



July 2021

National Night Out is Back August 3

Register a party by July 12



POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

National Night Out is one of most highly anticipated events of the year in Miami Township, and while it was postponed in 2020 due to COVID, the police department is pulling out all the stops for this year's return event Tuesday, August 3, 2021.

Miami Township's 2019 celebration was named the number one event in the country for communities of our size (category 4; 15,000-50,000). We have the trophy to prove it! We anticipate 2021 celebrations will earn us that trophy again!

"What makes us different from other NNO celebrations is that our officers go out into the neighborhoods to visit with residents," Leah O'Malley, MTPD accreditation manager, said. "We want to develop a strong relationship with residents so they feel comfortable reaching out to us when they need help. And, we want to work together on ways to deter crime. The parties are a fun and casual setting for us to do that. If you don't live near a neighborhood party, then head to Austin Landing for the community-wide event."

So, how do you throw a party you ask? First things, first. You must decide upon a block party captain who can register the gathering with the police department. Share all the details of your event so that our officers and township trustees can stop by. We begin our visits at 6 p.m. and

don't stop until we visit them all, usually around 9 p.m. Block party captains will receive banners and t-shirts for organizers.

Once you **register**, it is time to plan! Block parties run the gamut, everything from fish fries, luaus and pool parties to barbecues and potlucks. Here is an idea: How about a carnival with lawn games for the kids, blow some bubbles and create sidewalk chalk art!

Need advice on registering a party? Click Here for some answers from the experts - The Flasher Family

The community bash is also returning to **Austin Landing** this year! There will be information tents, food, music and fun! Be sure to stop by sometime between 6 - 9 p.m. The Bloodmobile will also be part of the Austin Landing celebration again this year from 3:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. **CLICK NOW** for more information and to schedule an appointment.

NNO is designed to strengthen the relationship between police and the community they serve. It is the perfect opportunity to get to know each other and talk about crime prevention efforts. We can make our community a safer, more caring community while working together.

[Register your event](#)



CBC blood donors are the GOAT!
Did you know every 2 seconds someone in the US needs blood? Be someone's hero...Donate Blood. Make a commitment to give 3 or more times this summer and collect all three limited edition t-shirts!

**AUSTIN LANDING
MIAMI TOWNSHIP NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

**TUESDAY
AUGUST 3, 2021
3:30PM TO 7:30PM**



[Learn more about NNO](#)

Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving

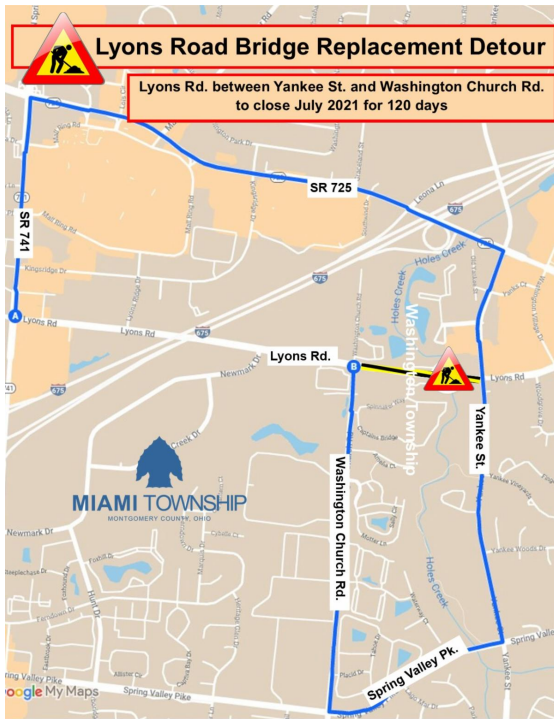
The Miami Township Police Department, along with the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration wants to remind drivers that **Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving**. The police department will have extra patrols working to reduce traffic crashes and get drunk drivers off the road during the Independence Day holiday, July 2 - 5, 2021. **READ MORE**



At Your Service - News and Events

MVFD names interim chief

The Miami Valley Fire District has appointed Battalion Chief Andy Harp to the position of interim fire chief following the June retirement of Matthew Queen. Harp has 38 years of fire service, having been a captain with the city of Miamisburg's fire department, then becoming battalion chief of the district when it was created in 2012 to serve both the city and Miami Township. The Ohio Fire Chiefs Association is assisting in the MVFD's search for a new chief.



[Click for interactive map](#)

Lyons Road bridge closure set for July 12

The Montgomery County Engineer's Office has announced dates for the closure of the Lyons Road bridge over Holes Creek for replacement.

The stretch of Lyons between Yankee Street and Washington Church Road, will close July 12 for 120 days.

The detour route will be SR 741 to SR 725 east, then south on Yankee Street, west on Spring Valley, then north onto Washington Church Road back to Lyons. We will keep you updated on the progress.

Crains Run Road remains closed

Crains Run Road remains closed to through traffic after storms caused damage on June 19.

Public Works Director Dan Mayberry says water runoff caused the ground to slip downward into the nearby stream. It caused a 3-foot deep and 80-



100 feet long gash on the edge of the road. The township is applying now for grant money to assist in the repair cost.

Detours direct motorists to Dayton-Cincinnati Pike, Benner Road, Miamisburg-Springboro Road and Wood Road as alternate routes.

