



MIAMI TOWNSHIP Newsletter

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**Trustee President
Douglas Barry**

President's Report

Miami Township has a lot to look forward to in 2016. Development projects that began last year are really taking shape, such as the apartments, second hotel, and new restaurants at Austin Landing. There are also new apartments under construction just to the north of

Waldruhe Park. The two apartment projects alone represent a \$50 million investment in Miami Township. A new Alzheimer's Special Care Facility is now enclosed and nearing completion along Spring Valley Pike. At the end of 2015, the Community Development Department had processed over \$91 million worth of permits for construction in the community. While a lot of this activity has been focused on the south part of the Township, there are still millions of dollars' worth of remodels and new development occurring within the Dayton Mall area and areas to the north, such as a \$6 million renovation of the Meijer grocery store.

Our community, along with many other communities throughout Ohio, has been facing several years of significant cutbacks in traditional funding sources. The development that has and is occurring is helping us get through this period, but we are facing long term constraints on our budgets. We are working hard to adjust budgets where necessary and find other sources of funding to maintain the level of service and standards that residents expect. Miami Township will also be participating in a trip to Washington, D.C. this spring to advocate, along with other local and regional officials, on behalf of local governments and to meet with legislators to help develop stronger ties between our region

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Street Levy Information

Miami Township will be placing a **2.0 Mill Street Levy** on the March 2016 ballot to aid in adequately maintaining our roadway network. Below are a few of the most commonly asked questions concerning the levy and the accompanying answers. For additional information, please contact the Public Works at (937) 866-4661.

Why does Miami Township need additional money now for roadway maintenance?

Property Tax Funds used to support Road & Bridge operating expenditures (salaries, equipment, materials, fuel, and facilities) have decreased from \$1.72 Million in 2009 to an anticipated \$1.28 Million in 2016. This is more than a 25% reduction in revenue. The loss in revenue is primarily a result from financial cuts at the state level. The Tangible Personal Property Tax has been eliminated for Townships. Declining property values have also contributed to the loss in Property Tax revenues and prices for materials (asphalt, crack sealant, gravel, and rock salt) used to maintain roads have doubled and, in some cases, tripled since 2000. A 2.0 Mill Levy will generate roughly \$1.04 Million annually to be used exclusively for roadway maintenance, resurfacing and improvements. The Street Levy proposal is for a 5 year term and is not a Permanent Levy. Resurfacing progress and finances will be examined after the 5 years to determine if a renewal levy is necessary.

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AUSTIN LANDING

Frequently Asked Questions

There are many misconceptions about Austin Landing going around the Township. Some of the actual facts are:

- Your Residential Property Taxes did not pay for the buildings, roads, or parks in Austin Landing – the commercial TIF District and private funds are paying these costs
- The Township did pay for a portion of the I-75 Interchange – this was planned long before Austin Landing was ever proposed
- The Township's share of the interchange is being repaid each year from payments by the businesses around the interchange area
- Austin Landing is also contributing a large proportion of the funds that will be utilized to repay the interchange

More details are explained below. If you have further questions or concerns, *please*, contact the Township office or a Township Trustee.

AUSTIN LANDING

Austin Landing is a 100 acre mixed-use development project located in the southern portion of Miami Township adjacent to the

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Fiscal Officer
Ann Barhorst

As my term of office comes to a close, I find myself thinking about my performance as your civil servant. The typical approach of an elected official is to remind the public what they promised to do during the campaign and then to evaluate each of those promises and state how they were achieved. I hope you find a few words of reflection about my time at the township acceptable, and forgive me for not following the typical model.

I'm honored that you placed your trust in me four years ago to serve as your Fiscal Officer. I took seriously your vote of confidence in my ability to help govern our community. As a part of the township team, I have helped implement several positive changes to improve the overall health and financial well-being of the township. Refinancing debt to save money, improving processes to reduce costs and eliminate rework, and securing the right resources for important roles at the township were just a few of those changes. I did my best to fulfill the responsibilities of my position with integrity and respect. It was an experience that changed me for the better, and one I will never forget.

