



# Miami TOWNSHIP

Community of Partnerships

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## Upcoming Levy Vital to Maintaining Current Police Service

By Chief Chris Krug

The men and women of the Miami Township Police Department have proudly served our residents and businesses since 1956. It is the desire of every police department employee to continue to provide high quality service to the community.

However, the upcoming police levy will play a significant role in the department's ability to provide service at current levels.

On May 7, Miami Township residents will vote on Issue 8, a 5.25 mill levy. Last fall, voters rejected a similar levy and as a result cut off half of the police department's operating budget. Fortunately for township residents, financial reserves created over several years of proper fiscal management funded the police department at current staffing levels through the end of 2013. Most of those funds will be depleted at the end of 2013.

Approximately 72 percent of the police department budget is for personnel costs and the remaining 28 percent of the budget is for fixed costs that could not be reduced if the May levy does not pass. If budget cuts become necessary, they will have to be made in personnel expenses.

This makes the revenue provided in the May 7 police levy essential. Without it, the police department cannot continue to provide the



**Chris Krug**  
Miami Township  
Chief of Police

community with the same level and quality of services that residents and businesses expect and deserve. The bottom line is, if the police levy is not approved, the department will be forced to layoff half of all police officers and support staff. This will result in long delays in police response to calls. Police visibility will also decrease significantly, and many of the services currently provided will be eliminated.

It is important for residents to understand the department's need for additional funding is not a result of frivolous spending or fiscal mismanagement. The need is due to property value declines over the past few years and the elimination of personal property tax, coupled with inflation in many areas of the police department budget.

Nonetheless, the men and women of the Miami Township Police Department continue to serve our community with a high level of professionalism and integrity. Here are a few



of their outstanding accomplishments over the past few years:

- Eleven straight years of national recognition for the "National Night Out Against Crime" events and in 2012 receiving a "Top Ten in the Country Recognition" for the event.
- Partnered with the Dayton Mall to successfully create and implement the nationally recognized "Must Be 16" policy.
- Reduced major felony crimes by 10 percent in 2012.

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## President's Report

2012 was a year of change for Miami Township. As we worked through change, we are focused on continuing to improve how we serve you, our constituents. This year, we are poised to move Miami Township in a direction that will better serve all citizens and businesses in a focused manner.



**Deborah Preston,**  
Miami Township Trustee  
President

Our new Mission Statement is:

*Miami Township's mission is to provide excellent services to our residences and businesses with an emphasis on integrity, efficiency and fiscal responsibility that will position the township for future growth and continued success.*

Your elected officials and employees are committed to our revised mission statement in all that we do.

Looking back, we had many successes in 2012. We are proud to have opened a new public works facility that will ensure years of improved service. Our business community continued to grow and flourish, and we welcomed 19 new businesses to Miami Township! We helped organize Runway Fest at the Dayton Wright Brothers Airport and honored township veterans at our yearly Veterans Day Breakfast. The list goes on... We have accomplished a lot together as a community.

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- Received the South Metro Regional Chamber of Commerce “Courage in Business Award” for demonstrating courage and management spirit above and beyond the operating norm that involved risk taking, problem solving, and ethical judgments.
- Recognized by the Ohio Department of Public Safety for traffic safety campaigns, receiving two police cruisers and speed measuring devices as a result of the department’s efforts.
- Playing an active role in many countywide initiatives that directly impact the residents and businesses in Miami Township, such as the RANGE Drug Task Force and the Montgomery County OVI Task Force.
- Maintaining a very active Neighborhood Watch Program.
- Moving toward accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.
- Most importantly, consistently delivering professional police service to every person who makes a request for service in Miami Township. ♦

## Miami Township Levy Report

On May 7, 2013 voters will be asked to consider the passage of a 3.5 mil fire renewal levy to help fund fire and EMS services in the township for an additional 5 year term. Over the years, voters have shown their approval of fire services offered with their continued support. We are sensitive to the financial impacts of your budgets as well as we are of our own. Please rest assured we understand the responsibility of being good stewards of the tax dollars that you entrust with us.

