

MY MONCLOVA TOWNSHIP MONITOR

ROUNDBABOUTS PAVE THE WAY FOR SAFER INTERSECTIONS

Roundabouts are shaping the future of how we move through our community. Lucas County and Monclova Township are continuing to invest in these designs to improve safety, efficiency, and long-term infrastructure sustainability.

You have heard the evidence by now: Statistics show that roundabouts significantly reduce the severity of crashes compared to traditional signalized intersections. Because vehicles travel in a counterclockwise pattern and at lower speeds, dangerous left-turn conflicts and high-speed “T-bone” collisions are largely eliminated. Studies show that roundabouts can reduce fatal and serious injury crashes by as much as 82 percent, while single-lane roundabouts alone reduce injury crashes by nearly 69 percent.

Unlike signalized intersections where motorists may wait through long red lights, roundabouts allow vehicles to move more continuously through intersections. This design increases intersection capacity by as much as 30 to 50 percent and helps reduce congestion during peak travel periods. Salisbury and Holloway Roads roundabout can surely attest to that.

The economic and environmental benefits are there as well. Vehicles spend less time idling, which lowers fuel consumption and reduces emissions. With no traffic signal equipment to maintain, these intersections also

have lower long-term maintenance costs for communities.

Construction on the next phase of Monclova Township roundabouts will occur throughout 2026:

- **April 13:** Albon Road & Monclova Road; approximately 45 days; Lucas County Project
- **June 8:** Monclova Road & Waterville-Monclova Road; approximately 40 days; Lucas County Project
- **August 1:** Albon Road & U.S. 20A; approximately 90 days; Lucas County Project
- **Strayer Road & U.S. 20A:** Start date after Augusts 1; ODOT Project

The Office of the Lucas County Engineer has an impeccable website with very specific roundabout information-lucascountyengineer.org/roundabouts.

There are a lot of projects this year. While construction will temporarily impact traffic patterns, these projects represent a long-term investment in safer, more efficient roadways for Monclova Township residents.



BUILT ON DEDICATION, GROWING WITH PURPOSE

Monclova Township has created a new Director of Safety Services position as part of a thoughtful step forward in serving our growing Monclova Township community. This position will also oversee the Zoning Department. For years, we have carefully managed with minimal staffing, holding the line while needs steadily increased. As an example, the staffing level of our three-person administrative team comprised of the Township Administrator, the Zoning Inspector, and the Administrative Assistant, has remained unchanged since 2001. Our current team has carried the workload with professionalism and dedication, ensuring residents receive excellent service. With continued growth, we've reached a tipping point. Residents will begin to see strategic staffing increases aimed at maintaining the high level of service our community expects and deserves. New team members will join us in May, and we will share additional details in our next Monitor.

SUMMER NEWS TO SHARE

-Administrator Harold Grim

There is a lot happening in our community this summer! From road improvements to creek beautification, here's a snapshot of what's coming:

- **Road Projects:** Crissey Road will receive an overlay **before August 1**, while the Monclova Road ("Downtown") overlay will take place **after August 1**, following the installation of the new roundabout (see page 1). **Wrenwood's resurfacing project**, which we told you about in the December Monitor, is also scheduled **to be completed by August 1**.
- **Wabash Cannonball Trail:** Lucas County, in coordination with the MetroParks, will resurface portions of the trail **this summer**. Trail users may notice some disruptions during construction, so bring along some patience on your walks.
- **Swan Creek:** In **late summer**, the county will be removing log jams along Swan Creek. This cleanup is designed not only to improve water flow but also to enhance the creek's natural beauty. Underbrush will be cleared, trees assessed as dead or susceptible will be carefully removed. Different projects will have tailored approaches to ensure both safety and environmental stewardship.

We'll be providing additional details with a special speaker at a Trustees' meeting to explain the scope and timing of these Swan Creek cleanup projects. Stay tuned to our social media for updates. It's going to be a busy summer in Monclova Township with improvements to roads, trails, and waterways, there's plenty to look forward to!

PREVENT THAT SMALL SPARK

Residents who use home oxygen therapy are urged to take extra precautions when it comes to fire safety. According to fire safety data, smoking is responsible for an estimated 40% of known fire fatalities. When oxygen is in use, even a small spark can ignite into a fast-moving, intense fire within seconds.

While oxygen itself does not burn, it accelerates combustion, causing flames to spread more rapidly. Clothing, bedding, and furniture can ignite quickly in oxygen-rich environments.