My gratitude goes out to everyone who assisted, guided or trained me along the way — especially those who helped me see things from a different perspective and to challenge the status quo. My thanks to the fantastic township staff for their day-to-day work that keeps us on track and moving forward. My appreciation to the officials, leaders, and staff at neighboring communities for their willingness to share knowledge and opinions on specific matters, and those who worked collaboratively on projects that crossed our boundaries. My thanks extend to business owners and colleagues who support the township's efforts and provide goods and services which help maintain a community of excellence.

To each and every citizen who, in their own way, whether through volunteering, attending meetings, participating in community events, or just supporting those of us at the township, a resounding thanks. At the end of the day my work has been about you, protecting your interests, and making the township a better place to work and live. It has been an honor to do just that and to represent my hometown.

Last but certainly not least, I want to thank God — who made me, who directs my steps, who continually forgives and provides grace, strength, and wisdom. And for being with me each day of the last four years, as I served the township.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann M. Barhorst". The signature is written in a cursive style.

"There is no limit to what a man can do, or where he can go, if he doesn't mind who gets the credit."

Ronald Reagan

Street Levy Information

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What has Miami Township done to confirm the need for this levy? A three month Financial, Work Efficiencies & Management Audit of the Public Works Department was completed by an independent consultant in the spring of 2015. The Audit Analysis determined a 2.0 Mill Roadway Resurfacing Levy is needed to adequately maintain Miami Township's roadway network. The consultant's audit presentation can be viewed on Miami Township's website www.miamitownship.com under Public Works. Two public input meetings were then held by the Board of Trustees in the summer of 2015 regarding potential placement of a levy on the election ballot.

What am I currently paying for roadway maintenance? The owner of a property valued at approximately \$100,000 pays \$80 per year to the Road & Bridge Fund for roadway maintenance. To find out how much you pay for roadway maintenance, visit the Montgomery County Auditor's Office website at www.mcreatestate.org. The Levy Distribution tab for your property provides a complete breakdown of all property taxes paid.

What will a 2.0 Mill Levy cost me?

A 2.0 Mill Levy will cost a Township taxpayer an additional \$5.83 a month per \$100,000 in home value. Consequently, a home valued at \$200,000 would cost a homeowner \$11.66 per month.

What will the revenue generated from the levy do for me? The \$1.04 Million generated annually from the Street Levy will be used to resurface more township streets per year. The current yearly resurfacing budget is \$300,000. A 30 year tentative resurfacing schedule spreadsheet was created during the independent consultant's analysis and is being used for accurate forecasting. The funds will also be used to perform more preventive maintenance on streets to keep moisture from penetrating the surface of the street and may be used to partially fund large infrastructure improvement projects if matching funds through Federal and State Grant Programs are secured.

What happens if this levy is not passed in March? The resurfacing schedule for this year will still be completed. However, future funding for roadway resurfacing will be reduced or the resurfacing program will be suspended and Township crews will concentrate solely on preventive maintenance.

A newly paved street under normal conditions lasts 15-18 years and the price of asphalt is expected to increase yearly by 5-7%, according to research completed by the independent consultant. If the Township's resurfacing schedule is altered, many streets will begin to rapidly deteriorate. Deteriorated streets cannot be simply resurfaced and must be replaced. Street replacement is more than 5x the cost of street resurfacing.

Why not just use money from other sources to fund annual resurfacing?

Annual Property Tax revenues used to support all other Road & Bridge expenditures (salaries, equipment, materials, fuel, facilities) have decreased by more than 25% since 2009. Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) Revenues can only be used to support infrastructure improvements within each defined TIF District border. TIF funds cannot be used for residential plat resurfacing and repairs. Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) Revenues are currently being used to offset close to a \$1.0 million decrease in Township revenue through recent changes in state laws. Street Levy needs would be even greater if the Township didn't rely on TIF & JEDD income to offset declining revenues from other sources. 🏠

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and national policymakers. It is important that, as programs and guidelines are established at the national level, that these decision makers understand the opportunities and challenges faced by our region and local governments.

Miami Township was notified at the beginning of the year that a grant project we had applied for in 2014 was formally awarded funding. This will bring a little over \$1 million in transportation funding to support construction of pedestrian improvements along Lyons Road and Springboro Pike. This is a great example of how we are leveraging our local funds to bring in additional dollars from outside sources. Planning and engineering work for this project will begin this year with a final construction date to be determined based upon State and Federal guidelines.

