



Miami TOWNSHIP

Community of Partnerships

Fall/Winter Newsletter
October 31, - December 31, 2010

Fiscal Officer Report:



Judy Lewis, Miami Township Fiscal Officer

I would like to take this opportunity to update our citizens on the Miami Township Fiscal Officer's and Staff's efforts to control the effects the current economy is having on the Township. These efforts are:

1) reduced spending; 2) identifying and securing grant and stimulus money to supplement current resources; and 3) constantly looking for more efficient ways to provide the services our citizens and visitors are accustomed to.

For 2010, the budgets for general fund and fire fund are reduced by 23% and 3%, respectively from the 2009 expenditures. This was mainly accomplished by restructuring the staffing levels in some departments, restructuring employee benefit programs and a reduction of capital programs. While none of these items hurt our ability to provide service to the public, it did allow us a much needed reduction of expenditures.

Second, within the past five years Miami Township has been aggressive in identifying and securing federal stimulus dollars, federal highway dollars, and state & local grant dollars that have

assisted in the investment in the Township's infrastructure. The township, in cooperation with a Montgomery County stimulus request, was awarded \$3.5 million for use with the Austin Boulevard and the Byers Road projects. Also, in collaboration with the Montgomery County TID and our community partners, \$12.7 million was obtained through federal highway funds for the Austin Boulevard project. Of these funds, \$7.3 million was used within Miami Township. In addition to the federal dollars Miami Township obtained, \$988,000 of State Issue II grant money was used to improve Spring Valley Road.

While we have been successful in obtaining grant monies, it is important that we continue to seek new sources of revenue where possible. I have directed the staff to submit the following applications to assist us with future infrastructure projects:

- Miami Township has submitted an Ohio Public Works Commission application of \$2,052,821 for new road improvements in the Austin Boulevard area.
- The Township is filing a joint Ohio Public Works Commission application with Washington Township of \$3,752,224 that will make road improvements to Washington Church Road.

- The Township is filing an Ohio Public Works Commission application of \$359,301 that will create a connector road from Prestige Place to the Southland 75 Shopping Center.
- The Township is filing an Ohio Public Works Commission application of \$1,588,466 for road improvements to Wood Road.
- Miami Township in cooperation with Dayton Christian Schools requested approximately \$450,000 in Clean Ohio Funds for Brownfield mitigation.

The third area that Miami Township has focused attention on is finding alternative ways to reduce the cost of services. In 2010, Miami Township moved from an internal based mowing service of our parks and facilities to a competitive bid exterior service. As a result of this move, the Miami Township was able to save approximately \$30,000 in the first year with three option years remaining on the contract.

While we have been successful in weathering the storm of the current economy, we must be diligent in assuring that we are taking every step possible to secure funding from outside sources as well as looking for ways to save money without affecting our service delivery to our citizens. ♦

Citizen Recognition

The Miami Township Board of Trustees recently honored Claude E. "Bud" Schindler for his 47 years of service to the community. Bud Schindler served as the first superintendent of the Dayton Christian School System (DCSS), which has grown into one of the largest Christian School systems in the country since its beginning in 1963. In 1999, he took on the additional role of President of DCSS's newly formed parent organization, Legacy Ministries International (LMI). He continues to interact with parents, donors, alumni and students on a regular basis in his new role of the school's president emeritus of DCSS.

The trustees paid tribute with a proclamation to Bud Schindler at the August 10, 2010 Board of Trustees meeting, thanking him for his outstanding and uncompromised services to the students and families of the Dayton Christian School System and citizens of Miami Township. ♦



The Miami Twp. Board of Trustees on Aug. 10 honored Claude E. 'Bud' Schindler on his retirement as president of Dayton Christian Schools and Legacy Ministries International. He is joined by Trustee President Deborah Preston (right) and his wife, Carole Schindler.

President's Report

On behalf of the Miami Township Board of Trustees it gives me great pleasure to update you on what has been going on in the Township since the last newsletter.

