Fall 2026

Conservation Notes

"Local leadership for soil and water conservation"

Newsletter from the Medina County Soil & Water Conservation District

Join us for our 82nd Annual Meeting at Keller Farms for a Family Farm Day!

Thursday, October 15th

3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
2710 Lester Road, Medina

Tickets: $5.00 for ages 10 and up, nine and under are free.

Tickets can be purchased through our office by sending in the order form on page 2.

Activities Include:

- Conservation Awards
- Election of Supervisor
- Educational Displays
- Farm Tours
- and more!

82nd Medina County SWCD Annual Meeting Ticket

For Office Use Only:

Date: _____

Cash: ◯

Check: _____

Receipt _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Phone: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

No. of Adults: _____ x $5.00 = $_____

No. of Children: _____ (9 and under free)

Total enclosed: $_____

Make check payable and mail to:

Medina County SWCD
6090 Wedgewood Road
Medina, OH 44256

Meet the Candidate!

Tom Miller: has been a life-long resident of Guilford Township. He has been married to his wife Tammy for over 35 years, and they have two adult sons. Tom has served as a Board Supervisor since 2020, he has served as Fiscal Officer, Treasurer and Vice Chairman.

Tom is active in his community serving as a 4-H advisor for over eighteen years, a member of Farm Bureau and is very active in his church. Tom manages his woodlot where he produces maple syrup as well as raising livestock. He also has volunteered for the District for many years. He is dedicated to preserving our natural resources for future generations.

Clean Stormdrains Helps Keep Our Streams Clean!

Supervisor Election FAQ

Am I eligible to vote?

To be eligible to vote in the election you need to meet the following criteria:

- 18 years of age or older
- Reside or own land in Medina County

Where and when can I vote?

- Absentee starting 9/16/26 (must be received by noon on 10/15/26)
- At our office at 6090 Wedgewood Road, Medina during normal business hours 9/16/26 – 10/15/26
- At the Annual Meeting at Keller Farms on October 15th 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Have you ever wondered where the rain goes during a storm? Eventually, it will make its way back to a body of water, sometimes traveling through a drainage system. Did you know that all stormdrains in Medina County lead directly to a creek or stream? The water doesn't first go to a water treatment facility. Any trash, oils, heavy metals or other pollutants left behind on the road is swept away by the rainwater and fast tracked into our local waterways.

Keeping our stormdrains, and the areas around them, clean of debris is important for maintaining a clean and healthy waterway. Though we should be doing this year-round, fall is a critical time to keep an eye on your stormdrains.

As we progress into fall, be sure to clean up trash and excess leaves around your stromdrain, especially if your community participates in curb side leaf pick up. This not only prevents excess leaves from entering our waterways, it helps with allowing water to flow more freely back to where it needs to go instead of being stopped by a clogged stormdrain, leading to flooding.

For more information on keeping stormdrains clean, volunteering for our stromdrain stenciling program, or other watershed health tips contact our office at 330-722-9322.

Medina County Soil & Water Conservation District

FALL NATIVE PLANT SALE

Sale Dates:

Friday, Sept. 25th: 9am-5:30pm
Saturday, Sept. 26th: 9am – 12pm

First come first served.
While supplies last.

Where:

Medina County SWCD
6090 Wedgewood Rd.

Price:

$6 per quart (+tax)
CASH or CHECK

Native plants are great for supporting wildlife, clean water, and adding beauty to your gardens. Check out available plants to add to your local landscapes.

1 - Swamp Milkweed

2 - Red Lobelia

3 - Blue Vervain

4 - White Goldenrod

5 - Ox-eye Sunflower

6 - Prairie Blazing Star

7 - Mistflower

8 - N.E Aster

9 - Hairy Alumroot

10 - Tall Bellflower

11 - Sundrop

12 - White Snakeroot

See reverse side for plant details.

Due to the unpredictable nature of growing plants, the nursery may switch out a species with a similar alternative.

