



MIAMI TOWNSHIP Newsletter

Fall/Winter 🏠 November 1, 2017 – April 30, 2018



**Trustee President
Andrew Papanek**

President's Report

Miami Township is seeing growth and renewal on several fronts as we near the end of 2017 and look forward to 2018. The Miami Township Police Department achieved CALEA certification this year from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

This means that our police department can demonstrate the highest standards with respect to implementation of best practices for law enforcement. The CALEA accreditation requires regular inspections by the CALEA organization to maintain the certification. This process will continue to promote professional excellence throughout our organization and is a recognition of the years of hard work put in by staff to achieve this demanding certification.

Our efforts to renew our parks are paying off with improvements to Laver Park, Miami View Park, Waldruhe Park, and Omietanski Park. You can read more about the improvements to these parks later in this newsletter. All of these improvements have been accomplished without imposing additional taxes on our residents, but rather through cost cutting measures and leveraging the investment of private business development in the community.

In the Chautauqua neighborhood, we have been addressing blight through the removal of abandoned and dilapidated structures, clearing the way for neighbors to improve their lots and reinvest in the neighborhood. The township has leveraged our relationship with the Montgomery County Land Bank to secure the funding necessary for this project, again saving valuable township funds for other efforts such as park improvements.

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Stories of planning, leadership, and partnerships!



**Trustee
Eric Flasher**

As a Trustee and active Scout volunteer, it delights me to report that in the last few weeks, two young men, working to earn their Eagle Scout rank, have completed service projects for the Township. The first Boy Scout, Tony Foster, a Miami Township resident, assembled a crew of over 30 helpers to refresh the commemorative paver base at the Township's Veterans Memorial on Lyons Road, next to the Administration Building. The second, Jack Nicholaisen, supervised a crew to prime and paint the shelter at Omietanski Park.

In each case, the Scout had to draft a plan of action and gain approvals from Township contacts, their unit leaders, and district leaders. Their plan binders can exceed 30 pages as they describe the project goals, outline safety concerns, project costs, anticipate issues, and document project progress. Both Scouts had to recruit volunteers to complete the work as they — as part of the leadership experience — had to be supervisors. The only physical work they contributed was for training purposes.

In both cases, the Township provided materials but benefited from hours of free volunteer labor. The Scouts gained invaluable practical experience in planning, leading, decision making, adjusting, and reviewing a large project. Each project was well done. Mr. Rex Gore, our park supervisor, went out of his way to ensure the Scouts had the materials and information needed to complete successful projects. We should be proud of these young men and their volunteers for their contributions to our Township!

Sincerely, Eric Flasher



Scout Tony Foster (right)



Scout Jack Nicholaisen (right)

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Election Day is Tuesday, November 7, 2017

Get Out and VOTE ✓

Polls are open in Montgomery County from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

If you are not sure of your polling place, or have any questions, please contact the Montgomery County Board of Elections at (937) 225-5656 or at mcoho.org.

"Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote, except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting."

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Dayton Mall JEDD Works with Business Leaders to Promote Growth and Save Lives

Dayton Mall Area Master Plan Update: The Dayton Mall Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) Board of Directors has shared with Miami Township and the city of Miamisburg the results of an analysis of improvements for Exit 44 along Interstate 75. According to the Governors Highway Safety Association, pedestrian deaths continue to grow in total numbers and as a percentage of all deaths. Improving connections to the Dayton Mall and increasing pedestrian safety were key recommendations of the Dayton Mall Area Master Plan, adopted in 2015.

The cost analysis, which was fully funded by the JEDD, shows how improvements to increase pedestrian safety within the Exit 44 State Route 725 corridor could be accomplished if funding can be identified. The analysis provides several alternatives to construct sidewalk and bikeway improvements on both the north and south side of State Route 725 between Springboro Pike and Byers Road. A separate study funded by the JEDD on behalf of and based upon input from businesses provided design options for improving the physical appearance of the interchange area to transform it into a more inviting gateway. Improvement of Exit 44 has been identified by our business community in the area as a significant priority for both safety and competitive reasons. These studies will be used to set priorities as both communities work to identify funding for these and other projects in the area.

The JEDD is also working with business owners along Kingsridge Drive to identify issues and projects that improve the business climate and pedestrian safety in this corridor of traditionally small locally owned shops. 🏠

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Two homes have already been removed and at least four more homes are currently going through the acquisition process. The Land Bank is also acquiring homes in other areas of the Township and turning them over to responsible parties to have them rehabilitated and maintained.

The Township also partnered with the City of Miamisburg to hire an additional prosecutor to improve enforcement of nuisance violations. Combined with an updated property maintenance code to be adopted under our Home Rule authority, the Township will have new tools to continue our work to eliminate blight and address nuisance properties.