Austin Road Interchange

After much anticipation, the Austin Road Interchange opened on July 1, 2010. The opening was well in advance of the original construction schedule that had the interchange opening this coming November. As previously reported, the entire section of roadway from Washington Church Road to Wood Road has been renamed Austin Boulevard replacing the Austin Road and Miamisburg Springboro Road designations. Prior to the Interchange ramps opening, the Continuous Flow Intersection (CFI) at the intersection of State Route 741 and Austin Boulevard opened. This intersection is the first of its kind in Ohio featuring enhanced left turn traffic movements on Austin Boulevard. Opening the new CFI before the interchange allowed local traffic to become familiar with the non-conventional intersection before the Interchange opened adding additional traffic. The Board of Trustees would like thank all of our citizens for their patience during the construction of this interchange, as well as the



**Deborah Preston,
Miami Township
Trustee President**

transition issues experienced such as the early traffic light malfunctions with the CFI.

In addition to the Austin Road Interchange, the other two road improvement projects under construction are progressing well. The current schedule has Byers Road and Austin Boulevard (between SR 741 and Washington Church) on a one-year construction cycle. The newly realigned Byers Road should be open to traffic by winter as should one side of the newly aligned Austin Boulevard. Both projects should be substantially completed by mid 2011.

The Austin Landing Development located in the northeast quadrant of the Austin Road Interchange is well under way with several buildings under construction. Construction is well underway on a four-story 120,000 square foot office building as well as the 60,000 square foot two-story Teradata building. Recently Hilton Garden Inn announced plans to build a new hotel with construction slated to begin in early 2011.

Optivus Proton Therapy, Inc., in conjunction with its partner ACTS, Inc. has announced plans to locate a new world-class Cancer Treatment Center in the Southwest Quadrant of the Austin Road Interchange. The Outpatient facility will be the first of its kind in Ohio and only the second in

the United States featuring the world renowned Optivus Proton Therapy technology used to treat many types of cancer. The California based company will also locate production as well as research and development facilities on the 23 acre site. The new Optivus/ACTS campus will be located along the south side of Austin Boulevard between Wood Road and the new interchange.

New Businesses

The Board of Trustees would like to welcome the following new businesses that have located in Miami Township since the last newsletter:

El Toro Restaurant– 2335 Miamisburg-Centerville Pike – Shoppes at 725

Esko Artwork – 8535 Gander Creek Drive

AFLAC – 2717 Miamisburg-Centerville Pike – Mad River Station

Extremity Imaging Partners – 2717 Miamisburg-Centerville Pike, Suite #203 – Mad River Station

HGL Offices – 8997 Springboro Pike

Jane Chance Elementary School – 10661 Wood Road

The Miami Armory – 8945 Kingsridge Drive - Retail

St. Ignatius Maronite Catholic Church Presented their 17th Annual Dayton Lebanese Festival August 27-29, 2010

St. Ignatius of Antioch Maronite Catholic Church, 5915 Springboro Pike (SR 741), Miami Township, Ohio held their 17th Annual Dayton Lebanese Festival at their new Miami Township location for the second year on August 27-29, 2010. The weather was beautiful the entire weekend. The Festival began with an Opening Ceremony with Lebanese Festival Chair Jim Zaidain welcoming everyone to the Festival. The Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Honor Guard presented the colors and mounted the flags on the Main Stage. St. Ignatius Parishioner 12-year-old Joyce Eid beautifully sang the U.S. National Anthem then the Lebanese national anthem. Miami Township Chief of Police Chris Krug,



on behalf of the Miami Township Trustees, presented to St. Ignatius Pastor Father Pierre a Proclamation commending the Parish for holding the Dayton Lebanese Festival as a major cultural event in the Township. Father Pierre then presented Chief Krug with a book of Lebanese culture to be placed in the local library as a token of appreciation from the Parish; then Fr. Pierre welcomed everyone to the Festival and opened the Festival for

business.

