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Miami Township's New Trustees



**Trustee President
Andrew Papanek**

President's Report

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Miami Township for the ability to serve you as the president of the Board of Trustees. Your board has been very busy since taking office in January, not only becoming

acclimated with our new positions, but also taking very necessary steps to ensure quality service delivery to our citizens. The Township has been through difficult times and I want to report that the new Board of Trustees is taking every step to ensure that we are moving forward in a positive and progressive method.

The Board of Trustees have been working diligently since the beginning of the year to take action on a number of fronts. This process began even prior to the new board being seated in January with a series of meetings held between myself, Robert Mathews, and key groups both within and outside the organization. We met with staff, the outgoing Trustees, the remaining Trustee Charles Lewis, residents and business leaders in the community. One of the key meetings with staff was a meet and greet with all employees that brought mutual respect between all parties.

Since the beginning of the year we have been focused on bringing stability to the organization and community by establishing a nationwide search process that was conducted by an independent search firm to hire a new Township Administrator. The process culminated with the interview of four very good candidates and ultimately Greg Rogers was chosen as the successful candidate and was appointed in March 2014.

On March 31, 2014 Mr. Lewis officially left the Board of Trustees after having decided earlier in the month to retire. After conducting a

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**Trustee Vice-President
Robert Matthews**

Dear Miami Township Residents,

First, I would like to thank you for electing me as one of your new trustees for Miami Township. My goal is to put some of the difficulties of previous years in our township behind us.

Progress has been made

on that goal as shown by the mostly favorable articles in the newspaper.

During the first five months, Andrew, Charles and I have strengthened the staff to serve the residents better. This includes the addition of three police officers, five administrative assistants, and one full-time and one part-time staff members in public works. We hope you notice the improved service in all of these areas.

Additionally, the trustees have selected a permanent Township Administrator, and a new Trustee to replace Charles Lewis after his retirement.

Improvements also include 21 new computers for the police department, new email service for all staff members, and a new IT support contract.

With some of the basics out of the way, Andrew, Doug, and I now have the opportunity to start addressing some improvements for the Township. In the next few months, we will be entering a period of strategic planning, headed up by our Township Administrator.

If you have any specific, long range issues you would like to see addressed, please contact us with your ideas.

Sincerely,
Bob Matthews



**Trustee
Douglas Barry**

Miami Township is pleased to announce the appointment of Douglas J. Barry to the Miami Township Board of Trustees to fill the unexpired term of Charles Lewis. The Board of Trustees voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Barry at the April 8, 2014 regular meeting.

Mr. Barry is currently a member of the Sinclair Community College Foundation Board. Doug Barry is the owner of BarryStaff, Inc. He holds degrees in Marketing and Management from Ohio Northern University Business School, where he was a four-year letterman in football and track. In 2002, Mr. Barry was selected by the Dayton Business Journal's 40 influential people under 40 years old. Doug is currently the president of Miamisburg Rotary. He lives in the township with his wife Jessica and sons Andrew and Justin.

Mr. Barry states "I would first like to thank Trustee Matthews and Trustee Papanek for the appointment. I also want to thank Trustee Lewis for his years of service. This is an important time for the Township. The citizens will see a board focused on serving the best interests of the residents and the business community. We will continue to look for ways to improve our level of service. I am looking forward to serving the citizens of Miami Township."

Andrew Papanek, President of the Miami Township Board of Trustees states "I am excited and look forward to working with Mr. Doug Barry as the newest member of the Miami Township Board of Trustee's. Mr. Barry is active in the community and currently serves on the Miami Valley Fire District Board of Trustee's. He also has an extensive background in business and marketing which will be a great addition to the current board as we move forward with our commitments to transparency and fiscal responsibility."

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selection process to find a replacement to fill the remainder of Mr. Lewis's term of office, the Board appointed Mr. Douglas J. Barry to serve as Trustee effective April 8, 2014. There is a full biography on Doug in this newsletter.

We are continuing to move the organization forward by establishing selection processes to find a permanent Police Chief and to fill the currently vacant Planning Director's position. These positions have been staffed by interim or acting staff for over a year. We should have each of these selections completed by the end of June 2014.

Completing the process of filling vacant positions will put the organization in a strong position to begin implementing the findings of the internal audit conducted through 2013-2014. This process to establish new policies and procedures for the administration of township business will continue throughout 2014. These implementations are voluntary and greatly improve our ability to deliver services.

Outside of the internal organization changes, Miami Township has seen tremendous progress occurring on several development projects. The new Roto-Rooter Training and Service Facility on Byers Road is nearing completion. This is a \$4 million facility.



Roto-Rooter Training and Service Facility on Byers Road

The Connor Group headquarters facility at Dayton Wright Brothers Airport is also nearing completion and will be occupied in 2014. This award winning facility is located at the intersection of State Route 741 and Austin Boulevard.

