



MIAMI TOWNSHIP

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO

Newsletter

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May 1, 2019 – October 31, 2019



Vice President's Report

Welcome spring and summer. Time to pull out the garden tools, but not before finishing up a few wintertime chores. The Board of Trustees, along with township staff, successfully purchased salt supplies last summer under an expiring contract to make sure we would have plenty on hand through the winter season while also saving tens of thousands of dollars for the township. I'd like to personally thank our hard-working Public Works Department for making good use of those supplies and doing such a fine job keeping our roads clear and safe this winter. Unfortunately, winter road clearing often leads to new pot holes and needs for road repair.

As trustees, we are doing all that we can to extend services into the neighborhoods with our limited budgets. Last year, the Montgomery County Commission passed a sales tax increase which will bring in more than \$20 million in new revenue. In response to this, I authored, and each of your township trustees passed, a resolution requesting that the county dedicate .005% of that money to the township, a simple request to offset its prior defunding of programs for road repair. Almost every other township in the county followed our lead and requested the same. Unfortunately, the county refused to honor those requests. Without the requested funding from the county, your township administration and elected officials will not sit back and do nothing. The trustees prepared a budget calling for the use of reserve accounts and dedicating funds received from the sale of property to do as much road work as possible this year.

If you have a pot hole on your street or see any other type of road nuisance, please send a note to my email, jmorris@miamitownship.com, or call or text me at 937-367-8537 and I will work to see what can be done. Thank you for letting me serve you as trustee. Enjoy your spring and summer in our wonderful Miami Township. I hope you visit some of our recently upgraded parks soon!

John Morris



Spotlight: Resident receives Girl Scouts top honor

Miami Township resident, Alex Stelter, is the recipient of the Girl Scouts most prestigious honor. Her service project earned her the 2019 Gold Award. She is one of only 17 Dayton area scouts to earn the distinction.

Stelter created the Hope Club project in January 2017 as a junior at Bishop Fenwick High School after recognizing that some of her classmates struggled to complete a service requirement at their school. Some felt uncomfortable volunteering by themselves while others had trouble deciding where to best use their skills.

"I created the club so that a group of students can do a community service project together. Each person can feel more comfortable because they are doing a project with people they love," Stelter said.

The Hope Club was put into action during Stelter's senior year. Her club members did everything from bagging dog food at an animal shelter to decorating a men's homeless shelter at Christmastime, to working with people with disabilities. Not only did it pay off in human kindness, but it earned her the Gold Award.

Stelter is currently a freshman at the University of Cincinnati, studying marketing and international business. Although her scouting years are behind her, she loves to reminisce about her former troop's love of cooking, crafting and travel. Scouting allowed her to visit Costa Rica and take a trip to Panama where she helped save sea turtle eggs from poachers. A scout since kindergarten, Alex encourages every young girl to stick with it.

"You should not be afraid to stay with it through high school. As you get older, it gets better. You have opportunities to travel, network with people in big cities and meet the CEO of the Girl Scouts," Stelter said.

Stelter received the Gold Award during a special ceremony in March at Sinclair College in Dayton. The Miami Township Board of Trustees signed a special proclamation that was presented to her during the ceremony.

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Veterans: Services available to township veterans

www.mcvsc.org

The Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission is a county agency dedicated to serving Montgomery County veterans, including those who live in Miami Township. The staff can help veterans with everything from preparing claim forms, obtain discharge papers, obtaining medals and more.

Financial assistance may also be provided to qualifying veterans as a short-term or one-time payment to assist with the necessities of life. Veterans can schedule an introductory appointment to speak with a state-certified service officer by calling 937-225-4801 or visit their website at mcvsc.org.

Veterans Breakfast Recap

Miami Township's 11th annual Veterans Breakfast was held Friday, November 9, 2018, at the Miami Valley Fire District Station 51 on Wood Road. Speaking at the event was Jill K. Dietrich, JD, MBA, FACHE, Medical Director of the Dayton VA Medical Center.

