

# Miamisburg

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QUARTERLY



*Get ready, turkeys*

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# YOUR MAYOR'S WELCOME

*Michelle Collins*



**Hello residents and businesses of Miamisburg!** As we wrap up summer and head into fall, the city continues to change and morph along with resident's needs and demands. And one of those needs is for transparency and information from city leaders. With that, we invite you to check out the new and improved Civic Focus—now known as **Miamisburg Quarterly**.

It has been an incredible and busy year in our city. Economic development is booming, there are plenty

of new housing options and our downtown is thriving like never before. From great food and shopping to coffee and desserts, our Historic Downtown has it all. You can catch a movie, find a great book or simply relax by the river. Miamisburg truly has something for everyone! There's live music almost every night downtown and Riverfront Park has become a shining new star in our city. Since May 2024, Riverfront Park has seen a 73% increase of visitors as the same time in 2022. The Ginkgo Amphitheater has highlighted amazing local talent and drawn in more concertgoers than ever before. It is going to be the go-to place for Miamisburg events for years to come.

And just across town, the Sycamore Trails Park area is undergoing major renovations, but once they are done, the new aquatic center and park will be enjoyed by future generations.

With that, I hope you grab onto these remaining final weeks of summer, play outside, support local businesses and enjoy each other and continue to add to the vibrancy that is our Ohio's Star City!

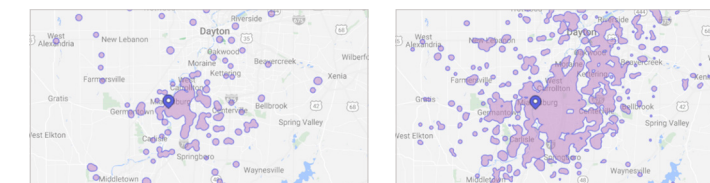
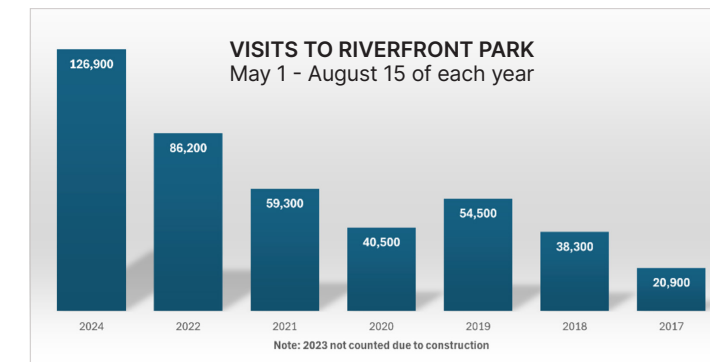
## Riverfront Park Celebration

Riverfront Park has been a cornerstone of Miamisburg's downtown for over 20 years, evolving from a visionary idea of a revitalized space to attract visitors and enhance a vibrant downtown, into a cherished community space that is doing just that. The park stands as a symbol of Miamisburg's dedication to creating meaningful, shared spaces where residents and visitors alike can come together for relaxation, recreation, and special events. This project was not just a construction effort; it was the result of countless hours of community input, collaboration, and hard work that spanned two decades.

Since its completion, Riverfront Park has become a hub of activity. From local festivals and concerts to casual afternoon picnics and fitness events, the park has truly come to life. Its riverside location and lush, open spaces provide the perfect setting for a wide range of activities, drawing in people from all walks of life. In the few short months that Riverfront Park has been re-opened, it has seen over 125,000 visitors, nearly 50% increase of 2022 levels (pre-construction), and 130% increase in visitation from pre-pandemic counts.

In addition to attracting more visitors, the park and downtown revitalization efforts over the past two decades have led to an increased draw from throughout the region. In 2017 the downtown area attracted visitors

from throughout the region, but in generally sparse numbers. Compare this to what we are seeing so far in 2024, a larger saturation of visitors from around the region. Miamisburg, its Riverfront Park and its thriving Downtown Business District have transformed into a place where people are enjoying to visit, shop, dine and explore.



