



Miami Township Monthly January 2020



ED/GE grant could fuel 250 new township jobs

A project that could bring 250 jobs to Miami Township marked a milestone by receiving a Montgomery County ED/GE (Economic Development/Government Equity) grant. The \$200,000 grant approved in December by the Montgomery County Commission is one of only two project proposals that received full funding.

The grant will help Miamisburg-based Cornerstone Research Group expand its operations to a second facility here in the township. Its headquarters is on Earl Boulevard in Miamisburg.

The Board of Trustees passed a resolution in October 2019 to submit the ED/GE grant proposal to help attract a new tenant to the idle production facility at 8821 Washington Church Road.

"It's exciting that the county is helping all areas in the community bring and attract businesses and help them grow and thrive. This grant will help us expand our services and jobs in our community," Miami Township Trustee John Morris said.

In a published interview with the Dayton Business Journal, Chris Hemmelgarn, vice president of strategic development at CRG said, "This new facility will allow us to expand our manufacturing footprint for

advanced defense products and create more opportunity for the region."

He told the DBJ that the new facility would offer highly skilled and high-paying jobs including software developers, aerospace engineers, electrical engineers, composite engineers, chemists and manufacturing personnel.

The sale of the Washington Church Road property is not under contract yet, so is in its early stages. We will keep you updated as progress is made.

Senior care facility construction beginning

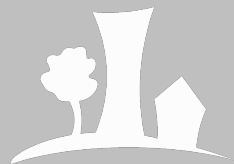


Miami Township has closed on the sale of a property on which a new senior living facility will be built. Construction of a new Trilogy Health Services Senior Care Facility, at 2510 Vienna Parkway, just east of Springboro Pike, is beginning. Trilogy plans to construct a two-story multi-bed facility.

Dayton Health Partners purchased the property from the Community Improvement Corporation (CIC). The deal closed December 20, 2019. Completion of the building is expected in 2021.

Township trustees approved the final development plan for the facility in Vienna Center in September 2019, including specific design requirements set forth by the township Zoning Commission.

Roadway improvements were also approved that will ultimately connect Vienna Parkway to Springboro Pike. Road construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2020.



THE PLAN
MIAMI TOWNSHIP

The Community Development Department needs your input about how you would like to see the township progress. Want to attract more businesses to our community? Want park improvements? Something

else? Your input is valued as we continue to update our comprehensive plan. Learn about your role at [The Plan online](#).

Introducing Citizenserve

A new, easier way to apply and pay for zoning permits

Filing zoning permits, registering a complaint, and checking the status of your request just got easier. The Miami Township Community Development Department is rolling out a new online service that lets you handle all your zoning needs online, including making a payment.

Citizenserve is easy to use and it's free. Watch this helpful video to get started. Your information is secure and our staff is ready to answer your questions at (937) 433-3426.

Watch the how-to video now:



At Your Service - News and Events

Township and MVFD recognize outgoing trustee

Miami Township trustees and the Miami Valley Fire District recognized outgoing trustee, Doug Barry, in December for his dedication and service to both boards and to the community.

Barry was appointed to the Miami Township Board of Trustees in 2014 then successfully ran for the office in 2016.

"This is a first class organization made up by first class people. The residents are lucky to have them here as they all have the residents' best interests in mind," Barry said.



Barry is owner of BarryStaff, Inc., a staffing company based in Dayton. We certainly wish him all the best in his future endeavors.



2020 BOT Meeting Calendar



Ron Hess is pictured with Jesse Lightle of Washington Township, who also received a Helping Hands Award.

Township receives Helping Hands Award

The Montgomery County Township Association honored Administrator Ron Hess and Miami Township with the Helping Hands Award for our response in the aftermath of the Memorial Day tornadoes.

Township public works crews spent long hours helping with cleanup in the Harrison Township area.

Hess is pictured with Jesse Lightle of Washington Township, who also received a Helping Hands Award.

Officers were also named for 2020, including township Trustee John Morris, president, Fiscal Officer Aaron Newell, treasurer, and Administrator Hess who will serve as sergeant at arms.

Dog Tag sales through Jan. 31

Remember, you can avoid a drive downtown for dog tags by picking them up at the township Government Center, 2700 Lyons Road. Tags are \$20 for spayed animals/\$24 for non-spayed. We accept CASH or CHECK only! Township sales end January 31.

[Click for more](#)



Census now on website

The new year brings with it great responsibility for each and every

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person in the United States. You will hear a lot about Census 2020 this year. You will receive your request to fill out the census starting in March. The official Census Day is April 1. For all things Census 2020, please [visit our website](#) for a special page on the topic. Find it under *Community* on the home page.

Holiday Home Decorating Contest Winner

Congratulations to the Edwards family who are the winners of the 2019 Holiday Home Decorating Contest. They were one of 15 entrants, all of which were beautiful displays.

Homeowner, Michael Edwards, thinks there are about 10,000 lights in his display. It took three weekends of work to create. And, he says it's different every year.



"My wife is full of ideas. She comes up with new ways to decorate every year," Edwards said. "We've been decorating since our kids were small and just really enjoy doing it. I try to wait until after Thanksgiving to put them up, but I may need to rethink that."

The Edwards will receive their prize and a special proclamation at the January 14 Board of Trustees meeting at 6 p.m.