During breakfast, the crowd was entertained by the Dayton Christian School choir.

Ceremonies concluded with a rifle salute and Taps by the Combined Honor Guard from VFW Post 3438, American Legion Post 165, and American Legion Post 598.

This year's Veterans Breakfast will be held Friday, November 8, 2019, at 8 a.m. at MVFD Station 51.



Speaker Jill K. Dietrich, Dayton VA Medical Center (L), and Communication Coordinator Jill Drury, Miami Township (R).

MAY 7, 2019 Primary/Special Election Day

Polls open 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.



Be Counted: Are you ready for Census 2020?

Census Day is **April 1, 2020**, but an awareness campaign is already underway. To encourage participation, there is an opportunity this year to fill out your census form online.

The U.S. Constitution mandates that a census of the population be conducted once every 10 years. It is considered our civic duty to take part. Here are the top ten ways the 2020 census affects you:

(Source: Ohio Development Services Agency)

- Reapportioning seats in the U.S. House of Representatives
- Budget planning for all levels of government
- Drawing school district boundaries and even school lunches
- Planning for hospitals, nursing homes and other health services
- Directing funds to services for people living in poverty
- Developing assistance programs for low-income families
- Designing facilities for the elderly and people with disabilities
- Attracting new business
- Investment planning
- Planning future housing needs



WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE YEAR AHEAD

(Source: Ohio Development Services Agency)

June 2019	Ohio Complete Count Committees are set in place
July 2019	Census advertising begins
August 2019	In-field address canvassing begins for mailing lists
February 2020	Census login cards are mailed to all households
March 2020	Internet response begins
April 1, 2020	OFFICIAL CENSUS DAY
April 2020	Follow-up begins for households that did not complete the Census online

Useful Links

- [census.gov](https://www.census.gov)
- development.ohio.gov/census2020/default.htm

Issue 3 Asks Voters to Decide 5.50 Mill Tax Replacement Levy for Miami Township Police Department

The Miami Township Police Department is the first line of defense anytime your family needs help. Our officers are highly trained, using progressive investigative techniques and technology. We are nationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement and strive to provide the community with professional services that protect your property and reduce crime.

The police department is asking voters to pass a 5.50 mill replacement levy for police services on **Election Day, May 7, 2019**. The additional funds this levy would provide means more officers on patrol protecting you:

JUST THE FACTS:

- Replaces 5 mill levy that expires Dec. 31
- Generates approximately \$3.35 million a year for five years
- Additional .5 mill allows for three additional officers
- Residents pay up to \$40 more per year for every \$100,000 in property value
- Accompanies operating levy passed in November 2018

WHAT VOTERS NEED TO KNOW:

- **Language change does not allow for police services to be contracted out to another agency**
- **Seized federal and state funds will continue to be used for capital expenditures to offset use of levy**
- **Will help sustain daily operations and support strong community relations**
- **Levy failure means reduced patrols; less protection**

**MTPD should employ 50 sworn officers*
We currently have only 39**

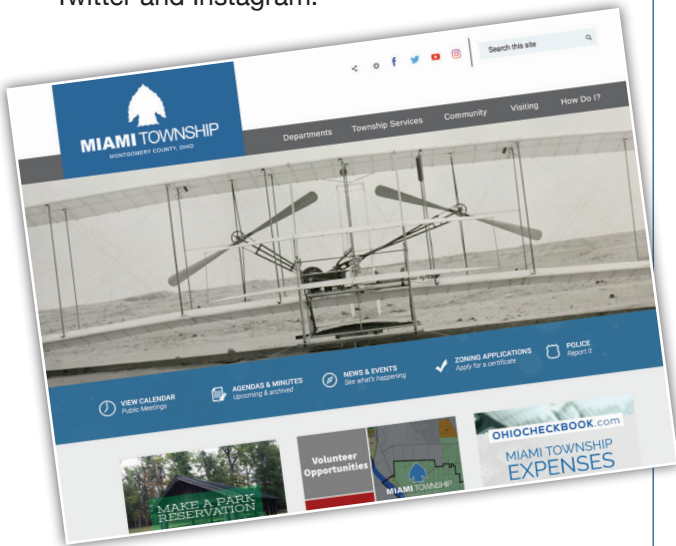
(Source: FBI research)

