



MIAMI TOWNSHIP

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO

Newsletter

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November 1, 2018 – April 30, 2019



President's Report

Happy fall (yeah for football!) and winter (boo for snow!) Miami Township residents.

As your trustee president, I am happy to report that many things have been accomplished over the past few months as our township continues to grow and thrive. I have been working with our Community Development Department to attract and welcome in new businesses—retail, services and corporations.

I've continued to focus on my priority to bring services back to the neighborhoods. Parks have been reborn with new equipment coming into Layer, Zengel and Reeder parks. Fall zone materials have been replaced with more user friendly product in all parks.

Funding for road repairs is limited; but I'm working with our Public Works Department on fielding calls and quickly addressing resident requests for repairs as best we can. While I was visiting with residents late last year, they shared with me a major drainage issue on Manning Road. Every rain meant flooded property due to roadside culverts which collapsed and failed. I worked together with our Public Works Department and the Montgomery County engineer to make this a top priority and the problem has been addressed and solved. A hazardous patch of road in Vienna Woods is now fixed. But perhaps the worst road is Crains Run; we will soon have a plan to repair and resolutions in place designed to re-route the truck traffic off the road.

Please visit the Miami Township Facebook page and give us a Like, then follow us, so you can stay informed of township activities.

As winter approaches, rest assured that our outstanding Public Works Department is ready. We purchased additional salt supplies this summer while it was cheap and are ready to keep our roads clear and safe.

As always, please feel free to contact me at 937-367-8537, with any questions or concerns. I was elected to serve you.

John Morris



Hidden Gem: Hillgrove Union Cemetery

Hillgrove Union Cemetery is a historic treasure shared by the city of Miamisburg and Miami Township. After more than 10 years of oversight, the Hillgrove Union Cemetery Board says it is making progress in its efforts to help the cemetery become less dependent on financial assistance from the community.

“Our communities have been working together to offset the costs of running Hillgrove,” said Hillgrove board member and Miami Township Trustee Donald Culp. “While maintaining the cemetery is a state law mandate, there is also a real historic value that is well worth preserving.”

The 30-acre cemetery is nestled in the hills along East Central Avenue in Miamisburg. Established in 1863, it is the final resting place of four Miamisburg founders.

Historic Hillgrove Union Cemetery, established in 1863

The board was created after a private cemetery association went bankrupt in 2006 and Miami Township was forced to take over operations as required by state law. Miamisburg and Miami Township later agreed to share operations and maintenance expenses. Per Ohio law, the board established a perpetual care fund that reserves 10 percent of revenue generated from plot sales that can only be used for cemetery operations.

The board is focusing on efforts to increase cemetery revenue so that the cemetery becomes self-sustaining and relies less on annual subsidies from the city and township. For 2018, Miami Township and Miamisburg each budgeted \$40,000 for shared cemetery operating expenses. Among the board's revenue-generating projects is the construction of a 72-unit columbarium.

The board is comprised of Miamisburg City Councilman Mike McCabe, citizen Gary Pascoe, and Miami Township Trustee Donald Culp. Hillgrove Union Cemetery is open daily to visitors.

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Join Us! 11th Annual Miami Township Veterans Breakfast Ceremony

Friday, November 9, 2018 | 8:00 a.m.

The Miami Township Board of Trustees cordially invites all township veterans and active duty military to our annual Veterans Breakfast at the Miami Valley Fire District Station 51, 10899 Wood Road, Miamisburg.

We will honor our veterans and active duty military who have served or are serving our country with honor and pride, during a ceremony and breakfast buffet.

The event is free, but you must RSVP. Call the administration office at 937-433-9969 or e-mail ncullen@miamitownship.com by November 2 with your name, number of people attending and branch of service.

NEW! Giving Citizen Access To Expenses

Township expenses are now available online at OhioCheckbook.com. The Ohio Treasurer of State's program gives citizens access to all expenses for many Ohio municipalities including ours. Joining the checkbook database allows for complete transparency in how your tax dollars are spent.

"Transparency in government is the key to building trust with the community. Taxpayers should be able to monitor how their dollars are being spent and the Ohio Checkbook makes it easy for them," Miami Township Trustee President John Morris said. "I am excited that the citizens of Miami Township will now have access to this tool."

