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Miami Township's Trustees



**Trustee President
Douglas Barry**

President's Report

In spring 2015, Miami Township is bringing a flurry of new construction activity as our community continues to grow. I will cover some of the construction activity later in this article, but I want to first review some of the

efforts we are making as a board to complete our review of township functions and priorities. In addition to new construction, the Township will be working on implementation of several measures that were begun in 2014 and 2015 to help strengthen our community. The biggest change is the transition to a Limited Home Rule Township, a measure that was passed earlier this year. Limited Home Rule authority means that Miami Township will have broader authority to determine the standards by which the community is governed. Some of the new authority could be used to implement standards regarding leash laws, noise ordinances, and parking regulations among other issues. We will be evaluating a number of these issues over the coming year to determine if and when it might be appropriate to utilize home rule authority. These tools may provide opportunities to better handle the realities of a more urban township, but they will not be implemented wholesale simply to have more rules, we will evaluate circumstances and needs as they arise and determine the best course of action.

Miami Township is also wrapping up work on the creation of a Strategic Plan for the Township. The final plan should be available by early summer but we already have a significant amount of information gathered from the community that is already guiding our work for 2015. Over the course of four (4) public workshops and through a telephone survey of over 400 residents,

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**Trustee Vice-President
Robert Matthews**

The elected officials and staff have completed a busy and successful year. We have completed the planning phase of our Strategic Plan. This plan was based on the input of both our citizens and our businesses in a series of four meetings.

Input was also received from a telephone survey performed by Wright State University. After receiving and considering your thoughts, we have some great ideas that we will now turn into improvements for your township. You will begin to see some of these changes very soon.

Rapid development continues in our area with the growth of Austin Landing, and now a new development, Austin Park. We are excited to continue to add value to the township both financially and through additional jobs. Many new and impressive apartments will be added providing upscale residential areas. Additional business and employment opportunities will follow with this growth.

Thank you for your support and input during the previous year. We are here to serve you, so please contact the township office with any concerns or questions.

Sincerely,
Bob Matthews

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*Calling all business leaders
in Miami Township!
Come join the Board of Trustees
to its first quarterly
"Breakfast with the Board!"*

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**Trustee
Andrew Papanek**

As I prepared to take office after being elected on November 5, 2013 I began to reflect on some of the discussions I had with the township residents in reference to the condition of the parks in the township. With that in mind, I drove the township examining each and every park and what

I found was shocking. The parks in the township were in a state of disrepair and were found to be deteriorating. I arranged to meet with the Acting Township Administrator, Greg Rogers, who explained that because of down turn in the economy, funding for the parks had dried up, the park board dissolved and the parks over the years slowly began to fall apart to the current state they are in as I prepare this article for the spring newsletter.

Later, I informed Mr. Rogers that I was interested in pursuing the re-establishment of a park board and making the parks a top priority as soon as the Board of Trustees were in position to further examine when and how to proceed with finding the funding to repair the park system.

At the same time we were putting together a strategic plan for the township which included citizen and business community input. The goal of the strategic plan was to find five major goals and objectives which was achieved. The strategic plan will be implemented later this summer and one of the major goals that came out of the strategic plan was an interest in preserving the parks within the borders of the township.

With that in mind the Board of Trustees will need to start planning how to proceed with a viable program to revitalize our park system. We will need to look for support from the residential community as well as the business community. A park board would need to be established with volunteers from the community to assist

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Planning for the Future of the Dayton Mall Area Continues

We have almost reached the midpoint of the Dayton Mall Area planning process. This process was started in November of 2014 with the hiring of Stantec Consulting Services by the Miami Township-Dayton Mall Joint Economic Development District (a joint partnership between Miami Township and the City of Miamisburg). The planning process aims to identify the appropriate level of density, physical, and regulatory improvements that are needed to ensure that the area remains a strong and vibrant commercial district for years to come. Initial plans coming out of the process and based upon market research and public input are examining how to transform the two-square-mile area around the mall into a denser, walkable and distinctive district with a more urban feel. In late summer of this year, our planning team will deliver a long-range master plan that shows us how to use the private market to power the mall-area's transformation.