Providing fire suppression, emergency medical, fire prevention, and public education services without the passage of this levy will prove very challenging. Over the last several years, we have been faced with the same challenges as our residents and the country. We have seen increased costs within every service area and must continually look for ways to save and stretch tax payer dollars.

### How Township levies work

Townships are required to return to voters on a regular basis when limited-term property tax levies are due to expire. This enables the taxpayer to have a voice in local government because residents, through their vote, determine the level and quality of service provided. This process also helps ensure that a township government and the services it provides, meets the needs of its residents.

Under Ohio law, the amount of money a property tax collects from real estate cannot increase beyond the amount collected in the first year. Because of this cap, levies do not keep up with inflation and do not allow townships to receive

an ongoing benefit from new construction. As a result, townships may need to return to their residents for additional revenues.

### How will the money be used?

In August of 2011, the governmental bodies of the City of Miamisburg and Miami Township chose to combine efforts in providing fire and EMS services in order to achieve a cost savings and the elimination of redundant services. After nearly five and half years of discussion, research and analysis, a steering committee recommendation to both city and township officials paved the way for the fire district to be formed under Section 505.371 of the Ohio Revised Code.

A five (5) member Board of Trustees was selected as the governing body for the fire district. The governing body is comprised of one elected

In June of 2012, the new fire district became operational utilizing members from the two former departments. The fire district operates from five (5) emergency response facilities geographically located to aid in quick response

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for the needs of the community. Currently, the fire district operates three (3) engine companies, two (2) truck companies and five (5) Advanced Life Support (ALS) EMS units.

Every fire and EMS organization face the same challenges, and this one is no different. As technology continues to improve, we see rising costs in regards to the equipment needed to offer the service we provide. In early 2013, the fire district purchased two pieces of apparatus that were desperately needed to replace aging and outdated equipment. In the coming years, we will need to continue to replace aging equipment as well as facilities from time to time.

Without financial support from the voters, providing these services will become even more challenging as we continue to move forward. We are focused on customer service and meeting the needs of our citizens.

Our mission is to protect life, property and serve the citizens of our fire district to the fullest. To the best of our efforts, we will meet our mission. We humbly thank you and hope to gain your approval on May 7th.



official from both the township and city; one resident from both the township and city and a fifth member chosen by the members of the board.



## President's Report

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We have also seen success in 2013, even early in the year. We are excited to have developed new trash service that will save taxpayer dollars. We are also supporting the police and fire levies to ensure the very best in emergency response and keep our community safe and protected. Especially important is the police levy on the May 7 ballot; without it the department will be forced to layoff half of all officers and staff. Faced with decreasing sources of funding, our brave officers deserve our support.

We have much more work to accomplish in 2013, and we look forward to continuing to improve and brighten Miami Township. Together we will achieve great things! ♦

## Crime Alert From the Chief

We are all looking forward to warmer weather and the enjoyment spring and summer bring to our community. Unfortunately, the warmer weather brings another element into our community that is not quite as enjoyable.

Home improvement scams increase when warmer weather arrives and you may see a significant increase in the number of individuals canvassing neighborhoods and soliciting to perform home improvement projects. Home improvement scams can happen when a person or company is paid up front for work they have no intention of performing. They may offer false promises and completely disappear without doing any work or after only doing a partial or poor job.

To avoid home improvement scams:

- Always obtain at least three estimates.
- Get any agreement on work to be done and the price in writing.
- Check references and go look at previous work performed.

- Check with the Better Business Bureau for complaints of other information about the contractor you are interested in hiring.
- Don't hire someone who is down on their luck or looking for side jobs when you do not know them personally.



- Do not pay cash up front and never pay more than 1/3 of the cost up front as your down payment.
- Never finance through a contractor without getting comparison loan rates.
- Many times contractors will try and rush your decision with "today only prices". Don't let that happen.
- Beware of home energy audits that come from companies other than your utility company.

Remember that under Federal Law, contractors who sell door-to-door are required to allow you to cancel within three business days prior to beginning any work. Also remember, that Miami Township requires that anyone doing door-to-door solicitation for profit must be registered with Miami Township and must be in possession of a

Solicitor's ID card issued by Miami Township. If an individual cannot provide you with this ID card, you should call the non-emergency police number (433-4400) and request a police officer to check on the individual.