Our partners in the Dayton Mall Joint Economic Development District are also working hard to begin implementation of the Dayton Mall Area Master Plan. The JEDD Board formally adopted the plan at their annual meeting on December 8, 2015. You can view the final document at www.miamitownship.com under the Community Development tab. Engineering work is expected to begin this spring to evaluate specific infrastructure and streetscape improvements that can be made in the planning area. We are also working with numerous businesses and potential development partners to evaluate different ways of implementing many of the redevelopment recommendations outlined in the plan. Reinvestment in our existing business areas is critical to our long term strategy to maintain a sound fiscal environment for our community. A strong commercial core strengthens and stabilizes property values and helps attract other businesses.

The Board of Trustees is continuing to engage with the community through the quarterly Breakfast with the Board events. The winter event was held at Fire Station 51 and saw a number of community and business leaders in attendance to hear updates on two local school districts, the South Metro Chamber of Commerce, and the Dayton Mall Area Master Plan. I remain committed to engaging with our residents and businesses on a variety of topics as needed.

Miami Township hosted its 8th Annual Veterans Breakfast on November 10, 2015 and had a record setting attendance for this event.

It is always a pleasure to be able to thank our men and women in uniform for their service and to meet with the many family members that support these individuals. This is an annual event and I encourage all our residents who have served in the military to contact us if they would like to attend the 2016 Veterans Breakfast.

Our road crews were hard at work this winter keeping routes clear and safe for motorists throughout the winter season. The relatively mild start to winter has also helped to preserve supplies for the remainder of the winter and reduce the burden on replenishing stocks for next winter. Crews will soon be out performing the many routine maintenance activities conducted every spring by the Public Works Department.

Also, to aid our Public Works Department, the Board of Trustees has placed a 2 mill levy for street maintenance on the March 15th ballot. The placement of this levy does not come without careful consideration. With the cost of material to maintain roads rapidly increasing and the amount of road revenue being stagnant, it is becoming difficult to keep pace with the over 90 miles of Township maintained roads. This issue is further discussed in the article on page 1.

The Trustees have received feedback concerning the role that Austin Center plays in the consideration of the road levy placement. The Township has invested in several projects in and around the Austin Center area, to include a portion of the local match for the Austin Center Interchange itself off I-75. Other projects include the Byers Road improvement, the Austin Blvd. improvement located near the Wright Brothers Airport, and Austin Landing Phase 1 and 2 that funds roads, parking and parks in Austin Landing. All of these projects are funded through the Austin East and Austin West Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District located around the Austin Interchange area. Please see the article on page 1 highlighting Austin Landing for more information on the role that this development is playing in the financing of the Austin Interchange.

I want to thank all of our staff for their continued hard work and dedication to delivering quality services for our community.

Sincerely,
Douglas Barry

Primary Election Day is Tuesday, March 15th *Get Out and VOTE* ✓

VOTING HOURS:

Polls are open in Montgomery County from **6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

To find your polling location please go to the Montgomery County Board of Elections website or call the Montgomery County Board of Elections at **(937) 225-5656**.

Montgomery County's Immunization Program

The Montgomery County Public Health Department will no longer be administering immunizations at Miami Township Government Center. There have been several program changes, and decreasing demand for services.

The Public Health Department will offer vaccines at its downtown location at 117 South Main Street, Dayton. You must call **937-225-4550** to schedule an appointment. This service is for all ages. They will bill all government and private insurances and, for those that qualify, you will be able to receive free or low cost vaccines.

For more information, please visit their website at www.phdmc.org



Non-Emergency Police Assistance 937-225-4357 (937-225-HELP)

We want to remind our residents that if they are in need of non-emergency police assistance they are to call the Regional Dispatch Center at **937-225-4357 (225-HELP)**.



Remember **9-1-1** is for police and fire **emergencies** and if you are in need of contacting the records section, administrative section or detective section of the police department, you can contact us at **937-433-2301**. 📍

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Austin Center Interchange at I-75. This project began with the construction of one office building in 2010 and has since grown into a center of economic growth and regional importance. Therefore, we felt this was a good time to reflect on this significant project.