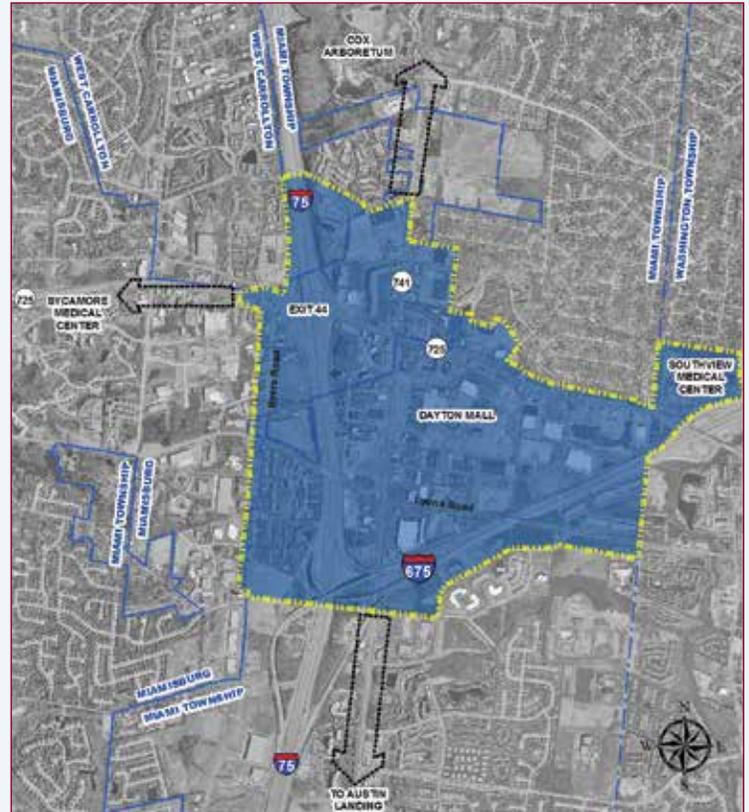
Several public events have taken place since the planning effort began last fall. We launched the process with a kick-off meeting and visioning workshop in November; organized a workshop for nearly 500 eighth graders at Miamisburg Middle School in December; and held a three-day place-making workshop in February. Because of strong and enthusiastic community participation, we added an open house in March, and our next public event, in June, will focus on the emerging draft plan.



Participants work together during February's workshop

Our planning team is building the plan around an in-depth analysis of the area's residential, hospitality, and retail markets. The residential-market analysis in particular identified significant unmet demand for new types of housing — including rental apartments and lofts and owner-occupied condominiums and townhouses. Blending this understanding of the market with feedback from residents and many stakeholder interviews, the final master plan will:

- lay out goals for the transformation;
- give us a set of design principles designed to make private development more successful and appealing and to improve roads, sidewalks and parks;
- describe a branding and wayfinding system for the entire area; and
- propose three catalyst projects designed to galvanize investor interest and demonstrate the market's embrace of a more urban feel.



Master plan study area

The plan will also include thorough implementation strategies for rebuilding infrastructure, advancing sustainability, improving transportation and transit, and upgrading public green spaces. We have already spoken with close to 50 stakeholders in the area through direct interviews and phone calls, as well as met with numerous residents and interested individuals through the various public events. Yet, we still want to hear from you if you have an opinion, comment, or question about how this area should develop over the next 5, 10, or 20 years. Please contact us at **(937) 433-3426** or visit the website at www.planthemallarea.com for more information concerning this planning project.

Watch for our announcement of the date for the June meeting, which will provide another chance for the public to react to the draft of the plan.



Residents view presentation during March open house

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we have determined that there are several priority areas to be addressed in the coming year. The Miami Township park system was often one of the top priorities behind providing solid police and fire protection. We feel, and the community appears to agree, that police and fire services are already being provided at a high professional level. We will work to maintain these quality services while we focus efforts on areas such as the park system that many residents felt has not seen the attention in past years that is needed.

We have already begun a process to evaluate what is needed to fully restore our park system to the quality system that it has been in the past. This process involves a review of the needs of the overall system as well as the constraints, both staffing and budgetary that have made it difficult to devote resources to the park system over the last several years. We will be looking at and having further discussions with the community over potential funding mechanisms for the park system and the level of resources that can and should be devoted to parks.

We are also looking at measures that can be taken to address issues faced by some of our older neighborhoods such as property maintenance and vacant properties. We have already implemented in 2015 a new process for review of nuisance properties in order to speed up the review and abatement process. We will be evaluating how our new home rule authority and the use of an independent prosecutor may assist us in areas of code enforcement and maintenance of our neighborhoods. Staffing for these areas is also being evaluated and may be adjusted as the budget permits.

