

# CIVIC FOCUS

CITY OF MIAMISBURG

## Riverfront Park is nearly complete, full lineup of events coming in 2024!

For the last year or so, our downtown park, Riverfront Park, has been undergoing a major improvement, which is nearly complete. As of this writing, nearly all of the infrastructure, concrete, and amenities have been completed. The final details of the project include landscaping, playground safety surfacing, lighting and asphalt paving in the North Parking lot as well as the re-alignment of the bike path on top of the levy. We are excited for this 20+ year vision for downtown Miamisburg to come to life this summer with concerts, events and all the laughing and playing that will be sure to come on the new playground. There are so many members of the community to thank for the years of momentum-building, designing, and supporting this important project. The Miamisburg Community Foundation has raised over \$750,000 in support of the improvements, and we are incredibly grateful for their efforts and community-building that has occurred because of this park. As we

said when the construction was announced, this project is about building a park, but it's so much more than that. The Riverfront Park Improvement Project will provide opportunities for economic development, quality of life enhancements, infrastructure improvements, regional attraction, and value to the community. As we open the park to the public, we are grateful for this example of our community coming together to see this 20+ year vision come to life. We can't wait to see you downtown this summer in Riverfront Park!

### ***Get your kids outside and PLAY at Summer Camp with Miamisburg Parks & Recreation.***

This year's summer camps are all set to provide a space for campers to grow, have fun, and embrace a bit of messiness! Annually, Miamisburg Parks & Recreation organizes summer day camps catering to children aged 3.5-14 years of age. Camp is where kids forge lifelong friendships,

discover the wonders of their hometown's natural surroundings, build cherished memories, and engage in exciting new activities. Some of our past campers have loved camp so much that they return to become camp counselors.

While our campers don't spend the night outdoors, they do jump into activities like archery, get messy conducting experiments in the world of science, revel in outdoor play, and simply enjoy being kids together. Last summer, we welcomed 475 individuals who participated in a variety of activities, from thrilling roller coaster rides to spirited games of capture the flag, from crafting blankets for local nonprofits to getting up close with chickens at a nearby farm! We're thrilled to embark on another summer adventure together, introducing new camps such as Mad Scientist Camp, Speed and Agility Camp, Master Chef, and Olympians Camp. Visit us online at [PlayMiamisburg.com](http://PlayMiamisburg.com) for more information and to register.

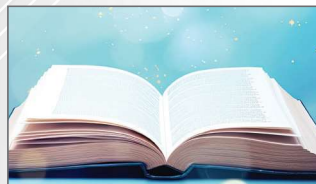


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# AT A GLANCE



## Mayor and City Council

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All phone numbers (937)

City Administration offices and Council Chambers are located in the Robert H. Mears, Sr., Miamisburg Civic Center at 10 North First Street.

City Council meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays of each month beginning at 6 p.m. Meetings can be seen live on Spectrum Cable, channel 5.

## City Administration

Keith Johnson ..... City Manager

Emily Christian..... Assistant City Manager

Anthony J. Covington..... Asst. to the City Manager

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Phil Callahan ..... Law Director

Ryan Davis ..... Parks & Recreation Director

Chris Fine ..... Development Director

Valerie Griffin..... Public Works Director

Jennifer Johns ..... Finance Director

Leslie Kohli ..... Human Resources Director

Andrew Rodney ..... City Planner

John Sedlak ..... Police Chief

Bob Stanley ..... City Engineer

Ben Trick..... Community Dev. Coord.

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Steve Johnson ..... Chief, Miami Valley Fire Dist.

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..... 225-(4357)

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### Did you know?