The Miami Township Finance Department provides the data that is then added to the state's accounting system, the Ohio Administrative Knowledge System. It is updated each fiscal year, although state spending is posted monthly.

"Transparency is an on-going effort, and we in finance continue to challenge ourselves to improve the delivery of our services to the township," Finance Director Clay McCord said.

Visit OhioCheckbook.com under the 'Local Gov and Schools' tab to review township expenses.

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2018 ELECTION

ELECTION DAY!

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

For more information on your polling place, contact the Montgomery County Board of Elections at 937-225-5656 or montgomery.ohioboe.com/apps/pollfinder.aspx.



**Every
Vote
Counts**



Veterans Memorial 10th Anniversary Celebration

The Miami Township Veterans Memorial marked 10 years in August. The Community Foundation of Miami Township hosted a special anniversary celebration to honor the men and women who selflessly serve our country. Trustee President John Morris, Trustee Vice President Doug Barry and Rep. Niraj Antani (R-Miamisburg), were among the dignitaries to speak before a crowd of veterans and their families. Army veteran and chief curator of the Veterans Memorial Museum, David Shortt, gave the keynote address and a memorial bench was dedicated to the Fraternal Order of Eagles 2306 for their contribution to the memorial's creation.



From left: Acting Township Administrator Ronald L. Hess; Miami Township Trustee John Morris; CFMT Treasurer Joe Poelking; CFMT member, Lizabeth Cox; CMT member, Mark Keilholz; Robert Vorhis, Fraternal Order of Eagles 2306; CFMT President Judy Dickey; CFMT member, Cheryl Wirtley; CFMT member, Marsha Johnston; and CFMT Vice President Chris Snyder.

The memorial is located next to the township government center at 2700 Lyons Road. It is a 16-foot obelisk and black granite wall recognizing each military branch. Commemorative bricks in honor of local veterans are laid beneath it. For more information about how to purchase a memorial brick, visit the CFMT at cfmt.info or pick up a purchase order at the monument.

What is the Community Foundation?

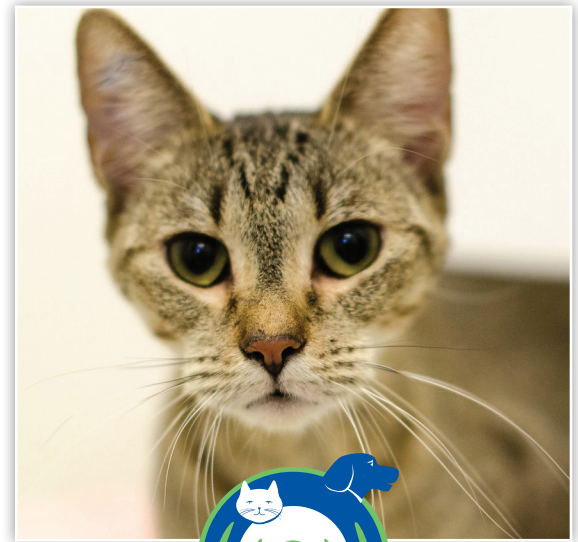


The Community Foundation of Miami Township is a non-profit organization that supports the township. It is a component fund of The Dayton Foundation.

Created in 1998 and endorsed by township trustees, the CFMT raises charitable funds for many projects that benefit the community. Some of those projects include the donation of thermal imaging cameras to the fire department, the creation of a multi-sensory garden at a local school, and the creation of the Veterans Memorial. Learn more about the foundation at cfmt.info.

Community Cat Program

Miami Township has teamed up with the Humane Society of Greater Dayton to help control the stray cat population within the unincorporated portion of our community. The Community Cat Program is designed to decrease the number of cats reproducing in the township and provide a humane solution to residents.



This is a free service provided by the Humane Society of Greater Dayton to anyone living in unincorporated Miami Township.

Here is how it works:

- Rent a trap from the Humane Society (\$75 refundable)
- Trap the un-owned cat on your property
- Call the Humane Society at 937-268-7387 to schedule an appointment to drop off the trapped cats at its Dayton location, 1661 Nicholas Road
- The Humane Society will spay/neuter the cat, ear-tip it for identification, and release it where it was initially trapped



Coming! 2019 Dog Tags

Dog tags will be available for purchase at the Miami Township Government Center from December 3, 2018—January 31, 2019.

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. For your convenience, dog tags will be available for purchase at the Miami Township Government Center, 2700 Lyons Road.