Austin Landing is providing:

- **Jobs**
- **Financial Security**
- **Public Amenities**
- **Support for Township Services**
- **Funding for the School System**

Jobs

2,459: Approximate number of jobs located at Austin Landing. This number does not include new positions that will be available with the cinema and several other businesses that are currently under construction.

Businesses

47: Businesses currently located at Austin Landing. Four additional businesses are currently under construction. Nearly half of the business are offices. The vast majority of these businesses are new to Miami Township. The vast majority of the retailers are also new to Miami Township and did not involve a relocation or closure of an existing location in another area.

Construction Value

\$106 Million: The total value of construction already built or currently underway at Austin Landing is now over \$100 million dollars and should be approaching \$110 million by the end of 2016. These numbers don't include individual tenant fit ups or other soft costs such as furniture and interior improvements and equipment.

Housing

274 Units: The Flats at Austin Landing are under construction and will provide the ability to live, work, dine, and play at Austin Landing without ever getting into your car.

Conference Space

4,500 Square Feet: Available conference center space at Austin Landing. This conference space is bringing events to the area, generating additional revenue for other local businesses.

Recreation

1 Mile: Approximate length of the paved recreational trail that runs through Austin Landing. This is in addition to several acres of park and other open spaces that are located throughout the project. The recreational trail connects directly to other trails in the local area that ultimately are part of the nation's largest connected network of paved recreational trails.

General Revenue Funds versus TIF Fund

General Revenue Funds: Includes the portion of residential and commercial real estate payments that is considered "inside millage" and able to cover general obligation debts such as the Austin Interchange and pay for administrative and other services.

TIF (Tax Increment Financing)

Payments: Payments made by a property owner within a TIF District that go to a specific TIF Fund. These payments replace a portion of the regular property tax payment that an owner would otherwise pay. These payments can only be used to repay the debt incurred for the infrastructure improvements serving the TIF District.

The TIF payment is based on the improved portion of the property from the point that the TIF District is established. This incremental valuation is taxed at the same rate that the owner would otherwise be taxed, thus the property owner pays the same amount they would normally pay.

Property Tax – TIF Collections

\$2.4 Million: Austin Landing is the largest contributor towards payments for the Austin Interchange. The project is generating \$2.4 million annually to cover infrastructure expenses in the area such as the Austin Interchange, widening of Byers Road, bike path projects, and other improvements. This amount is expected to increase as new buildings are completed.

Preserving the General Funds and Mitigating State Funding Cutbacks

Not only are the TIF collections from Austin Landing able to fully cover the obligations committed to the Austin Landing project, the excess revenues from Austin Landing are being utilized to cover expenses from the construction of the Austin Interchange.

This means that instead of General Revenue Funds (your tax dollars) being utilized to cover the cost of building the interchange, which would include general property tax revenue, Austin Landing and Non-Austin Landing TIF payments are covering these costs. If Austin Landing had not been built, the General Revenue Fund would be significantly impacted and the Township would have a difficult time maintaining current service levels and facilities. The Austin Interchange was planned at a time when state and local funding levels were very different than they are today. Not only is the project helping to preserve and create needed jobs in the area, but it is providing financial stability at a critical time for the community. It is now clear that the income and property tax payments from the JEDD and TIF districts are enabling the Township to maintain current service levels.

- **\$800K:** Approximate annual cost of Miami Township's share of the Austin Interchange.
- **\$500K:** Approximate loss of revenue of from the elimination of the estate tax and reduction in local government fund.
- **\$1.3 Million:** Approximate revenue gap that the Township would have to absorb through service cutbacks or fees, if it were not for the TIF and JEDD Districts revenues that are being used to cover the interchange costs and loss of state funding.

Combined with other development that has occurred in the interchange area, the Township is projected to have sufficient revenue to cover all of the debt service payments in the interchange area without having to utilize general revenue funds. Projects like Austin Landing are preserving general revenue funds at a time when other funding sources have been dramatically reduced.