My Water Advisor easily allows you to access your account via a web-ready device (desktop, laptop, tablet, or smartphone app.) in real-time while providing the following benefits:

- Create monthly water budgets
- Proactively conserve water
- Address high consumption during the month, not just after the bill arrives
- Be notified of leaks to address them promptly



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# AROUND TOWN



## Miamisburg Transportation Plan Update



In August of 2023, the City of Miamisburg, along with our private sector partner CT Consultants, launched an effort to update the City's 1993 Major Thoroughfare Plan to better reflect the transportation needs of a 21st Century community by incorporating advancements in infrastructure deployment and design. Since initiating the update, staff from the Miamisburg Development Department and CT Consultants have worked to collect the background information necessary to develop the plan, including conversations with local stakeholders and the general public. The plan is currently being drafted and will be presented to

the community this spring. In the meantime, the public is invited to continue engagement with the project through the City's website at: [www.cityofmiamisburg.com/miamisburg-transportation-plan](http://www.cityofmiamisburg.com/miamisburg-transportation-plan). The website includes a general comment form at the bottom to submit any specific or general comments about transportation in Miamisburg. Any comment received will directly feed the final document conclusions and recommendations. A second Public Engagement Meeting will be held prior to formally presenting the plan to the Planning Commission and City Council. Stay tuned for an announcement on the future meeting date. Please contact City Planner Andrew Rodney at (937) 847-6536 or [andrew.rodney@cityofmiamisburg.com](mailto:andrew.rodney@cityofmiamisburg.com) to ask questions or receive additional details about the plan.

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## Children's Performing Arts of MSBG

Website: [www.cpamburg.com](http://www.cpamburg.com)  
 Facebook/Instagram: @cpamburg.com



CPAM is excited to announce our 2024 theatre season with something for students of all ages; Stuart Little, The Addams Family Musical, Seussical the Musical,

The Nutcracker and A Christmas Carol.

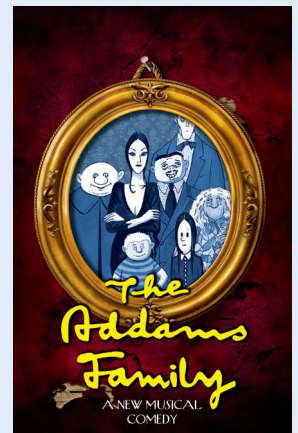
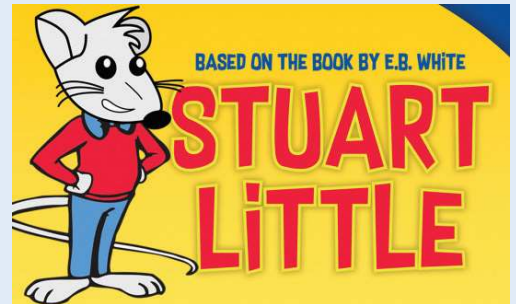
### Performance Dates:

**Stuart Little** - April 11-13, 2024

**The Addams Family** - June 14-16, 2024

Join us for three summer camps in partnership with Miamisburg Parks and Recreation; Scene Stealers (ages 6-9), Future Stars (ages 9-14) and the Broadway Bound Intensive (ages 13-18).

For more information on summer camps, auditions and productions, go to [www.cpamburg.com](http://www.cpamburg.com).





# PUBLIC SAFETY



## CodeRed

Residents and businesses in Miamisburg are encouraged to enroll to receive CodeRed alerts.

Residential landlines are automatically enrolled to receive alerts, however, any resident or business that wants to receive alerts via their cell phone or email will need to opt-in. The link to sign up for Miamisburg alerts can be found here: [cityofmiamisburg.com/code-red](http://cityofmiamisburg.com/code-red).

You may also text “Miamisburgalerts” to 99411 to receive the sign-up link via text message. We hope you sign up to receive these alerts about emergencies and general city information directly to your cell phone and email inbox.



## Updates from the Police Department

The Miamisburg Police Department is offering suggestions to counter thefts from open or unsecured areas and methods to assist with the return of property in the event something is stolen. Often, garages and sheds are left open and unsecured while no one is present. A good rule of thumb to follow when not within view of one of these spaces is to close and lock it. Officers will notify residents of open garage doors during overnight hours in case it may have been an oversight. In the event an item is taken, having a photograph of the object along with applicable identifying information (make, model, serial number, distinguishing features, etc.) will assist us in returning your items should they be recovered. Have you considered joining or creating a Neighborhood Watch program?

If either of these options have crossed your mind or you have questions related to crime prevention, please contact Officer Cindi Threlkeld at (937) 847-6675.