On the construction side, the summer and fall of 2017 saw the opening of the \$20 million FedEx Distribution facility on Byers Road, the completion of the Cinepolis movie theatre at Austin Landing, new retail buildings being constructed at the corner of Lyons Road and SR 741, commencement of construction on a \$5 million hangar for the Connor Group at Dayton Wright Brothers Airport and a \$3 million auto dealership on SR 741, renovation of the 40,000 square foot two-story office building at the Exchange at Spring Valley for Beacon Orthopedics, the opening of the second phase of the Flats at Austin Landing apartments and the first phase of the Austin Park apartments, and renovation of a 50,000 square foot office space for the new Huff Corporation headquarters.

In each newsletter, we highlight the various ribbon cuttings and grand openings that have occurred in the township since the last issue. We are very excited to have been able to welcome so many new businesses into our community these last few months. These projects have generated hundreds of construction jobs and brought hundreds of new employees to Miami Township. Austin Landing alone now supports over 2,600 jobs with more to come as leases are signed for the remaining spaces and construction continues. The Dayton Mall is also seeing renovation as McAlister's Deli occupies space in the exterior village shops and the Sears Auto Center is transformed into new retail and restaurant space.

The growth of the JEDD in the area known as the Miami Crossing District around the Dayton Mall has provided another source of funds outside of the township to work towards improvements in this area. Each JEDD is a separate entity that collects funds from member businesses to pay for economic development projects within and around its territory. Each JEDD also contributes a portion of the funds it collects back to the township to help supplement general fund revenues that have otherwise been declining. If it were not for these JEDD funds, the township would be faced with reducing services or raising additional funds through other means that would potentially impact our residents. Continued investments in areas like Miami Crossing have led to high occupancy rates and strong job growth while other areas are seeing their retail centers decline and jobs leave.

Miami Township is seeing tremendous growth and opportunity, but every meeting and every year we take time out to pause and remember those that have truly made our prosperity possible and continue to protect us around the globe. On November 9, 2017, Miami Township will host the 10th Annual Veterans Breakfast. This is always a great event and opportunity to thank the men and women who have and in many cases, continue to serve our country in the U.S. Armed Forces. This is an annual event and I encourage all our residents who have served in the military to contact us if they would like to attend the Veterans Breakfast.

Sincerely, Andrew Papanek

Please join us for the 10th Annual Miami Township Veterans Breakfast Ceremony

Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

Township veterans and active duty military are invited to our annual Veterans Breakfast at the Miami Valley Fire District Station 51, 10899 Wood Road, Miamisburg.

The Miami Township Board of Trustees will honor our veterans and active duty military who have served or are serving our country with honor and pride with a ceremony and breakfast buffet.

The event is free, but you must **RSVP**. Please call the administration office at **(937) 433-9969** or e-mail NCullen@miamitownship.com by November 3 with your name, number of people attending, and branch of service.

We look forward to seeing all our Miami Township Veterans on November 9!



Beatrice Hamilton

Celebrating 100 years!

Beatrice Hamilton celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends on Saturday, September 23 at a party hosted by her sons, Jim and Elvin, at St. James United Methodist Church.

Trustees presented Kenneth Snavelly and Russell Taylor, residents of Brookdale Miami Township, with proclamations celebrating their centennial birthdays.



Russell Taylor



Kenneth Snavelly

Know Your Neighbors

Wonder about the beginnings of Miami Township, but don't know who to ask? You might want to contact Berman Layer. The longtime resident is a gold mine full of township information.

He raised his family here and still runs the family business that opened in 1930 as Layer Electric, and is currently known as Layer Repair Solutions.

Layer served the township as a trustee for nearly 20 years, from 1978-1997. He was instrumental in creating a parks department in Miami Township. In fact, Bush-Dell Park was renamed Layer Park in his honor back in the 1970s. Berman's favorite story about the township just might be the Wright Brothers' connection to Waldruhe Park.



Berman Layer

"The Schantz family owned the land during the early 1900s. They used it as a summer house. There were, and still are, a lot of white oak and walnut trees on the property," Layer said. "The Wright Brothers once considered using some of them to build their planes, but never did."

Layer says the Schantz family ultimately deeded the property to the city of Dayton who sold those very trees to a Xenia lumber company. Layer says he contacted the National Audubon Society and the Schantz family to help him save the trees. With some legal wrangling, they were successful, and the city turned the land over to the township along with a 100-year lease and every tree still standing.

"Waldruhe Park is my crown jewel. You can still find some of the foundation of the Schantz summer home if you look hard enough," Layer said.

Waldruhe Park is one of nearly ten parks in the township that make up 130 acres of land used for recreational purposes. Each park has its own personal flair, some with picnic shelters, others with baseball diamonds and fishing ponds. To learn more about our parks, visit Miami Township online at www.miamitownship.com.

The Centerville Community Chorus is a non-profit organization made up of all volunteers who have a love of singing. It is co-sponsored by the City of Centerville and the Centerville Arts Commission. The chorus consists of singers who represent a wide variety of professions, vocations and ages.



