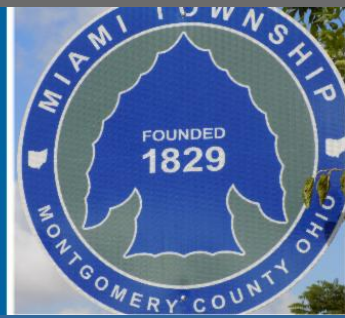




# MIAMI TOWNSHIP MONTHLY



March 2021



## Miami Valley Fire District adds levy to May ballot

The Miami Township Board of Trustees will ask voters to approve a replacement 3.65-mill operating levy for fire and EMS services in May 2021. The levy, if approved, would generate about \$2.4 million annually to help fund the township's portion of the Miami Valley Fire District, a shared fire and EMS service with the city of Miamisburg. Miami Township and MVFD officials say this funding is vital and necessary to keep one of the busiest fire departments in Montgomery County operating.

Through a collaborative effort between the city of Miamisburg and Miami Township, the Miami Valley Fire District was formed in 2012 and made permanent in 2017. The formation of the district has resulted in a cost-savings to taxpayers because the shared service model allows the district to economize personnel and efficiently operate equipment and stations. The MVFD serves a residential population of more than 50,000. Fire district personnel respond to more than 9,200 calls for service annually, making the district the second busiest fire department in Montgomery County.

According to the Montgomery County Auditor's Office, approval of the levy would cost the owner of a home valued at \$100,000 approximately \$39 in additional property taxes each year. With its passage, the district will continue to provide high quality fire suppression and rescue operations, emergency medical services, fire prevention, inspection and investigation services.

The 35-square mile response area includes three Interstate 75 interchanges, including the southern tip of Interstate 675 and the Ohio

725 and 741 business corridors that are home to the Dayton Mall and Austin Landing, as well as Sycamore Medical Center, CSX and Norfolk Southern railways and the Great Miami River.

A levy defeat will significantly hinder the day-to-day operations, put a heavy strain upon the level of service and lead to personnel reductions.

*- article provided by Miami Valley Fire District*

[Learn more about MVFD](#)

## At Your Service - News and Events



### Unemployment benefits fraud warning

Some township residents are among those falling victim to an unemployment benefits fraud scheme in Ohio. With the current COVID-19 crisis, this form of identity theft is on the rise. The Ohio Attorney General's Office provides many services to help victims as does the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services. To learn more, [CLICK NOW](#).

### New insurance option for solo business owners

Miami Township is helping the South Metro Regional Chamber of Commerce spread the word about new insurance options for local merchants. The Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance (SOCA) Benefit Plan now includes sole proprietors in its coverage. They can enroll beginning July 1. Quotes begin April 20. To learn about requirements, [CLICK NOW](#).



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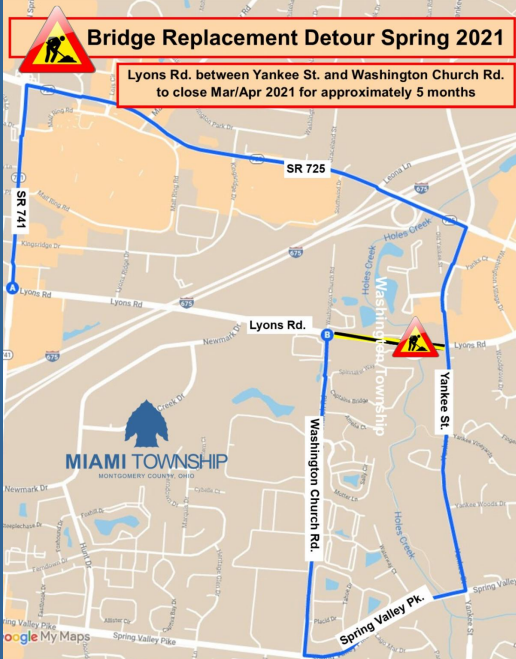
**SOUTHERN OHIO CHAMBER ALLIANCE**

*"Increasing the value of chamber membership"*

### Reminder: Bridge replacement to affect local travel

The Montgomery County Engineer's Office announced plans to replace an aging bridge on Lyons Road between Yankee Street and Washington Church Road. Work is expected to begin

this spring.