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.



Miami Valley Fire District – Holiday Tips

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, as well as the sorrow and emotional distraught experienced by family members. The following safety tips are designed to keep your holidays safe and enjoyable for your family.

Safety Tips:

Take care when burning candles. Be sure that all candles are kept away from decorations and other combustible materials. Blow candles 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 and water it regularly.

Use a Christmas tree stand specifically designed to prevent tip over.

Place your Christmas tree well away from heat sources and exits.

Do not burn fires in fireplaces where stockings are hung.

When using extension cords, do not run them under rugs, carpets, furniture or across doorways.

Make sure extension cords used outdoors are outdoor cords.

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 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.**

National Night Out 2018

On Tuesday, August 7, 2018, residents from all over Miami Township gathered to celebrate National Night Out with members of the Miami Township Police Department. There were 11 different block parties in neighborhoods and a huge public party hosted by Austin Landing. The purpose of National Night Out is to strengthen police/community partnerships and use those partnerships to reduce crime. The theory is when neighbors know one another, and watch out for one another, they are more likely to speak up when they see something happening that is out of character for the neighborhood. Additionally, when the community has a healthy relationship with the police department, we can work together to resolve issues and reduce crime.



Officer Sanders and Officer West and new friends



Miami Township staff ready for National Night Out

The public party hosted at Austin Landing allows people who do not have a party in their neighborhood to be able to celebrate with us, too. We received overwhelming support from management at Austin Landing, several local police departments and other Montgomery County services. We were happy to partner with the Miami Township branch of the Dayton Metro Library for children's games.

More than 1,500 people attended National Night Out!

In 2017, the Miami Township Police Department was ranked 4th in the nation by the National Association of Town Watch among communities of the same size for a quality National Night Out celebration. The reason the police department scores so well when compared to other departments is because of the phenomenal support of our residents. National Night Out is celebrated on the first Tuesday of August each year.



If you are interested in hosting a National Night Out block party in 2019, please contact Sgt. Jay Phares 937-433-2419 or Leah O'Malley 937-433-2996.

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

Call 911
for Police and
Fire Emergencies



Capt. Charles Stiegelmeier sworn-in for duty by Fiscal Officer Aaron Newell

Police Force – New Staff and Retirees

The Miami Township Police Department welcomed new members to the police force while wishing our retirees all the best for the future. Among the new hires is Professional Standards Captain Charles Stiegelmeier, who replaces Capt. Russell Johnson, who retired in September. Capt. Stiegelmeier has 36 years of law enforcement experience having most recently served as police chief in Powell, Ohio, and as special agent supervisor for the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

Capt. Johnson served the Miami Valley for nearly 40 years. He served with the Ohio State Highway Patrol before coming to Miami Township four years ago. Capt. Johnson was honored at a reception for his leadership.

Also, new to the department: Officers Jordan West and Justin Knight. The two officers have experience and training with other departments that will benefit the residents they serve.

Several other staff retirements: Shane Duffey (disability), Gregory "Buddy" Stites and Penny Hoisington. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the community.



Capt. Russell Johnson retires from duty



Rule Change: No sports equipment in right-of-way

The Board of Trustees has updated a 2006 resolution that prohibits portable basketball hoops from the road right-of-way. The new resolution, approved by trustees Oct. 9, 2018, eliminates the public nuisance under the township's Limited Home Rule and expands the rule to make *all sports equipment prohibited from the road right-of-way.*

The Public Works Department will work closely with property owners to reach an acceptable conclusion to such issues before a case escalates. Properties found to be in violation will first receive an informational door hanger requesting that the equipment be moved from the right-of-way. Any further penalties deemed necessary will now align with the civil citations set forth in the **Exterior Property Maintenance Code (Section 113).**

The need to update the resolution became necessary when two township snow plows were damaged last winter after striking portable basketball hoops that were placed in the right-of-way, causing \$9,000 in damage.



November 5 – Leaf Collection Program Begins

The Road Department will provide leaf collection services to township residents beginning **November 5, 2018**. Crews will begin each round in the Huber subdivision and work north to south throughout the township. Due to continued budgetary constraints, the street sweeper will not be incorporated into the collection program again this year. The final round will begin on **November 26, 2018**. Please have all leaves curbside by **November 26** 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, road 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 **Rumpke Customer Service, 800-828-8171**, 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) and driveway culverts are the responsibility of the property owner for clearing obstructions.
- Do not place leaves directly in roadside ditches and open waterways.
- 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 creates a potential fire hazard.
- Properly bag leaves for collection by Rumpke on the scheduled collection day. Township crews do 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 materials.