Contributing to the School District

Many people don't realize that a significant portion of the revenue collected from Austin Landing will be redistributed back to the local school district. This is part of the original agreement reached with the school district in establishing the TIF District that allows us to collect tax payments from Austin Landing. The school district will receive several million dollars in payments over time. This funding is meant to provide the school district with the same financial outcome that it would have experienced if the TIF District were not in place.

National Night Out 2016

Employees of the Miami Township Police Department will gather with residents in several different neighborhoods on August 2, 2016 to celebrate National Night Out. Every August for the past 22 years, we have joined with communities across the nation to give crime a going away party. The National Association of Town Watch (NATW) created National Night Out to be an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships, and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live. After competing for national awards in 2015, the NATW ranked the Miami Township Police Department number six in the nation among communities of similar size. We are very proud of being selected for this honor. The Police Department is always interested in partnering with additional neighborhoods to celebrate National Night Out. If you are interested in hosting a block party on August 2, 2016, please contact: Sgt. Jay Phares (937) 433-2419, jphares@miamitownship.com or Leah O'Malley (937) 433-2996, lomalley@miamitownship.com. 📍



Officer Caldwell showing kids the MTPD cruiser at the Vienna Park 2015 NNO block party.

Community Foundation of Miami Township – Raising Funds to Help our Community

The Community Foundation of Miami Township (CFMT) is a non-profit charitable organization that supports fundraising activities for various projects throughout Miami Township. The CFMT is not affiliated or part of the Miami Township government, but the CFMT and Miami Township government work together as needed to identify local areas of need and possible fundraising projects. The CFMT has, for example, raised funds in the past for the Veterans Memorial located on Lyons Road, helped to purchase thermal imaging equipment for the fire department, sponsored a sensory garden at a local elementary school, assisted with technology upgrades for the library, among other projects. The CFMT is planning additional fundraising events for 2016. More information on the CFMT and 2016 events can be found on their web site at www.cfmt.info. Those interested in attending a CFMT event or becoming a member should contact a CFMT Trustee through the website for more information. 📍

New Personnel – Amy S. Llo



Amy started with the Miami Township Police Department in November of 2015 as a records specialist in the Professional Standards Bureau. Prior to coming to Miami Township, she spent nine years at the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office. Amy lives with her husband Steve, a Trooper with the Ohio State Highway Patrol, and her son Gage. 📍

8th Annual Veterans Breakfast

On November 10, 2015, Miami Township held its 8th Annual Veterans Breakfast at Station 51, Miami Valley Fire District. It was our honor and pleasure to recognize the service of more than 150 U.S. military veterans that reside in the township. Our guest speaker was Maj. David Foster of the Ohio National Guard. Veteran honorees this year included: Norbert Barhorst, John Bosch, Vern Dunn, Andrew Papanek, Theresa Jackson, and Jim O'Neil. Guests enjoyed entertainment from the Dayton Christian High School Choir, and breakfast prepared by Scratch Catering.

Look for information in our fall newsletter later this year for the date of our 2016 breakfast. 📍



Dayton Mall Area Master Plan: Gaining National Attention

The Dayton Mall Area Master Plan will be featured during a session at the national conference of the American Planning Association in Phoenix, Arizona this spring. The plan is being highlighted as a model of how traditional suburban development can be transformed to meet the challenges and opportunities of 21st century living. The plan was adopted by the Dayton Mall Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) on December 8, 2015 and staff have been working to begin implementation of various planning elements ever since. The JEDD is a partnership between Miami Township and the City of Miamisburg. The planning document can be found at www.miamitownship.com under the Community Development tab. 🏡



Lyons's Ridge Scenario 4: This view north toward the Dayton Mall shows the "Central Park" element of the proposed Lyons Ridge redevelopment.

Miami Township Parks

Miami Township offers three parks that are available by reservation for your events. Our park facilities are ideal for graduation parties, family reunions, birthday parties and get-togethers. To reserve a shelter, call us at 433-9969. Township residents have priority scheduling from January 1st until April 15th of each year. Beginning April 16th, 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 two shelters with picnic tables available for reservation, playground equipment, woods, port-o-johns 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.
- ✦ **Miami View** – located on the west side of Munger Road south of Alex Bell, has a shelter with restroom facility, picnic tables, two basketball half-courts, three baseball diamonds, playground equipment and a fishing pond.
- ✦ **Waldruhe** – located on the east side of S.R. 741 across from Lexis-Nexis, has two shelters with picnic tables, hiking trails, playground equipment and a port-o-john.