Austin Landing is also experiencing renewed development activity with two new buildings quickly taking shape as part of the central

village area and a third major anchor beginning construction. Field & Stream, an outdoor recreation and sports store will anchor the southwest corner of the development and is another regional draw serving to bring customers from the heavily travelled I-75 corridor into the community.

We are also very excited to see a recent burst of activity at the Dayton Mall. Mall officials have noted that nearly 70,000 square feet of renovations and additions are underway to bring in new stores and enhance existing store spaces. H&M a popular clothing store will be arriving in one of the newly expanded store spaces.



H&M coming to the Dayton Mall

Miami Township is continuing to work with our regional partners to plan for the future of the Dayton Mall Area through the creation of a detailed master plan. This plan will help guide future public and private investments in the area and continue the great success we have seen in redeveloping and enhancing this vital commercial center in our community.

The Board of Trustees would like to thank you for your confidence and we look forward to serving you in the coming years. ❖

New Trustees Get Sworn In



Trustee President Andrew Papanek



Trustee Vice-President Robert Matthews



Trustee Douglas Barry

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Robert Matthews, Vice President of the Miami Township Board of Trustees states, "I'm delighted that we had excellent pool of candidates to choose from and Doug Barry will round out the Board of Trustees team by bringing excellent skills, especially in communicating with the businesses in the Township." Matthews further states, "Selecting a Trustee quickly was needed to resolve a precarious situation concerning the Board's ability to meet quorum requirements for public meetings. If either of the two remaining Trustees was unable to attend the Board meetings, there would not be a quorum to conduct the Township business. We were fortunate to locate a qualified Trustee quickly." ❖

Fiscal Officer Update

When I was elected and began serving as your Fiscal Officer, I faced many challenges. My promise to you was to bring about positive changes and improve efficiencies in the Finance Department while increasing accountability and transparency. I continue to fulfill these promises, and have accomplished the following:

- Streamlined payroll
- Realigned duties to obtain personnel efficiencies
- Established procedures to improve transparency to citizens
- Created process for in-depth budget review
- Hired an experienced government Finance Director to assist in continued process improvements

After these initial changes I realized that there were larger issues facing Miami Township. We needed an independent auditor to take a look at our organization from a macro level. The audit would provide an unbiased perspective and direction on where we needed to focus our efforts. Others may have been afraid to bring in an outsider and ask for an evaluation of the organization's performance; but I knew this is what we needed in order to achieve our goal of cleaning up the township and improving our overall performance while safeguarding taxpayer's dollars.

We contracted with a highly regarded expert in the audit field. He conducted the audit and compiled several key points that needed attention, revision, or creation. As a result of this audit report, I am continuing to make necessary improvements to ensure that the township is incorporating accounting best practices and the finances are protected. The most critical improvement is the formation of a new Compliance Department within the township. This department will ensure that policies are followed, proposals and contracts are handled properly, and that vendors are held accountable, thereby reducing our risk of litigation and financial exposure.



**Miami Township Fiscal Officer
Ann Barhorst**

My tenure as your Fiscal Officer has been interesting and challenging as I have worked with six different Trustees, three Township Administrators, and two Police Chiefs all within the first two years. There have also been a lot of departmental changes within Miami Township; however, I remain steadfast and committed to serving Miami Township with integrity and excellence.

We are definitely in better shape today than we were when I first entered the doors of the township building in the spring of 2012. I am encouraged by the pattern of positive change that I am seeing in the township. I am excited to have this opportunity to be an advocate for you, a change agent that represents you, in building greater fiscal responsibility, and increased accountability and transparency in the township's day to day operations. My goal will continue to be working toward elevating our township to a higher standard of quality and services. In doing so, you can be confident that your taxpayer dollars are being used wisely for your benefit and the benefit of the community as a whole.

Finally, I want to announce that I have officially changed my name from Ann Culp to Ann Barhorst. This is a return to my maiden name; the one that I grew up in the township with and the one that I will use to proudly represent my family, neighbors, and friends for the remainder of my term in office.

Thank you,
Ann Barhorst (Formerly Ann Culp)
Miami Township Fiscal Officer

Trustee Andrew Papanek's Personal Article

It's hard to believe that 119 days have gone by since Robert Matthews and I took office on January 1, 2014. We both agreed that Miami Township needed to change and a priority was placed on transparency, communications and fiscal responsibility. I am happy to report that Miami Township is changing and moving forward at a rapid rate. I am thankful that Robert and I have been able to draw on many years of experience to guide us in this transition and make the correct decision that is in the best interest of Miami Township.