All-Star: Online Newsletter recognized

Miami Township is always considering the best way to communicate with you. Not only do we send this biannual newsletter via the U.S. Postal Service and connect on social media, but you can also receive our monthly online newsletter, the Miami Township Monthly.

This email comes directly to your inbox at the first of each month brimming with the latest township information and events. In fact, the Miami Township Monthly was recently named a **2018 Constant Contact All-Star** for its success in sharing information with the community. Only a few Constant Contact users receive this recognition each year, so we're excited to share our good news!

Sign up now at miamitownship.com and tell your family and friends to do the same! You'll find a link to the sign-up page on our homepage or the Public Information page. And, don't forget to find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!



Beggars' Night

Beggars' Night in Miami Township is Thursday, October 31, 2019. Keep your porch light on from 6-8 p.m.



Miami Valley Fire District: Safety Tips

With the winter finally over and the snow gone, the Miami Valley Fire District would like to offer some summer safety tips for the citizens of Miamisburg and Miami Township.

Sun Safety

- Be alert for the symptoms of heat illness: fainting, dizziness, headache, nausea, rapid pulse, flushed skin and body temperature of 104 degrees.
- If suffering from heat illness, rest in a cool place and sip cool, non-alcoholic beverages.
- To avoid losing salt and water when sitting in the sun or sunbathing, replenish with fluids often and avoid beverages with alcohol or caffeine. Keep the skin moist and cool.
- Wear loose fitting clothing, a hat and waterproof sunscreen when working outdoors in the sun.
- If you take prescription drugs, check with your doctor before sunbathing.

Water Safety

- Small children should wear life jackets during recreational boating or at dockside.
- Make sure the pool or lake is deep enough before diving into the water.
- Avoid swimming beyond your ability or in rough water.
- Do not consume alcoholic beverages when swimming or boating.
- Never swim alone or leave small children unattended near the water.
- Be cautious of strong currents when swimming in the ocean.
- Fence all home pools.
- Learn CPR.

Bicycle Safety

- Make sure you and your children wear approved helmets.
- Explain that a bicycle is a vehicle and must obey all traffic signs and laws.
- Street riding should depend on traffic, maturity, adequate knowledge and ability to follow the rules of the road.
- Bicycle or walk all routes with your children to identify safe routes between home and school.
- Consult experts who can help choose a bike a child can control but will not outgrow quickly.
- Note the make, model and serial number of your child's bike. If lost or stolen, this information will help the police department identify and confirm you as the owner.

As always, the Miami Valley Fire District considers it an honor to serve the citizens of Miamisburg and Miami Township. If you have questions or require information on any safety related issue, citizens can contact the fire district at 937-560-2152.



New: Auto Accident Report System

On March 3, 2019, the Miami Township Police Department partnered with Lexis Nexis and implemented a new electronic auto accident report writing system. Ohio E-Crash is a computerized way MTPD officers record all automobile accidents occurring in the township. The system allows residents the option of obtaining copies of accident reports from an on-line portal instead of coming in to the Records Division at the police station. Visit policereports@lexisnexis.com.



Resource Officers Assigned

The Miami Township Police Department now has two full-time school resource officers. Officer Crystal Rankins is based out of Miamisburg Middle School and serves at Jane Chance Elementary and Maddux Land Preschool. In July, Officer Danielle Schweickart will begin work at Dayton Christian School. Rankins is an 11-year veteran of law enforcement, having worked for the township for four years. Schweickart is a 19-year veteran of the township police department having served as a detective for the past five years.

