property is a wise investment for the future. A grant for 30,000.00 was received in 1996 for the Basketball & Tennis Courts

• ▪ **Why do we have a gym?**

The gym was built by the community in 1926 and given to the Board of Trustees by the Congregational Church years later. The Board of Trustees then gave it to Cardinal Schools to use as long as it was used for educational needs. The school was unable to keep up with the maintenance of the building so they returned it to the Board of Trustees. The township was able to secure NatureWorks Grants and Community Block Grant money to make the improvements. The gym was rented by Huntsburg School until they moved their classes to Middlefield. It is rented out to The Hershey Farm School and various private Basketball teams, it is used by Cardinal School youth groups, Church youth groups, the Huntsburg Grange, Huntsburg youth base ball program, Easter Egg Hunt, Pumpkin Festival. It is considered a community center.

NatureWorks Grant	\$26,611.00
Community Block Grant	\$27,600.00
Total	\$54,211.00

▪ **How much will it cost to pave the remaining 14 miles of roads?**

Currently one-mile of cement stabilization & hard surfacing is approximately \$350,000.00 per mile. 14 miles x \$350,000.00 = \$4,900,000.00. This figure will be more each year and is a rough estimate. Hunt Road estimate this year is \$375,000.00

▪ **Why can't a road levy be placed on the ballot for hard paving roads?**

A permanent improvement levy for hard surfacing can be placed on the ballot. A New/Additional Levy of 1.0 mill will yield \$62,700 per year and cost the owner of a single family home owner occupied home with a Market Value of \$100,000.00 \$30.63 a year. In order to generate \$5,000,000.00 a 16.0 mill levy lasting 5 years would need to be passed. It would cost a homeowner with a Market Value of \$100,000.00 \$490.08 per year, homeowner with a Market Value of \$200,000.00 \$980.16 year for 5 years.

▪ **How much will it cost to chip seal all the remaining gravel roads?**

Each mile of road will have different specifications depending on the present road conditions. Estimates for other townships average about \$45,000.00 per mile. 14 miles x \$45,000.00 = \$630,000.00 for the first year and 14 miles x \$12,000.00 = \$168,000 a year for the next 2 years and then once every 3 to 5 years per mile depending on the road conditions. These figures are a rough estimate. The county engineer provided Hunt Road estimate at \$120,000.00.

▪ **Why don't you do more road maintenance?**

Huntsburg Township does complete road maintenance. Roads are always clear in the winter, roads are graded in the spring and fall, roadsides are mowed, ditches are maintained and dust control is applied when applicable. The road crew is under the direction of the board of trustees and do a good job on the roads. Maintenance of roads is conducted when weather conditions are favorable for grading, plowing and ditching.

Important Phone Numbers & Fees

For all Emergencies Dial 911

Township Offices:

Fiscal Office 636-5486
 Garage 636-5486
 Zoning 636-5486
 Cemetery 636-5486

Clark M. Adams 635-0018
 Nancy J. Kothera 636-5498
 Jerry M Rose 636-5145
 Michele Saunders 636-5486

Post Office 636-5212

Geauga County

Offices 285-2222
ODOT 440-834-4441

Below is a partial list of fees: for building rentals, cemetery and zoning. Huntsburg residents will pay:

Town Hall rental per floor
 Nov—March \$65.00
 April –Oct \$50.00
 Kitchen Use \$25.00
 Park Pavilion \$20.00
 Gym 2 hours \$30.00

Cemetery

Grave \$150.00
 Open/Close \$200.00
 Foundations/sq. ft. \$45.00

Non residents will pay a higher fee to purchase graves and to rent the town hall.

Zoning

New Single Family Home \$100.00
 Garage/accessory Bld. \$50.00
 Alterations \$50.00
 Driveway Permit \$35.00
 Zoning Book \$15.00

Giant Pumpkins Joe Vunak first place 1,140 pounds, Jerry Rose Jr. second 1,041 pounds and Jim Reiter third place 958 pounds.

Giant Pumpkins Local Class first place Jerry Rose III 451 pounds.

Rock Throw Josh Lasich threw 15 feet 9 inches.