Residents with questions regarding the leaf collection program may call the Road Department at 937-866-4661, weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. 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 3 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 3 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, residents are reminded 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 3 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 road way curb to curb. During prolonged weather events, crews must clear roadways multiple times for motorists' 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 homeowners' association.
- Austin Landing is maintained by the developer of the property.

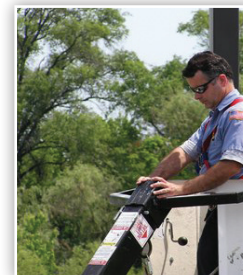
Residents with questions or concerns regarding snow removal are encouraged to call the Road Department at 937-866-4661.

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 after **January 1, 2019**, 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 use while 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 motorists' view at intersections and block directional signage will be trimmed.
- Shrubs and trees that overhang sidewalks leaving less than 8 feet of clearance will be trimmed.

The township zones scheduled to be trimmed this year include: **Vienna Park subdivision, Kingswood subdivision and various rural roads.** Residents of these platted areas will be notified by handbill in November 2018. 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 1, 2019**, according to the specifications noted above.



Call the Road Department at 937-866-4661 before **January 1** for notification and inspection if you have elected to trim your trees and want township staff to bypass your property.

Park System Revitalization Efforts in 2018

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. For communities without an operating levy to support park maintenance, the reduction in funding park improvements has been a common operating adjustment to balance yearly budgets. Fortunately, Miami Township was successful in securing \$80,000 of funding for park improvements through an alternate source beginning in 2017. The new funds were used last year to remove severely deteriorated tennis courts and renovate two ball diamonds at Miami View Park.

This year's park system improvements included: installation of swing sets at Zengel Park and Waldruhe Park, installation of an engineered wood fiber fall zone material at five parks, replacement of play equipment at Reeder Park and Layer Park and continued re-forestation at two parks. Future uses of these funds will be directed at upgrades to the park system's access drives and parking lots, continued replacement of play equipment, restoration of athletic fields, installation of new identification signage and restoration of the park system's tree canopy due to extensive damage created by the Emerald Ash Borer.

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 completed in 2015. Although much work has been completed in achieving this priority, the township continues to actively pursue new 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 ultimately committed to supporting the revitalization of the entire park system.



Children help re-open Layer Park alongside township leaders and dignitaries including from left: Trustee President John Morris, Berman Layer, Trustee Vice President Doug Barry, Sumedh Bhardwaj from Rep. Niraj Antani's office, and Public Works Director Dan Mayberry.

Grand Re-Opening – Layer Park

Layer Park, 4999 Cordell Drive, is back open after more than two years of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency clean-up and township renovation. A grand re-opening celebration was held in June complete with games, contests, a treasure hunt and food.

The park's namesake, Berman Layer, was on hand to help with a ribbon-cutting. Layer is an original member of the township parks board and served as trustee from 1978-1997.

A Grand Re-Opening... a grand community effort!

Through the EPA's Soil Contamination Project, the park received two new basketball half-courts, a resurfaced parking lot, a new swing set and more than 60 newly planted trees. New play equipment, two new grills and shelter renovations were also completed.



New Website – PlayMiamisburg.com

Miamisburg Parks and Recreation is proud to announce the launch of our newly redesigned website! The new design features streamlined menus, clear navigation and easy links to our social media and special events. We encourage everyone to visit **PlayMiamisburg.com** and discover the full spectrum of services Miamisburg Parks and Recreation has to offer.

Mark your calendars for November 15, as Miamisburg Parks and Recreation “Breaks the Ice.” Glice®, a temporary, Swiss-engineered ice rink, is coming to Riverfront Park November 15 thru January 7. Look for more details on hours, special skating events and programs on our website.



Beginning **November 26**, the city of Miamisburg Parks and Recreation Department will start accepting 2019 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. The application deadline for all aquatic center management positions is January 27 and all other non-management positions is February 28.