We are currently recruiting additional members to join the chorus, age 18 years and up. *No audition required!*

Join us for rehearsals on Mondays at 7-9pm
St. Leonard's Auditorium, 8100 Cloy Rd., Centerville, OH 45458

Contact Information

Email us for more information: ourchorusmail@ccchorus.org
Website, for complete event information, visit: www.ccchorus.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/Centerville-Community-Chorus

Miami Township to Offer 2018 Dog Tags



Dog tags will be available for purchase at the Miami Township Government Center, 2700 Lyons Road, from December 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018.

The state of Ohio requires every dog older than three months to have a license. Under Ohio law, licenses are to be renewed annually between December 1 and January 31.

Fees this year remain the same: \$20 per license (\$24 for unaltered dogs). This enables the dog owner to avoid a potential \$150 ticket for failure to license their pet. There is a \$20 late fee penalty for owners who fail to license their dog before the January 31 deadline. Please note, multi-year licenses are only available at the Montgomery County Auditor's Office.

The Miami Township Government Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The license fee is payable to Miami Township by cash or check. **No credit or debit cards are accepted.**

All license fees generated go to support the work of the Animal Resource Center for the rescue, care, and housing of our community's lost and homeless pets. 🐾

The Miami Valley Fire District would like everyone to have a safe, enjoyable and stress free holiday season. The winter holidays are a time for family gatherings and celebrations. The many parties, dinners and events increase the risk of fire related emergencies. More than 500 fires occur nationwide during the Christmas holiday week due to the ignition of Christmas trees. An estimated \$11 million of property loss occurs, not to mention the sorrow and anguish experienced by family members. The following safety tips are designed to keep your holidays safe and enjoyable for your family.

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

- Take care when burning candles. Be sure that all candles are kept away from decorations and other combustible materials. Make sure candles are out before retiring for the evening.
- Do not leave children unattended in a room with lit candles. Always keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children.
- Do not display lighted candles in windows or near exits in case of the need to escape from the home.
- Never use candles to decorate Christmas trees.
- Use only Underwriters Laboratory (UL) approved Christmas lights when decorating.
- Do not overload electrical outlets and always unplug the lights before leaving home or retiring for the evening.
- Never put electrical lights on a metal Christmas tree.
- When installing outside lights with a ladder, make sure it is properly footed and attended by another individual.
- Decorate only with flame retardant or non-combustible materials.
- Choose a fresh Christmas tree.
- Use a Christmas tree stand specifically designed to prevent tip over.
- Place your Christmas tree well away from heat sources and exits.
- Keep your live Christmas tree watered regularly.
- Do not burn fires in fireplaces where stockings are mounted or hung.
- When using extension cords, do not run them under rugs, carpets, furniture or across doorways.
- Make sure extension cords used outdoors are intended for outdoor use.
- Unplug and do not use any extension cord that is hot to the touch.
- Do not use any extension cord that has frayed/exposed wiring or a loose/broken plug.
- Check your smoke detectors regularly to assure they are in working order.

Please utilize these safety tips and apply them to your home this holiday season in hopes of keeping it safe and fire free. The Miami Valley Fire District and its members would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season. If you have any questions regarding the above safety tips, please call our administrative offices at **937-560-2152** and we would be happy to assist you in any way we can. 🐾



MIAMI VALLEY
I.A.F.F. LOCAL 1832
8th Annual
PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
Saturday, December 9th, 2017
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
MIAMISBURG
MIDDLE SCHOOL
8668 MIAMISBURG-SPRINGBORO ROAD
Free
Don't forget to bring your camera for pictures with Santa.

Police Department

Opioid Epidemic

The Miami Township Police Department is fighting the opioid issue in several ways. The first is by assigning an officer full time to the Regional Agencies Narcotics and Gun Enforcement Task Force (RANGE).

The RANGE Task Force was founded on the belief that drug trafficking organizations have no political boundaries; therefore, partnerships with federal, state, and local enforcement agencies were formed to protect and serve the citizens of Montgomery County and surrounding areas. The primary focus of the RANGE Task Force is to disrupt and dismantle drug trafficking organizations and other criminal enterprises operating in and around the Miami Valley. The RANGE Task Force recognizes it is crucial to continue educating the community on drug prevention efforts while making the concerns of the public a priority.

We also have an officer assigned full time to the Miami Valley Bulk Currency Task Force. The Task Force was founded in 2013, and its primary focus is to disrupt and dismantle bulk drug trafficking and bulk currency movement through interdiction.

The Miami Valley Bulk Smuggling Task Force, which is part of the Ohio Attorney General's Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission, is made up of officers from the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Miami Township Police Department, Butler Township Police Department, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Montgomery County RANGE Task Force, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Homeland Security Investigations and US Drug Enforcement Administration.

Finally, as an agency, we are also part of the Montgomery County Drug Free Coalition.

The Montgomery County Drug-Free Coalition works with members of the local community, such as law enforcement personnel, political leaders, health care workers, alcohol and drug treatment providers, the faith-based community, and local business people. We have several committees in which these community representatives will be involved.