The 2019 Year in Review video:



A Letter from the Administrator

As we reflect on the successes of 2019, Miami Township is already moving forward, setting new



goals and working to improve the services we provide.

In 2019, the township began the process of updating our comprehensive plan. *The Plan* gives residents, business owners and township visitors the opportunity to share ideas for the future. We hope for your continued support of the project in 2020 when you'll be asked to take online surveys and participate in community meetings. Visit [The Plan online](#) to learn more.

While our Community Development Department continues to create *The Plan*, staff is also excited to introduce [Citizenserve](#), a new online portal that allows you to apply for and pay for zoning permits. You can complete the bulk of your request online.

Economic development promises to be strong in 2020 with plans for Vienna Center, Mad River Corner and improvements at the Dayton-Wright Brothers Airport. Anticipation for redevelopment at the Dayton Mall is growing with the sale of the old Elder-Beerman property to Washington Prime Group.

Our Public Works Department is ready to respond to wintry conditions. Snow plows are loaded with salt and ready to respond. This after crews completed three rounds of leaf pickup last fall. And, let us not forget our Parks Department that is making plans now for further upgrades and renovations at our parks in 2020.

We encourage you to be an active member of our community. Attend Board of Trustee meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 6 p.m. A new trustee will be appointed in January to join trustees John Morris and Don Culp. Our Zoning Commission meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., while the Board of Zoning Appeals meets on the first Monday of each month when a case is brought before it.

Thank you for signing up for this monthly online newsletter. Please ask your family and friends to [sign up](#) too. Our newsletters, [website](#) and social media pages are your best resources for township news and events. Be sure to like us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and follow us on [Twitter @miamitownship](#). On behalf of the entire staff at Miami Township, I wish you a prosperous new year.

-Ronald L. Hess, Miami Township Administrator

Meet Your Neighbors: Pat Roeller

Pat Roeller is on a mission. The Miamisburg resident has been preparing meals for police officers and firefighters for three decades out of the kindness of her heart. She plans, shops,



cooks and serves them in her own home, twice a year.

Roeller's crusade began in Indianapolis where she first encountered the kindness of law enforcement. Her son struggled with drug addiction for several years and became entangled in the justice system. But, instead of caving in to hard times, she embraced the officers who

helped get her son back on the right path. She started a Just Say No to Drugs Club at her children's school and fed the Indianapolis Metro Police Motorcycle Drill Team who participated.

"I just kind of flippantly said before they perform at the school, why don't you come over for lunch," Roeller said. "I had 25 Harleys parked outside my house. I figured it was a one-time thing I'd never do again."

She was wrong. Roeller never lets an officer pass by her without giving them a big hug, so when she would dish one out, officers would often ask her about that lunch and ask that she do it again. Thirty years later, she's still at it.



She's been playing host here in our community since 2000, feeding officers from Miami Township, Miamisburg, West Carrollton, Springboro, Centerville, Moraine, Vandalia, Huber Heights, the Miami Valley Fire District, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Montgomery County deputies, secret service, even agents from the FBI. She does receive a few donations, this year from Dental Depot. Her son pitches in, and she makes up the difference. She hosted about 80 people at her December holiday brunch, all of whom chowed down on eight giant casseroles, coffee cakes and drinks.

Roeller has her lunches down to a science. She knows how to quickly move everyone through a self-serve line and freezes the drinks to offset the need for ice. She may cut a few corners for efficiency, but she doesn't cut back on what matters to her most.

"I don't ask for anything, only to love you, support you, encourage you, feed you and pray for you," Roeller said. "Every person is called to do something. Whether they choose it or not, they're called. I think it was four or five years in before I really got it, that this was a ministry."

Want to nominate a neighbor to be profiled? [Email us!](#)

Photo Gallery



Administrative Assistant Nancy Cullen's last day on the job for MT. We'll miss you!



Welcome That's Soul Vegan to the Dayton Mall in the Miami Crossing District.

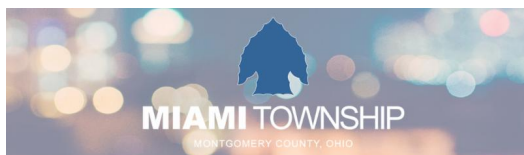
Did You Know?

- The Government Center is closed Monday, Jan. 20, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Offices reopen Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 8 a.m.
- Remember: You can view township expenses at OhioCheckbook.com. [Click to watch a video](#) to learn more.
- Learn what it takes to be a Miami Township police officer. Join the Explorer program. [Click to apply!](#)



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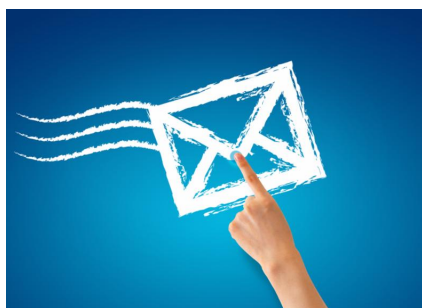
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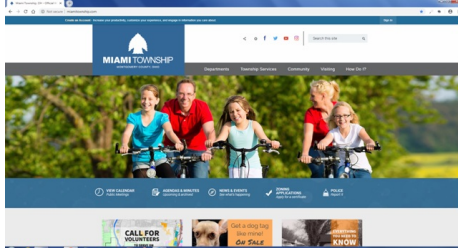


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