For more information on park facilities, visit our website at www.miamitownship.com or call **433-9969** to reserve a shelter.

To reserve baseball and softball diamonds, contact the Public Works Department at **866-4661**.



Sycamore Trails Aquatic Center

Season Passes on Sale Now
www.PlayMiamisburg.com



Did you know that Miami Township residents are eligible for residency discounts and benefits at the Sycamore Trails Aquatic Center (STAC) located at 400 S. Heincke Road in Miamisburg? In addition to a reduced cost for season passes, you are also eligible for discounts on daily admissions, early admission times, early program registration and Sunday resident-only swim. To learn more about the pool and its programs and amenities, visit ci.miamisburg.oh.us and click on the Parks and Recreation tab. 🏡



Public Works

Roadway Resurfacing Program

The Miami Township Road Department is preparing roadways for the 2016 resurfacing programs. Four (4) streets will receive an asphalt overlay through Montgomery County's Asphalt Resurfacing Program. Seventeen (17) streets will receive a preventive 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 an asphalt overlay: Munger Road (portion), Prestige Place, Contemporary Lane and Entrance Street.

The following streets will be resurfaced using Slurry Seal: Burnside Drive, Hannaford Street, Harbison Street, Kajean Avenue, Lynpark Avenue, Mattis Drive, Norway Drive, Owendale Drive, Terrylynn Avenue, Waterbury Drive, Forestdean Court, Guard Hill Place, Hunterglen Court, Karlsridge Drive, Shelterglen Court, Suttercreek Circle and Wrencroft Circle.

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 coarser than an asphalt overlay, but will smooth out over time with vehicular traffic. Slurry Seal is a preventive maintenance product and extends the life of the asphalt pavement. The Township has been using Slurry as a preventive 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 preventive 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 preventive 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. 🌱

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. 🌱

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.

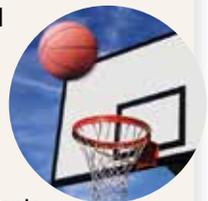
The right-of-way is typically the strip of turf between the curb line and the back side of the sidewalk or, in most cases, roughly ten feet from the curb line if your neighborhood does not have sidewalks. The most common projects that include the replacement of curb, driveway apron and sidewalk require 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. 🌱



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. 🌱



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Public Works

Leaf Collection Program Begins October 31st

The Road Department will provide leaf collection services to township residents beginning October 31st, 2016. Please have all leaves curbside by November 28th. Crews will begin the second and final round on November 28th in the Huber plat and work north to south completing all roadways. **Please have all leaves curbside by November 28th 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.

Crews will visit each street in the township 2 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.

Some Heating Changes Will Cost Now but Save Later

If you replace your heating system, you could save about \$150 a year in energy costs by purchasing a high efficiency system. DP&L offers heating rebates (www.dpandl.com/save) that could save you \$100 to \$1,600 on the purchase and save you even more on your energy costs.

For more information about saving on energy costs, visit www.dpandl.com.

More Simple Winter Saving Tips

Set your thermostat lower when you sleep or are away during the day. Use heavier blankets on your bed if needed. Many experts suggest setting your thermostat at 65-68 degrees during winter months. Each degree above 68°F can add 3% to the amount of energy needed for heating.



Install a programmable thermostat.

Automatically reducing the temperature during the day if no one is home or at night will save you the headache of remembering to re-set your thermostat and could save up to 10 percent on your heating bills.

Close your damper to your fireplace when not in use. Consider installing glass doors over the fireplace opening to keep warm air from escaping up the chimney.

Here are Some Tips to Save Energy This Winter

- Move your furniture away from registers. Objects in front of registers block the flow of warm air into your rooms.
- Make the sun do some work. On sunny days, open the drapes to warm up your rooms. Shut the drapes or blinds at night to keep the warmth inside.
- Check your furnace filter monthly. A dirty filter forces your furnace to work harder to circulate warm air.
- Have a professional check your furnace or heating system once a year. It's a good idea to ensure it's working as efficiently as possible and that you don't have any carbon monoxide leaks.