As I noted at the beginning, we are continuing to grow, particularly around the Austin Landing interchange area. 2015 is already projected to have in excess of \$50 million worth of new private commercial projects get underway, with an additional \$13 million worth of projects begun in 2014 completed in 2015.

Austin Landing Projects:

- A five story office/retail tower
- A four story apartment complex
- Chuy's Restaurant

More Township Projects:

- An apartment and retail complex north of Waldruhe Park
- An Alzheimer's Special Care Facility at the exchange at Spring Valley
- The Point Blank Gun Shop adjacent to Walmart
- Dayton Mall and surrounding retail areas have numerous remodeling projects

The Township staff is also working with the Austin Landing Community Authority to plan for a number of events scheduled to occur in the park and event space at Austin Landing. These new facilities, including a new bike hub, will provide a variety of fun activities throughout the year.

Miami Township rejoined the Regional Planning Agency (MVRPC) in 2014 with the goal of gaining access to federal and state transportation and planning funds that are distributed by law through the regional agencies. In the fall of 2014 Miami Township staff working with the Montgomery County Transportation Improvement District submitted an application for funding to improve pedestrian access along a portion of Lyons Road and Springboro Pike in Miami Township. Miami Township was notified in March of 2015 that MVRPC has recommended that the project be funded at the full request of \$1,059,390. This project will greatly enhance safety and accessibility for residents and workers in the area and brings over \$1 million back to the community to help construct these improvements. We look forward to working with MVRPC, the Ohio Department of Transportation, and Montgomery County on this important project.

The Miami Township-Dayton Mall Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) has been busy in 2014 and 2015 on work to prepare a master plan for the future of the Dayton Mall Area. Working with our partners in the City of Miamisburg, City of West Carrollton, and Washington Township, the JEDD is overseeing a contract awarded to Stantec Consulting to help develop the new long term plan for the area. This plan will help guide future investments in the area to create a more livable, walkable, and commercially robust area around the Dayton Mall. The plan is expected to be in draft form in summer 2015 and completed by fall 2015.

Sincerely,
Douglas Barry

Fiscal Update



**Fiscal Officer
Ann Barhorst**

As your Fiscal Officer, I can report that I am pleased with the progress being made at the Township. We have improved many administrative processes to achieve more streamlined operations. We have increased our financial internal controls

to protect your taxpayer dollars. And we have established new procedures that minimize the risk of litigation by ensuring that we are in compliance with state regulations. On top of all of this, through diligence in managing our expenses and the benefit of increased revenues from new development districts, we have achieved a balanced budget. I credit the entire township team with these remarkable accomplishments. Working with businesses in our area and neighboring jurisdictions, we are reaping the benefits that only come through collaboration. It is amazing what can be attained when we work together. I expect this progress to continue as we move through 2015 and beyond. Each township citizen and business should be encouraged as we step into the future, it is a bright one.

Miami Township Fiscal Officer
Ann Barhorst

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the Board of Trustees with establishing a list of priorities on how best to proceed.

The revitalization of a park system is in its infancy and has a long way to go, but I wanted to take this opportunity to share with the community my commitment to the program and ask for your thoughts and comments which can be submitted to the township website in the comment section.

I pledge to continue to serve the township in a responsible and professional manner and first and foremost always with what is in the best interest of the Township as a whole.

Have a safe summer.

Respectfully yours,
Andrew J. Papanek, Trustee

Calling all business leaders in the township! Come join the Board of Trustees to its first quarterly "Breakfast with the Board!"

The Township is pleased to provide an opportunity for local business leaders to come together, enjoy a delicious meal and network with others in our corporate community. The breakfast will be hosted by RG Properties.

Where: Hilton Garden Inn at Austin Landing

When: Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 8 a.m.

Please **RSVP** by May 15th to: www.miamitownship.com/boardbreakfast or you may call the Township **937-433-9969**



Immediately following the breakfast you are invited to visit the beautiful park at Austin Landing to participate in the Public Park and Bike Hub Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. ❖

Miami Township Police Department

New Mobile App

The Miami Township Police Department has completed 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 a company to create a free app that will provide easy access to the Regional Dispatch Center for 9-1-1 and non-emergency phone calls. The app was prepared with no cost to Miami Township and will offer information for Miami Township and other local jurisdictions.

We hope it will become a valuable tool for residents of Miami Township. This app can be located by searching your app store for the name Miami Township Police.



