



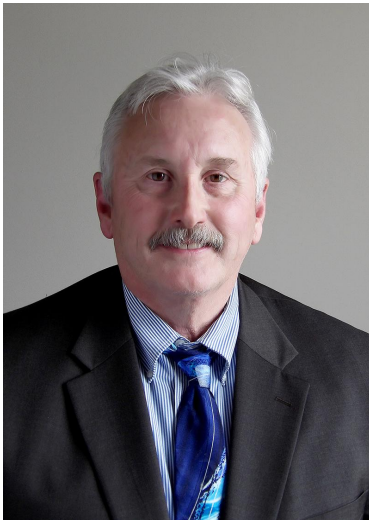
# MIAMI TOWNSHIP

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO

## *Miami Township Monthly* June 2020

### COVID-19 Update: Back to Business

#### A message from Administrator Ronald L. Hess



The Miami Township community is beginning to experience the 'new' normal as restaurants, retail and other businesses reopen with strict new guidelines for all to follow. The Miami Township Government Center lobby is also back open. As you read this month's digital newsletter, you will learn about new safety guidelines when you pay us a visit and get an update about our parks and public meetings held via teleconference. We're working toward returning to normal operations, but it must be done in a safe manner.

Township employees who have been working from home since mid-March have returned to the office, still adjusting to the morning commute. I want to thank those staff members who came into the office each day to keep operations moving forward while supporting those working from home. The police department and Miami Valley Fire District never let up providing services to our residents and our public works crews continue to operate under strict guidelines to keep the township infrastructure in good working order.

The Board of Trustees and administrative team are closely watching how the economic downturn caused by the pandemic is affecting township revenue. Hotel/motel tax revenue is down, as is gasoline tax revenue and Local Government Fund distribution. The administration continues to be conscientious stewards of the budget, restricting spending in our efforts to keep the township financially secure during these turbulent times.

We encourage you to safely return to shop, dine and work in Miami Township. Each business may have different safety protocols, so please work together to keep everyone healthy.

# The Government Center is Now Open

HOURS: Mon-Fri; 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## Guidelines to Stay Safe:

- Limit of 10 visitors inside building at one time
- Visitors are limited to the lobby only
- Lobby is marked to assist you with proper social distancing of six feet
- 8 a.m. - 9 a.m. hour reserved for 60+ years of age or those with compromised health conditions
- Visitors requested to wear face masks while in building
- Residents encouraged to do as much business as possible via phone or online services
- Drop box available to make payments in person; payments online or by mail preferred
- Document drop off available; by mail preferred
- Community Room remains closed until further notice
- All public meetings (BOT, Zoning, BZA) held via teleconference until further notice



## Where We Stand:

*Parks* - Township park trails and green space are open, but play equipment and shelters remain closed. Park reservations are no longer being accepted until further notice. Any reservation previously made for a date after May 31 is subject to cancellation.



*Teleconferences* - Public meetings (Board of Trustees, Zoning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals) will continue to be held via teleconference until further notice. You must register for each meeting in advance. **CLICK TO REGISTER**



*Zoning applications/payments* - Please continue to use Citizenserve to apply online for zoning certificates and to pay permit

application fees! It is free and easy to use.  
[CLICK TO SUBMIT ONLINE APPLICATION](#) now.



**Staff** -Township staff is always available to assist. While many of our team members worked from home the past couple of months, most are now back in the office, M-F; 8 a.m.-4:30 pm., under strict COVID-19 protocols.



**Restaurant/Business/Hotel Directory** - Township restaurants, retail and other businesses are opening back up! Please be sure to follow each establishment's COVID-19 rules! [CLICK FOR DIRECTORY](#)



**Newsletters:** The newsletter that is typically mailed to your home in May is postponed. Please let us know whether you would like the mailed newsletter continued or only receive the monthly online newsletter to your inbox? [Answer our informal poll now for informational purposes only:](#)



How do you want to receive township news?

I prefer monthly email only

Select

I prefer the bi-annual newsletter mailed to my house

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I prefer both mailed newsletter and monthly email

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I prefer social media

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## Contact us with your questions

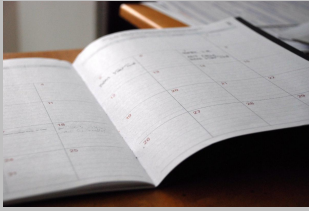
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## At Your Service - News and Events



**Agendas &  
Minutes**

### Board of Trustees meeting dates to change

Effective July 7, Board of Trustees meetings will be held on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

Meetings begin at 6 p.m. Depending on the status of the COVID-19 pandemic, public meetings will continue to be held via teleconference until further notice.

### Posey, Jr. named to MVFD board

Trustee Terry Posey, Jr. took on a new role in May. He now sits on the Miami Valley Fire District Board of Trustees. The board welcomed Posey during its May meeting. He also sits on the South Metro Regional Chamber of Commerce board.



All three of our trustees sit on various boards. Trustee President John Morris currently sits on the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission board and Miami Township Community Improvement Corporation (CIC), among others.

Trustee Don Culp is a member of the Public Health South Suburban Coalition as well as a Hillgrove Union Cemetery board member.