The mission of the Montgomery County Coalition for Drug-Free Communities is to promote a drug-free community by mobilizing diverse partnerships, developing, implementing and supporting environmental strategies, and increasing public awareness of the harmful effects of heroin, opiates, and illegal prescription drugs. 🏠

National Night Out (NNO) was held on August 1, 2017 and this was the 24th year of Miami Township's participation. NNO is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer and a more caring place to live. It enhances the relationship between neighborhoods and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. National Night Out happens in thousands of communities in all 50 states, U.S. Territories, and military bases worldwide.



This year's event was bigger and better than ever. There were 16 neighborhood parties that coincided with the community party with our new community partner, Austin Landing. We estimated that approximately 2,200 guests attended the neighborhood parties and another 1,200 guests attended the community party at Austin Landing. Several community partners joined the township trustees, police officers, firefighters and public works employees at the party. They included the Dayton Metro Library, the Dayton Montgomery County Combined Health District, American Red Cross, Animal Resource Center, Dayton Police Department, the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, the Ohio State Highway Patrol, and the Montgomery County Drug Free Coalition.

We especially want to thank the corporate sponsors, Target, Walmart, Sandy's Towing and Skyline Chili by the Dayton Mall, along with all the block party organizers.

In 2016, Miami Township was awarded 5th place in the nation for a community this size and this year we are confident the tradition of NNO excellence will again receive national recognition. 🏠

CALEA

A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) visited the Miami Township Police Department on April 9-11, 2017, and examined all aspects of the police department's policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services.



The on-site assessment was verification by the team that the Miami Township Police Department met the Commission's state-of-the-art standards as part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation — a highly prized recognition of public safety professional excellence. As part of the assessment, agency personnel and members

of the community were invited to offer comments at a public information session, by telephone or in writing. Favorable comments concerning the police department were received and documented as part of the on-site assessment.

The Miami Township Police Department had to comply with 188 standards in order to gain accredited status, Chief Ronald L. Hess said. Accreditation is for four years, during which the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

The Miami Township Police Department was awarded their CALEA Certificate of Compliance at the CALEA Conference in Providence, Rhode Island on July 26-29, 2017. 🏠

Public Works

Leaf Collection Program Begins October 30

The Road Department will provide leaf collection services to township residents beginning **October 30, 2017**. Crews will visit each street in the township twice over the duration of the program. Crews will begin each round in the Huber subdivision and work north to south completing all roadways. Due to continued budgetary constraints, the street sweeper will not be incorporated into the collection program again this year. The second and final round will begin on **November 27, 2017**. Please have all leaves curbside by **November 27** to ensure leaves are collected regardless of the actual day crews arrive on your street.

To accelerate the collection process, residents are encouraged to mulch leaves. Mulching can be accomplished by raising the deck of the lawnmower and installing a blade designed for this activity. It is a free way to naturally fertilize your yard. Composting leaves is an alternative method of creating natural fertilizer for plants and lawns. Once leaf collection on roadways concludes, crews will concentrate on debris removal in the 2,400 storm water inlets and will be converting vehicles for use in winter weather operations. Please contact Waste Management **(866) 797-9018** for questions regarding proper disposal of leaves after the township's final round of collection has been completed on your roadway.

To help maximize efficiencies in the collection program:

- ✦ Mulch or rake leaves often.
- ✦ Place leaf piles near the curb or roadway edge, but not in the roadway. Leaves placed in the roadway create a safety hazard for motorists and a potential liability to the responsible individual.
- ✦ Do not place leaves directly in front of or directly into storm water inlets. Leaves blocking the inlets will prohibit proper roadway drainage and may clog drainage tiles. Drain tiles on private property (beyond right-of-way) are the responsibility of the property owner for clearing obstructions.
- ✦ Avoid parking vehicles on or near leaf piles. Crews report and record all obstacles which hinder the ability to collect leaves. Parking vehicles on dry leaves create a potential fire hazard.
- ✦ Properly bag leaves for collection by Waste Management on the scheduled collection day. Township crews will not pick up bagged leaves placed curbside.
- ✦ Avoid mixing grass clippings, sticks and other debris in with leaves. Crews will not pick up leaf piles containing these items.

Residents with questions regarding the leaf collection program may call the Road Department at **(937) 866-4661**, weekdays between 7:30 am and 3:00 pm. The program schedule can be followed in a weekly progress report at www.miamitownship.com under Public Works.



Winter Snow and Ice Removal

The Road Department provides residents and businesses with snow removal on township maintained streets. To accomplish this task in a timely and efficient manner, the department has divided the township into nine routes. Snowfalls of less than three inches are removed by melting the snow with rock salt. Rock salt application takes crews approximately four hours to treat all township maintained streets. Snowfalls of more than three inches in depth require roadways to be plowed and salted to remove the heavy snow accumulation. This operation involves at least 10 hours to complete one pass with snow plows over all township roadways.

Weather conditions and traffic patterns can add a substantial amount of time to snow removal operations. To ensure fiscal responsibility and maintain motorist safety, township staff will assess each snow event and make minor adjustments through prioritizing township streets. What this means is the most heavily traveled streets will be treated first, followed by streets with steep grades and select intersections. Please adjust driving habits and time needed for travel to compensate for untreated roadways.