[Download detour map](#)

Building mural among those 'you have to see'

Murals are popular right now as a way to spruce up a community. You can't miss ours, painted outside the police department.

Artist Eric Henn of Franklin painted it in 2005 to commemorate Miami Township's 175th anniversary.

The Dayton Convention & Visitors Bureau recently included the PD mural on its website blog.

An interesting bit of trivia... the horse depicted is based on the pet of former trustee, David Coffey.



*Photo: Muralist Eric Henn paints mural in 2005 as former Police Chief John Krug looks on.*

Don't Press Your Luck!

Don't Drink and Drive

MIAMI TOWNSHIP POLICE

St. Patrick's Day Blitz March 12 - 18, 2021

[Visit the PD online](#)

### St. Patty's Day Blitz

The Miami Township Police Department is conducting a saturation patrol March 12-18, 2021, to catch people driving under the influence. Extra officers will be out on patrol during The *St. Patrick's Day Blitz* thanks to the Ohio Safety Grant awarded in

## Meet Your Neighbors Judy Dickey



Judy Dickey is a force to be reckoned with having lived in Miami Township for 70 years. While she dedicates a great deal of time working for the betterment of the township and area veterans' affairs, it is her father we must thank first.

"My dad always made it (giving back) important. He always insisted that my sisters and I be active," Judy Dickey said.

Her father's encouragement definitely struck a chord with Judy. Dickey is currently into her 20<sup>th</sup> year as a member of the Community Foundation of Miami Township, a nonprofit organization whose

charitable projects benefit the township. She is in her third term as president. She says the construction of the Miami Township Veterans Memorial is among the foundation's biggest achievements, but also notes various donations to the parks and yearly scholarships awarded to township students. While the pandemic has slowed the foundation's progress over the past year, Dickey remains hopeful.

"We've had to put our biggest fundraiser, the Beer and Wine Tasting, on hold, but it still means so much to us. We would love to schedule it again this year, but it is still up in the air."

Dickey's family history is woven into the fabric of this township. Her father was the first police chief. In fact, he helped start up the department in the 1950s. Her brother-in-law was a police officer and her husband not only served as an officer, but also as a firefighter for 32 years.

What brought her family to the township? Judy did! She was just five years old, in dire need of medical services after being hit by a car in her Kentucky hometown. Her parents brought her north to receive the best care possible. At the time, the family lived in the area near what is now Austin Landing and Interstate 75.

"I was in a full body cast after the accident and I can remember my mom sitting me inside my red wagon under a walnut tree. We had to move when the highway came through."

When asked why she works so hard for Miami Township, Dickey shares the same advice that made such an impression on her all those years ago.

"If you are looking to make changes about something you are not

happy about, this is how you can help. Get involved. Be active. Join the foundation. We are always looking for new members."

[Learn more about CFMT](#)

*Do we need to meet your neighbor? Tell us about them by emailing [twpstories@miamitownship.com](mailto:twpstories@miamitownship.com). We just might put them in the spotlight!*



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## COVID-19 Updates

*Click each for informational links:*

Government Center  
guidelines

Public meetings via  
Zoom teleconference

Zoning  
applications/pay

**NEW - Vaccination  
information**

State mask  
requirements/info

Township parks  
info/reservations

## Did You Know?

- Daylight Savings time begins in March! Remember to spring forward one hour Sunday, March 14, at 2 a.m.
- Be snow ready! Read about our snow procedures anytime on our [website](#).
- Reminder: All township public meetings are currently conducted via Zoom teleconference. To register for a Board of Trustees, Zoning Commission or Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, [CLICK HERE](#)



## Connect with Us:

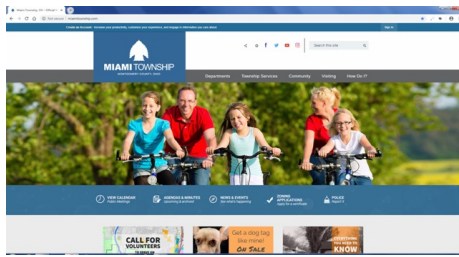
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