\*Visit data from Placer.AI gathered from May 1 – August 15, 2017 compared to May 1 – August 15, 2024.

## A Thanksgiving Morning Tradition Returns to Miamisburg

### The 46th Annual Turkey Trot

The race will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 28, 2024, at Riverfront Park, 1 Water Street.

The Ohio River Road Runners Club (ORRRC) hosts this race every year to raise money for their organization. The ORRRC also offers free and low-cost races for children and adults across the Miami Valley. Turkey Trot packet pickup will be November 24 and the final pick-up date is November 27.

Last year, almost 7,000 people participated in the Turkey Trot. **For more information or to register, visit [www.miamisburgtrot.com](http://www.miamisburgtrot.com)**

## Sycamore Trails Park Construction

The Sycamore Trails Improvement Project is a transformative initiative aimed at revitalizing Miamisburg's largest and oldest park, offering an enhanced environment for recreation, health, and community connection. Set to be completed in early fall 2025, the project encompasses a wide range of upgrades, including extended walking trails, modern playgrounds with inclusive equipment, and upgraded shelters. A new roadway and pedestrian bridge will improve accessibility and safety, while additional parking will cater to increased park usage.

One major enhancement is the introduction of eight new sport courts in the south section of the park, including basketball, pickleball, and tennis courts. These courts are designed to accommodate all skill levels, providing a space for sports and social connection. Complementing these courts, new fitness themed playground areas and a 40-yard dash course are being added to encourage physical activity for all ages.

The north section of the park will feature a nature-inspired playground, blending modern play structures with the park's natural beauty. This area will offer families

a place for imaginative and active play, fostering a connection with nature. Other key improvements include new pavilions, shelters, restrooms, and a scenic pond designed for fishing and relaxation.

Additionally, the disc golf course, redesigned with input from the Dayton Disc Golf Club, will cater to players of all skill levels with multiple tees and basket placements on nearly every hole. Overall, the Sycamore Trails Improvement Project is shaping the park into a dynamic community space, offering diverse recreational opportunities while preserving its natural charm. From upgraded amenities to enhanced play areas, the park will continue to serve as a beloved destination for both residents and visitors for generations to come.



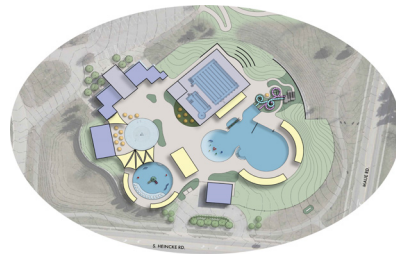
*NEW Businesses in the Burg*



Don't forget to Vote November 5th



Daylight Savings Time Ends on Sunday, Nov. 3 2024 @ 2 a.m.



Draft concept plan



Draft concept plan with existing pool overlaid for reference.

## Sycamore Trails Aquatic Center Project Update

The Sycamore Trails Aquatic Center in Miamisburg is undergoing a significant transformation following critical piping failures. After attempts to repair the facility proved unsuccessful, the city opted for a complete redesign rather than patching the existing infrastructure. The reimagined facility will include new pools, enhanced seating, and modern amenities based on community feedback. The project is currently in the design and planning phase, with estimated costs to total \$12 million. This investment reflects the City Council's understanding of the critically important role the facility plays in the community. While the situation of the infrastructure failure was not expected, we are committed to ensuring the community's needs and desires are met.

The project is moving forward with a structured timeline in place. The design phase is expected to continue through the remainder of the year, with the city planning to finalize designs and select a construction contractor early next year. Once the designs are approved, permits are acquired and a construction contractor is in place, we will have a better understanding of when we can expect the project to be completed and the facility re-opened. During this period, updates will be shared through the City's and Parks and Recreation Department's websites, on social media and the PlayMiamisburg app to ensure residents remain informed. We sincerely appreciate the communities patience through this period and input into the process and we look forward to welcoming you to a re-envisioned Sycamore Trails Aquatic Center soon.