Snow Removal Tips

To help snow removal crews complete each snow event in an efficient and safe manner, the Road Department asks residents to:

- ✦ Delay non-essential travel until the roads have been cleared.
- ✦ Do not attempt to pass township trucks while salting or plowing.
- ✦ Remove vehicles from streets to allow crews to plow the entire street during prolonged events or snowfalls totaling more than three inches.
- ✦ When attempting to clear a driveway, it is not permitted to push the snow out into the street. The responsible party will be liable for damages created by illegally pushing snow in the street.
- ✦ To avoid clearing a driveway entrance repeatedly, wait until the weather event has ended and staff has completed plowing the entire roadway curb to curb. During prolonged weather events, crews must clear roadways multiple times for motorist safety.

Maintenance Responsibilities

The Road Department reminds residents that not all roadways within Miami Township are maintained by our crews. Many roadways in Miami Township are maintained by other governmental agencies or private contractors.

- ✦ The Ohio Department of Transportation **(937) 832-1824** maintains all state routes.
- ✦ The Montgomery County Engineer's Office **(937) 837-2528** maintains county roadways.
- ✦ Condo/apartment complexes and mobile home parks have streets maintained by the owner of the complex.
- ✦ Newly constructed streets (Not formally accepted by the township) and private roadways are maintained by the developer of the property or by a homeowner's association.
- ✦ Austin Landing is maintained by the developer of the property.

Residents with questions or concerns regarding snow removal are encouraged to call the Road Department at **(937) 866-4661**.

Public Works

Roadside Right-of-Way Tree Trimming

To ensure the safe passage of vehicles on township roadways, road crews trim overhanging branches in a seasonal maintenance program. The program will begin near **January 3, 2018** and should be completed by the end of March. School buses, emergency response equipment, snow plow trucks, mail delivery and refuse collection trucks are examples of the large vehicles that travel township roadways throughout the year and may be damaged if tree branches are not trimmed from the right-of-way on a regular basis. Below are some guidelines crews will use while performing the trimming to ensure motorist and pedestrian safety:



- Trees will be vertically trimmed from the back of the curb edge or right-of-way to a minimum height of 14 feet.
- Shrubs and trees that block motorist sight from intersection visibility and necessary directional signage will be trimmed.
- Shrubs and trees that overhang sidewalks leaving less than eight feet of clearance will be trimmed.

The zones in the township scheduled to be trimmed this year include: **Singing Hills plat, Spring Valley plat and various rural roads.** Residents of these platted areas will be notified by handbill in November 2017. The advanced notice gives residents the opportunity to perform the trimming or hire a professional to complete the work prior to the start of the township program. Township staff members are trained in trimming techniques, but not licensed, professional arborists. If a more professional or aesthetic look is preferred, residents may trim trees before January 3, 2018 according to the specifications noted above. Call the Road Department at **(937) 866-4661** before January 3, 2018 for notification and inspection if you have elected to trim your trees and want township staff to bypass your property. 🌳

Trash and Recycling

(Residential)

This information is provided to help maintain and/or improve the value of each property in Miami Township.

TRASH: Trash removal for residential homes is conducted by Waste Management on each Wednesday. Please check the Waste Management site or call the number listed below for holiday or other interruptions which may influence that schedule.

RECYCLING: Recycling for residential homes is scheduled on alternate Wednesdays, depending on your location. This information is also available by checking the Waste Management site, the Miami Township site or calling the numbers listed below.

STAGING FOR PICK-UP: Waste Management begins pick-up in Miami Township after 5 am on Wednesdays. Containers should be placed at curbside no sooner than sundown on Tuesday and be removed for proper storage by sundown on Wednesday.

VACATION: If you are away during our trash pick-up and wish trash removal, please arrange to have someone (a neighbor, relative, friend, etc.) place the container(s) by the curb and then remove, as described above.

STORAGE: Trash, recyclables and bags should be secured for storage away from public right-of-way view before and after Wednesday pick-up service. Recommended storage is behind the front edge of the residence, inside garages, inside of carports, in a rear yard or against a non-street side wall. With the exception of the above description, trash and recyclable containers should not be kept in open view.

MATTRESS, BOXSPRING AND CUSHION

FURNITURE DISPOSAL: Items like these must be totally wrapped in plastic and sealed with tape and/or sturdy string.

Contact Information

WASTE MANAGEMENT: 
1-866-797-9018 or www.wm.com

MIAMI TOWNSHIP:
(937) 433-3426 or
www.miamitownship.com
(Map of Recycling Districts)

Parks and Recreation

Layer Park: U.S. EPA Project Update

The completion of clean-up efforts at Layer Park is in sight! The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency finished their restoration work in October and township crews will be working throughout the winter to have the park re-opened and ready for visitors in 2018. The township closed the park in January 2016 after high levels of lead and arsenic were found on more than two acres of the 7.5-acre property.

