# $\begin{array}{c} CITY \text{ OF MIAMISBURG} \\ CITY OF MIAMISBURG \\ + FOCUJS \\ New payment options introduced for utility bills \end{array}$



New payment counter for utility bills in the Miamisburg Civic Center.

To provide residents with additional payment options and more convenience, the City is implementing a new electronic billing and payment solution.

Online account access and payments have been available for several years, but now residents can choose to pay with electronic check or a credit/debit card and, additionally, gain the ability to pay by phone or text message. The new pay-by-phone option is available 24/7 and is a quick alternative for residents who may not be interested in going online.

Features of the online payment portal include an "At a Glance" dashboard, the ability to schedule one-time or automatic payments, secure storage of payment information and registration for receiving email and/or text billing reminders. Paperless billing will continue to be available. Creating an account is recommended to access all the features, but it is not required to only view and pay bills online.

For more information, please see the insert

included with your next utility bill.

### In-person payments

Residents who pay their utility bills in person will find a surprise on their next visit to the Civic Center. The payment counter has been relocated within the administrative office lobby to provide improved and safer work space for staff. Of course, visitors will enjoy the same level of personal service they're used to. Renovation work is continuing at the former payment counter to create new office space. ★

### New website!

The City of Miamisburg recently launched an all-new website with a new web address.

Now located at cityofmiamisburg. com, the new site is designed to improve access to public services and information for visitors. It is also more mobile-friendly than the previous website, is fully secure for user privacy protection and has improved accessibility.

"Our website is the new digital government service center for residents of Miamisburg," said Assistant City Manager Emily Christian. "We're taking this opportunity to use the power of modern technologies and build these new digital services openly and collaboratively. Citizens can expect continuous improvement of our digital government services moving forward."

The City collaborated with government technology softwareas-a-service company ProudCity on development of the new website. It includes a new digital services center, extensive frequently asked questions, news, events, contact directory, social media integration and access to online forms and payments.

### What's been done to date:

• Ongoing staff training and empowerment of new web tools.

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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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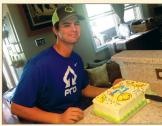
# Winker's All Star path through MSBG

It didn't show up in the official statistics, but Mayor Michelle Collins could have been credited with an assist in Major League Baseball's All-Star Game this summer. The mayor and her family assisted first-time All Star Jesse Winker of the Cincinnati Reds by opening up their home to him during his one season with the Dayton Dragons.

The mayor spent six years in the Dragons' host family program from 2012-17. She was first introduced to the idea by a friend, local resident Maria Bridewell, who was already involved and continues to serve in that role today.

Winker is a Florida native who was just one year out of high school when he came to Dayton in 2013. He is the only player hosted by the mayor's family who eventually made the major leagues.

Host families provide players with lodging, food and transportation and receive no compensation. Mayor Collins said her family enjoyed having the players in their home, and she and her sons continue to have periodic communication with Winker. \*



Jesse Winker celebrated his 20th birthday at Mayor Collins' home.

All phone numbers (937).



# AROUND TOWN

# First City Beautiful Awards announced

The City Beautification Commission (CBC) has selected its first set of recipients for 2021 City Beautiful Awards, which recognize residents and businesses for the quality appearance of their property.

Located below are the June and July honorees. Awards presented for August will be published in the next issue of *Civic Focus*. The Commission wants to express its appreciation to all the people who submitted nominations this year and encourage even more nominations in 2022. (*Please note: Properties are eligible for the award once every three years.*)

### JUNE

The Hoskins Home The Horvat Home The Dietz Home The Bollinger Home The Greggerson/Loar Home The Harris Home The Norton Home The Fields Home The Thompson Home The Mesta Home The Dull Home The Willey Home Little Shop of Stitches Buckeye EcoCare

### **Renovation Award**

The Lash Home The Gauthier Home

### JULY

The Carter Home The Hollon Home The Genth/McCullion Home The Kihn Home The Saunders Home 647 Nogales Trail 427 Montgomery Street 1128 Nouvelle Drive 804 Maple Avenue 1169 Lindsey Avenue 505 Douglas Drive 715 Nottinghom Place 707 Golden Arrow Court 611 Gamewell Drive 2170 Lyncris Lane 602 Mary Lane 2120 Clemens Court 79 S. Main Street 2250 Belvo Road

815 Buckeye Street 938 E. Central Avenue

1223 Warwick Drive 519 Jefferson Street 520 Jefferson Street 80 N. Ninth Street 801 E. Central Avenue

### Miamisburg Historical Society

Judy Wuerstl, President (866-1784)

After more than a year of inactivity, Heritage Village reopened to the public this summer after a thorough scrubbing by volunteers. A group of 13 gathered in June at the site at the corner of Old Main and Lock streets to ready the buildings inside and out—for visitors.

