CITY OF MIAMISBURG



City preps for re-start

The City of Miamisburg has begun planning to reopen public buildings and resume recreational activities for the community that were cancelled in 2020. This includes Riverfront Park concerts, day camps and baseball/ softball leagues for youth and the traditional swim season at Sycamore Trails Aquatic Center.

Many recreation and social activities across the country fell victim last year to governmental restrictions put in place to reduce public contact and limit the spread of COVID-19.

"The City sincerely appreciates the patience and cooperation of the public as we took a series of unprecedented actions in accordance with public health agency guidelines," City Manager Keith Johnson said.

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Online tax filing available this year

Residents of Miamisburg should note that the deadline for filing their 2020 City income tax returns will be Wednesday, April 15. This is the same date federal and state returns are due.

For the first time, individual taxpayers can file their local returns electronically. Just visit ci.miamisburg.oh.us and click on the "Pay Income Tax" button at the top of the homepage. To file a return and pay any tax due online, a taxpayer's account number is required. If you do not know your account number, contact the Income Tax office at 847-6462 or incometax@cityofmiamisburg.org.

As always, the Income Tax office staff is available at no cost to assist with the completion of Miamisburg individual forms. The office is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Civic Center.

Forms are available on the City's website and also can be obtained from the Income Tax office. Please note the following important information about filing:

- Income tax payments can be made online (convenience fee applies). A link to do so is provided near the top of the City's homepage.
- The Income Tax office will be open extended hours on Saturday, April 10 from 8 a.m. to noon to provide assistance with the local form.
- Required tax documents include:
 - All W-2s (plus any information not on the W-2s that would indicate

where the employee worked).

- A copy of your federal return (1040).
- Copies of applicable federal Schedules such as A, C, E, F, 2106 (if filed with federal return).
- W-2G, 1099-Misc and/or Cancellation of Debt (if applicable).
- Forms 1099-R, 1099-INT and 1099-DIV, as well as alimony and social security, are not City taxable.

Please be aware that W-2s dropped off or mailed in April for staff preparation of return may not be processed in time to meet the filing deadline. Anyone needing assistance in preparing the local form is advised to visit during the hours noted at left. For more information, please contact the Income Tax office.

Quarterly due dates

Due dates for quarterly estimated payments are April 15, June 15, Sept. 15 and Jan. 15. The State requires that estimated taxes be made if the annual tax liability is expected to be \$200 or more. There will be a 15 percent penalty and interest of five percent per annum (0.4167 percent per month) applied for underpayment of 2021 estimates.

Tax forms

The City no longer mails individual income tax forms to local households. All income tax forms and instructions can be printed from the City website. Individuals may request forms be mailed to them by contacting the Income Tax office. ★

Spring 2021



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6 - Street paving and sidewalks



7 – Thrive at Market Square





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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.

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News and Notes

- Mayor Michelle Collins recorded a year-end message to residents that played on government access TV and was posted on City social media sites. Entitled "Miamisburg 2021: Bouncing Back Together," the mayor expressed appreciation to the community for their sacrifices during a difficult 2020 and conveyed an optimistic message of promise for the new year.
- The City completed a number of upgrades at facilities that makes them more conducive to the health and safety of occupants. These upgrades, which include air quality and touchless equipment, were prompted by federal CARES funding

made available to government entities for expenses related to COVID-19.

- The Parks and Recreation Department intends to transition its Miamisburg Baseball/Softball League to become an independent community organization operated as a citizen board. Anyone interested in serving as a volunteer in this new organization should call Sarah McPherson at 847-6475.
- A fourth building at the Austin Business Park is under construction. The structure will be similar to the other multi-tenant commercial buildings at the Park, which is located on Byers Road. *

All phone numbers (937).





AROUND TOWN

Holiday Lights Tour a success

The City Beautification Commission (CBC) would like to thank the homeowners and business owners of Miamisburg for their efforts to make our community beautiful in 2020. Spending extended time at home during the year prompted many people to undertake outdoor projects and upgrade the appearance of their property.