## Miamisburg Programs Have Something For Everyone

Fall is a very busy time – school routines to learn, holidays to consider, pumpkins to pick! Fall is also a busy time for the Programs Division of the City of Miamisburg Parks and Recreation Department. We are hard at work brainstorming opportunities for fun to be had, for all!

As soon as camp season ends, we dive right into planning family-friendly activities to enjoy this fall and throughout the holiday season in Miamisburg, such as a kid-friendly haunted house, Thanksgiving themed cooking classes, and Sensory Friendly Santa. Parks and Recreation programs are not just for children! You can stay in shape by trying one of our many fitness classes such as Zumba, Yoga, and Booty Mix. If you are 55+, stop by the Miamisburg Community Center and check out all the Senior Adult Club has to offer, from bingo to card games, to day trips and freshly prepared meals. We love that we get the opportunity to be a part of our community's celebrations of the season. We can't wait for you to discover all the fun we have planned for you – check out Playmiamisburg.com for more information.



Don't miss out on what's going on in Miamisburg

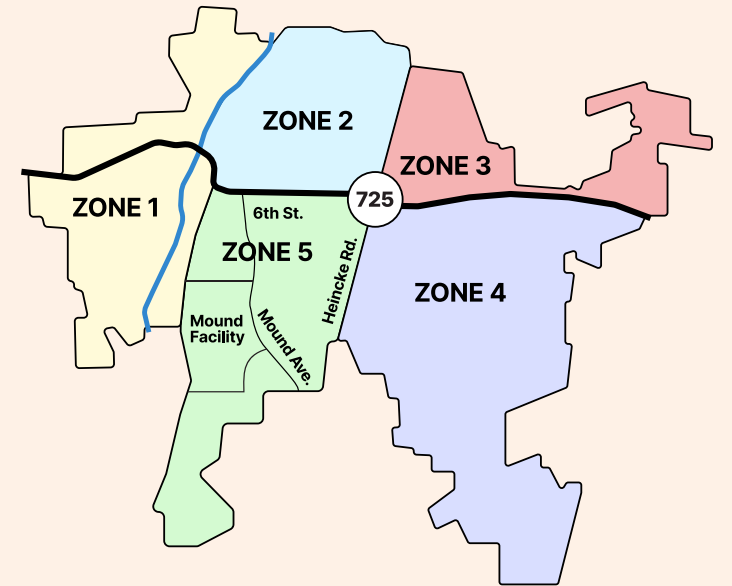


Be on the lookout for the next Parks and Recreation Magazine

## Leaf Collection Begins Oct. 28

The City of Miamisburg's Public Works department will begin leaf collection on Monday, October 28 continuing through December 20. To ensure your leaves are collected, have them at the curb by December 16.

For collection purposes, the city is divided up into five (5) different zones. Crews start in Zone 1 and progress numerically through the remaining zones. The city aims to service each zone up to four times throughout the collection season. To find out which zone you reside in, call Public Works at (937) 847-6635.



### Follow these guidelines to help the collection process run smoothly:

- Rake leaves to the curb or edge of the street, not onto the street itself.
- Do not bag leaves; bagged leaves will not be collected.
- Keep leaves away from storm drains and catch basins to prevent water pollution and flooding.
- Ensure leaves are not under or around parked cars.
- Separate grass clippings, tree branches and other debris from the leaves. These items can clog or damage the machines.
- Place leaves away from obstacles like mailboxes, fire hydrants, and landscaping rocks.
- For safety, do not allow children to play in leaf piles near the street.

Call the 24-hour Public Works Hotline at (937) 847-6454 for real time updates or you can get updates from the city's social media accounts.

## Trick or Treat, October 31, 6-8 p.m.

Trick-or-treaters need to see and be seen. Here are some tips to keep your ghosts and goblins safe:

- Use face makeup instead of masks which makes seeing difficult.
- Give trick-or-treaters a flashlight to light their way.
- Add reflective tape to costumes and trick-or-treat bags.
- Have everyone wear light-colored clothing.
- Use flame-resistant costumes.
- A parent or responsible adult should accompany young children door-to-door.
- Put electronic devices away and walk, don't run.
- Never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.
- Only visit homes that have a porch light on. Accept treats at the door – never go inside.
- Have an adult check candy before eating.
- Walk only on the sidewalks, not on streets.