## Spring Fire Safety: Protecting Your Home and Family

As the warmth of spring fills the air and nature begins to awaken from its winter slumber, Miami Valley Fire District wants to remind our residents that it's essential to take a moment to consider the unique fire hazards that come with the changing seasons. While spring brings the promise of renewal and rejuvenation, it also presents certain risks that can jeopardize the safety of your home and loved ones. Here are some important fire safety tips to keep in mind as we transition into the spring season.

- 1. Be prepared for Storms:** Spring often brings severe weather, including thunderstorms, tornadoes, and flash flooding. Stay informed about weather forecasts and have an emergency preparedness kit stocked with essentials such as food, water, flashlights, and batteries in case of power outages or evacuation.

- 2. Spring Cleaning:** Spring cleaning is a popular tradition that allows us to declutter our homes and welcome the new season with a fresh start. However, it's also an excellent opportunity to address potential fire hazards within your home. Take the time to inspect and clean your smoke detectors, ensuring they are in good working order and have fresh batteries. Clear away any

clutter that may have accumulated near heaters, furnaces, or electrical outlets, as these items can pose a fire risk if they encounter heat sources.

- 3. Grilling Safety:** As temperatures rise, so does the desire to fire up the grill and enjoy outdoor cookouts with family and friends. While grilling can be a delicious way to enjoy the season, it's necessary to do so safely. Keep your grill at least ten feet away from your home or any other structures, and never leave it unattended while in use. Be sure to clean your grill regularly to prevent the buildup of grease and other flammable materials that could ignite during cooking.
- 4. Practice Bicycle Safety:** If you're riding a bike, wear a properly fitted helmet and follow the rules of the road. Always ride in the same direction as traffic, use hand signals to indicate turns, and obey traffic signals and signs.

By taking proactive steps to address potential fire hazards and practicing safety precautions, you can help ensure that your home and family stay safe throughout the spring season. Remember, fire safety is everyone's responsibility, and by working together, we can prevent accidents and protect our communities. Let's make this spring a season of joyful memories and safety. The Miami Valley Fire District is here for you, ensuring that every emergency call is answered with speed and professionalism. Here's to a safe spring season!





# STREET BEAT



## Street Maintenance

Ongoing street maintenance programs are an important service provided by the City of Miamisburg. The roads listed at right have been selected for the annual sidewalk, curb and gutter and paving programs in 2024.

Most of this work will occur during the summer months. For more information about these programs, call the City's Engineering Department at 847-6531 or e-mail at [engineer@cityofmiamisburg.com](mailto:engineer@cityofmiamisburg.com).

## Paving Program

Parking Lot

Westover Park

Parking Lot

All

*New pavement will be applied to the following streets in 2024:*

STREETS	FROM	TO
Elwyn Place	All	
Evans Avenue	Wise Drive	Range Avenue
Foundry Street	Kercher Street	Dead End
Holly Hill Drive	All	
Lee Castle Place	Alexandersville Road	Byers Road
Medlar Road	Medlar Woods Court	Corp Line
Merry John Drive	All	
Opal Avenue	All	
Sixth Street	Linden Avenue	Jefferson Street
*Union Road	SR 725	Manning Road

The City has \$815,000 estimated for this program in 2024, which also includes the parking lot at Westover Park.

*\* This is a separate project that will be funded from a \$228,960 federal grant and \$10,000 local match.*

## Sidewalk, Curb & Gutter Program

*The following streets are scheduled to have sidewalks, curbs and gutters repaired:*

STREETS	FROM	TO
Alexanderville Road	Manton Drive	Rosina Drive
Brookstream Court	All	
Casilla Court	All	
Drake Court	All	
S. First Street	Rays Avenue	Linden Avenue
Highridge Court	All	
Vista Ridge Drive	S. Heineke Road	Leis Road

The City has estimated \$550,000 for this program in 2024. Homeowners are responsible for the cost of sidewalk, curb and gutter repairs along their property.



## Water main/hydrant flushing begins April 15



The City of Miamisburg will be flushing area water mains during daytime hours beginning the week of April 15 and lasting approximately two weeks.

Flushing will not affect most residents, but water could be discolored at times in the neighborhoods where flushing is taking place. The discolored water is safe for

drinking and bathing, but can stain clothes while laundering. Therefore, residents are cautioned to draw a glass of water to check for discoloration before doing laundry in the affected areas. If laundry is inadvertently stained, keep clothing wet until rust remover can be used. Residents can obtain a free packet of rust remover weekdays at the Miamisburg Civic Center between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and at the Service Center from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Flushing of mains is necessary to ensure that water quality is maintained at its optimal level. The Public Works Department performs this uni-directional flushing procedure every spring.