We have been working with staff and community leaders in making the necessary changes to ensure our policy objectives are carried out. We have clearly communicated to our staff the first year goals of solidifying staffing, conducting a strategic plan and fiscal stabilization. These goals are ongoing, but as I stated in the President's Report we are making significant progress with all three goals. We have also put into place the mechanism to comply with the findings of the independent audit that was implemented by the previous administration. These steps are completely voluntary and not required by Ohio State Law, but it is the correct action to take at this time. We look to have these policies implemented by the end of the year. We have made staff decisions and several selection processes are currently underway, which will result in our senior leadership being in place by mid-summer. We have also made several additions to our service delivery staff to ensure Miami Township can provide superior service to our citizens and businesses.

In summation, I am extremely pleased with the progress that has been made in a short period of time. The morale is at an all-time high according to the township administrator and other staff members. The current Board of Trustees are united in our efforts to do everything in our power to bring a sense of pride back to the township as well as continue to provide a level of service to the community that is unsurpassed within Montgomery County. I also pledge that I, as well as the other two trustees, will always serve in the best interest of the township as a whole.

It is with extreme pleasure and pride that I serve as your township trustee in all matters of mutual concern.

Respectfully,
Andrew J. Papanek, Trustee
Miami Township, Montgomery County

Five New Employees Join The Miami Township Police Department

Interim Chief of Police Ronald Hess recently hired three new road patrol officers, a police chaplain and a part-time reserve police officer. The road patrol officers will help to fill vacancies in the department due to recent retirements and changes in staffing. Officer Josh Samples joins our department after working for the past nine years for the West Carrollton Police Department. Officer Samples completed two tours of duty in Iraq while serving in the United States Marine Corps Reserves as a military police officer. Officer Dan Wessling was also employed by the West Carrollton Police Department before joining our department. He worked as a full-time officer for the past six years, and received numerous commendations for his outstanding activity and leadership. Officer Tom Hupp joined our department after working for the Sinclair Community College Police Department for almost seven years. Officer Hupp is also a certified level one firefighter.



Left to right: Interim Chief Ronald Hess, Officer Josh Samples, Officer Tom Hupp, Officer Dan Wessling

In 2009, Officer Hupp assisted in performing CPR during a medical emergency and was credited by the medics for saving the victim's life. We are excited to welcome three outstanding police officers to our department.

Pastor Richard McKinley was selected to become the first chaplain for the Miami Township Police Department. He has been in the ministry since 1985, and has a foundational understanding of the stresses of law enforcement because his father was a Deputy Sheriff. Pastor McKinley will work with Police Department administration to create a new chaplain program. We look forward to working with Pastor McKinley.

Another new program for the Miami Township Police Department is the Reserve Officer Program. Officer John G. Brun is the first officer hired under the new program. Officer Brun worked for 33 years

as a police officer for the City of Moraine. As a Reserve Officer, he will assist the Miami Township Police Department on a part-time basis with transporting prisoners to court, and helping with special projects. Officer Brun's knowledge and experience will be an outstanding asset to our department. ❖

Miami Township Police Department Prescription Drug Drop Box



The members of the Miami Township Police Department would like to remind citizens that there is a permanent **Prescription Drug Drop Off Box** located in the lobby of the Police Department, 2660 Lyons Road, Miamisburg, Ohio. If you would like to drop off unused prescription drugs, the front door is unlocked during regular business hours, but is locked after hours. There is a phone which connects to the Regional Dispatch Center, and the dispatcher can unlock the door for you to drop off unwanted prescription drugs. The Department recently participated in a "Drug Take Back Event" and collected approximately 70 pounds of medicine.

Bringing drugs to the Prescription Drug Box rather than flushing them down the toilet or throwing them away to go to the landfill allows them to be properly disposed of and keeps them out of our water supply.

Thank you for your help in supporting this important program. ❖

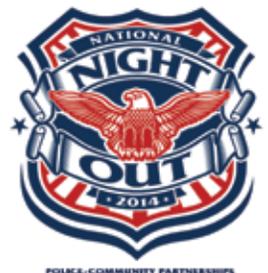
Please Join M.T.P.D. for National Night Out 2014

For the past twenty years, members of the Miami Township Police Department have been spending the first Tuesday in August celebrating National Night Out. Neighbors throughout Miami Township host block parties to enable them to get to know one another. When neighbors know one another they are more likely to recognize when something out of the ordinary is occurring and call the police.

The idea behind National Night Out is to give crime a going-away party. Throughout the evening block parties will be visited by: Police Officers, Detectives, Miami Township Road Department Equipment, Miami Valley Fire Department Equipment and other special guests. *It is a fun and relaxing way to get to know your neighbors and Miami Township police officers.*

If you are interested in participating in National Night Out by hosting a block party in your neighborhood, please contact Sgt. Jay Phares (jphares@miamitownship.com 937.433-2419) or Leah O'Malley (lomalley@miamitownship.com 937.433-2996).

We will be happy to give you an information packet and work with you to have a successful block party. ❖



Miami Township Police Department

New mobile phone app available soon!