After the immediate threat to the public was removed, US EPA contractors worked to ensure all safety standards were met and have the park restored to its natural state. Contractors recently planted over 60 large caliper native trees to re-forest the park. Other restoration plans included: the replacement of the parking lot, renovations to the basketball court, removal of a severely deteriorated tennis court, installation of a new swing set, and replacement of two cooking grills. The township will be completing ball diamond renovations to be ready for public use by late spring of 2018.

Layer Park is located at 4999 Cordell Drive. The EPA determined the soil contamination was caused by a skeet shooting range that operated on the property from the 1930s to the 1950s. The EPA managed the cleanup under its Superfund Removal Action program at a cost of approximately \$3 million. The township is very appreciative of the partnership with the EPA in efforts to restore this park for leisure and recreational activity. 🌳



Non-Emergency Police Assistance
937-225-4357 (937-225-HELP)

911 is for Police and Fire Emergencies

If you are in need of contacting the records section, administrative section or detective section of the police department, you can contact us at **937-433-2301**.

Parks and Recreation

The New Year is just around the corner and **Miamisburg Parks and Recreation** encourages you to plan now to play, discover and grow in 2018!



Beginning **November 20**, the City of Miamisburg Parks and Recreation Department will start accepting 2018 Seasonal Employment applications. A variety of seasonal employment opportunities are available, including Sycamore Trails Aquatic Center management and staff, summer camp counselors, event support



and park maintenance. Application deadline for all Aquatic Center management positions is January 27 and all other non-management positions is February 28.

Beginning **January 2**, Sycamore Trails Aquatic Center season passes go on sale, registration begins for Day Camp and Miamisburg Baseball and Softball League, and shelter reservations will be accepted from residents. Miami Township residents are eligible for discounts and benefits at Sycamore Trails Aquatic Center, such as reduced rates for season passes and daily admissions, early admission times, early program registration and Sunday resident-only swim. Please note, township residents must verify residency with a current driver's license or copy of a property tax statement.



To learn more about our services, programs, events, or seasonal employment opportunities, visit PlayMiamisburg.com or call **937. 866.8999**.



Park System Revitalization Efforts

Townships across the state of Ohio have been under constant pressure to identify alternative ways to fund government services and programs due to the continual elimination of vital revenue sources. Miami Township has been more successful than most communities at creating new revenue mechanisms to minimize the negative impacts on services provided, but unfortunately has not yet been able to completely bridge this funding gap. For communities without an operating levy to support park maintenance, reduction in funding park improvements has been a common operating adjustment to balance yearly budgets. Despite this trend, the board of trustees determined the park system to be a priority for the township in a strategic planning process completed in 2015 and again in 2017 when the comprehensive plan was re-evaluated.

To achieve this objective, the township initially completed a comprehensive assessment of finances, operations and work efficiencies with full intentions to restore our park system to its former state. An independent consultant was hired to complete this assessment. Staffing models for full-time, part-time and contractual employment were thoroughly examined as well as capital needs, including lease options for equipment used to perform park maintenance. Ultimately, the findings of the audit determined a 0.82 mil levy would be needed to adequately fund the township park system. The board of trustees then held public meetings to discuss the potential levy with residents, but ultimately elected to focus on the task of locating alternative funding sources to complete park improvements in lieu of raising taxes through an operating levy proposal.

In support of this commitment for no new taxes, the board was successful in securing \$80,000 of funding for park improvements through one alternate source beginning in 2017. This amount is expected to increase by \$5,000 per year over the next 10 years. The new source of funds was used this year to remove severely deteriorated tennis courts and renovate two ball diamonds at Miami View Park. Near future uses of these funds will be directed at upgrades to the township park system's access drives and parking lots, replacement of play equipment, restoration of athletic fields, installation of new identification signage and restoration of the tree canopy due to extensive damage created by the Emerald Ash Borer.

Layer Park in the Huber subdivision received two new basketball half-courts, a resurfaced parking lot, swing set replacement and over 60 newly planted trees in 2017. The USEPA completed the removal of contaminated soils and the park will be fully open for shelter reservations and daily visitors in 2018. Upcoming improvements to the park will include renovations to the shelter house, new identification signage, restoration of the ball diamond and a facelift to the park's entrance. At Crains Run Park, the Great Miami River Recreational Trail was resurfaced this

year by The Miami Conservancy District. Resurfacing of the parking lots, the replacement of façade fencing, renovations to the play equipment and new park identification signage are the capital improvements tentatively scheduled for 2019-20.

Waldruhe Park, adjacent to Austin Landing and the Villages of Miami subdivision, has recently welcomed new multi-use recreational paths connecting to the Great Miami River Trail network, aesthetic improvements to the front façade fencing and a new identification sign is being designed to enhance the park's curb appeal. For the past three years, damaging and invasive wild honeysuckle has been systematically eradicated in the park's wooded areas to protect many large native trees. Re-forestation of the park, replacement of parking lots and renovations to shelters will be the focus of improvements in the coming years. The Austin Springs Apartment community and tenants from Austin Landing will be able to enjoy year-round leisure and fitness activities at historic Waldruhe Park.