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
- ▶ Plus other valuable contact information

Staff Sergeant Jay Phares

As a new graduate of the 14-month Certified Law Enforcement Executive (CLEE) program, Staff Sergeant Jay Phares of the Miami Township Police Department recently reached a high level of professional accomplishment.



Staff Sergeant Phares was one of 28 officers honored at a graduation luncheon at the Holiday Inn Columbus-Worthington on February 13, 2015. At the ceremony he was also recognized for previously completing Supervisor Training Education Program (STEP) and Police Executive Leadership College (PELC).

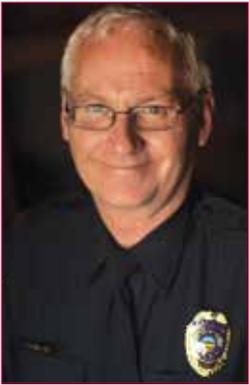
The ceremonies celebrated the completion of study in a unique course co-sponsored by the Law Enforcement Foundation, Inc. and the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police. The instructors include noted faculty members at universities across the midwest and consultants to business and industry.

Participants were selected for the program by meeting set standards in experience, formal and continuing education, as well as professional-related experience. For more than a year, they received instruction in modules concerned with ethics; change management; interpersonal skills; vision, mission and guiding principles; strategic planning; external environmental management; and resource allocation and budgeting. Graduates of CLEE have demonstrated their mastery of these modules through written examinations and papers.

The Certified Law Enforcement Executive Program promotes professional development, benefiting not only the individual but also the agencies in which they work and practice, and their communities. It is designed to elevate the standards of excellence for law enforcement executives. ❖



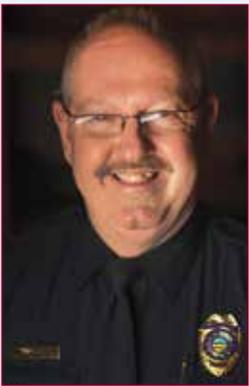
Police Department Hires Two Captains



Captain Russell Johnson

Recently the Miami Township Police Department filled two positions within its management ranks. In December of 2014, Russell Johnson was hired to fill one of the two vacant Captain positions and in February of 2015, John Magill was hired to fill the second of the two positions. Captain Johnson comes to Miami Township after a 32 year career at the Ohio State Highway Patrol where in 2011 he retired at the rank of Major. During his tenure at the Patrol, he worked his way through the ranks starting as a Trooper in 1978 until his appointment as Operations Major in 2010. During that time he was Post Commander (Lieutenant) at both the Hamilton and Dayton Post as well as the Assistant District Commander at the Piqua Headquarters. As Captain with the Patrol he was the District Commander for the Piqua District. He received numerous awards from the Ohio State Highway Patrol including the Dayton Post Trooper of the Year and the "Blue Max" Award for recovery of stolen vehicles.

Captain Johnson will oversee the Professional Standards Division of the Department which includes accreditation, training, records and Community Services.



Captain John Magill

Captain Magill comes to Miami Township after a 32 year career at the Middletown Police Department where he retired in January of 2015 at the rank of Lieutenant. During his tenure at Middletown he worked his way through the ranks starting as an officer in 1982 until his appointment as Lieutenant in 2007. During this time, he was assigned to the investigations bureau for eight years, investigating their violent crimes and then promoted to Sergeant in 2001. It was during this time John was the SWAT Team Supervisor as well as completing a tour of duty as the Warden of the Middletown Jail. Once promoted as Lieutenant he became a shift commander as well as the commander of the SWAT Team. Captain Magill is also an Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy (OPOTA) trainer in firearms and tactics. He was Middletown's Officer of the Year in 1991. Additionally, one of Captain Magill's sons has followed his footsteps and is an officer with the Dayton Police Department and a member of their SWAT Team.

Captain Magill will oversee the Operations Division of the Police Department which includes the patrol and investigations divisions. ❖

Report It

The Miami Township Police Department recently entered into an agreement with LeadsOnline, which is a valuable tool to help track stolen property. One of the features with LeadsOnline is a Citizens Property Inventory System called ReportIt. ReportIt lets you securely store serial numbers, item descriptions, pictures and scans receipts so that your items may be more easily identified in the event of theft or loss.

There are several benefits to ReportIt it is a secure, safe program that you can access the information from anywhere. If there's a theft or natural disaster, it will be invaluable to you, your insurance company and the detective working your case. Best of all, it is a free service provided by the Miami Township Police Department in association with LeadsOnline. For additional information please contact Sgt. Jay Phares at **(937) 433-2419**

or go to our website at **www.miamitownship.com** and click on the Police tab. ❖

National Night Out — August 4, 2015

The members of the Miami Township Police Department hope that you and your neighbors will join us when we celebrate National Night Out on Tuesday August 4, 2015.