The Commission sent out certificates of appreciation to homeowners who excelled at holiday decorations in November and December. In partnership with the City's Parks and Recreation Department, over 100 homes were selected to be a part of the new Holiday Lights Tour. Light displays on participating homes were illuminated from 6 to 10 p.m. each evening from Dec. 16-26. Every homeowner was presented with a Holiday Lights Tour yard sign for display on their property, and the residence was featured on an interactive digital map. This map was shared on Facebook and on websites and received over 15,650 views over the three weeks in December. Santa and Mrs. Claus also traveled a two-mile route featuring the nominated homes on December 20 and were greeted by hundreds of residents throughout the community.

Watch for the next issue of *Civic Focus* for a nominating form and information about 2021 City Beautiful Awards. ★

Miamisburg Holiday Lights Tour

Miamisburg Historical Society

Judy Wuerstl, President (866-1784)

Volunteers with the Miamisburg Historical Society are keeping busy while waiting for COVID-related restrictions to ease.

Judy Wuerstl, Carolyn Kilpatrick and Ken Ballinger are working on a "virtual tour" of the Heritage Village located at the corner of Old Main and Lock streets. This new video will showcase the rich history of the three structures on site—the Daniel Gebhart Tavern Museum, Kercher Pioneer Home and smokehouse. The overview of each landmark will be narrated by a docent in pioneer costume.

Watch for information about the project completion and viewing this spring at historicalmiamisburg.org.

Memorial Day

The Historical Society is attempting to put together a weekend slate of activities similar to previous years, including Memorial Day services at local cemeteries and Veterans Memorial Park. Plans will be dependent on State of Ohio gathering restrictions in place due to COVID-19. Updates will be provided at historicalmiamisburg.org, and questions may be directed to MHSociety@att.net. *



Baum Opera House Assn.

Josh Fox, President Bronwyn Peck, Executive Director (859-8120)



The Baum Opera House Association continues to partner with the Miamisburg History Center and Plaza Theatre on a membership drive. The goal is to generate financial support for these three community treasures during a period of

economic challenge brought on by COVID-19.

For a donation of \$100, an individual can become a member of all three organizations—which are 501(c)3 non-profits—and enjoy benefits from each one. Additional information and a receipt will be sent to each donor upon payment. Checks should be mailed to Baum at 15 S. First Street in Miamisburg.

Support for the Opera House can also be provided through rental of the facility. Several packages are available for weddings and other smaller gatherings or meetings. Unfortunately, no public special events are being scheduled at this time. If any public events are added to the calendar, information will be posted on the Baum Facebook page.

For more information, email thebaumoperahouse@gmail. com. \star

Discovery Center renews pact with DOE

After a successful five-year cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Legacy Management, Dayton History was granted a renewal for another two-and-a-half years. With this agreement and funding, Dayton History will continue to operate the Mound Cold War Discovery Center at the Mound Business Park, the former site of DOE's Mound Laboratory.

The Discovery Center opened in April 2018 with all new exhibits, programs and community offerings and has continued to evolve into a unique Miamisburg asset. More new exhibits have been added since 2018, and others are planned for early 2021. These include displays on radioactive consumer products, additional displays and artifacts on Mound's space nuclear battery program and employee memorabilia from Mound's 55-year history. With this renewal, Dayton History can continue to preserve the legacy of the Mound, its employees, and its significant contribution to national security, technology and research during the Cold War era.

As the nation's first atomic facility built after World War II under the newly created Atomic Energy Commission, Mound Laboratory supported the growing U.S. nuclear weapons complex, space programs and other nuclear and non-nuclear devices from 1948-2003. Initially, the Laboratory continued the work within the Manhattan Project that was based in Dayton during World War II, also known as the Dayton Project. This work included the production of polonium-based initiators and purification of polonium-210 for use in the world's first atomic bombs.