This year's festival featured their authentic Middle-Eastern sandwiches and dinners, various appetizers, hot fresh made Mountain Bread, fresh assorted Lebanese pastries and Lebanese coffee; and continuous live

entertainment featuring traditional dancing by St. Ignatius Debbke Troupe, Middle-Eastern dancing by Conchi and her dance troupe Alhambra, and seven of the area's best dance groups.

In addition the festival featured cultural booths, a dozen of the Dayton area's best original arts and craft designers, amusement rides and game booths by the well-known Murray Brothers Amusement Company. Ice cold beverages included imported Almaza Lebanese Beer and award winning Chatreau Ksara Lebanese wine.

On display were Miami Township police and paramedics and their vehicles and the City of Dayton Police Department.

The perfect weather conditions helped make this year's Dayton Lebanese Festival a hit and a success. With enthusiasm St. Ignatius Church's Parishioners have begun planning their 18th annual Dayton Lebanese Festival scheduled for August 26-28, 2011. Ideas abound for continued improvements, selections, rides and features. ♦

Joint Fire District

For some time now Miami Township along with the City of Miamisburg has studied providing joint Fire/EMS services resulting in consideration of a Joint Fire District. The creation of a joint fire district would combine the township and city departments into one entity. Providing better coverage to all areas, and, controlling the long term costs of Fire /EMS services through better utilization of assets and reduced redundancy as it relates to current fire station locations is the goal. Both communities have been committed to perform the due diligence necessary to determine if joining together as a joint fire district is best for citizens. Several groups have participated throughout the course of this ongoing review including staff and elected officials, firefighters (both union and non-union), business leaders, citizens, and an Interim Fire Commission (IFC). The process started with a thorough review of both departments and a determination

that some type of consolidation would be beneficial. From that determination a review of different department structures was initiated that resulted in a recommendation to create a joint fire district. An Interim Fire Commission (IFC) was also appointed by the two bodies to help work through a number of district related issues.

The due diligence is nearing completion and the elected officials of both communities are faced with making a decision about creating a new joint fire district that would replace the two existing departments. A final decision about the creation of a new district is expected during the fourth quarter of 2010.

As always, thank you for allowing me on behalf of the Board of Trustees to give you an update concerning all the positive things that are taking place in Miami Township. May you have a wonderful fall and holiday season! ♦

Election Day: Do Not Forget To Vote!

Tuesday, Nov. 2 is Election Day in Miami Township. Your voice can make a difference.

Dog Licenses

Dog licenses are available for purchase at the Administration office (2700 Lyons Road) starting Dec. 1, 2010, through Jan. 31, 2011, (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday). The license fee is yet to be determined and payable to Miami Township by check or exact cash only. No credit or debit cards are accepted.

Miami Township's Third Annual Veterans Day Breakfast Ceremony

Miami Township will honor veterans at its third annual Veterans Day breakfast on Wednesday, November 10 at 8:00 a.m. at the Miami Township Government Center Community Room, 2700 Lyons Road. The event is free to veterans but requires a ticket. To obtain a ticket, please contact Mona or Stacy before November 5 at (937) 433-9969 or email sdavis@miamitownship.com. ♦

National Night Out 2010



Trustee, Mike Nolan and community member Shirley Mullins

The Miami Township Police Department celebrated National Night Out on August 3, 2010. National Night Out is a fantastic way for the Police Department to connect in a positive

way with our citizens. The purpose of National Night Out is to: heighten crime and drug prevention, generate support for, and participation in anti-crime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships, and send a message to criminals to let them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

The citizens of Miami Township have certainly embraced the ideals of National Night Out. This year our celebration consisted of 16 block parties held throughout

Miami Township. Two of the block parties were honored for hosting a party for five consecutive years: Katy Drive and Rolling Greens/Sawgrass. The Vienna Park Neighborhood Watch Association was honored for hosting a party for the past 15 years. The Miami Township Library combined

their National Night Out celebration with their 10 year anniversary.