The police department has a long-standing commitment to partnering with residents to celebrate **National Night Out**. The purpose of the celebration is to strengthen police/community partnerships, and encourage neighbors to know one another.



This year we are focusing on reminding residents to close their garage doors with our **"At Night Close It Tight"** crime prevention campaign.

Closing the garage door every night is a simple way to deter criminals from helping themselves to your belongings!

All summer long, you will notice our police officers knocking on your door at night to remind you to close the garage door.



If you are interested in hosting a **National Night Out** block party for your neighborhood, please contact:

Sgt. Jay Phares (937) 433-2419, jphares@miamitownship.com or **Leah O'Malley** (937) 433-2996, lomalley@miamitownship.com

Miami Valley Fire District

With winter finally coming to an end, we will be entering severe weather season which runs from April until November each year. The threat of severe thunderstorms, flooding and tornados is very real during these months and the Miami Valley Fire District would like to offer up these safety tips to keep our citizens safe.

A Tornado Watch means that weather conditions are likely to produce severe thunderstorms and the possibility exists for tornados to develop.

A Tornado Warning means that a tornado has been sighted or detected by radar to be on the ground. When a tornado warning is declared, everyone should take cover immediately.

If you are inside when a tornado warning is declared, go to a corner of the basement or the lowest level of your home away from any windows. If no basement is available, take cover in an interior closet, a bathroom, or under heavy furniture in the center part of your home. If available, take a radio with you and listen to a local station for weather reports. Remain under cover until the all clear is given.

If you are outside when a tornado warning is declared, move quickly to the nearest shelter. Never take cover in an automobile. Move away from the tornado's path at a right angle. If there is no time to escape, go to the nearest ditch or ravine and lie face down with your knees drawn up under you. Cover the back of your head with your hands.

The Miami Valley Fire District maintains 13 outdoor weather warning sirens that are tested the first Monday of each month at 12:00 unless severe weather is imminent. Weather warning sirens are designed to alert people engaged in outdoor activities only. Residents inside may not hear the sirens when they activate so it is recommended that citizens purchase a National Weather Bureau alerting radio to advise them of dangerous weather conditions.

When severe weather has passed through the area, trees may have fallen blocking roadways, traffic lights may not work properly, utility poles may be in danger of collapsing, downed power lines may be energized, broken glass may litter the ground and low lying areas are in danger of flooding.

The Miami Valley Fire District is committed to keeping the residents of the district safe and will gladly answer any questions regarding severe weather safety. Please contact us at **(937) 560-2152**. ❖

Prepare Now to Stay Safe during Spring and Summer Storms

Did you know there are some smart and easy things you can do now to prepare to keep your family and your home safe in the event you lose your electrical power during spring or summer thunderstorms?

Dayton Power and Light (DP&L) works all year to keep your home and business powered up. Our crews maintain and repair equipment in 24 counties. We trim trees to keep our customers safe and to keep branches from falling on power lines during a storm. We watch the weather constantly and keep additional crews ready to respond when severe weather is predicted.

But strong thunderstorms, wind and lightning can still cause outages. So before thunderstorm season gets underway, take a moment to look over these eight tips from DP&L that will help during an outage caused by a storm.

1. If you have changed your phone number, switched from a landline to a cell phone, or you simply have a new preferred contact number, did you alert DP&L? Updating your account contact information allows for quicker outage reporting via phone and makes it easier for our customer service representatives to contact you during an outage. You can verify and update your account information by calling **800-433-8500**.
2. Have branches been broken during the winter or are dead trees threatening your power lines and power to your neighborhood? Survey your property to make sure a high wind won't cause anything to fall on power lines. You are responsible for keeping the service line (from the pole to your house) clear of any branches that could fall and cause damage. We recommend hiring a professional tree service to do this trimming. DP&L will assist the tree trimmer by temporarily shutting off power to the service line so that work can be performed safely. Customers can call DP&L at **(937) 331-4860** a few days in advance of the work to schedule an appointment.
3. Do you have a storm kit? Storm kits usually contain supplies for communication, food, water and safety. Our website, www.dpandl.com, has more information about what you should keep in your storm kit.
4. Consider buying a power inverter or solar charger to help you recharge a cell phone during an outage – especially if you sometimes forget to charge your phone daily.
5. Learn how to send text messages, which can often go through in emergencies when cell phone service is disrupted.
6. If you buy or own a generator, carefully read all the directions now to ensure you understand how to safely operate it before a storm hits. NEVER use a generator inside your home or garage and keep it well away from windows to keep dangerous fumes from harming your family.
7. Keep the DP&L Outage Number **(877-468-8243)** handy and bookmark our outage reporting website www.dpandl.com/report so you can quickly report an outage online. If you have an outage, don't assume a neighbor has called to report it.
8. Talk to your children now about storm safety tips, such as not touching a branch near a fallen power line. Tell them to alert you if they see damaged lines or electrical equipment. Warn them to keep pets away too.