Spring and summer yard work brings residents outdoors along with their power tools. Power tools left unattended in the front yard or on the drive way become easy targets for individuals driving through the neighborhoods looking for these items. Put tools up when done with a project or keep a close eye on them.

Lastly, the Miami Township Police Department is here to serve the community. If you see any type of activity you believe is suspicious, no matter how insignificant it may seem, please don't hesitate to call 433-4400 and report the activity and request that a police officer respond and investigate. Look out for your neighbor's property when they are on vacation and when you go on vacation call the non-emergency number listed above and request a vacation house check during your absence and make your neighbors aware of your absence. ♦

## Police Department Reports

### Reduction in Part I Crime, Incidents Reported and Reduction in Traffic Crashes; Other Police Activity Increases

The Miami Township Police Department has completed their comparison of police activity from 2012 to 2011. Chief Krug has proudly stated that “reported Part I Crimes in 2012 (serious crimes) were down 10% from reported Part I Crimes in 2011. Traffic accidents investigated dropped from 638 in 2011 to 584 in 2012, an 8.5% reduction. Chief Krug stated “he feels strongly that the frequent visibility of police officers in our neighborhoods, our reputation for a quick response time, and citizen participation in crime prevention activities have been the catalyst for the reduction in Part I Crimes and that the department’s traffic safety program has contributed to the reduction in traffic crashes in

Miami Township”. The overall number of “Incident Reports” taken by officers declined 3% in 2012.

Calls for service increased by 1% in 2012 to a new high of 32,243. In 2012 adult arrests increased by 4% and juvenile arrests increased by 2%.

Chief Krug stated “He is very proud of the work done by all department personnel in keeping

Miami Township Police Department			
	2011	2012	% Difference
Part I Crimes	1333	1203	-10
Adult Arrests	895	927	4
Juvenile Arrests	298	303	2
Incident Reports	4379	4252	-3
Calls for Service	32036	32243	1

Miami Township a safe community and how they always positively respond when challenged to do more with less”. ♦

## Ohio Attorney General Awards Miami Township Police Department a “Prescription Drug Drop Box”

The Miami Township Police Department is pleased to announce a new service for residents of Miami Township. Chief Chris Krug stated “we successfully applied to the Ohio Attorney General to receive a prescription drug drop box and participate in a prescription drug disposal program.

“Law enforcement has been concerned for many years about how residents dispose of old prescription drugs and the potential for old prescription drugs to get into the hands of small children,” Chief Krug said. He added, “but now there is a safe solution to the problem and it is in the lobby of the Miami Township Police Department.



The prescription drug drop box resembles a corner mail box and is installed in the lobby of the police department. It is accessible to the residents of Miami Township Monday-Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM. The prescription drug drop is for prescription pills and powders only. Pills and powders may be left in their original containers when deposited in the drop box. Residents should not bring prescription liquids or syringes to the police department to place in the drop box.

Police department personnel will empty the drop box daily and report quarterly to the Ohio Attorney General’s Office on the actual amount of prescription drugs being disposed of by residents. Chief Krug stated “residents should periodically check their medicine cabinets for old prescription drugs and bring them to the police department for proper disposal”. ♦

## The Miami Township Police Department Starts the Wheels Turning to Become Accredited

On March 26, 2013 the Miami Township Board of Trustees approved a resolution allowing Chief Chris Krug to enter into a three year contractual agreement with the Commission on Law Enforcement Accreditation to start the process of becoming an accredited police department.

The accreditation process allows an agency to bring its policies and procedures into alignment with national standards that provide the following benefits:

- Compliance allows for greater accountability within the agency and enhances decision making and resource allocation abilities.
- Compliance reduces risk and liability exposure.
- Stronger defenses against lawsuits are created when complying with nationally recognized standards.
- Accreditation provides objective evidence of an agency’s commitment to excellence in leadership, resource management, and service delivery. Thus, elected officials and citizens are more confident in the agency’s ability to operate efficiently and meet community needs.
- Accreditation embodies the basic concepts of community policing. It creates a venue in which a law enforcement agency and its citizens can work together to prevent and control challenges confronting law enforcement and provide a clear direction about community expectations.