### Runway Fest canceled for 2020

The annual Runway Fest at the Dayton Wright-Brothers Airport has fallen victim to COVID-19. The festival is canceled for August 2020. Organizers say all is not lost. The popular celebration of aviation is expected to return in 2021.



## Cat program ready for summer

The Humane Society of Greater Dayton has restarted its Community Cat Program. Township residents can trap feral cats and take them to the Nicholas Road facility to be neutered and returned to the spot where they were captured. A free, virtual cat trapper training course is also offered. For more information about neutering appointments or to register for the virtual cat class, [CLICK HERE](#).



Photo courtesy Humane Society of Greater Dayton

## 2020 Census - You Count!

### MIAMI TOWNSHIP NEEDS

**School lunches. Plans for highways. Support for firefighters and families in need. Census results affect your neighborhood every day.**

## Fill out the Census now:

# 2020CENSUS.GOV



Nearly 71% of township residents have filled out their census forms. For the remaining 30%, time is running out! Your response helps determine the amount of federal dollars directed to township projects for roads, business development, schools, health care and more. You make the difference! It only takes a few minutes and you can do it all online at [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov).

# At Your Service - Police Department

## Huffy donates bikes to MTPD

The Miami Township-based Huffy Corporation generously donated four bicycles to the police department. Huffy met with Detective Sgt. Mike Siney several times to fit the bikes to our department's needs.

The bikes are easy for officers to maneuver and their look matches that of our police cruisers.

Siney, who leads the bike patrol, says you should expect to see officers on their new bikes this summer! Thank you, **Huffy Corporation** for your kind donation!



From left: Det. Sgt. Mike Siney, Kris Parlette, Huffy Corp., and Chief Charlie Stiegelmeier



Detective Dan Wessling (left) and Officer Justin Knight

Watch Montgomery Co. Memorial video:



## Police Week Cruiser Caravan

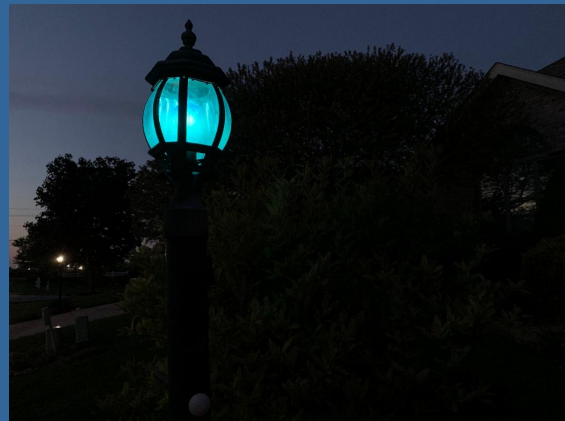
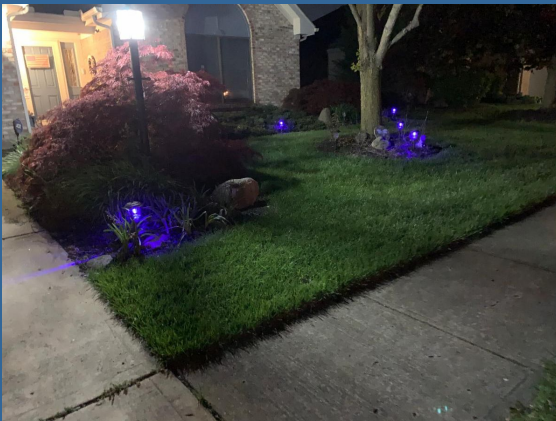
Every May, Miami Township joins the country to commemorate Police Week. While many ceremonies were canceled this year, a COVID-safe cruiser caravan was held.

Miami Township police were among the 60 cruisers, 11 motorcycles and one fire truck that took part in the **Montgomery County Law Enforcement Memorial Association** event. The caravan made stops outside the Oakwood PD in honor of slain officer, Claude McCormick, in 1933. It then traveled to downtown Dayton to honor Dayton Detective Jorge Del Rio, killed in the line of duty last November. The caravan's final stop was outside Dayton Children's Hospital to wish the children good night.

## Photo Gallery - Light Ohio Blue

Light Ohio Blue is an annual event that coincides with Police Week to

pay tribute to law enforcement officers throughout Ohio, including our CALEA-accredited police force who are among the very best. Residents once again pulled out all the stops to show their appreciation.



## Did You Know?

- If you see a lot of runners/walkers June 15 in the area of Spring Valley Pike and Washington Church Road, they are taking part in a virtual Cancer Crush 5k, hosted by Southbrook Church. Money raised goes to the fight against cancer. [CLICK HERE](#) for more/register.
- The township welcomes Dr. Laura Blessing to the community. She is the new superintendent of Miamisburg City Schools.
- You can check on our spending anytime by using the [Ohio Checkbook](#).



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*Share Your Stories:*

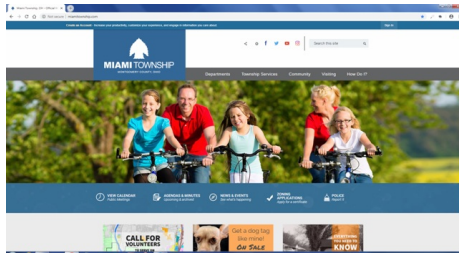
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