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Save on Your Winter Electric Bill

Did you know that heating in the winter and cooling in the summer accounts for almost 50% of a typical American home's energy use? DP&L can help you stay warm for less, now that the weather is turning colder.

If you are doing some last-minute prep work to make sure your home is ready for cold weather, DP&L wants to help you Be a Savings Champion this winter. Here are some DIY projects to score big savings on your winter energy bills.



1 – Seal Air Leaks

One simple project that can save you a lot of money is sealing air leaks around your house. From windows, baseboards, door bottoms and outlets, take full advantage of the possible savings by inspecting and sealing these common spots for air leakage. Find a helpful video at (www.savewithdpl.com/4-diy-projects-to-save-this-winter) highlighting the importance of sealing air leaks:

Some common tips for fixing air leaks include:

- Use foam sealant on larger gaps around windows, baseboards and other places where air may leak.
- Caulk and weather-strip doors and windows to prevent warm air from escaping.

Visit energy.gov to find more tips on how to fix air leaks and save money.

2 – Insulate Light Switches and Outlets on Exterior Walls

While the plastic covers over light switches and outlets may look nice in your living room, they may be hurting your savings potential if they aren't insulated properly. For a quick fix to seal those outlets and switches, install a foam outlet gasket to reduce the amount of air leaked into the room from the outside.

3 – Attic Insulation

Your attic can be an energy savings all-star this winter. Did you know that 90% of American homes are under-insulated? ENERGY STAR® has lots of information to help you "RULE YOUR ATTIC" this winter, including how-to videos to step you through the process. Learn more about sealing attic air leaks and checking your insulation levels by visiting www.energystar.gov and clicking on Energy Savings at Home.



4 – Install Exterior Storm Windows

Installing storm windows will boost your energy savings this winter. For even greater savings, go the extra mile with low-emissivity (low-e) storm windows. These low-e storm windows, which reflect infrared heat back into the home, are easy to install and cost effective. You could score savings up to \$330 annually! Find out how to install storm windows and which type is right for your home. Visit www.energy.gov and click on Services and Do it Yourself Projects.

These are just a few of the many ways you can defeat costly energy bills and score big savings. To score more energy saving tips check out the DP&L Power Play Blog at www.savewithdpl.com/news.



Miami Township Branch Library

Our township is fortunate to have the newly renovated Miami Township Branch Library on Lyons Road, which celebrated its GRAND RE-OPENING on November 13, 2015.



New amenities include a special playhouse themed children's area, the new TeenEDGE area for middle and high school students, an enclosed quiet reading room, a larger meeting room, four group study rooms and flexible Opportunity Space. **Miami Township Branch Library** now offers new technology, including audio recording equipment, interactive whiteboards and laptop lending. Check it out!

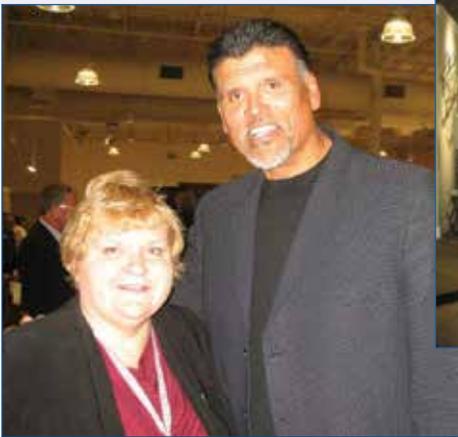


Spotlight on Miami Township businesses

Smart Data Systems designs software solutions that meet the business needs of its customers that result in scalable, low-defect, and highly functional software, and brings high-tech jobs to the township. Miami Township officials welcomed **SDS** to Newmark Center on October 22, 2015.



Furniture Fair, a long-time favorite in the greater Cincinnati area, has opened its first Dayton-area showroom in Miami Township. The beautiful, 60,000 square-foot store occupies the former Cub Foods space in Southland 75 on Springboro Pike. Miami Township officials welcomed them to the area at their grand opening on November 18, 2015.