Updates will be available on the Public Works Hotline at (937) 847-6454. For more information, please call the Public Works Department at (937) 847-6635.

# Miamisburg Library Notes

The Miamisburg Branch of the Dayton Metro Library has a lot to offer all ages this Summer! Listed here is just a very small sampling of our Spring events. For a complete list of programs, events and activities, visit the library in person or online at [daytonmetrolibrary.org](http://daytonmetrolibrary.org). Please contact us if accommodations are needed.

## FOR ALL AGES/FAMILIES

### Family Storytime

April 2, May 7 • 5:30 to 6:00 PM  
Enjoy quality family time with books, songs, and activities that children of all ages and caregivers can enjoy together.

### Sensory Storytime

April 13, May 11 • 9:30 to 10:00 AM  
Join us for a welcoming and sensory-friendly story time! Our Sensory Storytime features delightful stories, rhymes, songs, and interactive play that are accessible to all abilities. Whether you're looking for a fun and inclusive way to spend your Saturday or seeking a supportive environment, all are welcome to join. Support staff are welcome.  
*Please contact us if accommodations are needed.*

### Maker Club

3:00-4:00 PM on Saturday (1/20, 2/17)  
Rotate through different Maker activities including robots, crafts, building, and more.

### Celebrate the Solar Eclipse

April 8 • 1:00 to 3:00 PM  
There will be fun eclipse-themed crafts and activities to celebrate this once-in-a-lifetime event. This event will take place during the partial eclipse which is from 1:53-4:25 though we will end in time for everyone to experience total darkness from 3:09 to 3:12pm. We will be distributing a limited number of eclipse glasses during the event to safely watch the eclipse.

## FOR KIDS

### Reading Buddies

Every Saturday • 11:00 AM to Noon  
Does your child (*preschool through grade 3*) need extra reading guidance? Reading Buddies can help! Trained volunteers spend time with any child who needs a little extra reading practice. Reading Buddies can read aloud to a child, listen to a child read, or both.

### Maker Club

April 27, May 25 • 3:00 to 4:00 PM  
Join us for some Maker fun at the library. In each program, we will rotate through different Maker activities including robots, crafts, building, and more.

### Pokemon Club

April 29, May 20 • 4:30 – 6:00 PM  
Calling all Pokémon trainers! Bring your own device or card deck and play Pokémon with your peers and enjoy Pokémon crafts and activities. Battle decks will be available during the program if you'd like to use our cards to play. Ages 6-12.

### Minecraft Club

April 15, May 13 • 4:00 to 5:00 PM  
Calling all young Minecraft enthusiasts! Join our collaborative Minecraft Club for art, building, and redstone projects. Unleash your imagination, create virtual landscapes, build structures, and design cool redstone contraptions. Grades 5-6.

### LEGO Club

April 23, May 28 • 4:30 – 5:30 PM  
Build a new LEGO creation each session. The library will provide plenty of LEGOs that will stay at the library at the end of the program.

## FOR ADULTS

### ESL Classes

April 13, May 11\* 10:30 AM to Noon  
Learn English as a Second Language for free at the library! This class is for all levels of learners.

### Breakfast Book Club

April 3, May 1\* 10:00 to 11:00 AM  
Join us for books and friendly conversation as we discuss a different book each month. Books will be available at the Miamisburg branch a month prior to the next meeting, or download a copy on the Libby app. Doughnuts, coffee, and tea will be provided. *New members are always welcome!*

### Star City Book Chat

April 22, May 20\* 6:30 to 8:00 PM  
Join us and chat about our current great book with our book discussion group.

*Pick up a book or audiobook at the Miamisburg Library. Some of these titles are also available on Libby.*

## FOR TEENS

### AniManga

April 3, May 1  
Otaku in grades 7-12 assemble! Celebrate anime, manga, and all things Japanese.