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"I'm looking forward to getting to know the students. It is my highest honor and privilege to serve these kids and the staff at Dayton Christian."
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—Officer Schweickart

"They open up and talk with me. A lot of them have a special handshake with me. It's been awesome. It's so nice to see the kids smiling and wanting to give you high-fives."
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—Officer Rankins

School resource officers are responsible for school safety, law enforcement, crime prevention education and promoting a positive school climate. Bonding with the students is key to their success.

Rankins is the first Miami Township police officer to work full-time as an SRO and begins her day by greeting the students, then she walks the school grounds to secure the building. She is a resource who lends an ear to students who need her attention. School resource officers are the first line of defense should a crisis occur. They know the school's layout and can give other responding officers immediate directions should it ever become necessary.

The SRO program is the result of cooperation between Miamisburg City Schools, Miami Township and Dayton Christian. Miamisburg City Schools and Dayton Christian funds 80% of Rankins' and Schweickart's salaries. Both officers add a new dimension in service, security and commitment to the residents of Miami Township. They will help protect our most valuable asset (children) and educate young minds. Both officers will also form positive bonds and be role models for students.



Officers Ethan Bens, William "Drew" Olinger and Ashley Stacy

Police Force – New Police Officers

On March 4, 2019, the Miami Township Police Department added three new officers to their ranks. These officers are currently in the Field Training Officer program and once completed, they will be assigned to the Patrol Division.

Officer Ashley Stacy comes to Miami Township after two years with the Ohio Highway Patrol. Officer Stacy is a graduate of the Ohio Highway Patrol Academy and enjoys exercising in her time off.

Officer William "Drew" Olinger comes to Miami Township after time with the Moraine Police Department, Sinclair Community College Police Department and the North Hampton Police Department. Drew is a graduate of the Sinclair Community College Police Academy and holds an associate degree from Sinclair Community College.

Officer Ethan Bens comes to Miami Township after serving with the Owensville Police Department and the Carlisle Police Department. Ethan is a graduate of the Butler Tech Police Academy and holds a bachelor's degree from Eastern Kentucky University.

Community Crime Mapping Data

The Miami Township Police Department recently joined a regional community crime mapping initiative. This program allows Miami Township residents the ability to access data showing what crimes are occurring in the area. To view the current crime mapping data, please visit: communitycrimemap.com



Update: Sport Goal Nuisance Resolution

Miami Township reminds residents to remove all permanent or portable basketball goals and all other athletic/recreational equipment from the road right-of-way. Informational door hangers have been distributed by township law enforcement officers and road maintenance staff to the 105 properties in violation of this Ohio law. Some property owners have resolved the issue by voluntarily moving the basketball goals out of the right-of-way. Notice of Violation letters are now being mailed to the remaining properties in violation. Miami Township does understand some of these goals are in cul-de-sacs and on low traffic volume streets, but the law will be enforced on all public roadways.

The Miami Township Board of Trustees originally passed a resolution in 2006, which instituted a policy based on Ohio Revised Code 5571.14 regarding the removal of permanent and portable basketball hoops located within the road right-of-way. The board passed an updated resolution in November 2018. The new resolution, using the township's limited home rule, includes the steps to eliminate all equipment found in violation and may include civil fines to be used as a last resort of enforcement. It is the obligation of Miami Township to keep the road rights-of-way clear of any obstruction which impedes traffic or poses a safety threat to motorists and pedestrians.

Right-of-Way Permit Information

Contact the Road Department before starting any home improvement projects within the road right-of-way. The right-of-way is typically the strip of turf between the curb line and the back side of the sidewalk, roughly 10 feet from the curb line. The most common projects include replacement of curb, driveway apron and sidewalk, require a permit and inspection. Big landscape plantings and irrigation systems should be placed out of the right-of-way to avoid motorist sight obstructions, reduce safety hazards and eliminate potential damage to vehicles and underground/overhead utilities. Permits and construction requirements can be obtained at the Public Works Department located at 10891 Wood Road.