We look forward to celebrating National Night Out in 2011. If you are interested in participating in National Night Out 2011, please contact Sgt. Jay Phares 433-2419 or Leah O'Malley at 433-2996. ♦



National Night Out Knight visits a neighborhood block party.

At the park

Miami Township operates and maintains four major parks, available by reservation, for your family or work events. 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 – west of Cincinnati Pike and south of Crain's Run Road – has 2 shelters available for reservation, Kids Kube, woods, a hiking trail 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) – east of Lamme Road, at the end of Cordell Drive – has a shelter house with picnic tables, a Kids Kube, one tennis court, two half-court basketball areas, and a baseball diamond.
- Miami View – located on the west side of Munger Road, south of Alex Bell – has six tennis courts, 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, call 866-4661. ◆

Cox Arboretum

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

Holiday Shopping Safety

The holiday shopping season is just around the corner and the Miami Township Police Department would like to share several safety tips with you to make your holiday shopping safe and enjoyable. Sgt Jay Phares offers the following safety tips.

Plan your shopping trip. Tell a family member or friend where you're going and when you plan to be back.

Shop in pairs. Take a friend or relative with you, especially during evening or nighttime hours.

Pick your parking space wisely. Park in a well-lighted area where there are shoppers coming and going from the store. Do not park next to vans or oversized vehicles.

Dress in comfortable clothing. High heels and tight skirts hamper mobility. Wear something with pockets that can hold items in lieu of carrying a purse.

Lock your car doors. Hide valuables such as CDs, laptops, cellular phones, shopping bags and gifts; place them under the seat or in the trunk. In Sport Utility Vehicles, use the cover provided to hide these items. Do not place these items in the back of pickup trucks even with a truck cap. Thieves don't steal things they cannot see. If they see it, the only thing stopping them is a piece of glass. GPS devices are a hot commodity. Leaving them attached to the window or on the dash, is an invitation to thieves.

Offensive weapons can be used against you. Consider defensive weapons like car keys, ice scrapers, fingernails, a comb or brush, and personal sound items.

Be aware of your surroundings. Do not be afraid to look people in the face or check behind you.



You do not have to be polite. If you feel something is wrong or suspicious, you do not have to give directions or the time to anyone.

If attacked do the unexpected. Yell "fire" or jump or roll on the ground to attract attention. Report all crimes to the police. Remember to dial 911 for emergencies. Try to remember any distinguishing marks or clothing your attacker was wearing.

Don't carry large amounts of cash. Use credit cards for purchases and keep them in a pants or shirt pocket. Not in your purse. In fact, if possible, do not carry a purse at all. Don't flash the cash that you do have. Keep a record of all

your credit card numbers with the customer service and security numbers for each card.

Do not get overloaded. Do not get so many packages that you are unable to concentrate on your surroundings or keep track of your packages. Do not leave packages unattended in a store or food court area, even for a minute.

Shopping with children. Take the time to explain to your children how important it is for them to stay with you while shopping. Develop a plan so that if you get separated, they are to go to a store clerk or security guard immediately. If using a shopping cart, keep the child in the cart until you take it to the cart collection point; then take the child to the car. Hold children's hands in the parking lots. Know your child's clothing description. Accompany your children to the restroom. If you separate from your teens to shop, select a meeting place inside of the business, not in the parking lot.

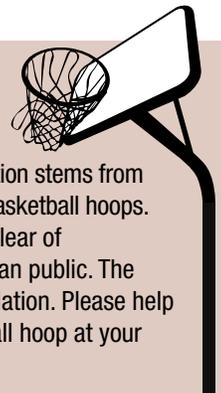
If you have a cell phone take it with you. Do not leave your purse in the shopping cart and turn to get something off of a display.

