

# MY MONCLOVA TOWNSHIP MONITOR

## CHRISTMAS TREE CURBSIDE COLLECTION

Monclova Township offers residents convenient holiday live tree recycling. Your tree must be placed at the curb, following these conditions:

- No plastic bag
- No decorations, i.e. lights, garland
- All trees at curb as stated below. Staff will make one pass through each route.

**North Route: Tree at curb January 5<sup>th</sup>  
for January 6 & 7 collection.**

**South Route: Trees at curb January 7<sup>th</sup>  
for January 8 & 9 collection.**

Unsure of your route? It's the same route as your recycling. See page 3 for details.

## WHICH COMMUNICATION SYSTEM?

**BOTH!**

**FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS SUCH AS TORNADO  
WARNING OR SNOW EMERGENCY:  
MONCLOVA ALERTS**

**THIS IS THE TOOL THE COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP USE WHEN  
TIMING MATTERS! SIGN UP AT [MONCLOVATWP.ORG](http://MONCLOVATWP.ORG)**

**UTILIZE THE *MY MONCLOVA* MOBILE APP FOR DAY-TO-DAY  
COMMUNICATIONS LIKE REPORTING AN ANIMAL IN THE  
ROAD, LARGE ITEM COLLECTION REQUEST, OR  
GIVING A NOTE TO STAFF.**

**WINTER POLICIES, INCLUDING SNOWPLOWING  
AND MAILBOX ISSUES, WERE PUBLISHED AND  
MAILED TO OUR RESIDENTS IN OUR FALL  
MONITOR. AN ADDITIONAL COPY OF THIS  
NEWSLETTER CAN BE FOUND AT  
[MONCLOVATWP.ORG](http://MONCLOVATWP.ORG).**

**REMEMBER TO SHOVEL YOUR SIDEWALK.  
THOSE WINTER WALKERS, SCHOOL CHILDREN,  
AND DOG WALKERS THANK YOU!  
BE A 'SNOW ANGEL' AND VOLUNTEER TO CLEAR  
PAVEMENT OF A NEIGHBOR.**

## THE CHALLENGE OF STEWARDSHIP

Ohio's townships are some of the oldest units of local government in Ohio, and they remain the most vulnerable. People move away from cities into townships that offer less government constraints. While Monclova Township offers residents a sense of rural character, responsive service, and community identity, we also face a recurring challenge: the ongoing threat of annexation from nearby cities. This issue is not new, but it continues to shape the decisions township officials must make on behalf of their residents.

The loss of land obviously results in the loss of township territory, but it is also a loss of zoning control, which is a protection for our residents. When a proposed development borders a municipality, a township can find itself in the delicate position of weighing local concerns against the strategic need to prevent annexation. If the township says "no" to a project, a developer can simply choose to seek annexation into an abutting city like Maumee that is willing to say "yes." The township loses zoning control and the ability to add protective conditions to approvals.

Reaching back to the late 1980's, the threat of annexation by the cities of Maumee and Toledo was reality. The trustees at that time curtailed this risk through the mastery of the legal system and compromise. Many of our long-term residents recollect the fight that literally went on years due to the purchase of land by City of Toledo and Mayor John McHugh's pursuits. In simplistic terms, that pursuit resulted in the mid-1990's joint economic compromise with Toledo and Maumee, for the zone generally known as Briarfield Boulevard/Technology Drive.

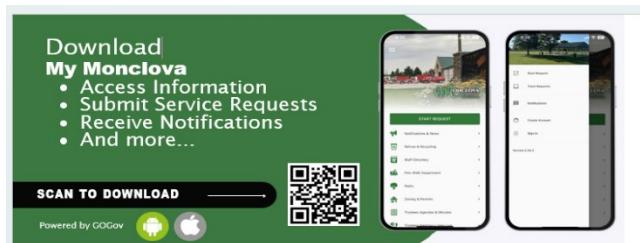
Since that time State of Ohio law has morphed into annexation law that, in our opinion, leans in favor of cities. A recent example of township annexation occurred in 2024 when Black Road property annexed into abutting city of Maumee. The city was amenable to a higher housing density which the township trustees were opposed to. Though the trustees fought this action in court, the annexation was nonetheless (cont. pg 2)

## HOME RULE TOWNSHIPS

Home Rule in Ohio gives a township greater local control and flexibility to govern in ways that best fit our community's needs. Under Home Rule authority, a township can adopt rulings on matters of local concern such as zoning, nuisance abatement, property maintenance, and certain safety issues without waiting for state statutes to address every situation. This protection allows townships to respond more quickly to problems, preserve community character, and implement regulations that reflect local priorities.