Celebrate 200 years of holiday cheer in the Star City on Saturday, **December 8**, at the Annual Community Event and Holiday Parade in downtown Miamisburg. The parade kicks off at 2:30 p.m. with holiday themed activities, horse drawn carriage rides, visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus, carolers, jugglers, musicians and the Mayor’s Tree Lighting at 6:00 p.m. in Riverfront Park.



Plan now to PLAY later. 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. 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.

Miamisburg Schools



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

November 21–23

Thanksgiving Break (No School)

December 24–January 4

Winter Break (No School)

January 18

MHS Alumni Hall of Fame Night

March 5–7

Kindergarten Registration

March 18–22

Spring Break (No School)

April 12

MHS Prom

April 27

District Fine Arts Festival

May 22

Last Day of School

West Carrollton Schools



West Carrollton Schools will be honoring district residents 60 and older with a **Holiday Luncheon** on December 12 at 12:30 p.m. at Walter Shade ECC. Entertainment is provided by students from kindergarten through High School and there is no cost for the lunch. RSVP to Janine Corbett at 859-5121, ext. 1115 with your name and the number in your party by November 30.

Connect with Miami Township!

Share your stories, events and concerns in whichever way is most convenient for you:

- Visit our website www.miamitownship.com
- Connect on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube



- Get the Miami Township Monthly sent directly to your inbox – visit our website to sign up
- Call us at 937-433-9969

Simple Words of Kindness



A little boy's simple words of kindness tugged at the heart strings of Police Officer Pat McCoy this summer. As a result, the township and police department presented a special Achievement Award to 6-year-old Henry Cline.

Officer McCoy was touched by the boy's kindness in June when the family's car pulled up alongside his cruiser at a red light. Officer McCoy noticed young Henry roll down his window, wave and yell "thank you" to him. McCoy was so touched by the gesture that he wrote a hand-written letter to the boy's mother praising Henry's actions. He also sent the boy a special "challenge coin."

Breakfast with the Board

A quarterly gathering of business leaders throughout Miami Township provides them with an opportunity to interact with the staff and Board of Trustees. Our spring breakfast was hosted by **Amar India** on May 8. Our hosts prepared a delicious buffet of traditional Indian dishes as well as standard breakfast fare. Sgt. Terry Ables of the R.A.N.G.E. Task Force was our headline speaker.

Cinépolis hosted our summer breakfast on August 22, giving the business community a chance to see all that the movie theater in Austin Landing has to offer.



Get To Know Your Neighbors – The Rathweg Family

Walk past the Rathweg house in Vienna Parkway and the first thing you might notice is the tidy landscaping, but then something else might catch your eye. Sitting next to the mailbox is a small, colorful rock garden. This Kindness Rock Project is a hand-painted nursery sprouting positive messages to all who stop to look.

The garden is meticulously grown by the Rathweg sisters, Caitlyn, 14; Nora, 12; and Josie, 9. The sign in their garden reads, "**The Kindness Project**: Spreading kindness one rock at a time – take one, leave one." They learned early on what it takes to make a garden grow, no matter what you plant.

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 "I just like the idea of spreading kindness!" –Caitlyn

"If I see something that motivates me, I think about how to express that on a rock," Caitlyn said. "We're trying to share that it doesn't matter what it looks like, it just matters what you feel," Josie said.

At first, the sisters anxiously waited for walkers to take a rock. Young Josie would run to the window to see whether a passerby would stop. But as time went by and there seemed to be few takers, they realized their garden means something more. "It's not really about whether people are picking them up. It's more about the three of us hanging out," Caitlyn said.

And, that is music to their mother's ears. Courtney Rathweg's sister started the girls painting during a family trip to New Jersey. Courtney brought the idea home to Miami Township as a bonding experience for her family.

"One will start doing it, then the other one sees them doing it and she'll sit down and start painting, and then the other, and the next thing you know, the three of them are sitting there painting rocks, chatting with one another," Courtney said.

Should you ever pass by the Rathweg rock garden, take one with you and someday return the favor. And, don't forget to check if Josie is watching from the window while you're there.



Canstruction – Competition Benefits The Foodbank

Miami Township worked to raise awareness about hunger through our participation in Canstruction at the Dayton Mall. We worked alongside Ohio Valley Associated Builders and Contractors and The Foodbank, to present this friendly sculpture-building competition in late September and early October.