To reduce this risk, the Monclova Township Fire Department is offering free installation of the Firesafe™ Cannula Valve for residents who use home oxygen. The small device is placed directly into oxygen tubing and automatically stops oxygen flow if exposed to flame. Installation is quick and requires no maintenance after placement. Residents are also reminded never to smoke while oxygen is in use and to keep all ignition sources away from oxygen equipment.

To schedule a free installation, email fireprevention@monclovatwp.org or call 419-865-1723.

ORIGINS OF THE JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONE

In 2002, Monclova Township, the City of Maumee, and the City of Toledo came together with a shared vision: to support economic growth through a Joint Economic Development Zone (JEDZ) while fairly sharing the benefits. An initial proposal was not approved by voters, but a revised plan returned in 2003 and earned strong community support, officially creating the MMT JEDZ.

In 2004, the JEDZ Board adopted a 1.5 percent income tax on business income and wages within the zone. Like many new initiatives, it faced a legal challenge that moved through the courts for several years, including an appeal to the Ohio Supreme Court. In 2010, the matter concluded with an updated agreement that continues to guide the JEDZ today.

The agreement reflects a spirit of partnership and regional cooperation. It outlines how revenue is collected and shared, helping to support services and infrastructure across the area. The Ohio Department of Development has recognized the MMT JEDZ as one of the earliest of its kind in the state and the second established in Lucas County.

A key part of the agreement involves communication and coordination among partners, particularly regarding annexation of land within the Township.

In 2022, an annexation involving 27 acres prompted questions and conversations among the partners. Since then, discussions and mediation efforts have taken place, with all parties working toward clarity and mutual understanding.

As with any long-standing partnership, the focus remains on honoring shared goals, maintaining open dialogue, and continuing to work together in the best interest of the community.

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LITTLE FREE LIBRARY AT COMMUNITY PARK

Thanks to Anthony Wayne High School students Lila H., Elizabeth B., Maya B., Sonya B., Madison E., Alaina J., Ava N., Katience B., and Isabel R., Community Park at Albon & Monclova Roads has a new feature! A sweet Little Free Library was built, painted, and donated by these students for our neighborhood to enjoy. Our Maintenance crew installed the box under protection of the Shelter House so everyone can take a book, share a book, and appreciate reading in the park.

Little Free Libraries are part of a global movement encouraging literacy and community connection. Drop off a book, pick up a new-to-you read, and enjoy some time under the shelter. Let's make our Little Library a hub for neighbors and readers alike!



LIGHT UP THE NIGHT SAFELY

As communities begin planning for celebrations leading up to the United States' 250th birthday, Monclova Township would like to remind residents of Ohio's fireworks guidelines to ensure a safe and enjoyable season for all.

Under Ohio law, consumer fireworks may only be discharged on specific dates and times, including Memorial Day weekend, Juneteenth, and around July 4th, generally between 4 p.m. and 11 p.m. Discharge is permitted only on private property with permission, and local regulations may further restrict use. Go to monclovatwp.org for more information from the State Fire Marshall's office.

Safety rules also prohibit use by anyone under 18, discharging near structures or spectators, or while under the influence.

Before lighting the fuse, residents are encouraged to review both state and local regulations and always prioritize safety, courtesy, and awareness of neighbors and their animals.



BIG SAFETY LESSONS FOR MONCLOVA'S LITTLE LEARNERS

The Safety Town concept is a nationally recognized summer program that teaches young children practical safety skills such as pedestrian awareness, fire safety, and how to respond in emergencies through hands-on activities and interactive lessons.

After a session some years ago, one young participant proudly slowed her brother down when it was time to cross the mall street and encouraged him to stop, look both ways. An example of success after just a few days at Monclova Township's Safety Township program. That's the kind of confidence the Monclova Township Fire Department hopes to build.

The Monclova Township Fire Department is now accepting registrations for its popular Safety Township Program, designed for children **entering kindergarten**, ages 5-6. Inspired by the nationally recognized Safety Town model, the program teaches essential safety topics such as fire prevention, pedestrian awareness, and learn how to respond in emergencies through fun, interactive activities.

Sessions will be held at **Monclova Primary June 8-12**, with a morning (9-11) session and an afternoon (12-2) session available on a first-come, first-served basis. The fee is \$30. Registration form is available at monclovatwp.org in scrolling news or at the Monclova Township Administrative Building, 4335 Albon Road, Mondays, 12-4; Tuesdays through Fridays, 8-4.

Spots fill quickly, so families are encouraged to register soon!





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Have you downloaded the My Monclova app to register your large item collection?

VISIT US

We'll make it work your while to visit us: Flag drop-off for proper disposal; MedBox to rid your medicine cabinet of pills and caplets; local drop site for donations to AW's Neighborhood Bridges.

GENERAL QUESTIONS?

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