The Miami Township Police Department is completing work on a new mobile app which will allow residents to have important information easily available on their cellular phones. We have been working with “Big Shot Apps” to create a free app that will provide easy access to the Regional Dispatch Center for 911, and non-emergency phone calls. The app is being prepared with no cost to Miami Township and will offer information for Miami Township and other local jurisdictions.

Citizens will be able to use the app to:

- Submit a crime tip
- Report an impaired driver
- Commend an officer
- Plus many other valuable features



The app will also contain links to the State of Ohio Traffic Cameras, Montgomery County Inmate Search, Montgomery County Sexual Offender Search as well as other valuable contact information. **The app will be available in a few weeks.** We hope it will become a valuable tool for residents of Miami Township. ❖

Public Works

Roadway Resurfacing Program Update

The Miami Township Road Department is preparing roadways for the 2014 resurfacing programs. One (1) street will receive milling and an asphalt overlay through Montgomery County's Asphalt Resurfacing Program. Fourteen (14) streets will receive a preventative maintenance treatment using Slurry Seal. All residents of streets scheduled for resurfacing will receive prior notification of the details regarding temporary lane closures or parking restrictions.

Bear Creek Road will receive milling and asphalt overlay. The following streets will be resurfaced using Slurry Seal:

- Adamwald Court
- Alpwoods Lane
- Carinthia Drive
- Cedarview Court
- Cortina Drive
- Edelweiss Court
- Innsbruck Drive
- Pinewood Place
- Rhineview Court
- Swisshill Court
- Swissway Drive
- Tiara Court
- Tyrol Trail
- Vienna Woods Trail

What is Slurry Seal?

Slurry was invented in Germany in the 1930's as a fast setting, highly durable, low cost paving and surface treatment. Slurry Seal is a mix

of small aggregate, emulsion, filler and water applied with a truck mounted spreader box. Slurry applications correct small roadway deficiencies, provide a weather tight barrier, preserve asphalt pavement and improve skid resistance. The initial Slurry surface will be slightly more coarse than an asphalt overlay, but will smooth out over time with vehicular traffic. Slurry Seal is a preventative maintenance product and extends the life of the asphalt pavement. The Township has been using Slurry as a preventative maintenance product for almost 30 years. Approximately 2-4 miles of Township roadway are resurfaced with Slurry Seal each year.

Crack Seal Program

Back in 2007, the Road Department instituted a preventative maintenance roadway crack sealing program. All streets are evaluated yearly and selections are made due to pavement conditions and deficiencies. Since the program's inception, over 25 percent of roadways have been crack sealed by Township crews. The preventative maintenance program extends the life of asphalt pavement and keeps damaging moisture from penetrating the road surface. As a common practice, crews also prepare road surfaces with crack sealing material prior to the resurfacing of Township streets. The modern, innovative materials used do not result in the sticky tar residue on streets as crews have experienced with past techniques. ❖

Permit Information

Don't forget to contact the Road Department before starting any home improvement projects within the road right-of-way. The right-of-way is typically the strip of turf between the curb line and the back side of the sidewalk or, in most cases, roughly ten feet from the curb line if your neighborhood does not have sidewalks. The most common projects that include the replacement of curb, driveway apron and sidewalk require a permit and inspection process to perform work within the road right-of-way. Large landscape plantings and irrigation systems should be placed out of the right-of-way to avoid view obstructions and eliminate potential damage to vehicles and underground/overhead utilities.

Permits and construction requirements can be obtained at the Public Works Department located at 10891 Wood Road. ❖

Basketball Hoop Policy

The Miami Township Board of Trustees adopted a resolution on February 14, 2006 that instituted a policy regarding the removal of permanent and portable basketball hoops located within the road right-of-way. The action stemmed from an increasing number of resident complaints and accidents involving the basketball hoops.

It is the obligation of Miami Township to keep the road right-of-ways clear of obstructions that impede or impose a threat to the motoring and pedestrian public. The policy includes the steps involved to address any locations that are in violation. Please help correct this safety issue by removing the permanent or portable basketball hoop at your residence if located within the road right-of-way. ❖



Trash and Recycling Program

The spring has brought more changes to the trash and recycling program in Miami Township. In April the Township moved to a new every other week recycling schedule. This change also included the addition of new 96-gallon totes to replace the blue 18-gallon recycling bins for most of the Township residents. Many residents have called the Township to discuss these changes. In an effort to provide context for the current system we have put together a brief history of the waste and recycling program in Miami Township.

From at least the 1970's (most likely even earlier) through 2012 Miami Township provided trash service through two property tax levies. These levies covered the cost for waste and recycling services for Miami Township residents. In 2012 residents voted down one of the two levies. This required the Township to change the way it provides trash service as there was no longer sufficient funding to support the program.