Find more safety tips and educational information on our website at www.dpandl.com/education. ❖



Public Works

Trash and Recycling Containers

Residential

This information is provided to help maintain and/or improve the value of each property in Miami Township.

TRASH: Trash removal for residential homes is conducted by Waste Management on each Wednesday. Please check the Waste Management website or call the number listed below for holiday or other interruptions which may influence that schedule.

RECYCLING: Recycling for residential homes is scheduled on alternate Wednesdays, depending on your location. This information is also available by checking the Waste Management website, the Miami Township website or calling the numbers listed below.

STAGING FOR PICK-UP: Waste Management begins pick-up in Miami Township after 5 a.m. on Wednesday. Containers should be placed at curbside no sooner than sundown on Tuesday and be removed for proper storage by sundown on Wednesday.

VACATION: If you are away during trash pick-up and wish trash removal, please arrange to have someone (a neighbor, relative, friend, etc.) place the container(s) by the curb and then remove for storage, as described.

STORAGE: Trash, recyclables and bags should be secured for storage away from public right-of-way view before and after Wednesday pick-up service. Recommended storage is inside garages, behind the front edge of the residence against a non-street side wall, or against the rear wall of the house out of view from the street. Trash cans are not permitted to be stored in the front yard at any time. With the exception of the above description, trash and recyclable containers should not be kept in open view.

Contact Information

WASTE MANAGEMENT:

(800) 343-6047 or www.wm.com

for General Information
and Billing Questions



MIAMI TOWNSHIP:

www.miamitownship.com

for Map of Recycling Districts

click **Township Services**, then

click **Community Services**, then

click **Waste/Yard Debris Pick Up**

Roadway Resurfacing Program

The Miami Township Road Department is preparing roadways for the 2015 resurfacing programs. Three (3) concrete streets will receive a preparatory membrane and asphalt overlay through Montgomery County's Asphalt Resurfacing Program. Seven (7) 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.

The following streets will receive a preparatory membrane and asphalt overlay (concrete portion):

Rosecliff Drive
Rose Ridge Court
Vienna Park

The following streets will be resurfaced using Slurry Seal:

Jasmine Drive
Joyce Drive
Keystone Club Drive
Mallet Club Drive
Rexwood Drive
Rossini Road
Turf Club Court

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 30 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. ❖

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. ❖

Right-of-Way 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. ❖

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 Program November 2nd - December 11th

The Road Department will provide leaf collection services to township residents beginning November 2, 2015. Leaf collection will come to an end by December 11, 2015. We ask residents to please have all leaves curbside by November 30th. Crews will begin the final round on November 30th in the Huber plat and work north to south completing all roadways by December 11th. **Please have all leaves curbside by November 30th to ensure leaves are collected regardless of the actual day crews arrive on your street.** The street sweeper will not be incorporated into the collection program. Once leaf collection on roadways concludes, crews will concentrate on leaf and debris removal in storm water basins and will be converting vehicles for winter weather operations. Please contact Waste Management (866) 797-9018 for questions regarding disposal of leaves after December 11th.

Crews will visit each street in the township two times over the duration of the program. During the heaviest stage of leaf fall or times of inclement weather, it is not uncommon to have long periods between rounds. The department may adjust to a 6 day work and/or 10 hour per day work schedule in order to accelerate the collection process.

Residents are encouraged to mulch leaves during the fall to supply turf with nutrients necessary for a healthy lawn. Mulching can

be accomplished by raising the deck of the lawnmower and installing a blade designed for this activity. It is a free way to naturally fertilize your yard. Composting leaves is an alternative suggested method of creating natural fertilizer for plants and lawns.