To answer a recent question, Home Rule cannot stop a property owner from annexing from the township. Home Rule may not conflict with state law. It does, however, empower a township to be more proactive, self-directed, and effective in maintaining the health, safety, and general welfare of its residents.

Monclova Township is NOT a home rule entity at this time, but we want to take the time to educate residents on the differences between the two governing styles. Look for more information about the importance of Home Rule in the next issue of our Monitor.



## CONTINUING OUR PROGRESS IN 2026

-Administrator Harold Grim

Elected Officials, staff, and I work together to ensure taxpayer dollars are allocated appropriately and responsibly. With this and other sources of revenue such as grants and loans, we fund many important township services and improvement projects.

The rote township governance items include trash and recycling, stormwater management, maintenance of our beautiful parks, professional services, maintaining our excellent road system, and snow removal, to name but a few.

As part of our long-range planning, each year the township prioritizes major road projects. The 2026 Resurfacing Project includes Wrenwood Plats 1 through 5, The Ridge at Wrenwood Plats 1 & 2, and Keystone Drive. The estimated cost of this improvement is \$1.7 million. We will receive \$670,000 in funding assistance from the Ohio Public Works Commission in the form of a \$335,000 grant and a \$335,000 ten-year zero interest loan.

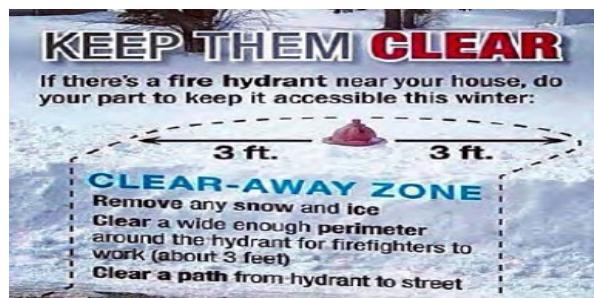
Contact me with any questions, [hgrim@monclovatwp.org](mailto:hgrim@monclovatwp.org).

## PLEASE KEEP SAFE

As we enter into the winter heating months, we want all residents to practice fire safety.

- Remember to keep anything that can burn 3 feet from fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, or space heaters.
- Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney every year.
- Install and test carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month.

Completing these few safety tips, can put you well on your way to a safe and joyful holiday season. If you have any questions regarding home fire safety, please reach out to Fire Safety Inspector Ryan Grant with Fire Prevention Bureau at 419-865-9423 ext. 2017 or email him at [fireprevention@monclovatwp.org](mailto:fireprevention@monclovatwp.org).



## THE CHALLENGE (cont. from pg 1)

approved by the county. This impacted Anthony Wayne schools as annexing into Maumee did not remove the property from our AW schools' roll.

As Monclova Township pursues thoughtful land use planning that preserves quality of life, we must also recognize that rejecting certain proposals can have critical consequences. If property is annexed, township residents have lost the battle to have any conditions or protections placed on the project.

No one has threatened annexation about, for instance, the possibility of a data center being built or a new housing development on our border. The potential is simply a reality. Do we want land that abuts another jurisdiction to stay in the control of Monclova Township or someone else?

For residents, understanding the truth of annexation is key. Oftentimes decisions need to be made that require a larger strategy, and not just a linear opinion of "not in my backyard." Township officials are not only responding to today's requests. They are also protecting tomorrow's land use patterns, community identity, and self-preservation with responsible stewardship of public interests and resources.

**2026 Monclova Township Refuse / Recycling Schedule**  
**Weekly Refuse Collection - Limited to 1 Republic Services Toter**  
**Biweekly Recycling - Limited to 1 Republic Services Toter**

**All trash and recycling toters are the property of Republic Services and are not to be removed from the current premises.**

JANUARY							FEBRUARY							MARCH									
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S			
				1	2	3		1	2	3	<b>N</b>	5	6	7	1	2	3	<b>N</b>	5	6	7		
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	18	19	20	<b>N</b>	22	23	24	*	22	23	24	<b>S</b>	26	27	28	*	22	23	24	<b>S</b>	26	27	28
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**\* Eligible week for one large item collection. One pickup per month.**

*Schedule at least 48 hours in advance: 1-734-848-5226 or app.*



**N** North Route Recycling - Everything north of Monclova Road

## **S** South Route Recycling - Monclova Road and everything south

**H** Republic Services Holiday (Collections delayed one day)

Additional toters are available through pri

If you have a question about your service you can contact the township directly at 419-865-7862.