Remember, crime occurs because of opportunity. Have a safe holiday shopping season. ◆

Basketball Hoop Policy

The Miami Township Trustees adopted a resolution at the February 14, 2006 meeting that institutes a policy regarding the removal of permanent and portable basketball hoops located within the road right-of-way. The action stems 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. ◆



At your service

Miami Township Wins Another Police Cruiser

For the second time in the last four years the Miami Township Police Department has won a police cruiser with a value of \$25,000. The Ohio Department of Public Safety's (ODPS) Ohio Traffic Safety Office (OTSO) held its eighth car give-away at the Enforcement Expo on September 15, 2010 with twenty law enforcement agencies from around the state drawing for five police vehicles.

The twenty agencies were chosen from more than 900 law enforcement partners that committed to conduct high-visibility education and enforcement during two national safety mobilizations, the Click It or Ticket seat belt safety campaign and the Drunk Driving: Over the Limit, Under Arrest crackdown. Those chosen not only participated in the mobilizations, but also went above and beyond in their efforts to keep Ohioans safe. While five lucky agencies won police vehicles, all of the agencies at the event were recipients of some of the more than \$300,000 in traffic safety equipment OTSO distributes each year.

Chief Chris Krug stated that "The Miami Township Police Department began participating in these traffic safety-related mobilizations eight years ago and has been fortunate enough to win two police vehicles valued at nearly \$50,000 and an additional \$30,000 in traffic safety equipment like radar units and laser guns used in traffic enforcement and in-car cameras. Acquiring resources through our participation



Sgt. Phares is congratulated by Major DiPietro after picking a key that started the police vehicle.

in these mobilizations is extremely important, especially in these tough economic times." The funds for the cruisers and safety equipment come from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Ohio receives these federal funds specifically for traffic safety-related efforts including high-visibility enforcement and public awareness campaigns. Local law enforcement and safety partners receive grants through OTSO, which coordinates the campaigns and safety efforts on a statewide basis.

Krug went on to say "one of the goals of the Miami Township Police Department is to provide a balance in traffic education and traffic enforcement directed at reducing accidents and serious injuries. The opportunity to go to Columbus and have a chance to win a police vehicle is the result of the great effort our officers put forth during these two mobilizations."

"While winning a second cruiser is great," Chief Krug said, "we hope our efforts saved at least one life or reduced serious injuries to just one individual. Delivering the news of a fatality or serious injury to a person's family is not a pleasant task." ♦

New Officer Sworn In

On September 14, 2010 Raymond P. Swallen was sworn in as a Miami Township Police Officer. Raymond graduated from the Cincinnati Hills Christian



Academy High School. He obtained his Associates Degree from Miami University in 2004 and obtained his Bachelor's Degree from Northern Kentucky University in 2010. He graduated from the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy, University of Cincinnati Campus, where he received the "Outstanding Student Award".

Raymond served as a full-time police officer with the Batavia Police Department from June 2007 to September 2010. In addition to his regular patrol duties, Raymond assisted in training new auxiliary officers. Raymond is married and has two children.

Raymond will begin his employment with Miami Township on September 20, 2010 and spend two weeks in an orientation program. Then he will be assigned to a three month Field Training Officer Program.

Chief Krug stated that "Raymond completed a rigorous selection process and fared very well in the selection process. He will be a great asset to the police department and we look forward to Raymond becoming a professional member of our organization." ♦

Perhaps You Have Noticed



..the look of the Miami Township cruiser has changed. "After many years of the silver colored police cruiser with the blue and yellow strips, several officers made a suggestion that it was time for a change in the markings," Chief Krug said. After considering the information from the officers, Chief Krug

agreed it was not only time for change in the markings, but also time for a change in the color of the cruisers since each year the manufacturer changed the silver paint color by varying degrees. The color differences, while not visible to most, were noticeable when

cruisers were parked side by side.

Chief Krug said, "That after reviewing several designs from a graphics company a decision was made to go with new markings and white cruisers. It is a significant change, but one that has been well received by our officers and the community." ♦

At your service

Leaf Collection Program begins in October

The Public Works Department will provide leaf collection services to residents beginning **October 25th**. Leaf collection will continue through the fall and come to an end by mid-December. Once leaf collection on streets concludes, crews will concentrate on leaf and debris removal in storm water basins.