As Mound grew and proved its exceptional capabilities, the Laboratory secured contracts for a wide variety of highly technical and classified work, such as energetic devices; Tritium (hydrogen-3) containment and reuse; stable isotope production; and nuclear batteries. The invention of the nuclear battery, or radioisotope thermoelectric generator (RTG), in 1954 by Mound scientists John Birden and Ken Jordan undoubtedly gave the United States a decided edge in the Space Race during the tumultuous years of the Cold War. Mound's RTGs are still powering spacecraft such as Voyager 1 and 2—the farthest man-made objects to ever be sent into space.

Admission to the Mound Cold War Discovery Center is free and open to the public Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1075 Mound Road, directly across from the Miamisburg Mound park. For more information, visit daytonhistory.org.

For more information about the Mound Business Park, visit mound.com.

Submitted by Mandy Askins, site and project manager for Dayton History. ★



Miamisburg Library Notes

Dayton Metro Library continues to offer its programs online only. Each of the options below will be held through Webex, and registrants will enjoy discussion and activities as a group. To participate, individuals will need a stable internet connection, a microphone enabled device or headset and, if desired, a webcam. If you do not have those items, individuals may also join by phone. After registering for the event online, you will receive details on how to join the meeting on the day of the event.

Children

Story Times @ Home

Join us each week for 15- to 20-minute story times online. A Children's Services librarian will read a story and lead songs, rhymes and activities. Another will lead online interaction. Scheduled times include:

Preschool (age 3-5 years) – Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Family - Wednesdays, 4 p.m.

Baby/Toddler (age up to 3 years with a caregiver) – Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

Dial-a-Story

Does your child need a break from screen time? Each month, three new, recorded stories are available for young children to listen to by phone at any time. Call 250-7500.

Adults

Talk Tables @ Home Wednesdays, 2 to 3 p.m.

This program connects English language learners with volunteers who can help them feel more comfortable in conversation.

Tea & Mystery @ Home March 18 & April 25, 7 to 8 p.m.

Dig into a compelling mystery novel each month, then join us online to talk about it! March's selection is Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman.

Cinematic Conversations @ Home March 22 & April 26, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

We choose a movie you can watch free each month with Dayton Metro's Kanopy service, then meet online to discuss.

Parent & Student Resources

Homework Help Resources/Tutoring

Dayton Metro offers free access to a number of electronic educational resources and databases, including free online tutoring from BrainfuseHelpNow available seven days a week from 2 to 11 p.m. For more information about HelpNow and other resources for students, visit daytonmetrolibrary.org/ homeworkhelp.

E-Cards and Student Cards

Dayton Metro Library also offers a Student Card that grants access to all electronic resources and children's print materials at a limit of three physical items at a time. To obtain a Student Card, a child needs to visit a branch. For students who cannot access our physical buildings, the library offers an E-card, which allows access to electronic resources such as e-books, e-audiobooks and databases through an online connection. Visit daytonmetrolibrary.org/register to apply for an E-Card.

Free Meal Pickup

Dayton Metro continues to partner with Children's Hunger Alliance by providing free, shelf-stable meal pickup at all branch locations through May. Each week, families are invited to pick-up five meals per child at their nearest branch. Tuesday is the Miamisburg branch's pick-up day between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. For more information, visit daytonmetrolibrary.org/news. ★



Protect yourself against auto theft

Motorists should be aware that leaving a vehicle engine running and unattended can be problematic on multiple fronts.

Not only can keys more easily be locked inside the vehicle, but this also makes it more susceptible to auto theft. In some cases, it is also a citable offense. Ohio Revised Code 4511.661 prohibits leaving a vehicle unattended without first turning off the engine, removing the key and applying a parking brake while on public property.

Recently, the Miamisburg Police Department investigated several auto thefts. More than one of these cases involved the victim's vehicle being left unattended and running with the keys inside. In others, the vehicles were unlocked with the keys stored in the passenger compartment or somewhere close by. Most auto theft incidents are crimes of opportunity where suspects look for signs of exhaust fumes. Even vehicles with keyless ignition systems can operate for extended periods of time without the fob nearby.

In addition to the potential for theft, unattended vehicles pose a safety hazard. If the vehicle shifts out of gear, possibly due to animals or children left in the vehicle (which is safety hazard itself), it could cause an accident or injury to others or others' property.