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## FOR SERVICE RELATED ISSUES

## **CONTACT REPUBLIC SERVICES**

**1-734-848-5226**

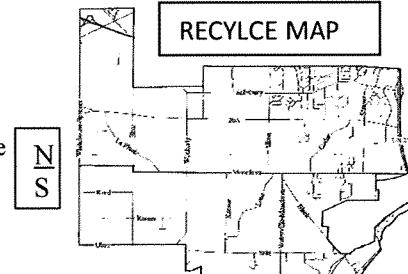
OR MY MONCLOVA MOBILE APP.

**MISSED? PLEASE REPORT BY 8 AM THE NEXT DAY  
TO EXPEDITE A RETURN VISIT.**

**TRASH SERVICE COVERED UNDER THE CONTRACT WITH REPUBLIC SERVICES:**

- Normal household waste for weekly Wednesday collection unless followed by a major holiday, then one day delayed.
  - Apartment rentals are not covered under the township's residential services.
  - One township-provided trash toter is your limit with the township service. Lid to toter should close.
  - **Trash must be out by 7:00 AM.** Changes in weather, crew assignment, etc. may alter your typical collection time, but placement must always be before 7:00 AM. Large-scale changes are announced through the *My Monclova* mobile app.
  - Large item pickup: Asterisk (\*) on calendar indicates a potential collection date. You are allowed one large item per month at no cost. At least 48-hour advance notice must be given via the **My Monclova** mobile app or to Republic staff at 734-848-5226.
  - No construction or remodeling debris.
  - No item will be accepted that will harm a sanitation worker or a truck, i.e. pool chemicals, gasoline, steel pipe, excessive weight of container.
  - **NO LOOSE TRASH** in your garbage toter. This lessens debris in the road.
  - Recycling service is every-other-week per your route schedule (N or S on calendar). Unsure of route? Call the township. The adjacent map is a depiction. Not intended as a street map.

Monclova Road addresses and south=South Route; North of Monclova Rd=North Route



**NO PLASTIC BAGS IN RECYCLING TOTER.** All items should be loose.

**MISSED?** The truck will not come back if you did not place your toter out by 7:00 AM.

**LIMIT ON TRASH:** One Republic Services toter. No trash above toter line or on the

outside of toter. C

Compost, 10839 Sager Road, 419-897-7807. This is a seasonal, fee-free drop-off for residents.

**DEFINITIONS:**  
**LARGE ITEM:** Examples-chair, mattress, stove, refrigerator (must have technician verification that Freon has been removed)

**YARD WASTE:** Contained yard waste (in regular trash bag) is accepted in toter. Township Guidelines must be adhered to (water, excessive weight, all items within toter, etc.). Township-provided fee-free seasonal drop-off at Ohio Compost is also an option.



MONCLOVA TOWNSHIP  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES  
4335 ALBON ROAD  
MONCLOVA, OH 43542

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### DOWNLOAD *MY MONCLOVA MOBILE APP*

#### **Administration Offices - 419-865-7862**

General Inquiries, ext. 2010

#### **Administrator**

Harold Grim, 419-865-9662

#### **Elected Officials - 419-865-7862**

Trustee Chuck Hoecherl, ext. 2030

Trustee Barbara Lang, ext. 2020

Trustee Debbie Stevens-Laux, ext. 2025 (1/1/26)

Fiscal Officer Gavin Pike, ext. 2013

Elected Officials' Email: First name initial, last name, then [@monclovatwp.org](mailto:@monclovatwp.org)

#### **Fire/Rescue: Business Calls 419-865-9423 / 9-1-1**

Chief Matt Homik, ext. 2027

Assistant Chief Tom Yunker, ext. 2012

Fire Safety Inspector Ryan Grant, ext. 2017

#### **Road Maintenance Department**

Superintendent Doug Holland, 419-878-6942

#### **Zoning Department**

Zoning Administrator Eric Wagner, 419-865-7857



#### **LITTLE LIBRARY COMING TO COMMUNITY PARK:**

Thanks to a community engagement project by Anthony Wayne High School Senior Lilla H., the Community Park at Albon and Monclova Roads will see a lovely upgrade with the addition of a Little Library at our Shelter House. Our Maintenance Department crew will construct Lilla's design in early Spring so that when the weather breaks, you can sit, enjoy the park, and read a new-to-you book under the shelter or at a bench.



#### **WEBSITE:**

[monclovatwp.org](http://monclovatwp.org) is relied upon for information, forms, current topics communication, legal notices, meeting audios, and so much more! Log on and check out the drone video of our township! You might not realize how expansive our territory is!

#### **GENERAL QUESTIONS?**

[info@monclovatwp.org](mailto:info@monclovatwp.org)