November 4 – Leaf Collection Begins

The Road Department will begin leaf collection the week of **November 4**. Please have all leaves curbside by November 25 to ensure leaves are collected regardless of the actual day crews arrive on your street. Crews will begin the final round November 25 in the Huber subdivision, working southward.

During the heaviest stage of leaf drop during bad weather, it is not uncommon to have lengthy periods between rounds. The department may adjust to a 6-day work schedule to accelerate the collection process. Unfortunately, Miami Township is not able to collect leaves which remain on trees beyond the typical leaf drop stage. In some cases, tree species will not drop leaves until winter.

Once leaf collection concludes, crews will concentrate on leaf and debris removal in storm water basins and will convert vehicles for winter weather operations. Please contact Rumpke at 800-828-8171 for questions regarding proper leaf disposal after the township's program has concluded.

Residents are encouraged to mulch or compost leaves during the fall to supply turf with nutrients necessary for a healthy lawn.

To help maximize efficiencies in the collection program:

- Mulch or rake leaves often.
- Place leaf piles at the back of the curb. *Leaves should not be placed in the roadway.* Placing leaf piles in the roadway creates a safety hazard and potential liability to the homeowner. Piles can be compacted by precipitation and cars driving/parking on the leaves, causing delays. *Leaves are much easier to collect when the piles are properly raked curbside, but NOT IN THE ROADWAY.*
- Avoid parking vehicles on or near leaf piles. Crews report all obstacles that hinder collection by noting the nearest property address. Parking vehicles on dry leaves creates a fire hazard.
- Do not place leaves in front of or directly into storm water catch basins. Leaves blocking the basin opening prohibit proper roadway drainage and leaves placed in the basin clog drain tiles. Drain tiles on private property (beyond right-of-way) are the responsibility of the property owner for clearing obstructions.
- Avoid mixing grass clippings (free fertilizer too), sticks and other debris in with the leaves. Crews will not pick up leaf piles covered with limbs or leaf piles with limbs under the leaves. Limbs and other debris can damage the leaf machine, causing a delay for repairs.
- Properly bag leaves for collection by Rumpke on your scheduled trash collection day. Crews will not collect bagged leaves placed curbside.

If you have questions regarding leaf collection, please call 937-866-4661, weekdays from 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Residents can also review a weekly progress report at miamitownship.com under Public Works.



Pavement Maintenance Schedule

The Miami Township Road Department is preparing roadways for the 2019 Pavement Maintenance Program. Four streets will be included in the Montgomery County Engineer's Office asphalt resurfacing bid:

- Belvo Road to the city of Miamisburg jurisdictional line
- Crains Run Road from Dayton Cincinnati Pike to Toucan Street
- Eckley Boulevard
- Spring Valley Pike from the Washington Church Road intersection west to Captiva Bay Drive

Crains Run Road is being funded from the 2018 sale of township property at an estimated cost of \$325,000. The other three streets are estimated at another \$325,000. Miami Township received \$30,000 in grant funds through the MVRPC to replace intersection curb ramps along the roadways included in this year's paving program.

Private Property Drainage Guidelines

"The responsibility for the maintenance and improvement of drains, streams, ditches and watercourses, whether established county/ township ditches or not, rests entirely upon the land owners affected and benefited."—from Montgomery Co. Engineer pamphlet Responsibility and Procedure for Improvement and Maintenance of Drains, Ditches and Watercourses

Installing drainage tiles from a home's downspouts and basement sump pump out to the roadway is not allowed and excavation within the right-of-way will not be approved through the Miami Township permitting process. Permits may be approved for private drainage tiles terminating into underground public drainage systems. Miami Township will gladly aid residents in identifying alternate solutions for dispersing storm water on a property. For additional information, call 937-866-4661, weekdays from 7 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.