Fortunately, there are some simple steps drivers can take to minimize the risk and thwart would-be thieves. The Miamisburg Police Department recommends the following:

• Keep your vehicle locked when unoccupied.

- Never leave vehicle keys, including spare keys, inside an unattended vehicle.
- Never leave your running vehicle unattended.
- Pay close attention to your surroundings. Suspicious activity may include individuals checking door handles, looking in vehicle windows or ducking around or between vehicles.

Whether warming up your car at home in the morning or making a quick entry into a convenience store, leaving a car unattended is risky. Protect yourself! Stay safe and keep your belongings secured.

If you are the victim of a crime or wish to report a suspicious person or circumstance, please contact the Police Department at 225-4357 (HELP). In case of emergency, call 911. ★

Fire District personnel receive COVID vaccines



Miami Valley Fire District personnel were in classification 1A to receive COVID-19 vaccinations in December

and January. First responders such as paramedics were prioritized as a highrisk group due to their close proximity to potentially COVID-positive patients during transport to hospitals.

Moving forward, until a large majority of the general public is vaccinated, the District will continue treating all patients as COVID-positive unless proven otherwise. This will require the continued use of full PPE (personal protective equipment) by crews during emergency medical calls.

District officials encourage all individuals to get vaccinated when they have the opportunity. In the meantime, they advise to continue with the usual safeguards of masks, social distancing and hand-washing.

"There is agreement in the medical community that these vaccines are

safe and effective, " Chief Matt Queen said. "Doctors, medical advisors and other health care professionals are getting vaccinated in large numbers."

Reports indicate that minor side effects have been experienced by less than 20 percent of those vaccinated. The most common side effect is simply soreness in the deltoid muscle (shoulder) where shots are administered. Less common side effects are fever, headache, nausea, fatigue and joint pain. Individuals who have a history of severe allergic reactions to other vaccines, are pregnant or have an underlying auto immune disorder should speak with their primary care physician before receiving the vaccination. ★

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Severe weather safety

The threat of severe thunderstorms, flooding and tornados is very real during the upcoming months in the Midwest, and the Fire District reminds citizens take proper precautions when a tornado warning is declared.

People indoors should proceed to an area on the lowest level of the structure and away from windows. Anyone outdoors should move immediately to a shelter (but never to a vehicle). If there is no time, seek out a ravine or ditch and lie face down. Also, keep in mind that the outdoor weather warning sirens in the District are designed to alert only those people who are outdoors.

Questions about these and other guidelines may be directed to the District at 560-2152. *





STREET BEAT STOP

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 2021.

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.org. ★



Paving Program

New pavement will be applied to the following streets in 2021 :

STREETS	FROM	ТО
S. Main Street	Linden Avenue	Mays Avenue
N. Heincke Road	King Richard Pkwy.	Hickory Glen Drive
N. Dayton-Cincinnati Pike	Richard Street	City Corp Line

The City has \$670,000 budgeted for this program in 2021, which also includes several alleyways and the front parking area of the Municipal Service Center.

Sidewalk, Curb & Gutter Program

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

STREETS	FROM	ΤΟ
S. Main Street	Mays Avenue	City Corp Line
N. Heincke Road	Central Avenue	King Richard Pkwy.
State Rte. 741 Access Road	Martins Drive	Mall Woods Drive

The City has \$320,000 budgeted for this program in 2021. Homeowners are responsible for the cost of sidewalk, curb and gutter repairs along their property.

For the second consecutive year, the City of Miamisburg is partnering with Miami Township on joint bidding for paving. The larger volume of a joint bid results in lower asphalt prices and benefits both jurisdictions financially. This process resulted in a cost savings of approximately 10 percent for the City last year. ★

Miami Valley Lighting and their sub-contractors maintain over 1,600 LED street lights within the City jurisdiction. Report street lights that are not illuminated by contacting the City Engineer at 847-6531 or visit the Miami Valley Lighting website lightingsimplified.com. ★

Gebhart Church Road

BEFORE



Photos show improvements at the Belvo Road intersection. The project extended south to Jessi Lane.