The crews will visit each street in the township once every 10-14 working days or sooner early in the season. During the heaviest stage of leaf fall or times of inclement weather, it is not uncommon to have longer periods between rounds. The department will adjust to a six day work week

and/ or ten hour per day work schedule when necessary in order to accelerate the collection process.

Residents are encouraged to mulch leaves during the fall to supply their 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 fertilize your yard.

To help speed the collection program up for crews, residents are urged to:

- Mulch or rake leaves often.
- Place leaf piles near the curb.
- Avoid parking vehicles on the leaves.
- Avoid mixing grass clippings (free fertilizer too!), sticks and other debris in with the leaves.

(Crews will not pick up leaf piles that contain these items)

Residents with questions regarding the leaf collection program may call the Public Works Department at 866-4661, weekdays between 7:30 am and 3:00 pm. ♦

Roadside right-of-way tree trimming

To ensure the safe passage of vehicles on Township streets, Public Works crews trim overhanging branches in winter as a part of a seasonal program. The program will begin near January 4th and should be completed by the end of March.

Miami Township is divided into area zones, with a different zone trimmed each year to ensure that all streets receive attention. Here are some guidelines crews will use while performing the trimming:

- Trees are vertically trimmed from the back of the curb edge or right-of-way to a height of 13.5 feet. Shrubs and trees that block motorist sight from necessary signage are also trimmed.
- Shrubs and trees that overhang sidewalks leaving less than eight feet of clearance will be trimmed.

The zones in the Township scheduled to be trimmed this year include the Vienna Park & Villages of Miami plats and various rural roads. Residents of these areas will be notified by handbill in November/ December. The advance notice gives residents the opportunity to perform the trimming themselves or hire a professional prior to the start of the Township program.

Call the Public Works Department at (937)866-4661 for more information on this yearly program. ♦

De-icing Salt supplies and operational changes update:

Miami Township participates in a pooling program (SWOP4G) with many neighboring jurisdictions in Southwestern Ohio to obtain the lowest price bid for de-icing salt each year. All jurisdictions in this program submit a requested amount of de-icing salt to be collectively bid on by suppliers. Miami Township requests a bid for 3,500 tons of de-icing salt.

The bid for de-icing salt this year is slightly less than last year, however it is still 30% more than the price paid in 2007-08. The sharp increase in the cost of de-icing salt has forced most jurisdictions, including Miami Township to adjust snow removal practices in order to conserve salt supplies and maintain a balanced budget. The 3,500 tons may be all the salt available to Miami Township for this winter season.

Miami Township will assess each snow event and must work in ways that conserve our salt supplies through prioritizing Township streets. What this means is the most heavily traveled streets will be treated first, followed by streets with steep inclines and select

intersections. Side streets and cul-de-sacs may not receive treatment if the snow event does not warrant action. Please adjust your driving habits and time needed for travel to compensate for untreated roadways.

Miami Township has built a reputation of providing commuters within the Township limits with safe travel when adverse weather strikes. We will continue to do so, but must re-evaluate our operations in order to maintain a balanced budget as a fundamental commitment to our community.

Future plans are to construct a salt dome that would house an entire season's worth of de-icing salt and will greatly reduce our dependency when supplies are not stable. We will have the option of adjusting our bid in years when the demand causes drastic increases in salt prices like we have this bid season. Our current salt barn has the capacity to house 1,000 tons of de-icing salt. The future construction of a salt dome will increase our stockpiling capacity to over 4,000 tons. ♦

Snow Removal Operations

The Public Works Department provides residents and businesses with snow removal on all Township maintained streets. To accomplish this task efficiently, the department has divided the Township into ten zones.