On June 1, 2013 the waste disposal program in Miami Township moved to a residential fee system. The Township bid out service to get the best rate for all residents. By bidding the service out, the Township was able to capitalize on the size of the community to get lower rates. Miami Township selected Waste Management to service the community. Waste Management was the only company to return a bid that met the community requirements for single day service.

In order to achieve the lowest possible cost for residents, the contract included provisions to permit Waste Management to maximize the collection of recyclable materials.

By increasing the amount of materials collected for recycling, disposal costs are reduced and these savings are able to be passed on to residents through a lower contract rate. The most cost effective program utilizes recycling bins of up to 96-gallons that are collected every other week.

This new program provides a free 96-gallon tote to residents for collecting recyclable materials. Without recycling, residents would have faced a higher cost for waste collection services. If residents do not want to have the 96-gallon totes, they can call Waste Management to have them picked up.



These steps were taken due to the rejection of the previous levy based system. The majority of voters decided that they did not want to have a waste collection levy. Without this mechanism to place the costs of the program on property taxes, the program had to be modified. Waste Management can offer a lower cost per resident if they collect from the whole township versus only portions of the community. This is the most cost effective program that the Board of Trustees could offer at the time based upon the bids that were received.



As of now the entire program is being reviewed. Staff will be providing the Board of Trustees with several options over the summer including:

- Keep the program the same
- Remove the Township from the equation (e.g. each resident can get a contract with any provider)
- Put a levy on the ballot.

Costs of each program to the residents and the management of each will be considered. Please check out our website at www.miamitownship.com for further details about when these trash discussion meetings will take place. Please get your voice heard by going to www.miamitownship.com/trashsurvey and giving us your opinion on which option is best. ❖

Drains, Ditches and Watercourses Information

“The responsibility for the maintenance and improvement of drains, streams, ditches and watercourses, whether established County/Township ditches or not, rests entirely upon the land owners affected and benefited. It is not the obligation of the County/Township to maintain or improve the storm drainage facilities across any individual's property for either agricultural purposes or development of suburban home sites. When an individual purchases property, the principal of “Caveat Emptor” or “let the buyer beware”, is the purchaser's best guideline. Land ownership has many potential and real benefits, but also comes with certain liabilities. Storm drainage facilities fall under the liability category of property ownership. These storm drainage facilities cannot be closed, obstructed or altered in any way which would reduce the capacity for conveying storm water across private property. Any owner is liable for upstream property damage for failure to properly maintain storm drainage facilities across his own property.” Passage from Montgomery County Engineer pamphlet, *Responsibility and Procedure for Improvement and Maintenance of Drains, Ditches and Watercourses*.

The act of installing drainage tiles from downspouts and basement sump pumps out to the roadway is not permitted by Miami Township. Dumping excess water into the roadway or on sidewalks can create a public safety hazard and prematurely deteriorate the road surface and curb. For additional information call **(937) 866-4661** weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. ❖

Leaf Collection Update

The Road Department completed the 2013 Leaf Collection Program on December 31st, 2013. Crews collected 381 loads (3,500 cubic yards) of leaves this season. At the conclusion of leaf collection, staff transitioned to the task of inspecting and cleaning all catch basins and dry wells. Necessary basin repairs will be completed in the spring and summer months. We wanted to thank all residents that chose mulching leaves this year and encourage others to consider this option for next year.

The act of mulching tree leaves supplies the turf with natural nutrients necessary for a healthy lawn, lowers program expenses, and accelerates the collection process. Mulching can be accomplished by raising the deck of the lawn mower and installing a blade specifically designed for this activity.

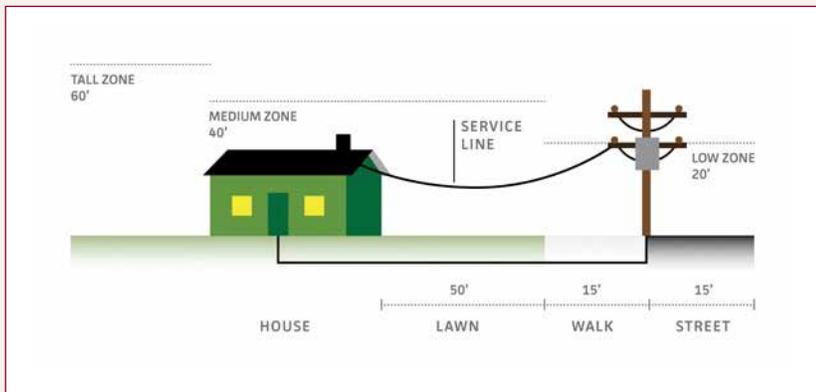
The tentative commencement date for the 2014 Leaf Collection Program is October 20th. The program will conclude by December 12th. ❖

Plant Smart When you Landscape your Yard to Avoid Problems with Power Lines

Tall leafy trees and attractive landscaping add value to a home. Trees can help with your energy costs, by creating shade for your home and reducing the need for air conditioning in the summer.