Baking Contest first place winners are Pies Carolyn Thornton, Cake Kathy Uncapher, Cookie Troy & Gabriel, Bread Carolyn Thornton Other Cindy Smith and Kids Megan Maddox.

Car Show Peoples Choice Winners Saturday: Darin Harley with

Pumpkin Festival Winners

Pumpkin Queen Ashley Dudek, Tot King Xander Rose, Tot Queen Anastasia Fisher.

Parade winners Marching Groups first place Cardinal Marching Band, second place Geauga Highlanders Bagpipes. Floats first place Mirossay & Saunders for Huntsburg Trustee, second place the Lighthouse Methodist Church. Motor Vehicles first place Christ Crusaders Motorcycles, second place Middlefield Fire Department .

Antique vehicles first place Purple Chevy Truck second place Allis Chalmers D-17. Animals first place John, Sam & Jake (the horse is Jake) second place Morning Star Farm.

Largest Potato went to Jerry Rose Jr. weighing in at nearly three pounds.

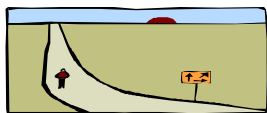
Largest Zucchini went to Alyssa Mirossay weighing 10 pounds 10 oz..

Largest Sunflower went to Jo Vunak

Sorry some of our results are missing for the field pumpkins and the decorated and carved pumpkin show if you were a winner please call Nancy at 440-636-5197 with your results.

License Plates

Many Huntsburg residents have addresses such as Windsor, Chardon and Middlefield, when renewing your license plate please make sure that Huntsburg Township is listed as your township of residency. A portion of your license plate tax dollars is returned to Huntsburg and is used for road projects.



Cable

Zito Media currently has an agreement with Huntsburg Township to furnish cable services. If you wish to subscribe to standard or digital services contact them at 1-866-755-2948. You may also visit their website at www.zitomedia.com. If you have complaints or have been experiencing trouble with your cable service and have not been able to correct the problems by contacting Zito Media please contact the office at 636-5486 option 4 or put your issues in writing to Huntsburg Township, P.O. Box 280, Huntsburg, OH 44046.

Fall Back

Remember to turn your clocks back on Sunday, November 1 at 2:00 AM. The fire department reminds you to change the batteries in all smoke detectors too.



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Pumpkin Festival

The festival committee wishes to thank all the hardworking volunteers who made this year's festival a great success. A big **THANK YOU** to the following sponsors.

Huntsburg

T & T Heavy Equipment Repair, Huntsburg Baptist Church, Vista Hearing Instruments, M.A. Miller LLC, Scott & Judy Rodgers, Tim Frank Septic Tank Cleaning, Pine Creek Electric, Rolling Green Golf Club, Solid Rock Landscaping LLC, Geauga Ground Maintenance, Diamonds in the Ruff, J.P. Gas, A & G Trucking, Weaver Bedding, Blue Diamond Copperhead Kennels, Meadow Ridge Farms, Blossom Hill Nursing Home, Loze Excavating, Will's Trucking, Princeton Tool, Wise Photography, Huntsburg Dairy Whip, The Schinness Family Maple Syrup, and Rev. Bob Barber.

Middlefield

Dr. Bob Evans, Marge's Smoke Shop, Huntington National Bank, Farmers Welding Supply, Grandview Golf Club Inc., Western Reserve Farm Coop, Middlefield Farm & Garden, Community Care Ambulance, Middlefield Sign Co, Shetler Printing & Office Supply, Middlefield Giant Eagle, Ted Reed Accounting, Geauga Auto Parts, First Quality Sales, The Good News, Geauga Cleaners, Alley's Grill, and Pine Craft Storage Barns.

Chardon

Junction Auto Family, Alvord Agency, All-Ways Flasher Service, KT's Custom Logos, Sages Apples, P.O. V. Printing, Geauga County Maple Leaf, Kathy Pannetti Shuttle Service, BP Builders, Inc., Geauga Park District, Geauga Y.M.C.A. Hambden Tire & Auto and The Geauga County Sheriff's Dept.

Ashtabula County

The Star Beacon, Lucas Pest Management.

Montville Townsend Machine

Claridon Arms Trucking Company

Newbury, Varner's Auto Body & Sales

Cortland The Trucker's Choice

Mayfield, Lee Jewelers

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