Chief Chris Krug said “Accreditation is a process to establish the best practices for providing quality service to the community”. He added that “the standards prescribe what agencies should be doing, but not how they should be doing it. Chief Krug stated “the how to is left up to the individual police department and its Chief”. ♦

## Interstate 675 Gateway & Joint Stormwater Facility Nearing Completion

Drivers along Interstate 675, between I-75 and the Lyons Road overpass, have seen a lot of construction activity over the last 12 months. The arrival of Menards to the area led to the removal of the former Wal-Mart store site as well as most of the Lyons Crossing Shopping Center. This project was made possible by a partnership between Miami Township and Menards to redevelop and expand a joint stormwater facility serving the Regional Transit Authority South Hub, Montgomery County Library, Miami Township, and now Menards. Menards provided the upfront funding to expand the existing dry detention basin into a larger wet pond. The new pond is designed with several features including wetland areas to improve the quality of stormwater runoff from parking lots draining into the pond. Menards will be reimbursed over time from revenues collected off the new store. Miami Township has, in conjunction with

Menards, pursued a project to further enhance this otherwise utilitarian feature to provide public amenities and an enhanced gateway into the community for those traveling along Interstate

the need to provide a competitive environment for our business community by improving the physical appearance of the area. Retailers are drawn to areas that have new opportunities and where they see that the community is investing. We are also working to take advantage of the tremendous visibility that Miami Township has from Interstate 675 and Interstate 75. The gazebo and outdoor space will provide additional programming opportunities for the library and will be available for use by the public. Menards will be participating in the ongoing maintenance costs and again it is important to note that no residential tax dollars are being used in the construction of the project. The project is made possible by growth in our commercial area, is financed from revenues generated by the commercial growth, and



675. We have received a number of requests over the years to further identify Miami Township along our major travel corridors. Discussion with our business community has also highlighted

will provide public amenities and a cleaner environment. If you are interested in reserving the gazebo and deck area for an event please contact our office at 937-433-9969. ♦

## Miami Township Gathering Input for Planning Efforts around the Dayton Mall Area

Miami Township held the first in a series of planned meetings in February to gather input from various stakeholders on what issues need to be addressed by a master plan for the Dayton Mall area. The consultant team, led by MKSK, provided an overview of the project and conducted an interactive session to generate comments from the various businesses, utilities, public agencies, residents, and others represented. The Team will continue to meet with additional businesses, residents, and other interested parties over the coming months to further refine the scope of work for the future Master Plan. We will also be providing updates via the web at [www.miamitownship.com/dmasterplan](http://www.miamitownship.com/dmasterplan). If you have comments regarding issues that should be addressed by the Master Plan or general questions regarding the process, please contact our office at (937) 433-3426. ♦



Stakeholders participate in a small group discussion during planning efforts for the Dayton Mall area

# At your service

## Public Works

### Street Resurfacing Program Update

Public Works Director, Daniel Mayberry, reports that the Street Department is preparing for the 2013 Resurfacing Program. A total of nearly 2.75 miles of township roadway will be resurfaced this year. Six (6) streets will receive milling and asphalt overlay through Montgomery County's Asphalt Resurfacing Program. Nine (9) streets will receive a preventative maintenance treatment using Slurry Seal. All residents that live on streets scheduled for resurfacing will receive prior notification of the details regarding temporary lane closures or parking restrictions.



**Daniel Mayberry**  
Public Works Director

The following streets will receive milling and asphalt overlay: Babylon Street, Bintree Court, Brokenwoods Drive, Washington Park Drive (portion), Whitehall Drive & Miami Village Drive (portion). The following streets will be resurfaced using Slurry Seal: Cybelle Court, Ferndown Drive (portion), Kiwi Court, Plumage Court, Rosefinch Way, Sawgrass Drive, Sunair Court, Waterbridge Lane & Wedgefield 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 more than twenty-five years. Approximately 2-4 miles of Township roadway are resurfaced with Slurry Seal each year.