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	Name	Height	Bloom	Sun Light	Notes
1	**Swamp Milkweed** *Asclepias incarnata*	2-5ft	June - August	Full to partial sun	Prefers to grow in moist to wet soils. Host to monarch butterfly.
2	**Red Lobelia / Cardinal Flower** *Lobelia cardinalis*	2-3ft	July - September	Light shade to full sun	Prefers to grow in soils that are consistently moist/wet.
3	**Blue Vervain** *Verbena hastata*	4-5ft	June - August	Full to partial sun	Good for moist spots. Good nectar source for pollinators, long blooming.
4	**White Goldenrod** *Solidago bicolor*	2-3ft	August - September	Full to partial sun	Great plant for pollinators. Tolerant of dry soils.
5	**Ox-eye Sunflower** *Heliopsis helianthoides*	3-5ft	June - September	Full to partial sun	Adapted to a variety of soil types. Long bloom period.
6	**Prairie Blazing Star** *Liatris pycnostachya*	4ft	July-Sept	Full Sun	Prefers moist soils, decorative
7	**Mistflower** *Conoclinium coelestinum*	1-2ft	September - October	Full sun to light shade	Long bloom period, great for pollinators. Deer resistant.
8	**New England Aster** *Symphyotrichum novae-angliae*	4ft	August - October	Full to partial sun	Host to numerous pollinator species.
9	**Hairy Alumroot** *Heuchera villosa*	1-2ft	June - August	Partial sun to shade	Semi evergreen
10	**Tall Bellflower** *Campanulastrum americana*	2-6ft	August - October	Light shade to partial sun	Good for shade gardens
11	**Narrow-leaved sundrops** *Oenothera fruticosa*	1-3ft	April - June	Full sun to partial shade	Adapted to poor soils
12	**White Snakeroot** *Ageratina altissima*	1-3ft	August - October	Partial sun to light shade	Provides pollinators with late season nectar resource. Deer resistant.

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Fall Upcoming Events

Friday & Saturday Sept. 25th & 26th

Medina SWCD Fall Native Plant Sale
Friday: 9am-5:30pm Saturday: 9am-12pm
Plant native this fall! First come, first served. $6(+tax) per quart.

Tuesday, Sept. 29th

Fall Leaf Management
Highland Library, 6:30pm
Learn about leave the leaves and other fall gardening tips!

Thursday, Oct. 8th

Fire Management Workshop **
Medina SWCD Prairie, 5:30pm-7pm
What is a prescribed burn, and how does it benefit a habitat?

Thursday, Oct. 15th

Family Farm Day – Annual Meeting **
Keller's Farm, 3pm-7pm, Awards at 6pm
Join us for a fun filled day at Keller's Farm (2710 Lester Road)

Friday, Oct. 16th

Fall Fish Sale
Medina SWCD, 9am-10:30pm
Restock your pond this fall. Order forms due: October 9th

Saturday, Oct. 24th

Seed Collection & Prairie Workshop **
Medina SWCD Prairie, 11am-1pm
Fall prairie management tips followed by a seed collection.

** - Visit MedinaSWCD.org or call 330-722-9322 to register

2026 Fall Fish Sale

Please make checks payable and mail to:
Medina County SWCD
6090 Wedgewood Road
Medina, Ohio 44256

Payment must be included with order, No online, phone or credit card orders accepted.

Orders are due by: Friday, October 9th
Pick up: Friday October 16th
from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at our office.

There will be a $35.00 service fee on all returned checks.

For pick up day you are required to bring a 5-gallon bucket lined with an unscented trash bag filled 1/3 full of your pond water.

Not bringing required supplies will result in an extra charge.

One 5-gallon container per 100 small fish ordered
One 5-gallon container per 4-5 amur or koi ordered
One 5-gallon container per 1,000 minnows ordered

No reminders will be sent

2026 Fall Fish Order Form

Name: (please print): _____
Address: _____
City: _____ **Zip:** _____
Daytime Phone: (required) _____
Email: _____

For office use only:

Date: _____
Cash: ○
Check: _____
Receipt: _____

Size	Species	Quantity	Cost	Total
2”- 3”	Largemouth Bass		$1.50 each	
2”- 4”	Bluegill		$1.20 each	
4”- 5”	Channel Catfish		$1.00 each	
2”- 4”	Hybrid Bluegill		$1.20 each	
2”- 4”	Redear Shellcracker		$1.20 each	
2” - 3”	Perch		$1.20 each	
1” - 3”	Fathead Minnows		$10.00 per 100	
8” - 10”	White Amur		$18.00 each	
5” - 7”	Koi		$14.00 each	
1 Gallon	Natures Pond Conditioner		$95.00 each	
5 Gallon	Natures Pond Conditioner		$405.00 each	
40 Pounds	Fish Food (40% protein)		$55.00 each	
			Subtotal:	
			Multiply subtotal by .0675 for sales tax:	
			Total enclosed:	

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Regular Board Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the conference room at the office of the Medina County Soil & Water Conservation District 6090 Wedgewood Road in Medina

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Fall Foliage Committee
Lake Erie Allegheny Partnership (LEAP)
Medina County Township Association
National Association of Conservation Districts
Northeast Ohio Public Involvement Public Education
Ohio Federation of Soil & Water Conservation Districts
Rocky River Watershed Council

Contact Info:
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