AFTER





Thrive at Market Square

The City's new business incubator program downtown is off to a promising start.

Introduced in the winter issue of *Civic Focus*, Thrive at Market Square is designed to promote growth of small business with favorable lease rates in the historic Market Square Building.

Hedy Riegle Studio, a custom brass stamping shop, was the initial tenant, and two others recently joined the Thrive team. Silver Neon specializes in one-of-akind vintage clothing, while Planogol is a technology incubator business.

The ultimate goal of Thrive is for these businesses to later relocate to stand-alone storefronts downtown.

Space remains available. Prospective tenants go through an application process and must commit to a renewable three-month lease. For more information, search Thrive at Market Square on Facebook or contact Community Development Director Katie Frank at 847-6686. ★



Help protect our water resources

Storm water runoff comes from multiple surfaces, including pavements, yards, driveways and roofs. By changing everyday behaviors, we can control or eliminate the pollution going to storm water.

Trash and debris management

Floating trash and debris have become significant pollutants in waterways. To minimize pollution, keep your street clean by picking up litter and maintaining trash cans and bags so loose debris isn't carried to the storm sewers.

Alternatives to toxic substances

Using alternative products instead of toxic substances drastically reduces the presence of toxins in storm water and receiving waters.

Landscaping and lawncare

Lawns produce significant amounts of nutrient-rich storm water runoff, and research shows that such runoff can contaminate drinking water supplies with chemicals toxic to both humans and aquatic organisms. Try using natural products or landscape with native plantings that don't require fertilizer and pesticide applications. Also, rain barrels can provide a water source for plants without using treated water.

Pet waste management

When pet waste is improperly disposed of, it can be picked up by storm water runoff and washed into storm drains or nearby water bodies. The City has provided pet waste stations around the community that include bags for waste collection. Dispose of the bags in the trash.

Car washing

Outdoor vehicle washing that uses detergent-rich water flows down the street and into the storm drain. For best results, conserve water when washing your vehicle, wash it over the grass and use biodegradable soap. Clean engines at a do-it-yourself car wash where the drainage is not connected to the storm drain.

Household hazardous waste

Many products found in homes contain chemicals potentially harmful to both people and the environment. For disposal, take used motor oil and antifreeze to gas stations that accept recyclable automotive fluids or to a hazardous materials collection center. The Montgomery County Solid Waste District facility in Moraine will accept hazardous household wastes and can be reached at 225-4999.

Report pollution and discharges

Did you know that dumping one quart of motor oil down a storm drain contaminates 250,000 gallons of water? If you see pollutants going to a storm drain or notice discharges into a waterway, please contact the Public WorksDepartment at 847-6635. Small changes can make a big difference. *****

Water main/hydrant flushing begins April 12

The City of Miamisburg will be flushing area water mains during daytime hours beginning the week of April 12 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 847-6454. For more information, please call the Public Works Department at 847-6635. ★



Holiday Service Schedule

April 2: Refuse collection as usual on Good Friday.

May 31: No collection on Memorial Day. Schedule for entire week moves back one day. * ECRWSS Residential Customer



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"Many people are anxious for normalcy, and we owe it to our residents to begin providing these popular activities again."

Of course, like many aspects of society over the past year, there is a disclaimer attached. In fact, there are two:

- Plans are subject to change based on changing health conditions and/or restrictions issued by the State of Ohio.
- The way in which these services are provided may look somewhat different this year. For example, there could be attendance or registration limits in place, or there may be distancing guidelines in effect.

"The method and manner in which these programs take place will be determined as conditions evolve during the spring, " Johnson said. "We intend to continue being responsible as it pertains to the wellness of the public."

The city manager also emphasized that individuals should participate in these activities based on their own personal comfort level with being in public places.

The City's PipeStone and Mound golf courses remained open as usual during most of 2020, and their operations are expected to be unaffected moving forward.

Registration is now open for many recreation programs and Aquatic Center season passes. Visit PlayMiamisburg.com or call 866-8999 for details. Watch for more information on the restart in the media and social media as summer nears. *

New Faces



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Retirement



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