To help maximize efficiencies in the collection program, residents are urged to:

- Mulch or rake leaves often.
- Place leaf piles near the curb or roadway edge, but not in the roadway. Leaves placed in the roadway create a safety hazard for motorists and a potential liability to the responsible individual.
- Do not place leaves directly in front of or directly into storm water inlets. Leaves blocking the inlets will prohibit proper roadway drainage and may clog drainage tiles.
- Avoid parking vehicles on leaves. Crews report and record all obstacles that hinder the ability to collect leaves.
- Avoid mixing grass clippings, sticks and other debris in with leaves. Crews will not pick up leaf piles containing these items.

Residents with questions regarding the leaf collection program may call the Road Department at (937) 866-4661, weekdays between 7:30 am and 3:00 pm. Residents can also review a weekly progress report at www.miamitownship.com under Public Works. ❖

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The planning process aims to identify the appropriate level of density, physical, and regulatory improvements that are needed to ensure that the area remains a strong and vibrant commercial district for years to come.

Pictured below are **3 draft versions** of a redevelopment scenario for the areas along Lyons Ridge Drive and Kingsridge Drive south of the Dayton Mall.



Draft version 1



Draft version 2



Draft version 3

At your service

Garden Plots

Five Rivers MetroParks and Zion Lutheran Church team up to offer community garden plots to Miami Township residents.

Garden season is rapidly approaching. If you've thought about having a garden but don't have the space, then consider a garden plot at Zion's Community Garden. Zion's Community Garden offers plots that are 10 ft by 20 ft. Well water is available at the site. The community garden opens up around May 1st and closes November 1st. A suggested donation of \$25 is asked for each plot (\$35 for 2 plots). If you have questions or would like to reserve a plot, call Zion Lutheran at (937)434-9422 or email us at zionelc@ameritech.net

Zion Lutheran Church is located at:
5550 Munger Rd.
Dayton, OH 45459
(at the corner of Munger Rd. and
W. Alex Bell Rd.)

Come out and garden with us!
Visit our garden web page at
www.zionelc.org/Garden



Preschool pumpkin patch



Peppers for the food pantry

Recreation Benefits for Residents

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.

Passes to **Sycamore Trails Aquatic Center** 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 **937-847-6565**. 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 2015 season beginning May 23.

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 17 featuring *The Menu's*, July 15 featuring *Brass Tracks*, and August 19 featuring *Kick-n-Flava*.

The Picnic in the Park Children's Entertainment offers youthful acts on June 10, July 8, and July 29 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.

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, Body & Core fitness, Insanity 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 **937-866-8999**. ❖

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.

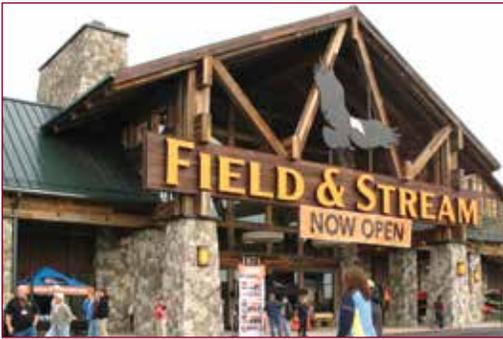
- * **Crains Run** – *located west of Cincinnati Pike and south of Crains Run Road* has 2 shelters available for reservation, Kids Kube, woods, and a fully stocked fishing pond. The southern terminus of the Montgomery County River Corridor Bikeway, it's the site of Sunfish Lock, one of 10 locks on the 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**. ❖



Spotlight on Miami Township businesses

Miami Township is experiencing an exciting time of growth with the addition of several new restaurants, shops and services.



Field & Stream

On October 10, 2014, Austin Landing and Miami Township welcomed the new Field & Stream store, the first in Ohio, at a ribbon cutting ceremony with Township officials. The 50,000 square foot Field & Stream is a destination store that now serves southwestern Ohio, carrying outdoor gear and equipment for hunting, fishing, archery and camping.



Firebirds Wood Fired Grill opened at Austin Landing on October 27, 2014. The full-service, fine-dining restaurant is the first of its kind in the greater Dayton area and is located near the Park at Austin Landing.



Dewey's Pizza made its debut in Miami Township at Austin Landing last fall. This popular pizza restaurant enjoys a reputation built on excellent service, hand-tossed artisan pizzas and gourmet salads. Miami Township Trustees attended a ribbon cutting on October 28, 2014 and presented the restaurant with a proclamation.



