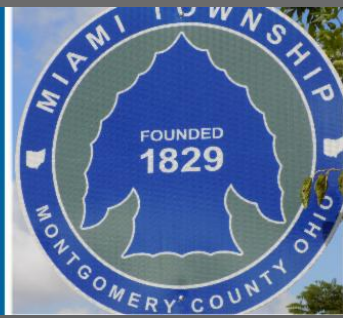




MIAMI TOWNSHIP MONTHLY



August 2020

Census Mobile making stop at Dayton Mall *Volunteers to help you complete census form*



Miami Township is working with the U.S. Census Bureau, the Dayton-Montgomery County Complete Count Committee and the Dayton Mall to help increase census response rates in the township and across the area. 72.2% of Miami Township residents have already filled out their forms, but let's work to top the 72.7% response rate from 2010! To reach our goals, we will be hosting the:

2020 CENSUS MOBILE
FRIDAY, AUGUST 7
4 – 6 p.m.

Outside the Dayton Mall near JCPenney

The customized van is equipped with internet Wi-Fi and six PC tablets to allow residents to complete their 2020 Census Self Response Survey for a complete and accurate count. Volunteers will assist people with filling out their forms while adhering to social distancing protocols. The event is free!

Some of our residents may not have easy access to the internet or have trouble filling out their form properly. So, please stop by the Dayton Mall August 7 between 4 -6 p.m. and we can help you complete the 2020 Census!

It only takes five minutes of your time to make a difference in our community - better roads, healthcare, school programs, housing, and better representation in Congress.

The Dayton-Montgomery County 2020 Mobile Census Unit was made possible with a generous grant from the National League of Cities. A special thank you to the **Dayton Mall** and the Dayton-Montgomery County Complete Count Committee for making this event possible.

[Complete Census Now](#)

At Your Service - News and Events



Community Development Dept. helps deliver PPE kits

The Community Development Department partnered with Jobs Ohio and the Dayton Development Coalition to distribute Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kits to small businesses in the township to help offset the costs of protecting employees from COVID-19.



The kits contained face masks and hand sanitizer. 15,000 kits were distributed in our region. More than 1.6 million statewide.

Public meeting schedule changes

A reminder that the public meeting schedule has changed to the following:

- **Board of Trustees:** First and third Tuesdays
- **Zoning Commission:** Second Tuesdays
- **Bd. of Zoning Appeals:** First Mondays

All meetings typically begin at 6 p.m. on the second floor of the Government Center, 2700 Lyons Road. But, due to COVID-19, they are currently held via Zoom teleconference.



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Photo: 2019 Veterans Breakfast

Annual Veterans Breakfast canceled for 2020

The annual Veterans Breakfast is canceled for 2020 due to the COVID-19 public health crisis.

The event attracts about 150 people each November, many of which are older veterans that may be more susceptible to illness.

This would have been the 13th year for the event. No decision has been made about a 2021 event.

Happy 103rd birthday, Ken!

Our dear friend, Ken Snavelly, turned 103 years old in July. To celebrate, VFW Post 9950 out of Centerville honored him with a quarantine birthday parade!

Residents of Trinity Community at Miami Township gathered to celebrate with Ken and we were happy to be invited! Happy Birthday, Ken!

Watch parade video:



Meet the Neighbors Villages of Miami Little Library



There is a great deal of community pride among neighbors in the Villages of Miami subdivision. The latest example is the installation of the Villages of Miami Little Library. The idea sparked after several neighbors brainstormed about the concept through social media. Resident Elizabeth Rose was among them.

“My husband loves carpentry and I’m a teacher, so we loved the idea and said we can build it! Being an elementary teacher, literacy is something very important to me and we have two little girls so it’s very important to us,” Elizabeth Rose said. “We put it out there that we

would build it and neighbors started offering monetary and book

donations to make it really nice. Our neighborhood is so supportive of projects that bring us all closer.”

Enough money was donated to build the library and a small bench that sits alongside it.

“There’s no better indicator for school success than parents reading to their kids. So, one thing we wanted to add was the bench, so if you are out on a walk and you happen to cross it, read a book with your kid, then be on your way.”

The Little Library allows neighbors to share books they like and feel others would enjoy. Readers can borrow a book of interest and bring it back when they are finished. The books will be a mix of adult and children’s titles. Donations are always welcome.

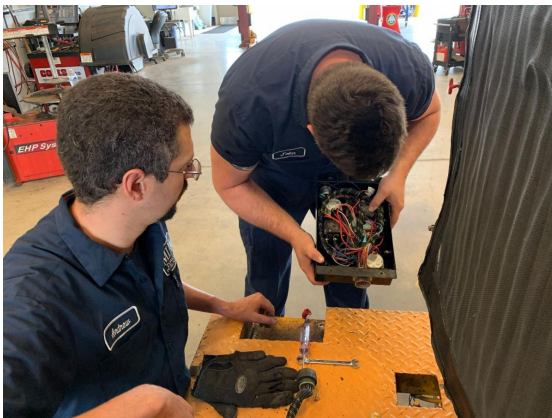
“There’s not a greater value in a community than its willingness to learn. It’s meant to increase literacy which increases community engagement which increases the value of life in general,” Rose said.