To view the county's drainage pamphlet, visit the Public Works section of our website at miamitownship.com.

Required: Secure Your Permit

Are you building a shed, pool or fence this spring? Don't forget to secure a zoning certificate through the Miami Township Community Development Department. Certificates must be obtained for all pools and for any shed larger than 100 square feet. Some structures may also require a building permit through Montgomery County. All fencing, including replacement of existing fencing, must be approved. Applications can be downloaded from our website, miamitownship.com, or picked up at 2700 Lyons Road. Please allow 10 business days to process. For more information, call 433-3426.

It's Back! CANstruction



Mark your calendar! Dayton CANstruction is coming back to the Dayton Mall in the Miami Crossing District. **Build Day is October 2, 2019. Structures will be on display through October 14.**

CANstruction is a friendly competition among teams who design and build structures solely out of canned goods. They compete for bragging rights in several categories including people's choice, most cans, original design and more. All the canned goods are then donated to The Foodbank for people in need right here in the Miami Valley.

Eleven local CANstruction teams collected more than 30,000 cans of food during the inaugural competition in 2018. This year, our goal is 20 teams donating 50,000 cans.

Start gathering your teammates and designing your sculptures. For sign-up information, visit ovabc.org. Below is the schedule of CANstruction events for 2019:

July 19	Deadline for intent to compete
Aug. 2	Submit preliminary designs
Sept. 6	All can good orders are in and final
Oct. 2	Build Day (8 a.m. – 8 p.m.)
Oct. 9	Gala Awards presented
Oct. 14	De-Canstruction, delivery of cans to The Foodbank



Under Construction: Lyons Road Pedestrian Improvements

After several months, construction to improve pedestrian safety is nearing completion at Lyons Road and state Route 741. A new sidewalk was installed last fall on the west side of Route 741 from Lyons Road to the Frisch's restaurant. A 10-foot wide shared use path will be installed along the south side of Lyons Road between Byers Road and Route 741. A new barrier will also be installed on the Lyons Road bridge to protect pedestrians using the path and traffic lanes will shift north to provide more room.

This project is a partnership between Miami Township, the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission, the Montgomery County Transportation Improvement District, Montgomery County Engineer's Office and the Ohio Department of Transportation. Federal transportation funds are helping pay for more than half of the project.



The Ohio Department of Transportation will complete additional improvements to the traffic signals and crosswalk areas at the intersection of Lyons Road and Route 741 following completion of the pedestrian project.

Plan Your Neighborhood's National Night Out Celebration

The first Tuesday in August is always a fun time because it is when members of the Miami Township Police Department gather in different neighborhoods to celebrate National Night Out. Celebrating with us is easy! Contact Leah O'Malley, lomalley@miamitownship.com, or Sgt. Jay Phares, jphares@miamitownship.com, to get started. We will send a registration packet at the beginning of June with all the information required to register your neighborhood with the police department. Then you will need to gather your neighbors together for a block party and join the fun. **National Night Out is Tuesday, August 6, 2019**, and we will begin visiting block parties at 6 p.m. We will continue to visit block parties until the parties end.



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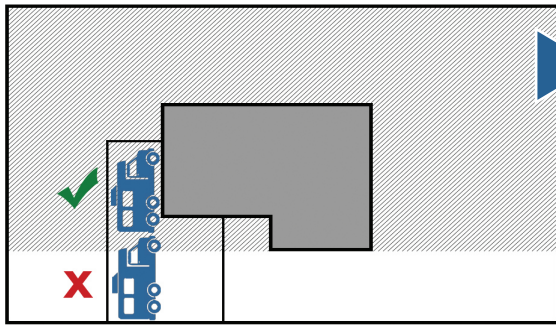


The Miami Township Police Department is nationally ranked as third in the nation among communities of the same size by the national association. We are extremely proud of this distinction, and know it is only possible because of the outstanding support we receive from the Miami Township community. If you are unable to participate in a National Night Out party in your neighborhood, you can still join in the celebration by joining our community party held at Austin Landing. The community celebration will begin at 6 p.m. and continue until 9 p.m. That celebration will include live music, law enforcement displays, a bouncy house and lots of fun. Everyone is invited to participate in building police/community partnerships that help to keep Miami Township a great place to live, work and play.