Eleven teams comprised of local business people purchased all the cans they needed from Kroger to construct huge creations of their own designs. They built the sculptures in one day at the Dayton Mall. Among them was a 10 ft. Llama piñata from the Fortnite video game and a replica of the Carillon Park bell tower. Mall visitors could vote on their favorite designs.



Mark Boyer from CESO puts the finishing touches on the llama piñata from Fortnite during Canstruction at the Dayton Mall.

Approximately 30,000 cans were donated to The Foodbank, who will distribute the food to families in need right here in the Miami Valley. The township would like to thank everyone who participated, including these sponsors: Kroger, OVABC, DRMA, AIA Dayton, The Foodbank, Inc. and LJB, Inc. Special thanks to the Dayton Mall.

Spotlight on Festivals



The **25th Annual Lebanese Festival** was celebrated at St. Ignatius of Antioch Maronite Catholic Church, from August 24–26. This annual event is a favorite in the community to enjoy traditional Lebanese food and pastries, rides, entertainment, and more.

The **7th Annual Runway Fest** at Dayton-Wright Brothers Airport was held on August 10, 2018. The yearly event offers displays of airplanes and helicopters and many family-friendly activities. The evening was concluded with fireworks.

Spotlight on Businesses

Remodeling Designs moved its headquarters to a new showroom, office and warehouse facility at 3720 Benner Road in Miami Township in July. The new facility is 8,400 square feet, more than twice the size of its previous leased facility. This new location provides a better customer experience and allows the company to add more staff, providing new jobs to the area.



Civil Engineers of Southwest Ohio (CESO) celebrated its relocation and expansion to Austin Landing at 3601 Rigby Road, Suite 300, in Miami Township. Its relocation allows the firm to draw on the talent pool of the Cincinnati-Dayton corridor.



Auntie Anne's Pretzels at the Dayton Mall celebrated National Pretzel Day on April 26 by donating 100% of their sales that day to Dayton Children's Hospital. They also display coin canisters at their registers year-round for customers' spare change for the hospital.



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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.

Website: MIAMITOWNSHIP.com

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Emergency Police, Fire and Medical.....	911
Fire Department Non-Emergency.....	560-2152
Community Development.....	433-3426
Police Department, Dispatcher, Non-Emergency.....	225-4357
Police Department, Administration, Detectives, Records.....	433-2301
Public Works Department.....	866-4661
Rumpke.....	461-0004
TDD (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf).....	433-4402
Printing.....	Progressive Printers

Miami Township Calendar

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November

- 4 Daylight Savings Time ends: check your smoke detector batteries!
- 5 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting—6:00 p.m.
- 6 Election Day: Don't forget to vote
- 12 Township offices are closed for Veterans Day
- 20 Zoning Commission meeting—6:00 p.m.
- 13 Board of Trustees meeting—6:00 p.m.
- 22 Township offices are closed for Thanksgiving
- 23 Township offices are closed
- 26 Have All Leaves Out For Collection
- 27 Board of Trustees meeting—6:00 p.m.

December

- 3 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting—6:00 p.m.
- 11 Board of Trustees meeting—6:00 p.m.
- 18 Zoning Commission meeting—6:00 p.m.
- 25 Township offices are closed for Christmas
- TBA 2nd Board of Trustees meeting date and time TBA

January

- 1 Township offices closed for New Years Day
- 2 Park reservations open to township residents
- 7 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting—6:00 p.m.
- 8 Board of Trustees meeting—6:00 p.m.
- 21 Township offices closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 15 Zoning Commission meeting—6:00 p.m.
- 22 Board of Trustees meeting—6:00 p.m.

February





- 4 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting—6:00 p.m.
- 12 Board of Trustees meeting—6:00 p.m.
- 18 Township offices closed for Presidents Day
- 19 Zoning Commission meeting—6:00 p.m.
- 26 Board of Trustees meeting—6:00 p.m.

March

- 4 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting—6:00 p.m.
- 12 Board of Trustees meeting—6:00 p.m.
- 19 Zoning Commission meeting—6:00 p.m.
- 26 Board of Trustees meeting—6:00 p.m.

April

- 1 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting—6:00 p.m.
- 9 Board of Trustees meeting—6:00 p.m.
- 15 Park reservations open to non-township residents
- 16 Zoning Commission meeting—6:00 p.m.
- 23 Board of Trustees meeting—6:00 p.m.

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