### Crack Seal Program

Back in 2007, the Street Department instituted a preventative maintenance roadway crack seal program. All streets are evaluated yearly and selections are made due to current pavement conditions and deficiencies. Since the program's inception, nearly 25 percent of Township roads have been crack sealed by crews. The program will lengthen the time between resurfacing applications and keep damaging moisture from penetrating the road surface. As a common practice, crews also prepare road surfaces with crack seal material prior to the resurfacing of Township streets. The modern innovative materials used and the application process will not leave a sticky tar residue on the street as found years ago and is much more cost effective over time.

### Wood Road Improvements Project

In 2012, the Public Works Director was successful in securing grant funding through the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for improvements to Wood Road. The grant award of \$799,000 will be used to widen the two existing narrow drive lanes, add a center turn lane, improve the storm water drainage system, add sidewalk and combination curb/gutter. The improvements will greatly increase the safety of traveling motorists and the students, parents and faculty attending two Miamisburg City School District campuses located adjacent to the roadway. Construction will commence in early spring and the project should be completed by the end of the year. Since 2006, nearly \$1.5 million has been secured through the OPWC to fund improvements to Township roadways.



### 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.

### Permit Information

Don't forget to contact the Public Works 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 potential damage to vehicles and to underground/ overhead utilities. Permits and construction requirements can be obtained at the Public Works Department located at 10891 Wood Road.

### Drains, Ditches & 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 property," a 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. & 3:00 p.m.

## Leaf Collection Update

The Street Department completed the 2012 Leaf Collection Program on December 14th, 2012. Crews collected 375 loads (3,300 cubic yards) of leaves this season. Staff quickly transitioned to and completed the program of inspecting and cleaning catch basins and dry wells. Basin repairs will commence in the spring. We wanted to thank all residents that chose mulching their leaves this year and encourage others to consider this option for next year. Mulching supplies the turf with nutrients necessary for a healthy lawn, lowers program expenses, and accelerates the collection process. Mulching can be accomplished by raising the deck of the lawnmower and installing a blade designed for this activity.

The official commencement date for the 2013 Leaf Collection Program is October 21st. The program will officially conclude on December 13th. ♦

## National Night Out – A Good Night to Get to Know Your Neighbors

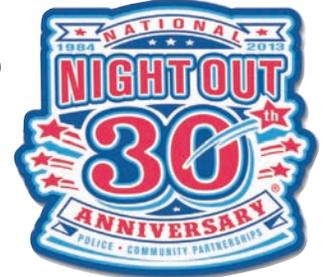
On Tuesday, August 6, 2013 residents all over Miami Township will gather at block parties with their neighbors and members of the Police



**Chief Krug with maintenance staff at Miamisburg by the Mall.**

Department to celebrate National Night Out. We hope that you and your neighbors will participate, too. The reason we look forward to National Night Out each year is that strong neighborhoods are a great crime deterrent. It is important for you to know your neighbors and watch out for each other. There are many active Neighborhood Watch groups in Miami Township. Several of our block captains start preparing for National Night Out at the beginning of the summer so that they can encourage everyone in the neighborhood to participate in the fun. Our block party captains are very creative in planning a great block party. In the past, we have had a variety of types of parties: pool party, pot-luck, luau, grilling out, or a barbeque. The idea is to get the neighbors out of the house, turn on the outside light, lock the door and get to know one another.

Members of the Miami Township Police Department visit each block party and try to bring some special surprises to each party. We usually are able to bring special friends like McGruff the Crime Dog or the National Night Out Knight. We love to meet residents and hear about your neighborhood. It is a great opportunity for us to learn about things we are doing well, and work with residents to fix things that need special attention.



For the past eleven years the Miami Township Police Department has been honored by the National

Association of Town Watch for outstanding participation in National Night Out. We are proud of our accomplishments and know that it would be impossible without great residents who are interested in keeping Miami Township a great place to live, work and play! If you would like to participate in celebrating National Night Out with us, please contact Sgt. Jay Phares at 433-2419 (jphares@miamitownship.com) or Leah O'Malley at 433-2996 (lomalley@miamitownship.com). We look forward to planning a great National Night Out celebration! ♦

## MTPD Ranked 10th in the Nation

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**Miami Township personnel celebrating National Night Out**

# At your service

## How Does DP&L Respond to Storms and Restore Service?

When you see threatening storm clouds begin to roll into Miami Township you probably begin to close windows and turn on the radio or TV to find out how bad it's going to be.