Help! Where do I park this thing?

Many township residents will soon take their recreational vehicles and equipment out of winter storage, but there are some rules to follow to park them outside your home.

We're talking about recreational vehicles (RVs), trailers, boats, camping equipment and utility trailer storage. These are permitted, but under the following conditions:

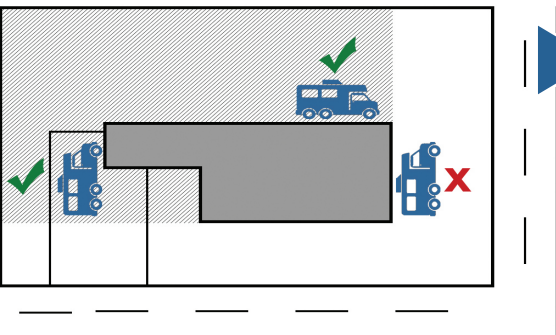


If vehicle/equipment is parked or stored outside a garage, it must be on the side of the house, not sticking out toward the front of the property.

X Incorrectly Parked

✓ Correctly Parked

Permitted Storage Area



Live on a corner lot? Vehicle must be parked on a side of the house that is not toward the street.

X Incorrectly Parked

✓ Correctly Parked

Permitted Storage Area

A couple other things to keep in mind:

- Vehicle cannot be connected to electricity, water, gas or sanitary sewer facilities; cannot be used for living or housekeeping purposes
- Can only take up to 400 sq. ft. of yard area/two vehicles max. on property
- Keep them looking good and in repair
- Must be up to date on license and registration
- Don't let the weeds grow or leave trash underneath
- You can park vehicle on the grass, but if it becomes a muddy mess, you will need to put down a hard surface underneath

This is a brief overview of the rules and regulations you must follow to park a recreational vehicle/equipment at your home. To view the rules in their entirety, please refer to the *Miami Township Exterior Property Maintenance Resolution*, newly updated in August 2018. Find it on our website under Community Development > Codes, Plans & Maps. Questions? Call 937-433-3426.

Miamisburg City Schools

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Graduation for the Class of 2019
Saturday, May 18, 2019

The last day of school
May 22, 2019

Students to return
August 8, 2019

First day of kindergarten
August 9, 2019



West Carrollton City Schools



The West Carrollton City Schools will be having a community forum to discuss district school buildings on May 8 at 6 pm in the high school auditorium.

The district has recently been accepted into the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission building program. What this means, as well as the next possible steps for the school district community, will be presented and followed by a question and answer opportunity.

Connect with Miami Township!

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

- Visit our website 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

Artist Darren Haper: Get To Know Your Neighbors

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"This is all I ever really wanted to do, never really had a way to make a living with it. So, I have other jobs as most artists do."
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—Darren

Visiting Darren Haper at his art studio is a real sensory experience. There's the smell of paint, the beams of sunshine streaming through the window and his eclectic paintings strewn about in various stages of completion. His two children are his biggest influences and inspire his whimsical characters. The "Cyclops" series is a direct descendent of his son's imagination.

"I have a drawer full of the kids' artwork. I loved to draw all the time as a kid. I think they're more creative than I ever was," Haper said.



View Haper's art online at darrenhaper.com

His daughter is 11 years old. His son is 9. The family lives in the Villages of Miami subdivision and have called the township home for about a decade. Haper says he started to focus on his love of art in the sixth grade when his mother bought him a book about how to draw cartoons.