Trees and landscaping can also create problems when it comes to a safe and reliable power grid. But with just a little planning, it's possible for trees and power lines to co-exist.

When planning landscaping for your yard, you should consider how tall and wide trees and plants will be when they reach maturity.



Throughout the year, to maintain the safety and reliability of electrical service for our customers, Dayton Power & Light (DP&L) trims trees that have grown too close to power lines. Without that trimming, there is a risk that tree limbs could fall on power lines during storms or interfere with equipment and cause power outages.

When planning landscaping for your yard, you should consider how tall and wide trees and plants will be when they reach maturity. At their full growth, all vegetation must be at least 10 feet away from any utility pole, electric line or other DP&L equipment.

If you take the mature size of the plant into consideration now, it will reduce the need for trimming in the future. This diagram (left) shows where to plant landscaping to avoid future problems with power lines.

DP&L trims tree limbs in its "right of way," to prevent later problems that could bring down power lines or damage equipment. Our certified arborists and service reliability specialists remove limbs that threaten lines or equipment for the safety of our customers and protection of our equipment. ❖

Dead and Diseased Trees Pose a Safety Risk

Dead or diseased trees in a yard also cause problems for your electric service. Throughout the DP&L service territory, there are thousands of **dead or diseased Ash Trees** that post a risk to power lines and electric equipment. Many of those trees are outside DP&L's trimming area so it is up to the land owner to safely maintain or remove the trees to avoid risking the safety of people and power lines.

DP&L can assist property owners who have hired someone to trim their trees by temporarily shutting off service so the work can be performed safely. There is no charge for this service, but you must notify DP&L a few days in advance by calling **331-4860**.

In addition to planning ahead when planting trees or landscaping, it is also important to avoid causing problems when installing fences, decks and bushes. ❖

Decks and Fences Should be a Safe Distance from DP&L Equipment

DP&L must be able to read, remove/install and test our meters and other equipment. Building a deck or fence too close to a meter or other equipment could cause a safety hazard and create problems during an emergency, such as a fire, especially if DP&L has to remove the meter.

Meters should be accessible – with nothing blocking access for a minimum of 36 inches in front and six inches to the top and sides. DP&L has an **informational graphic** on our website with details and photos of meters that are inaccessible to our crews.

If you have a transformer or other DP&L equipment on your property, please help ensure the safety and reliability of your electrical service by keeping landscaping, fences and decks at least 10 feet away from the front and three feet from the sides and rear of the equipment.

For more information on how to keep your landscaping from causing problems with power lines or equipment, visit the DP&L website at www.dpandl.com. ❖



Summertime in the Parks

Miami Township operates and maintains four major parks. Shelters are available by reservation for your warm weather events. Are you planning a family reunion, birthday party or office picnic? To reserve a shelter at our parks give us a call at **433-9969**. **Township residents** have first-come, first-served priority from January 1 until April 15 of each year. Beginning April 16, non-residents may reserve park shelters on a first-come, first served basis.

- * **Crains Run** – *located west of Cincinnati Pike and south of Crains Run Road* has 2 shelters available for reservation, Kids Kube, woods, and a fully stocked fishing pond. The southern terminus of the Montgomery County River Corridor Bikeway, it's the site of Sunfish Lock, one of 10 locks on the former Miami & Erie Canal between Dayton and Middletown.
- * **Layer** (formerly BushDell) – *located east of Lamme Road, at the end of Cordell Drive* has a shelter house with picnic tables, a Kids Kube, two half-court basketball areas, and a baseball diamond.
- * **Miami View** – *located on the west side of Munger Road, south of Alex Bell* has two half-court basketball areas, three baseball diamonds, playground equipment, and a fishing pond. A shelter house is also available.
- * **Waldruhe** – *located on the east side of S.R. 741, south of I-675* has two open-air shelters for picnics, hiking trails, a slide, swings, and a Kids Kube.

For more information on park facilities, or to reserve a shelter, call **433-9969** or visit our website at <http://www.miamitownship.com>. To reserve baseball and softball diamonds contact the Public Works Department at **866-4661**. ❖

Hiking

Fishing

Biking

Baseball

Kid Kube

Picnic

Fun

Cox Arboretum

Cox Arboretum, in Miami Township, is part of the Five Rivers MetroParks system, located on S.R. 741 at 6733 Springboro Pike, Dayton, OH 45449. This living museum – with labeled collections of plants displayed in a landscaped setting – includes 160 acres of natural wooded areas and specialty gardens featuring plants suitable to the Dayton Region. The arboretum also offers nature trails, a large water garden, unique birds and wildflowers – and an occasional deer sighting. It's one of Ohio's finest free attractions. For more information call **434-9005**.