### PRISM

April 8, May 6\* 4:00 to 5:00 PM  
PRISM is a positive safe space without judgment for teens who share a common vision of equality. Join us to discuss, learn, have snacks, and do crafts. Grades 7-12.



# City tax returns due on April 15

Residents of Miamisburg should note that the deadline for filing their 2023 city income tax returns will be Monday, April 15, which is the same date Federal and State returns are due.

Filing is required for all residents ages 18 to retirement and for all individuals with business income within the City. Retirement status can be received by providing the Tax Office with a copy of your 1040 showing retirement income only.

Forms are available on the City's website <https://cityofmiamisburg.com/>, under the Taxes button. Forms can also be obtained from the Income Tax office in the Civic Center located at 10 North Main Street. To request a form sent please call (937) 847-6462 or email us at [incometax@cityofmiamisburg.com](mailto:incometax@cityofmiamisburg.com).

To provide taxpayers additional time to file local returns and pay any amount due, penalties and/or late fees will not be assessed before May 15.

**Please note the following important information about filing online, in person, or by mail/drop-off:**

- Income tax payments can be made online by using your checking account or credit card (*convenience fee applies with a credit card*).

### Required tax documents include:

- All W-2s - If your W-2s are marked "various" or "all cities" for the Local Tax Withheld, box 18, please request an itemized breakdown of wages & income tax withheld for each City from your employer(s).
- A copy of your Federal Return (*Federal Form 1040*)
- Copies of applicable Federal Schedules such as 1, A, C, E, F, 2106 (if filed with Federal return)
- Copies of W-2G, 1099-MISC, and/or Cancellation of Debt (COD), if applicable

As always, the Income Tax office staff is available at no cost to assist with the preparation of the City form. We are unable to assist with federal or state filings.

### Quarterly due dates

Estimated taxes must be paid quarterly if the annual tax liability is \$200 or more.

Due dates for quarterly estimated payments are April 18, June 15, September 15, and January 15.

## Get Paid to PLAY this Summer with Miamisburg Parks & Recreation.

Parks & Recreation has many areas of seasonal employment this summer. If you are interested in maintaining parks, cheering on a local band as they perform in Riverfront Park, listening to children giggle during a game of tag, or driving around a golf cart, we have a job for you! Parks & Recreation is not your typical summer job. We get to have fun together, play outside, laugh, and make an impact on our local community. Around half of our full-time parks staff members began their careers as seasonal employees. Our director, Ryan Davis, also started his first job as a seasonal employee with Miamisburg Parks & Recreation... we won't admit to how many years ago.

Our seasonal employees get to interact with visitors to our parks every day and make a difference in people's lives through laughter and fun. Each person working for the department is mission critical in providing parks and recreational experiences that positively impact the community. If you are interested in making an impact through seasonal employment, we would love to speak with you. Areas open for positions include Mound Golf Course, Park Maintenance, Summer Camp, Traveling Playground, and Miamisburg Baseball & Softball League.

Visit us online at [PlayMiamisburg.com](https://PlayMiamisburg.com) to learn more and apply.





## MEMORIAL DAY

### FLOWER PROGRAM

Decorate the grave site of your loved ones this Memorial Day and help create a respectful and meaningful atmosphere on memorial grounds.

Hillgrove Union Cemetery will be selling 12" Memorial Day Patio Pots.

Flower arrangements will be placed at the grave sites from May 24-June 3.

You are encouraged to pick them up by June 2 so you can also enjoy the flowers the rest of the summer.

Flowerpots are \$29 per arrangement. Deadline to submit applications with payment is April 24.

The cemetery appreciates your support of this program and encourages you to share this information with other families.



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Your Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Your First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Flowers \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Payment:

Check Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 Security Code (3 digits on back of card) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name(s) on Grave(s) \_\_\_\_\_

To place order by phone: Kim Combs: 937-603-4526  
 Please make checks payable to: Hillgrove Union Cemetery 1012 E Central Avenue Miamisburg, OH 45342



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Residential Customer



# CITY STAFF



## New Faces



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*Administrative Assistant  
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*Income Tax Specialist I*



**Kaelah Herrera**  
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*Finance Clerk*



**Billy Hall**  
Public Works Department  
*Maintenance Specialist II*



**Alexander Puckett**  
Police



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*Heavy Equipment  
Operator*