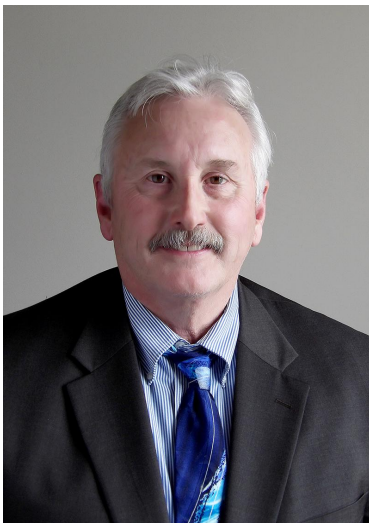




January 2021

A Letter from the Administrator

Looking forward to a better 2021



There is no doubt that 2020 was challenging, but Miami Township is looking forward to a new year full of opportunity. The township is already operating under new standards brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to adapt in 2021 to ensure that the community is served.

Our administrative staff, police department and public works have all worked diligently to keep the same high standard of service during these challenging times. Some administrative staff have been able to work from home, while others remain in the office to keep the

Government Center open to visitors. Our police department never wavers. Officers and staff continue to work through the pandemic at full speed. And, our public works crews are keeping the roadways safe, while continuing key programs like leaf collection and park maintenance. Everyone is observing social distancing protocols set forth by the state of Ohio. I thank them all for their hard work and dedication to the community.

We look forward to the opening of the new Vienna Parkway extension in the spring and completion of the Community Development Department's comprehensive plan. Our Finance Department is keeping close watch to ensure township spending is fiscally responsible through the pandemic. It is amid an accounting system upgrade and continues to work on refinancing our debt, which has resulted in significant savings thus far. The Parks Department just dredged and re-stocked the pond at Miami View Park for community enjoyment. We also secured a new contract with Rumpke Waste and Recycling that includes weekly recycling. Although the pandemic canceled our annual Veterans Breakfast, National Night Out, CANstruction and Runway Fest, we hope for their return in 2021.

The Board of Trustees welcomed Terry Posey, Jr. in February. He joined incumbents John Morris and Don Culp just in time to help manage the

COVID crisis. Public meetings for the board, Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals moved to Zoom teleconferences and will continue until further notice. BOT meetings moved to the first and third Tuesdays of each month, while the Zoning Commission meetings moved to the second Tuesday. The Board of Zoning Appeals remains on the first Monday.

Miami Township staff are always available to assist you. We continue to man the office Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and will respond to your requests as soon as possible. While our lobby remains open, we encourage you to conduct business online at www.miamitownship.com. There you have access to submitting and paying for zoning certificates using Citizenserve, reserve park shelters, sign up to attend Zoom teleconference meetings, email staff and more. The bi-annual newsletter normally mailed to residents' homes is currently suspended, so please encourage your family and friends to sign up for this online version. You can also check in through social media on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube.

Let us all hope for the easing of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021. Please continue to support our local businesses through these tough times. On behalf of the entire staff at Miami Township, I wish you a prosperous new year.

- Ronald L. Hess, Township Administrator

Watch the 2020 Year in Review video:



Morris to remain trustee president in 2021



John Morris



Terry Posey, Jr.



Donald Culp

The Board of Trustees voted in December to keep John Morris as board president for 2021. Terry Posey, Jr. will serve as vice president. Don Culp, who served as vice president in 2020, remains on the board as trustee. Board meetings are held on the first and third Mondays each month at 6 p.m. via Zoom teleconference. [CLICK](#) for more.

At Your Service - News and Events

Snyder awarded by Montgomery Co. Township Association

Miami Township Community Development Director Chris Snyder has been named the Montgomery County Township Association's *2020 Economic Development Employee of the Year*. The MTCA presented Snyder's award during a surprise ceremony December 8 at the Miami Township Government Center.

Snyder is a 20-year employee of the township having served as director of community development since 2014. He is certified through the American Planning Association and serves on several joint economic development boards.



New Year brings weekly recycling

With the new year, comes more service from **Rumpke** Waste and Recycling. The township's new contract takes effect January 4, including weekly recycling and



more choice in trash bin sizes.

The cost for service increased to \$14.65 a month/\$43.95 quarterly. **CLICK** to learn more about township trash service.



Recycle your Christmas tree

The tinsel is removed, the ornaments are stored away until next year, so what now? What do you do with your Christmas tree? There are two natural options in our area:

Trees can be dropped off at Eastwood MetroPark, 1401 Harshman Rd., through Jan. 31. The drop-off site is on the lake side near the boat ramp. Trees will be sunk into Eastwood Lake to help aquatic life. For more information, visit www.metroparks.org. You can also find info about recycling unwanted strings of holiday lights.

Caesar Creek State Park will collect trees until January 15. The Christmas tree drop-off area is a large grassy spot, marked with signs, located at the end of North Pool Boat Ramp near the public beach. Call the Park Office at 513-897-3055 with questions.

Holiday Home Decorating Contest winner announced

Congratulations to the Poore family who won the 2020 Holiday Home Decorating Contest! There were 15,000 twinkling lights, handmade decorations and a path in the front yard for the neighbors to explore! Thank you to all who entered. Please watch the video to see the beautiful displays:

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Road crews knee-deep in snow season!

Our Public Works Department is already hard at work keeping township roadways passable during inclement weather. You have probably seen those familiar white



lines painting the roadways, indicating that a beet juice mixture was put down to battle slippery conditions.

Road crews can work as many as 10 to 12 hours per snow event just to clear away snow. That is on top of treating the roads in advance. Trucks are loaded with 10 tons of salt at a time that usually

covers one neighborhood. Road Worker Jay Crawford takes you onboard a snow plow for this video tour of what it's like to be behind the wheel of a Miami Township snow plow:



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COVID-19 Updates
Click each for informational links:

Government Center guidelines	Public meetings via Zoom teleconference	Zoning applications/pay
Business/restaurant/hotel directory	State mask requirements/info	Township parks info/reservations

Did You Know?

- Miami Township Police Department is now hiring full-time police officers. **CLICK** to apply
- The Government Center is closed Monday, January 18, 2021, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Offices reopen Tuesday at 8 a.m. No trash delay.

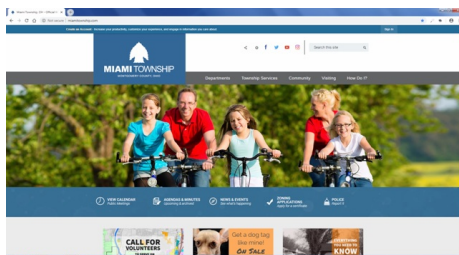


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