Snowfalls of less than three inches are removed by melting with de-icing salt. It requires approximately three hours to successfully treat all Township maintained streets once with de-icing salt. Snowfalls of more than three inches have to be plowed and salted to remove the snow. This operation requires at least 10 hours to complete one pass with snow plows over all Township roadways. Weather conditions and traffic patterns can add a substantial amount of time for snow removal operations. ♦

Snow removal tips

To help snow removal crews complete each snow event in the most efficient manner, the Public Works Department asks residents to do the following:

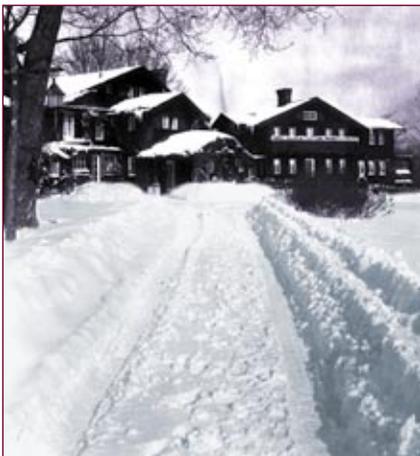
- Delay non-essential travel until after the roads have been cleared.
- During snowfalls of more than 3 inches, park off streets to allow crews to plow the entire street.
- When using a snow blower, shovel or plow to clear your driveway, do not push the snow out into the street.
- To avoid clearing your driveway entrance repeatedly, wait until the plow truck has completed clearing the roadway curb to curb.

Plowing responsibilities

The Public Works Department reminds residents to note that not all roadways within Miami Township are maintained by Miami Township. Certain roadways are maintained by other Government agencies or private developers.

- The Ohio Department of Transportation (937)832-1824 maintains all State routes.
- The Montgomery County Engineer's Office (937)837-2528 maintains County roads.
- Condo/ apartment complexes and mobile home parks have streets maintained by the owners of the complex.
- New streets (Not formally accepted by the Township) are maintained by the developer of the plat until street is officially dedicated to Miami Township.

Residents with questions, concerns regarding snow removal are encouraged to call the Public Works Department at (937)866-4661. ♦



Miami Township Fire and EMS Service Update

Miami Township Fire Division has seen a busy year for 2010. Emergency call volume is once again on the rise as the Division is seeing an increase in activity. A great deal of work remains as we head towards the end of the year. One major event still to occur this year is the annual fire prevention week activities.

During National Fire Prevention Week, October 3 - 9, 2010 attention is focused on promoting fire safety and prevention even though we should be practicing fire safety all year long.

Many bedroom fires are caused by misuse or poor maintenance of electrical devices, careless use of candles, smoking in bed, and children playing with matches and lighters. Most potential hazards can be addressed with a little common sense. For example, be sure to keep flammable items like bedding, clothes and curtains at least three feet away from portable heaters or lit

candles, and never smoke in bed. Also, items like appliances or electric blankets should not be operated if they have frayed power cords, and electrical outlets should never be overloaded.

Fire Safety Checklist:

- 1.) Install and maintain a working smoke alarm outside of every sleep area and remember to change the battery at least once a year.
- 2.) Designate two escape routes from each bedroom and practice them regularly.
- 3.) Teach everyone the "Stop, Drop, and Roll" technique in case clothing catches on fire.
- 4.) Avoid storing old mattresses in the home or garage.
- 5.) Teach kids that matches, lighters and candles are tools, not toys. If you suspect that a child is playing with fire, check under beds and in closets for telltale signs like burned matches. Matches and lighters should be stored in a secure drawer or cabinet.

Emergency Response Volume

2010 AUGUST CALL SUMMARY

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Y.T.D.
Fire	97	122	92	122	110	84	98	97	822
EMS	256	205	204	202	242	223	247	244	1823
Total	353	327	296	324	352	307	345	341	2645

YEAR TO YEAR MONTHLY RUN TOTALS

2008 Totals	343	369	307	298	333	358	341	306	2655
2009 Totals	341	311	319	305	368	331	276	304	2555
Difference from 2009	3.5%	5.1%	-7.2%	6.2%	-4.3%	-7.3%	25.0%	12.2%	3.5%

Fire Station Update

Over the past year, a great deal of work has been completed with the planning and design of the newest fire station to be located in the Austin Road/Crain's Run area of Miami Township. It is anticipated that the planning and design phase will be completed by the first of October and under construction by the end of the year. ♦

sirens are now installed, but only three have been powered up and are in full service.