But DP&L has already been tracking the storm for a couple days, preparing for any possible damage and alerting many employees they are on call to work the storm. DP&L keeps an eye on the weather 24/7 to prepare for storms that could hit the Miami Valley.

### If the storm causes an outage

If your power goes out, report the outage to DP&L at 877-468-8243. Don't assume your neighbor has reported it for the whole area. It's important for us to know your power is out so crews can restore it quickly and safely.

Never touch a power line. Keep pets and children away from fallen lines. If you see a fallen or sagging power line, or a line that is in contact with a tree, assume the line is live and dangerous. If the line is causing a life-threatening emergency, call 911 immediately. Otherwise, report fallen lines to DP&L by calling 877-468-8243. You can also report an outage online using your phone number or account number.

### DP&L Crews Get to Work

After an outage, DP&L crews are first dispatched to emergency situations, such as downed lines and fires. The crews also work to restore service to hospitals, fire and police stations. Those first responders must be ready to help others, so it is critical to restore their power.

Then, crews will restore power to large groups of customers who may be served by one main line. Repairs must first be made to high voltage lines and substations because they feed power to other equipment and to entire neighborhoods. That will generally restore power to the largest number of customers, but possibly not to everyone.

Finally, crews work to resolve problems at individual homes. That could even be damage to the line that goes directly to your home or business. Those outages are repaired last because they affect the smallest number of customers.

It might be confusing for some customers that their neighbors across the street have power and they don't. That's because blocks of homes – and even homes on opposite sides of the same street - may be served by different lines or

transformers. For example, if an auto accident knocks down a pole, the customers served by that line will be affected and their neighbors, served by a different line, will not lose their power.

### Some damage may require an electrician



DP&L makes every effort to restore your power. However, some damage might require you to contact a qualified electrician for repairs at your home or business before your power can be restored. The customer is responsible for the meter box, service entrance cable that runs down the side of the house and the masthead, which may be located on the roof.



### What If the Storm Knocked down my Tree and Caused the Outage?

Regardless of the cause of the outage, DP&L will restore service to your home or property. In an outage situation, DP&L must work as quickly and safely as possible. As a result, DP&L will not be able to remove debris from your property.

If you are clearing debris, stay at least ten feet away from a downed power line. Your community's public works department, private trash collectors or a professional tree-removal service can help you dispose of the branches and other debris.

DP&L recently urged customers to take down diseased and dead trees on their property to protect people and prevent outages during wind storms. Diseased trees, such as ash trees infected with the Emerald Ash Borer, become brittle and can fall down or drop branches onto power lines, causing an outage.

Taking those trees down before a storm may keep your home and your neighbors from losing power. During the Derecho storm in June of 2012, 36% of the outages were tree-related, mostly from trees on private property outside of the DP&L right of way.

If you have questions about power restoration, landscaping, or any other issues related to your electric service, you can visit [dpandl.com](http://dpandl.com). ♦



## Summertime in the Park

Miami Township operates and maintains four major parks, available by reservation, for your warm weather events. Are you planning a family reunion, birthday party or office picnic? Give us a call to reserve a shelter at one of our parks.



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 [www.miamitownship.com](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.

In the spring, the park system will open gates by the first full week of April. Reservations can be scheduled after the first week of April, but use of the restrooms and port-a-johns will not be available until May 1.

In the fall, park reservations can be scheduled up to December 1, but use of the restrooms and port-a-johns will not be available after October 15. Parks will be closed for the year by December 31. ♦

## 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, daily admissions, swim lessons and aquatic fitness classes. City and Township residents must verify residency with a current driver's license or a copy of a property tax statement.

The Aquatic Center has several special events lined up for this summer. New this season, guests are invited to attend Splashin' Theme Days with themed activities planned throughout the day. Special event favorites will return including Family Nights Under the Stars and the Middle School Pool Party.

STAC will open for the 2013 season beginning May 25. Pre-season sales for season passes, swim lessons, and aquatic fitness classes will begin on April 15. For additional information, including aquatic center pricing, class schedules and facility schedule, visit [SwimMiamisburg.com](http://SwimMiamisburg.com) or call the Aquatic Center information hotline at 847-6565.