His most recent work pays homage to those how-to books he loved as a kid. "You can see that I'm kind of getting back into a cartoonish feel of art."

He attended Spring Valley Academy growing up, then got a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Miami University. Haper worked for the now-defunct McAllister's Art Supplies in Dayton and for a non-profit to help make ends meet. He currently works for Dayton artist, Mike Elsass, whose work is described as mixed media on weathered steel.

Haper knows just how tough it is to make a living as an artist and that it takes a great deal of business savvy to get your work recognized. He relies on Instagram and other social media to share his art, but he also has his own website and uses an online marketplace called Saatchi Art to help sell his paintings.

His spacious studio is one of many inside the Front Street Building near downtown Dayton. You might have a chance to meet Haper and experience his work firsthand at a monthly First Friday event at the Front Street artists' community.

Spotlight – Featured Businesses



Keller Williams Community Partners opened their new office at 2835 Miami Village Drive on January 23, 2019. KW real estate agents and brokers offer their services to home buyers and sellers in Miami Township and beyond.



Miami Township welcomed **Spa Express** to the Miami Crossing District on February 8, 2019. Located at 8975 Kingsridge Drive, it offers unique automated spa and beauty services at affordable prices.



Hand & Stone Massage and Facial Spa held their grand opening at 2826 Miamisburg-Centerville Road on November 19, 2018. Dayton Hand & Stone Massage and Facial Spa provides professional spa experiences at affordable prices seven days a week. Check out their menu of services at their website: handandstonedayton.com



Nothing Bundt Cakes celebrated their grand opening on September 19, 2018, with a ribbon cutting and a proclamation from the Miami Township Board of Trustees. The cake shop, located at The Exchange at Spring Valley, 9632 Springboro Pike, features freshly baked cakes in a variety of flavors and sizes with the finest ingredients like real eggs and butter, then topped with their signature cream cheese frosting.



Outback Steakhouse is now open at 2560 Miamisburg-Centerville Road. Shown here is the ribbon cutting held November 7, 2018. The popular chain restaurant is known for their delicious steaks and bloomin' onion. This Dayton Mall location offers an online wait list, online ordering and delivery.



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- 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
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- Printing.....Progressive Printers

Miami Township Calendar

NEWSLETTER Spring / Summer 2019

May

- 6** Board of Zoning Appeals meeting—6:00 p.m.
- 14** Board of Trustees meeting—6:00 p.m.
- 21** Zoning Commission meeting—6:00 p.m.
- 27** Township offices are closed for Memorial Day
- 28** Board of Trustees meeting—6:00 p.m.

June

- 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** Board of Trustees meeting—6:00 p.m.

July

- 1** Board of Zoning Appeals meeting—6:00 p.m.
- 4** Township offices closed for Independence Day
- 9** Board of Trustees meeting—6:00 p.m.
- 16** Zoning Commission meeting—6:00 p.m.
- 23** Board of Trustees meeting—6:00 p.m.

August





- 5** Board of Zoning Appeals meeting—6:00 p.m.
- 6** National Night Out: Schedule a block party!—6:00 p.m.
- 13** Board of Trustees meeting—6:00 p.m.
- 20** Zoning Commission meeting—6:00 p.m.
- 27** Board of Trustees meeting—6:00 p.m.

September

- 2** Township offices are closed for Labor Day
- 9** Board of Zoning Appeals meeting—6:00 p.m.
- 10** Board of Trustees meeting—6:00 p.m.
- 17** Zoning Commission meeting—6:00 p.m.
- 24** Board of Trustees meeting—6:00 p.m.

October

- 7** Board of Zoning Appeals meeting—6:00 p.m.
- 8** Board of Trustees meeting—6:00 p.m.
- 14** Township offices are closed for Columbus Day
- 15** Zoning Commission meeting—6:00 p.m.
- 22** Board of Trustees meeting—6:00 p.m.
- 31** Beggars' Night—6:00–8:00 p.m.

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