The two remaining siren locations that still need to be completed are located inside Waldruhe Park and on Miamisburg-Soldiers Home Road. It is anticipated both should be operational by year's end. ♦

Emergency Alerting Upgrades

As a follow up from the last newsletter, the process continues to move forward with the installation of emergency warning sirens within Miami Township. To re-cap, in 2009 Montgomery County received a grant from the federal government for the installation of emergency warning sirens. To date, all five

CPR Training

The Miami Township Fire Division offers CPR classes. The Healthcare Provider class is \$40 per person, paid 10 days in advance, cash or check. The Family and Friends CPR courses are free and take about a half-day to complete, are taught in a relaxed environment and even children easily master the information. For more information on CPR courses or to register for one of the courses call 433-4242. ♦

Miami TOWNSHIP

Newsletter - Fall/Winter 2010

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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Fall/Winter 2010 calendar

November

- Board of Zoning Appeal meeting (7 p.m.) 1
- Election Day: Don't forget to vote 2
- Combined Health District childhood immunizations (4-6 p.m.) 4
- Daylight Savings Time ends: Check smoke detector batteries! 7
- Board of Trustees meeting (7p.m.) 9
- Township offices are closed for Veterans Day 11
- Zoning Commission meeting (7 p.m.) 16
- Board of Trustees meeting (10 a.m.) 23
- Township offices are closed for Thanksgiving Day 25
- Township offices are closed 26
- Yard waste collection (separate pickup) ends 30

December

- Dog licenses for 2011 are available at Government Center 1
- Combined Health District childhood immunizations (4-6 p.m.) 2
- Board of Zoning Appeal meeting (7 p.m.) 6
- Board of Trustees meeting (7p.m.) 14
- Zoning Commission meeting (7 p.m.) 21
- Township offices are closed for Christmas 24
- Board of Trustees meeting (10 a.m.) 28
- No trash/recyclables pickup (holiday delay) 29
- Trash/recyclables pickup 30
- Township offices are closed 31

January

- Park shelter reservations open to township residents & businesses ... 1
- Roadside right-of-way tree trimming begins 3
- Board of Zoning Appeal meeting (7 p.m.) 3
- Combined Health District childhood immunizations (4-6 p.m.) 6

- Board of Trustees meeting (7p.m.) 11
- Zoning Commission meeting (7 p.m.) 18
- Board of Trustees meeting (10 a.m.) 25
- Last day to purchase dog licenses at Government Center 31

February

- Combined Health District childhood immunizations (4-6 p.m.) 3
- Board of Zoning Appeal meeting (7 p.m.) 7
- Board of Trustees meeting (7p.m.) 8
- Zoning Commission meeting (7 p.m.) 15
- Township offices are closed for President's Day 21
- Board of Trustees meeting (10 a.m.) 22

March

- Combined Health District childhood immunizations (4-6 p.m.) 3
- Board of Zoning Appeal meeting (7 p.m.) 7
- Board of Trustees meeting (7p.m.) 8
- Daylight Savings Time begins: Check smoke detector batteries! 14
- Zoning Commission meeting (7 p.m.) 15
- Board of Trustees meeting (10 a.m.) 22

April

- Board of Zoning Appeal meeting (7 p.m.) 4
- Yard waste collection (separate pickup) begins 6
- Combined Health District childhood immunizations (4-6 p.m.) 7
- Board of Trustees meeting (7p.m.) 12
- Park reservations open to non-township residents 15
- Zoning Commission meeting (7 p.m.) 19
- Board of Trustees meeting (10 a.m.) 26