**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 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. and will be held on June 19 featuring The Menu's, July 17 featuring 24 Seven, and August 14 featuring Ticket to Ride. Also, on August 7 at 8:45 p.m. there will be an

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# At your service

## Recreation Benefits

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outdoor movie. The Picnic in the Park Children's Entertainment offers youthful acts the second Thursday of June, July and August 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. Mound celebrates its 75th anniversary this year. Visit [GolfMiamisburg.com](http://GolfMiamisburg.com) for updates on celebration activities and promotions.

Lastly, **Miamisburg Parks and Recreation Department** offers many services, programs and events that are open to Miami Township residents. Recreation programs such as preschool sports, youth dance and art instruction, summer day camps, ballroom dance, Zumba fitness and a variety of other programs are available to Miami Township residents. Registration for spring programs and summer day camp is currently under way, with a discount registration period available. For details on program and day camp availability, please visit [PlayMiamisburg.com](http://PlayMiamisburg.com) or call the City's Parks and Recreation Department at 866-4532. ♦



## New Waste and Recycling Program

### Township shifts waste collection from tax assessment to direct billing

Miami Township, Ohio – Miami Township trustees announced comprehensive waste and recycling service will shift from a tax assessment system to a user fee program. Under the new structure, residents will receive comprehensive waste and recycling service at better rates than neighboring communities. While the new approach is a result of the failed November 2012 township trash levy, officials believe the user fee model is a positive development for residents.

“Our new contract with Waste Management offers residents an excellent value,” said interim Township Administrator Tracy Williams. “A survey of neighboring jurisdictions shows that we will also have one of the lowest rates in the area. In addition, changing from a property tax levy to a user fee-based system will be fair for all concerned.”

Residents will be automatically enrolled in the waste and recycling program for service beginning on June 1. Billing statements covering June service will be received in late-May. After the first statement, residents will be invoiced on a quarterly basis.

The monthly cost for comprehensive service will be \$11.35 for the remainder of 2013. In 2014, costs will be locked in at \$11.95 per month and at \$12.31 for 2015.

Comprehensive service includes collection of waste and recyclables, large items and yard

waste. Currently, residents are charged \$12 per month for yard waste collection, or \$6.50 for each yard waste pick-up. Beginning June 1, these costs will be eliminated and yard waste can be co-mingled in the regular waste at no additional charge. Waste Management noted that yard waste has proven to be beneficial to decomposition of landfills.



Waste Management will continue to collect trash, recycling, yard waste and large items on Wednesdays.

Beginning in 2014, Waste Management will provide residents with either a 35-gallon or 96-gallon recyclables container at no additional cost. Also in 2014, recyclables will be collected every other week. For the remainder of 2013, the 18-gallon recycling bins now being used will be collected weekly. Residents may continue to rent trash carts for \$3 per month, or use their own containers.

In May, residents will receive additional service information directly from Waste Management. Questions regarding new service should be directed to the Waste Management customer service center at 1-866-797-9018. Residents choosing to decline service must call the Waste Management customer service center by May 17, 2013 to avoid receiving a bill for June service. ♦



## MTPD Ranked 10th in the Nation for Quality of National Night Out Celebration

The National Association of Town Watch has once again recognized the Miami Township Police Department for “Outstanding Participation In ‘America’s Night Out’ Against Crime”. The Police Department competed with 284 similarly sized departments across the nation to prove that our celebration is among the best. The Miami Township Police Department placed number 10 out of 41 departments who received awards. Our Police Department has received National Night Out

awards for the past eleven years; this is the highest ranking we have achieved.

It would be impossible for the department to score so well while competing with other agencies of a similar size without complete support from our Neighborhood Watch groups and block captains. Their commitment to keeping the neighbors united against crime while keeping a close relationship with the Police Department is the key to our success. ♦



# Spotlight on Miami Township businesses



## Hampton Inn, Dayton Mall

On October 11, 2012, the Hampton Inn celebrated its grand opening for their new Dayton Mall location, 8960 Mall Ring Road.

Trustee Mike Nolan, Fiscal Officer Ann Culp and Trustee Deborah Preston presented a proclamation and welcomed The Hampton Inn staff to Miami Township.