Some highlights include:

- 3.5 miles of walking trails
- Picnic area overlooking the water garden and Monet bridge
- Native Ohio Butterfly House (open July - August 28) and Pollinator Garden
- Maimon Memorial Garden in the Edible Landscape
- Clematis Arbor and Allée
- Stonewall Perennial Garden
- Conifer Collection
- Iris Garden
- Woodland Wildflower Garden
- "Conservation Corner," featuring natural wetlands and prairie
- Tree Tower

At your service

Recreation Benefits for Residents

Sycamore Trails Aquatic Center

Miami Township has partnered with the City of Miamisburg to extend residency benefits to Miami Township residents for the **Sycamore Trails Aquatic Center** (STAC) located at 400 S. Heincke Road in Miamisburg. Residents of Miami Township are eligible to receive discounts on season passes and daily admissions.

New this year, Sycamore Trails Aquatic Center Season Passes can be purchased online at PlayMiamisburg.com, at the Service Desk located at the Senior Adult Center at 305 E. Central Avenue, or on site at the Aquatic Center. For additional information, including aquatic center pricing, class schedules and facility schedule, visit our website or call the Aquatic Center information hotline at **847-6565**.

Please note that Township residents must verify residency with a current driver's license or a copy of a property tax statement. STAC will open for the 2014 season beginning May 24.

Sycamore Trails Aquatic Center is a state-of-the-art aquatic complex that opened in June 1997 and features:

- 174-foot tube slide
- 133-foot body slide
- Pool depths ranging from zero depth entry to a 12.6-foot diving well
- One-meter diving board
- 12-foot drop slide
- Padded tot frog slide
- Eight competitive/fitness swimming lanes
- Interactive water-spray play equipment
- Wet sand play area
- Lighted sand volleyball courts
- Men's and women's bathhouses and family changing rooms



Riverfront Park

Riverfront Park, located in downtown Miamisburg, will host the **Riverfront Park Entertainment Series** again this year, providing different sights and sounds that will surely meet the tastes of many. The Entertainment Series includes three different segments of entertainment.

Riverfront Park Concerts offer musical concerts each Sunday night beginning at 7 p.m.

Hump Day Happenings occur from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. and will be held on June 18 featuring The Menu's, July 16 featuring The Sensations, and August 13 featuring the Motown sounds of Touch.

Picnic in the Park Children's Entertainment offers youthful acts on June 12, July 10 and August 7 from noon to 1 p.m. As always, these events are free and open to the public; attendees are asked to bring a blanket or lawn chair. ❖

Golf Courses

PipeStone and **Mound Golf Courses** offer quality courses for casual play, leagues and outings.

Visit GolfMiamisburg.com for updates on celebration activities and promotions. ❖

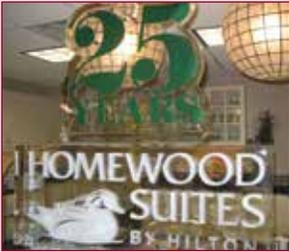


Miamisburg Parks and Recreation Department offers many services, programs and events that are open to Miami Township residents. Recreation programs such as preschool sports, youth dance and art instruction, summer day camps, ballroom dance, Zumba fitness and a variety of other programs are available to Miami Township residents. Registration for spring programs and summer day camp is currently under way. For details on program and day camp availability, please visit PlayMiamisburg.com or call the City's Parks and Recreation Department at **866-8999**. ❖

Spotlight on Miami Township businesses

Homewood Suites

Homewood Suites by Hilton Dayton-South located at 3100 Contemporary Lane in Miami Township celebrated its brand new “Take Flight” renovation update with an open house on April 21, 2014. The three-month revitalization project was a multi-faceted Hilton brand enhancement program in celebration of the Homewood Suites 25th anniversary in 2014, and emphasizes three core areas, the “connect zone,” the “dining zone,” and the “lounge zone. Trustees Papanek, Barry and Matthews, presented a proclamation to Homewood Suites General Manager Mark Langdon and Vern Oakley of Miller-Valentine. ❖



Left to right: Trustees Papanek, Barry and Matthews, Homewood Suites General Manager Mark Langdon and Vern Oakley of Miller-Valentine.