The Villages of Miami Little Library is located near Reeder Park.

(Photo courtesy: Casey Haper)

Meet the Staff

Public Works - Fleet Maintenance



(Photos top left: Andrew Cable; Bottom left: Crew works on leaf pickup machine; Right: John Schweickart)

When Andrew Cable started working as a mechanic for Miami Township a year ago, he was well prepared. Not only does he hold seven Automotive Service Excellence certifications (ASE) and an associate degree in auto-diesel repair, but he had a lot of good advice from his

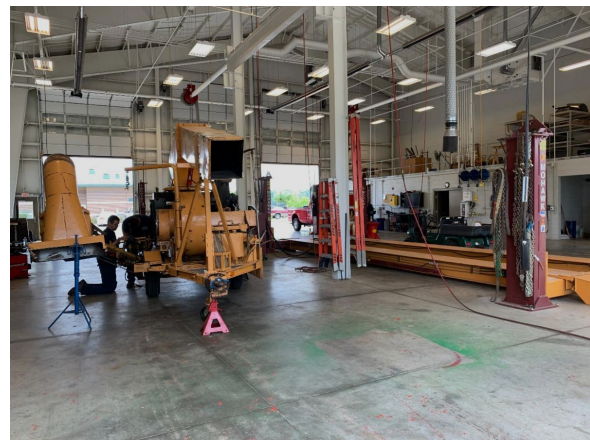
father.

"I guess I did follow in my dad's footsteps. He worked for West Carrollton's road department for many years," Andrew Cable said. "I like that my job is something different every day. It is not just the same grind. Some days, you don't know what you'll be working on."

Cable is part of the township's two-man fleet maintenance crew. He and supervisor, John Schweickart, run a fully functional garage that can tackle any vehicle maintenance issue that comes their way. And there is plenty of work to be done. They take care of 60-plus vehicles and multiple pieces of heavy equipment. They perform preventative maintenance like oil changes and get snowplows and leaf machines ready for each season's use.

"Being proactive saves money in the long run, so keeping the equipment in top shape is important," Fleet Manager John Schweickart said. "If all those units are working well and they are not having breakdowns, our job's complete."

Police cruisers are easily among the team's top priorities. They must operate properly so that officers can be effective in their jobs. For example, a cruiser recently had a shaking problem. The mechanics diagnosed a misfiring spark plug. They made the proper repair and got it back on the road in a day.



"We're trying to provide the police with the best functioning vehicles they can have because their job is important. And, we are trying to make sure public works has the safest vehicles and everything functions when it should in good and bad weather," Schweickart said. "It's not going to leave this garage until it's right."

Schweickart was recently promoted to fleet manager. He has five ASE certifications and is working toward an associate degree of applied science in business management. He is a lifelong Miami Township resident. He and wife, Danielle, a township police school resource officer, have an 8-year-old son.

Cable is married and enjoys fishing, camping and playing golf in his spare time. One thing he does not do after hours is work on cars.

"I get a lot of questions about fixing cars, but once I leave work, I don't really want to go home and do more work! I might eventually like to have an old car to restore."

ASE certifications demonstrate that a mechanic has a high level of skill and knowledge in his field. It requires higher education, testing and hands-on training. A mechanic must also be recertified every five years.

Cable's certifications are for various automotive specialties, while Schweickart's include automotive and heavy equipment certifications.

Fleet maintenance is part of the Public Works Department. Dan Mayberry serves as director.

COVID-19 Updates:

Government Center - There is a limit of 12 guests inside the building at one time. You must wear a mask while while visiting. **CLICK FOR MORE GUIDELINES** to assist you. If you have questions/concerns, call us at 937-433-9969.



Parks - OPEN! Play equipment and shelters are available. Please remember to social distance 6 feet apart. You may make shelter reservations on our website or call 937-433-9969. **CLICK TO MAKE RESERVATION**



Teleconferences - Board of Trustees meetings will once again be conducted by Zoom teleconference only. Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals meetings continue to be held via teleconference until further notice. You must register with Zoom for each teleconference 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. **CLICK TO SUBMIT ONLINE APPLICATION.**



Restaurant/Business/Hotel Directory - Be sure to patronize township restaurants, retail and other businesses, but remember to follow each establishment's COVID-19 safety rules! **CLICK FOR DIRECTORY**



**STATEWIDE
MASK ORDER**

CLICK

**To learn more about the statewide
mask requirements ordered by
Governor DeWine July 23**



Did You Know?

- A reminder that Runway Fest, usually held in August at the Dayton-Wright Brothers Airport, is canceled for 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- A reminder that National Night Out, usually held the first Tuesday in August, is postponed to October 6.
- You can check on township spending anytime by using the [Ohio Checkbook](#).



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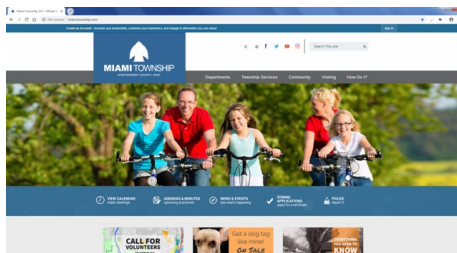


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