## CODE Credit Union

On February 27, CODE Credit Union celebrated its new location with a Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting. Their newest branch is located at 2759 Miamisburg-Centerville Road across from the Dayton Mall.

Miami Township Fiscal Officer Ann Culp presented a proclamation and joined in on the ribbon cutting ceremony.



## Hilton Garden Inn

The Hilton Garden Inn, Austin Landing hotel celebrated its grand opening of their new facility located at 12000 Innovation Dr. Fiscal Officer Ann Culp presented a proclamation at a ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, April 9, 2013. The modern hotel has 125 rooms, and is equipped with a fitness center and an indoor pool. For more information and reservations, call 937-247-5850.

## 2013 Runway Fest

**August 9th – 6-10 p.m.**  
**Wright Brothers Airport**  
**10550 Springboro Pike**  
**Miami Township**

Dayton-Wright Brothers Airport will be hosting the Second Annual Runway Fest on Friday, August 9, 2013. Last year, Runway Fest proved to be an overwhelming success with 3,000+ people attending, great food, fantastic entertainment and top-notch fireworks.

2013 Runway Fest will offer many of the same wonderful activities as last year, but will include additional children's entertainment, a wider variety of food vendors, and additional expo participants. ♦



# Miami TOWNSHIP

## Newsletter - Spring/Summer 2013

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 2013 calendar

## May

Board of Zoning Appeals meeting (7 p.m.) .....	6
Election Day: <b>Don't forget to vote</b> .....	7
Miami Valley Fire District meeting (8 a.m.) .....	9
Board of Trustees meeting (7p.m.) .....	14
Zoning Commission meeting (7 p.m.) .....	21
Township offices are closed for Memorial Day .....	27
Board of Trustees meeting (10 a.m.) .....	28
No trash/recyclables pickup (holiday delay) .....	29
Trash/recyclables pickup .....	30

## June

Board of Zoning Appeals meeting (7 p.m.) .....	3
Combined Health District childhood immunizations (4-6 p.m.) .....	6
Board of Trustees meeting (7p.m.) .....	11
Miami Valley Fire District meeting (8 a.m.) .....	13
Father's Day 5K run/walk .....	15
Zoning Commission meeting (7 p.m.) .....	18
Board of Trustees meeting (10 a.m.) .....	25

## July

Board of Zoning Appeals meeting (7 p.m.) .....	1
Township offices closed for Independence Day .....	4
Board of Trustees meeting (7p.m.) .....	9
Miami Valley Fire District meeting (8 a.m.) .....	11
Zoning Commission meeting (7 p.m.) .....	16
Board of Trustees meeting (10 a.m.) .....	23

## August

Combined Health District childhood immunizations (4-6 p.m.) .....	1
Board of Zoning Appeals meeting (7 p.m.) .....	5
National Night Out: Schedule a block party! .....	6

• Miami Valley Fire District meeting (8 a.m.) .....	8
• Board of Trustees meeting (7p.m.) .....	13
• Zoning Commission meeting (7 p.m.) .....	20
• Board of Trustees meeting (10 a.m.) .....	27

## September

• Township offices are closed for Labor Day .....	2
• Board of Zoning Appeals meeting (7 p.m.) .....	3
• No trash/recyclables pickup (holiday delay) .....	4
• Trash/recyclables pickup .....	5
• Board of Trustees meeting (7p.m.) .....	10
• Miami Valley Fire District meeting (8 a.m.) .....	12
• Zoning Commission meeting (7 p.m.) .....	17
• Board of Trustees meeting (10 a.m.) .....	24

## October

• Combined Health District childhood immunizations (4-6 p.m.) .....	3
• Board of Zoning Appeals meeting (7 p.m.) .....	7
• Board of Trustees meeting (7p.m.) .....	8
• Miami Valley Fire District meeting (8 a.m.) .....	10
• Township offices are closed for Columbus Day .....	14
• Zoning Commission meeting (7 p.m.) .....	15
• Leaf Pickup services begin .....	21
• Board of Trustees meeting (10 a.m.) .....	22
• Beggars' Night (6 p.m. - 8 p.m.) .....	31



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