Most recent efforts to financially support the park system have also included the formation of two new neighborhood groups to raise donations for funding small park improvement projects. The Zengel Park Fund and Reeder Park Fund have recently been established through The Dayton Foundation. The Zengel Park Fund began re-forestation of the park located in the Vienna Park subdivision by planting large caliper, native trees. The Reeder Park Fund is currently raising funds to replace a play apparatus at the park located in the heart of the Villages of Miami. The Community Foundation of Miami Township was formally created in 1998 under the Dayton Foundation with the purpose of supporting public cultural, educational and recreational opportunities within the township. This independent foundation worked in partnership with Miami Township Parks in 2016 to complete shelter renovations at Miami View Park. The township sincerely values these partnerships and may be able to match donations raised by these groups in the future to be used for specific park improvement projects if revenues continue to increase.

Miami Township does fully recognize past and present challenges in the ability to fund park improvements and we are continuing to work toward finding viable solutions for the benefit of our citizens and visitors. Providing green space for leisure, physical activity and wellness opportunities to the community remains a priority of the board of trustees as determined by the township-wide strategic planning analysis. Although much work has been completed in achieving this priority, the township is actively pursuing additional alternative revenue sources for addressing park system needs to lessen the financial burdens on the community. The board is devoted to completing the most critical improvements as funds become available and committed to the revitalization of the entire park system. We always welcome input from the community and thank you for your continued patience during these challenging economic times. 🌱

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Recreational Trail Investment Paying Off for Families

If you live or have traveled through the area of Byers Road and Austin Boulevard in the last year, you've probably seen people walking and biking along the new trails linking



township parks, the Great Miami River Bikeway and the Medlar Conservation area as well as the Miamisburg Soccer Complex.

These investments have vastly improved access to several park and recreational areas in the township. Children are now able to ride their bikes to soccer games and families are traveling together to retail destinations like Austin Landing on bike and foot. This system is attracting national attention as part of the nation's largest paved trail network with over 340 miles of trail according to Miami Valley Trails. In fact, the 23 International Trails Symposium was recently held in the region. So, the next time you feel like going out for a walk or riding a bike, check out these trails from Waldruhe Park, the park at Austin Landing, the Medlar Conservation area or several locations from subdivisions in the area. 🏡

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The 24th Annual Greater Dayton Lebanese Festival

was held on August 25-27, 2017 at St. Ignatius of Antioch Maronite Catholic Church, 5915 Springboro Pike. The festival offers family fun with rides, games, dancing, traditional Lebanese food, and cultural displays.



New Montgomery County Fairgrounds

Jefferson Township held a groundbreaking ceremony on August 19, 2017. County Auditor Karl Keith and Trustee Andy Papanek attended.



The Sixth Annual Runway Fest

was held at the Dayton-Wright Brothers Airport on August 11, 2017. Residents were treated to aircraft displays, bounce houses, a live performance by Ashley Martin, food trucks, and fireworks.



2017 Holiday/Winter Wreath Program

Hillgrove Union Cemetery
10 N. First Street
Miamisburg, Ohio 45342
937-847-6456



Decorate the grave site of your loved ones this holiday season and help create a respectful and meaningful atmosphere on the memorial grounds. Additional wreaths may be purchased to use at home or other cemeteries.

The cemetery, in conjunction with Boy Scout Troop #103, is offering a **live 24-inch Fraser Fir wreath with "snow" frosted pine cones and a beautiful red velvet bow** for grave site placement. Wreaths will be attached to a stand and placed at the grave site.

Wreaths will be placed at the grave sites on Saturday December 2, 2017, and will remain on the grave sites through January 2018. Hillgrove Union Cemetery staff will place and remove wreaths.

The cemetery appreciates your support of this program and encourages you to share this information with other families.

The cost is \$30 payable in cash, check or credit card. **The cemetery will take orders thru November 20.** You may obtain an order form at: www.miamitownship.com or place your order by phone at **937-847-6456**. 🏡

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Trustee Andrew Papanek with Senator Rob Portman at the 2017 National Association of Towns and Townships Fly-In.



Helzberg Diamonds, located at 2290 Miamisburg-Centerville Road, celebrated their grand re-opening with a ribbon cutting on April 11, 2017. Helzberg Diamonds completely revamped their store to incorporate the latest technology to enhance their customers' experience.

Job Growth and Revitalization Accelerating as More Companies Choose Miami Township

The recent announcement by Huffy Corporation bringing their headquarters to Miami Township is just one of the many new companies that have decided to call Miami Township home. Companies continue to arrive and expand in areas up and down the State Route 741 corridor. A sample of these investments include:

Beacon Orthopaedics – Exchange at Spring Valley

Health Carousel – Austin Landing

Huffy Corporation – Newmark Office Centre

Steiner eOptics – Newmark Office Centre

Verso Corporation – Newmark Office Centre

Austin Landing continues to grow with more than 60 businesses generating over 2,600 jobs that will provide millions of dollars to the local school system in the coming years. The office space at Austin Landing is now over 95% leased and demand remains high with companies locating outside of Austin Landing as they seek to be in our community. In the Newmark Office Centre, just south of the Dayton Mall, millions of dollars have been invested recently by companies setting up shop in Miami Township. These investments are revitalizing the 1980s and 90s era office park and achieving nearly 100% occupancy across many of the 17 buildings and over 700,000 square feet of office space in the park. 🏡

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McAlister's Deli celebrated their grand opening with a ribbon cutting on September 18, 2017. The deli is located at 2792 Miamisburg-Centerville Road, at The Village at Dayton Mall. McAlister's serves soups, sandwiches, stuffed baked potatoes, salads, and desserts, and offers catering services.