## New Space at the Mound Business Park

The Mound Business Park will offer new office space October 1, 2024. Mound Collaborative - a collaboration office space - is offering all the amenities for your office needs. There will be rentable space for small businesses, with the option to rent or have a membership that includes furniture, meeting spaces, coffee bars, internet and conference room use.

The Mound Business Park is located at 965 Capstone Drive, Suite 252 Miamisburg, OH 45342. For more information, call April Hauser (937) 865-4438 or email [aprilh@mound.com](mailto:aprilh@mound.com).

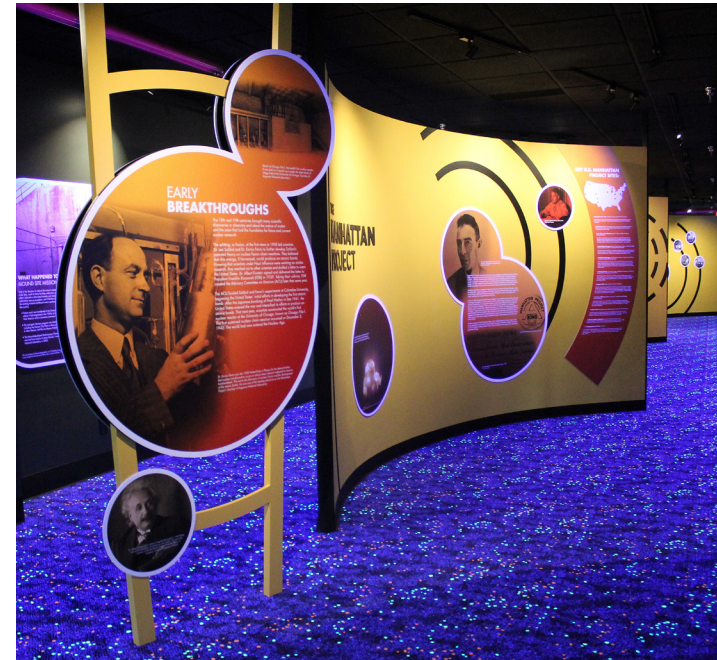


### Lectures presented by Mound Science & Energy Museum Association

- "What is a National Aviation Heritage Area & Why Should I care?" by Mackensie Wittmer, Sept 25, 7 p.m.
- "Wind Energy - Status & Future" by Carl Bishop, October 23, 7 p.m.

The Discovery Center, 1075 Mound Road, is open Wednesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. On lecture nights, the center reopens the doors around 6 p.m.

For more information, call (937) 247-0402 or visit their Facebook page at [facebook.com/moundcoldwar](https://facebook.com/moundcoldwar).



## Dayton Metro Library Events

The Dayton Metro Library - Miamisburg Branch brings people of all ages and backgrounds together to discover new things about the world, themselves and each other. The Miamisburg branch is one of 18 Dayton Metro Libraries, offering many programs for fall. For more information or events, visit [www.daytonmetrolibrary.org](http://www.daytonmetrolibrary.org).

**Pizza With Police**  
September 20  
3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

**All-Abilities Adventure**  
September 23  
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Nature Storytime**  
October 5  
10 - 11 a.m.

**Ghost Walking Tour in Historic Miamisburg**  
October 5  
2 - 4 p.m.



### Fire Dept.

## Fire Prevention Week Kicks Off October 6-12



This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign is "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!" Fire Prevention Week strives to educate everyone about the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home.

Installing reliable protection and being proactive is important to help keep your loved ones safe from a fire or carbon monoxide emergency.

- About three out of five house fire deaths resulted from fires with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.
- Unattended cooking is the #1 cause of house fires.
- Every 23 seconds in the U.S., a fire department responds to a house fire.

October is also Fire Prevention Month. The goal of Fire Prevention Month is to raise fire safety awareness and help protect homes and families.