Noodles And Company began serving freshly-made pasta dishes at Austin Landing in January 2015. Miami Township officials welcomed them to the community with a proclamation at their ribbon cutting ceremony. The counter service restaurant is open for lunch and dinner.



Another Broken Egg Café began welcoming the breakfast crowd to Austin Landing on November 10, 2014. The cafe bills itself as an upscale, southern-inspired, breakfast, brunch and lunch restaurant. Miami Township Trustees presented Another Broken Egg Café with a proclamation at the opening.



Spotlight on Miami Township businesses

Anthony Vincé Nails and Spa

is now open at Austin Landing, offering the community a pampering spa experience while providing professional services of uncompromising quality.



Simply Hyacinth

brings a new woman-owned, unique and eclectic shop featuring handmade clothing, jewelry, art and more to the Dayton Mall. Located behind the Rusty Bucket and across from First Watch, Simply Hyacinth has committed to a goal of having the majority of their items made in the United States, and will donate 25% of the net profits of the shop to scholarships for local business students.



ESKO, located on Gander Creek Drive in Newmark Center, opened an expanded **Esko Innovation Center** in Miami Township in December. The company has invested nearly \$1 million both in office refurbishments as well as investment in a complete complement of demo hardware and software solutions. Esko is a global supplier of integrated solutions for the packaging and labels, sign and display, commercial printing and publishing industries. Miami Township Trustees attended the ribbon cutting for the expansion on December 9, 2014.



Dayton Mall welcomed a major new tenant as H&M opened on October 30, 2014. H&M occupies a space in the mall that had been vacant for about 2 decades. This exciting clothing retailer is expected to attract other new business to the mall.



VALUE PLACE, a new hotel at 3787 Summit Glen Drive visible from I-75, opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony on December 4, 2014. The 124-room, four-story hotel is the first Value Place in the greater Dayton area.

The hotel will provide a new extended-stay option in Miami Township for professionals who travel for business, people who are visiting family, or locals who are relocating.



Miami TOWNSHIP

Newsletter - Spring/Summer 2015

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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Spring/Summer 2015 Calendar

May	Day	August	Day
Board of Zoning Appeals meeting (7 p.m.).....	4	Board of Zoning Appeals meeting (7 p.m.).....	3
Board of Trustees meeting (7 p.m.).....	5	National Night Out: Schedule a block party!	4
Miami Valley Fire District meeting (8 a.m.)	14	Combined Health District childhood immunizations (4-6 p.m.)	6
Zoning Commission meeting (7 p.m.).....	19	Board of Trustees meeting (7 p.m.).....	11
Township offices are closed for Memorial Day.....	25	Miami Valley Fire District meeting (8 a.m.)	13
Board of Trustees meeting (7 p.m.).....	26	Zoning Commission meeting (7 p.m.).....	18
No trash/recyclables pickup (holiday delay)	27	Board of Trustees meeting (7 p.m.).....	25
Trash/recyclables pickup.....	28		
June		September	
Board of Zoning Appeals meeting (7 p.m.).....	1	Township offices are closed for Labor Day.....	7
Board of Trustees meeting (7 p.m.).....	2	Board of Zoning Appeals meeting (7 p.m.).....	8
Combined Health District childhood immunizations (4-6 p.m.)	4	Board of Trustees meeting (7 p.m.).....	8
Miami Valley Fire District meeting (8 a.m.)	11	No trash/recyclables pickup (holiday delay)	9
Zoning Commission meeting (7 p.m.).....	16	Trash/recyclables pickup.....	10
Board of Trustees meeting (7 p.m.).....	23	Miami Valley Fire District meeting (8 a.m.)	10
		Zoning Commission meeting (7 p.m.).....	15
July		Board of Trustees meeting (7 p.m.).....	22
Township offices closed for Independence Day.....	3	October	
Board of Zoning Appeals meeting (7 p.m.).....	6	Combined Health District childhood immunizations (4-6 p.m.)	1
Miami Valley Fire District meeting (8 a.m.)	9	Board of Zoning Appeals meeting (7 p.m.).....	5
Board of Trustees meeting (7 p.m.).....	14	Miami Valley Fire District meeting (8 a.m.)	8
Zoning Commission meeting (7 p.m.).....	21	Township offices are closed for Columbus Day.....	12
Board of Trustees meeting (7 p.m.).....	28	Board of Trustees meeting (7 p.m.).....	13
		Zoning Commission meeting (7 p.m.).....	20
		Board of Trustees meeting (7 p.m.).....	27
		Beggars' Night (6-8 p.m.)	31