Fix A Phone, a shop that repairs smart phones, tablets, and other small electronics, is now open at 8267 Springboro Pike, between Furniture Fair and Dollar Tree. Fix A Phone offers professional, certified repair service that is fast and affordable. A ribbon cutting was held on September 22, 2017 to celebrate their grand opening.

Share Your Story

Sharing the township's story is a community project. New businesses are opening all the time, and our residents are dynamic individuals with inspiring stories to tell. We are always working to get the word out, not only through this bi-annual newsletter, but through our new, monthly online edition, the Miami Township Monthly. And, who can deny the power of social media? The township is currently active on **Facebook** and **Twitter**.

We want you to help us share the stories and events that make our community unique. Email your ideas to twpstories@miamitownship.com. Make sure you include the best way for us to contact you. Want to be added to the mailing list for the Miami Township Monthly? Visit our website, www.miamitownship.com, to sign up. 🏡

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Miami Township's Breakfast with the Board



Larry Dillin and Viscap, developers of Austin Landing, hosted the Breakfast with the Board in May 2017 on **elé Bistro's** beautiful patio.



Staybridge Suites, an extended-stay hotel now open in Austin Landing, hosted the Breakfast with the Board in August 2017.

Derek Brown of Scannell Properties, the developer of the new **FedEx Ground Distribution Facility** at 8650 Byers Road, received a proclamation from Miami Township Board of Trustees President Andy Papanek. Mr. Brown spoke at the Township's Breakfast with the Board in August. The FedEx facility has created numerous jobs in the township.



The Flats at Austin Landing is now open with apartments available for lease! Township officials joined the ribbon-cutting celebration at 10501 Landing Way, Austin Landing, on June 28, 2017. The Flats features apartments with luxury interior finishes, a modern fitness facility, pool, private parking garage, courtyard and poolside grills, a business center, and media lounge. Residents enjoy a lifestyle that gives them the opportunity to walk to over 20 restaurants and retailers, a movie theater, outdoor concerts, bike trail, and more.



Homewood Suites, located at 3100 Contemporary Lane, celebrated the completion of their "Take Flight" renovations with an open house on June 8, 2017. Hilton brand's upscale, extended-stay hotel underwent a multi-faceted revitalization of the property, including the suites and common areas.

Newsletter – Fall/Winter 2017-2018

The Miami Township newsletter is published twice a year for the purpose of providing useful and interesting information to township residents. Citizens' input, suggestions and comments are welcome.

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November

	Day
Daylight Savings Time ends: check your smoke detector batteries!	5
Board of Zoning Appeals meeting (7 p.m.)	6
Election Day: Don't forget to vote	7
Township offices are closed for Veterans Day	10
Board of Trustees meeting (6 p.m.)	14
Zoning Commission meeting (7 p.m.)	21
Township offices are closed for Thanksgiving	23
Township offices are closed	24
Have All Leaves Out For Collection Curbside	27
Board of Trustees meeting (6 p.m.)	28

December

Board of Zoning Appeals meeting (7 p.m.)	4
Board of Trustees meeting (6 p.m.)	12
Zoning Commission meeting (7 p.m.)	19
Township offices are closed for Christmas	25
Board of Trustees meeting (6 p.m.)	26

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The cost to design, print and mail a 12 page newsletter to 14,250 residents/businesses is approximately .55 cents per newsletter.

January

	Day
Township offices closed for New Years Day	1
Park reservations open to township residents	1
Board of Zoning Appeals meeting (6 p.m.) *note new time	8
Board of Trustees meeting (6 p.m.)	9
Township offices closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day	15
Zoning Commission meeting (6 p.m.) *note new time	16
Board of Trustees meeting (6 p.m.)	23

February

Board of Zoning Appeals meeting (6 p.m.)	5
Board of Trustees meeting (6 p.m.)	13
Township offices closed for Presidents Day	19
Zoning Commission meeting (6 p.m.)	20
Board of Trustees meeting (6 p.m.)	27

March

Board of Zoning Appeals meeting (6 p.m.)	5
Board of Trustees meeting (6 p.m.)	13
Zoning Commission meeting (6 p.m.)	20
Board of Trustees meeting (6 p.m.)	27

April

Board of Zoning Appeals meeting (6 p.m.)	2
Board of Trustees meeting (6 p.m.)	10
Park reservations open to non-township residents	15
Zoning Commission meeting (6 p.m.)	17
Board of Trustees meeting (6 p.m.)	24