### Police Dept.

## Back-To-School Reminder: When to Stop For a School Bus

The 2024-2025 Miamisburg School year began on August 13 and part of heading back to school means getting used to driving in school zones again. Remembering to stop for buses as they let students off is also something drivers will have to be mindful of.

Students are at the greatest risk entering and exiting a bus, not riding it. School bus drivers will alert motorists of their intentions by using the "flashing signal light system." Yellow flashing lights alert motorists to slow down because the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. The red flashing lights and extended stop arm alert motorists that the bus has stopped and students are getting on or off. The school buses will make frequent stops and this can slow motorists trying to get to and from their destination. Not stopping for a stopped school bus is a violation of Ohio law and puts the students at risk.



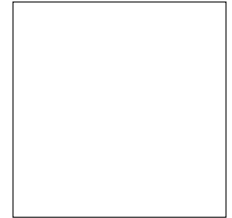
The Ohio School Bus law depends on the number of lanes on the roadway. For example, on a two-lane road, vehicles from both directions must stop at least ten feet from the front or rear of the school bus which has red flashing lights and stop arm activated. On a four-lane road, vehicles traveling in the same direction as the bus must stop at least ten feet from the rear of the school bus which has red flashing lights and stop arm activated. Oncoming traffic does not need to stop but should be attentive, slow down and be prepared to stop.



Join us **Sept. 14 & 15** as Children's Performing Arts of MSBG (CPAM) as young actors from surrounding cities will be performing Seussical™ at Riverfront Park. This is a free family event with vendors, food trucks and a performance by your favorite Dr. Seuss characters. For more information, visit [www.cpamburg.com](http://www.cpamburg.com).



The Baum Opera House will host (2) Euchre nights this fall. September 21 and October 19. For more information, call (937) 859-8120 or visit [baumoperahouse.org](http://baumoperahouse.org).



## Dates to Remember

### ThunderCruise

September 28, 4-8 p.m.

### Movies in the Park

October 11, 5-9 p.m.

Patriots Day - Sept 11

Columbus Day - Oct 14

Beggars Night - Oct 31

Daylight Savings - Nov 3

Election Day - Nov 5

Veterans Day - Nov 11

## Mayor and City Council

Michelle Collins, Mayor..... 313-6793

Steve Beachler, Vice Mayor  
 At-large..... 602-6367

Ryan Colvin  
 At-large..... 272-6547

Jeff Nestor  
 At-large..... 344-1092

John Stalder  
 1st Ward..... 866-7172

Sarah Clark Thacker  
 2nd Ward..... 478-9101

Tom Nicholas  
 3rd Ward..... 859-0297

Mike McCabe  
 4th Ward..... 866-4077

Keysha Alexander  
 Clerk of Council..... 847-6456

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 Administration

Keith Johnson.....City Manager

Emily Christian..... Assistant City Manager

Phil Callahan .....Law Director

Ryan Davis ..... Parks & Recreation Director

Chris Fine .....Development Director

Ken Jarosik.....Public Information Officer

Jennifer Johns..... Finance Director

Leslie Kohli ..... Human Resources Director

David Reimer.....Public Works Director

Andrew Rodney .....City Planner

John Sedlak ..... Police Chief

Bob Stanley.....City Engineer

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

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

## Public Safety

**EMERGENCY**.....9-1-1

Non-Emergency Service ..... 225-HELP  
 ..... 225-4357

Non-Emergency TDD ..... 228-HELP  
 ..... 228-4357

Police – General Info ..... 847-6600

Fire – General Info ..... 560-2152

## City Offices Closed

### Thanksgiving Day

November 28 – *One-Day Trash Delay*

### Day After Thanksgiving

November 29

## City Council Meetings

Miamisburg City Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month beginning at 6 p.m. The meetings are held in The Richard C. Church Jr. Chambers in the Robert H. Mears, Sr., Miamisburg Civic Center at 10 North First Street and are cablecast live on Spectrum and AT&T systems and online at [www.mvcc.net](http://www.mvcc.net)

**October 1**

**October 15**

**November 5**

**November 19**

**December 3**

**December 17**