It is unknown how long the road will be closed. Reopening is dependent on several issues such as weather, engineering, utilities and construction.



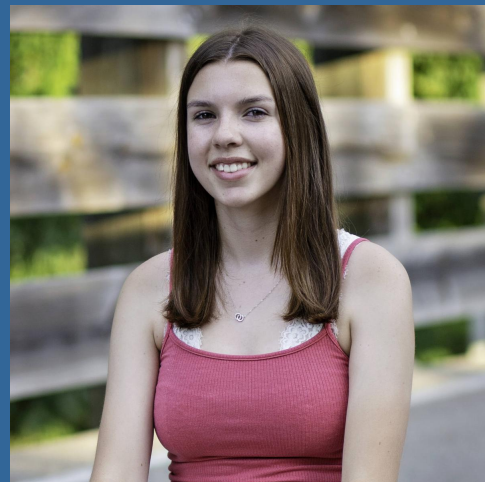
CFMT selects scholarship recipients

The Community Foundation of Miami Township selected the 2021 recipients of its CFMT Scholarships. Miamisburg High School seniors, Michael Raj and Camryn Welsh, each receive a \$750 scholarship:



Michael Raj is a national AP Scholar who not only excels academically, but in sports and community service. He was president of the National Honor Society and a member of Students in Science Engineering Roundtable. He also played varsity tennis.

He is an active community volunteer through Empower and Threads and is a member of the India Club of Greater Dayton and Dayton Tamil Sangam.



Camryn Welsh graduates having been on honor roll all four years of high school. She simultaneously earned an associate degree from Sinclair Community College, having maintained a 4.0 GPA in biology.

She is a member of the National Honor Society and was a runner on the varsity cross country team. Camryn volunteered her time mentoring incoming freshmen and working with children in a troubled youth program.

She will attend The Ohio State University in the fall majoring in biology on a pre-medical track.

Congratulations to you both! The **Community Foundation of Miami Township** is dedicated to supporting residents and businesses in Miami Township. This is the second year the foundation has offered the scholarship. Graduating seniors from Miamisburg High School and West Carrollton High School who live in Miami Township are eligible. To learn more about the foundation, **CLICK NOW**.

At Your Service - Finance

Township refinances bonds to save \$1.3 million

Miami Township has refinanced a series of bonds that will save taxpayers \$1.3 million through 2033. With help from the Montgomery County Transportation District, the township issued a series of bonds in 2010 for the Austin Boulevard interchange and related projects. The refinanced bonds have the same final payment date as the original bonds. **READ MORE**



Meet the Employees

Penny Bogner - Assistant Finance Director



Penny Bogner is a 20-year employee of Miami Township. Her experience and expertise recently earned her a promotion to assistant finance director. We asked Penny to introduce herself to you for this month's *Meet the Employees*.

Tell us about your daily duties and how they impact the township as a whole? My duties include benefits administration, budgeting, projections, policies and training. The benefits administration part of my job consists of assisting the township's benefits broker to evaluate and choose the insurance plans the

township provides to our employees. Since taking over this responsibility in 2015, the township has been able to remain relatively flat in terms of medical insurance cost with few plan changes. Our benefit year runs from July to June and with this most recent year the township will be able to realize a decrease of almost 17% to our insurance premiums. The last time our rates were this low was in 2011.

In Our Parks

Chainsaw chair sits regally at Waldruhe



This is one of those 'what the heck is that, but it is really cool' stories. It begins at Waldruhe Park about five years ago when an old ash tree had to be removed. It stood proudly near Shelter #2 for years providing shade to all who too sought respite underneath. While age and disease ultimately brought the tree down, its story is not over.

Parks Director Rex Gore saw value in the tree stump that remained. He did not see a nuisance, but something park goers could enjoy. Gore took his chainsaw to hand and created a rustic chair out that old stump, a

chair that may not be the most comfortable, but has a regal quality to it.

"I saw the trees cut down and said why not, so I created the chair. I thought people would think that it was dumb, but I started hearing from people and getting photos sent to me," Rex Gore, parks director, said. "I heard from one family who told me they have photos of their great-grandmother sitting in the chair as a place of honor during a family gathering at the park. I just love that."

You may have to compete with the squirrels who also enjoy the chair as a dinner table of sorts. You may need to brush off some squirrel 'leftovers', but it is worth taking a seat.

Seasonal parks worker needed

Miami Township is looking for a seasonal parks worker to begin immediately. The position will pay \$15 an hour and will generally work 40 hours a week from 7 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. **CLICK NOW** for more information and to apply.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

SEASONAL PARKS WORKER

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
\$15/HR.**

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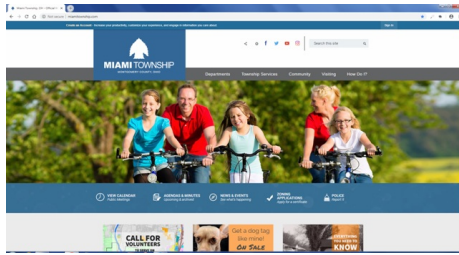
- The Miami Township Government Center will be closed Monday,

July 5, 2021, in observance of Independence Day. No delays in Rumpke trash pickup. Offices reopen Tuesday, July 6, at 8 a.m.



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