Spotlight on Miami Township businesses

Jungle Red is now open at Austin Landing on Rigby Road. The professional salon provides the highest quality services to its clients. Doug Barry, President of the Board of Trustees of Miami Township, joined the staff for a ribbon cutting on October 20, 2015.



Levin Porter Architects celebrated their new facility with a ribbon cutting on November 19, 2015. The firm built their new office building at 3011 Newmark Drive in Miami Township after residing in downtown Dayton for many years. Levin Porter is an award-winning firm, specializing in architecture, planning and interior design.

Elé Bistro and Wine Bar joined the Austin Landing lineup with a ribbon cutting on November 20, 2015. In addition to cakes and other sweet treats, Elé offers wine, beer, salads, soups, small plates and entrees. It is the ideal spot to grab a drink after work or to enjoy lunch or dinner.



Newsletter - Spring/Summer 2016

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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Spring/Summer 2016 Calendar

March

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| Board of Zoning Appeals meeting (7 p.m.)..... | 7 |
| Board of Trustees meeting (7 p.m.)..... | 8 |
| Miami Valley Fire District meeting (8 a.m.)..... | 10 |
| Zoning Commission meeting (7 p.m.)..... | 15 |
| Board of Trustees meeting (7 p.m.)..... | 22 |

April

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| Board of Zoning Appeals meeting (7 p.m.)..... | 4 |
| Board of Trustees meeting (7 p.m.)..... | 12 |
| Miami Valley Fire District meeting (8 a.m.)..... | 14 |
| Park reservations open to non-township residents..... | 15 |
| Zoning Commission meeting (7 p.m.)..... | 19 |
| Board of Trustees meeting (7 p.m.)..... | 26 |

May

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| Board of Zoning Appeals meeting (7 p.m.)..... | 2 |
| Board of Trustees meeting (7 p.m.)..... | 10 |
| Miami Valley Fire District meeting (8 a.m.)..... | 12 |
| Zoning Commission meeting (7 p.m.)..... | 17 |
| Board of Trustees meeting (7 p.m.)..... | 24 |
| Township offices are closed for Memorial Day..... | 30 |

June

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| Board of Zoning Appeals meeting (7 p.m.)..... | 6 |
| Miami Valley Fire District meeting (8 a.m.)..... | 9 |
| Board of Trustees meeting (7 p.m.)..... | 14 |
| Zoning Commission meeting (7 p.m.)..... | 21 |
| Board of Trustees meeting (7 p.m.)..... | 28 |

July

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|---|----|
| Township offices closed for Independence Day..... | 4 |
| Board of Zoning Appeals meeting (7 p.m.)..... | 5 |
| 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 |

August

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| Board of Zoning Appeals meeting (7 p.m.)..... | 1 |
| National Night Out: Schedule a block party!..... | 2 |
| Board of Trustees meeting (7 p.m.)..... | 9 |
| Miami Valley Fire District meeting (8 a.m.)..... | 11 |
| Zoning Commission meeting (7 p.m.)..... | 16 |
| Board of Trustees meeting (7 p.m.)..... | 23 |

September

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| Township offices are closed for Labor Day..... | 5 |
| Board of Zoning Appeals meeting (7 p.m.)..... | 6 |
| Miami Valley Fire District meeting (8 a.m.)..... | 8 |
| Board of Trustees meeting (7 p.m.)..... | 13 |
| Zoning Commission meeting (7 p.m.)..... | 20 |
| Board of Trustees meeting (7 p.m.)..... | 27 |

October

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| Board of Zoning Appeals meeting (7 p.m.)..... | 3 |
| Township offices are closed for Columbus Day..... | 10 |
| Board of Trustees meeting (7 p.m.)..... | 11 |
| Miami Valley Fire District meeting (8 a.m.)..... | 13 |
| Zoning Commission meeting (7 p.m.)..... | 18 |
| Board of Trustees meeting (7 p.m.)..... | 25 |
| Leaf Pickup services begin..... | 31 |
| Beggars' Night (6-8 p.m.)..... | 31 |