The Connor Group

The Connor Group, a real estate investment firm, is building a new Central Support Office on a 10-acre piece of land at Wright Brothers Airport in Miami Township. ❖



The Connor Group's new Central Support Office Building is under construction

Sinclair Community College plans to set up a Corporate College at Austin Landing

The region's largest community college will establish a 5,100-square-foot office, with an initial lease term of five years, on the third floor of Innovation Pointe Building 2. The corporate campus, the first of the concept for the school, is slated to open in November. ❖



Innovation Pointe Building 2

Spotlight on Miami Township businesses

New Businesses to Miami Township 2014

Wells Fargo – 10100 Innovation Drive, Suite #100-140, Austin Landing

Thorsen, Switala, Mondock, & Snead – 8997 Springboro Pike

Roto-Rooter – 9490 Byers Road

Merrill Lynch – 10100 Innovation Drive, Suite 300, Austin Landing

Relocations 2014

Office Max – 2090 Miamisburg Centerville Pike, South Towne Shopping Center

Integrus Shoes – 2700 Miamisburg-Centerville Pike, Suite 1122, Dayton Mall, Relocation to within the Dayton Mall

Yankee Candle – 2700 Miamisburg-Centerville Pike, Suite 920, Dayton Mall, Remodel/Relocation

Austin Landing Eateries

Firebirds Wood Fired Grill and **Dewey's Pizza** are under construction at Austin Landing, the 142-acre development in Miami Township, located just off Austin Boulevard and Interstate 75 interchange, south of the Dayton Mall.

Additionally, two more restaurants are planned for Austin Landing.

Another Broken Egg Café and **Chipotle** have submitted documents

If approved, the locations would be the sixth and seventh eateries either planned or located at Austin Landing.



Future home for the new **Firebirds Wood Fired Grill** and **Dewey's Pizza**

Field & Stream

Field & Stream is expected to open its doors at Austin Landing in Fall 2014. The 50,000-square-foot store will be at the entrance of Austin Landing, along Austin Boulevard, just east of Interstate 75. The store will carry outdoor equipment and specific equipment for hunting, fishing, archery and camping. ❖

Dry Clean \$3.99

Dry Clean \$3.99 celebrated its new location at 8116 S. Springboro Pike in Miami Township with a ribbon cutting on November 1, 2013.

Dry Clean \$3.99 is a discount cleaner providing quality service at an affordable price for over a decade. Why not drop off your dry cleaning today! ❖



Miami Township Social Media

We are very active in Social Media and want to connect with you. Please “like” us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

 [facebook.com/Miamitownship](https://www.facebook.com/Miamitownship)

 [twitter.com@miamitownship](https://twitter.com/miamitownship)

We announce all meetings, changes in trash schedules, resident opportunities, and public surveys.

We also post photos of current development and articles about Township businesses and residents.

We update our photos often, so if you want to have your photo used as the Township Facebook background, please feel free to submit any digital photography to socialmedia@miamitownship.com. ❖

Miami TOWNSHIP

Newsletter - Spring/Summer 2014

The Miami Township newsletter is published twice a year for the purpose of providing useful and interesting information to township residents. Citizens' input, suggestions and comments are welcome.

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www.miamitownship.com

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Robert Matthews	Trustee
Douglas Barry.....	Trustee
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Fire Department Non-Emergency	560-2152
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Police Department, Administrations, Detectives, Records	433-2301
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Spring/Summer 2014 calendar

June	Day	September	Day
Board of Zoning Appeals meeting (7 p.m.).....	2	Township offices are closed for Labor Day.....	1
Combined Health District childhood immunizations (4-6 p.m.).....	5	Board of Zoning Appeals meeting (7 p.m.).....	2
Board of Trustees meeting (7 p.m.).....	10	No trash/recyclables pickup (holiday delay)	3
Miami Valley Fire District Meeting (8 a.m.)	12	Trash/recyclables pickup.....	4
Zoning Commission meeting (7 p.m.).....	17	Board of Trustees meeting (7 p.m.).....	9
Board of Trustees meeting (7 p.m.).....	24	Miami Valley Fire District Meeting (8 a.m.)	11
		Zoning Commission meeting (7 p.m.).....	16
		Board of Trustees meeting (7 p.m.).....	23
July		October	
Township offices closed for Independence Day.....	4	Combined Health District childhood immunizations (4-6 p.m.)	2
Board of Zoning Appeals meeting (7 p.m.).....	7	Board of Zoning Appeals meeting (7 p.m.).....	6
Board of Trustees meeting (7 p.m.).....	8	Miami Valley Fire District Meeting (8 a.m.)	9
Miami Valley Fire District Meeting (8 a.m.)	10	Township offices are closed for Columbus Day	13
Zoning Commission meeting (7 p.m.).....	15	Board of Trustees meeting (7 p.m.).....	14
Board of Trustees meeting (7 p.m.).....	22	Leaf Pickup services begin.....	20
		Zoning Commission meeting (7 p.m.).....	21
August		Board of Trustees meeting (7 p.m.).....	28
Board of Zoning Appeals meeting (7 p.m.).....	4	Beggars' Night (6-8 p.m.)	31
National Night Out: Schedule a block party!	5		
Combined Health District childhood immunizations (4-6 p.m.)	7		
Board of Trustees meeting (7 p.m.).....	12		
Miami Valley Fire District Meeting (8 a.m.)	14		
Zoning Commission meeting (7 p.m.).....	19		
Board of Trustees meeting (7 p.m.).....	26		

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