Heritage Village includes the Gebhart Tavern Museum, Kercher Pioneer Home and Smokehouse and is open from 2 to 5 p.m. on the first and third Sundays of the month. The season will close on Oct. 3 with an old fashion Ice Cream Social. Downtown's 3 Dips will provide the delicious flavors, and live entertainment will be provided by the Dayton Metro Barbershop Chorus. If you've never been to the Village, this is a great chance to join your neighbors and learn more about Miamisburg's rich heritage. **\***  The Atkinson Home The Hoffman Home The Carpenter Home The Howard Home The Seals Home The Foster Home The Grierson Home Mz. Pickles

### *Renovation Award* The Zanowick Home

1311 Richard Street 283 Broadleaf Circle 2250 Beau View Lane 2311 King Richard Pkwy. 1201 Bonniebrook Drive 1891 Brandonhall Drive 1101 Castleton Court 17 S. Main Street

951 E. Central Avenue



# Children's Performing Arts of MSBG info@cpamburg.com

Children's Performing Arts of Miamisburg (CPAM) is a nonprofit theater organization that promotes, to all area youth, an appreciation of the performing arts through education, practice and performance. Since June 2010, CPAM has offered youth in grades 3-12 the opportunity to audition and, when accepted, perform in some of the finest children's productions in the area. For future audition and showtime information, visit cpamburg. com, email info@cpamburg.com or call 867-0353. ★

### Baum Opera House Assn.



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

The Baum Opera House is reopening to the public and accepting reservations for special events. To schedule a tour or reserve the facility for a wedding, meeting or other event, email

thebaumoperahouse@gmail.com or call the contact number above.

Baum will be part of a Haunted Tour (Oct.) and serve as Turkey Trot (Nov.) packet pickup location this fall. For details, visit baumoperahouse.com or its Facebook page. ★

# Regional Dispatch Center thriving at Mound



In addition to the 15 commercial tenants located at the Mound Business Park, the site continues to be home to the Montgomery County Regional Dispatch Center (RDC). Under the direction of the Montgomery County Sheriff, the RDC moved to Mound in 2009 with a long-term lease, and the County purchased the property in 2018. Today, it operates from the third and fourth floors of the facility and employs approximately 90 people, dispatching police and fire/ EMS calls for Miamisburg, Miami Township, Dayton and most of the County.

"The Mound was chosen by our governing board as the best and most cost-efficient location when the Regional

Dispatch Center was being developed back in 2007-08, " said Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Capt. Jay Wheeler. "Miamisburg is a great community that has welcomed our operation."

In addition to being a sound economic option, the elevation of the property is an asset for the radio tower and system used for dispatching. It also has built-in safety advantages.

"This location was built to withstand natural and man-made disasters, which ensures that we could provide service under adverse circumstances," Capt. Wheeler said. "There is also a great view of the surrounding area."

With room to grow, the Regional Dispatch Center is well-equipped to provide services for additional communities in the future. In addition, there are plans to welcome Montgomery County Emergency Management to the second floor of the building later this year.

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



# Miamisburg Library Notes

Dayton Metro Library has begun transitioning to more in-branch programming and recently expanded the hours of operation. The Miamisburg branch is now open Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. It is open on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. The following is a sample of the program schedule for this fall:

### 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. To confirm days/ times, please visit daytonmetrolibrary.org or call the Miamisburg branch.

Pop-Up Family Story & Craft (age 3 years and older) Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Join us outdoors to read a story together, enjoy songs and rhymes, and make a craft. Picnic blankets are available upon request, but feel free to bring your own camping chairs or blankets. Advanced registration is required. Pop-Up Family Crafternoon (age 5 years and older) Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m.

Create and explore outdoors with art and science activities after school. Picnic blankets are available upon request, but feel free to bring your own camping chairs or blankets. Advanced registration is required.

### Adults

*Star City Book Chat Third Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m.* 

Book discussion returns in person with the upcoming selections:

Sept. - "Vinegar Girl: William Shakespeare's The Taming of the Shrew Retold" by Anne Tyler

Oct. - "Born a Crime" by Trevor Noah

Nov. - "Leaving Time" by Jodi Picoult

Historical Walking Tour Sept. 25, 2:30 p.m.

In partnership with the Miamisburg Historical Society, the Dayton Metro Library is offering a walking tour that begins at the Miamisburg branch and continues through the nearby neighborhood. This is a great way to get your steps in and to learn about our City's storied past at the same time! Advanced registration is required.

### Parent & Educator Resources

### Teacher Collections

The library can assist those teachers looking for materials to support instruction. At least two weeks' notice is needed. To request a teacher collection, visit daytonmetrolibrary.org/educators/ teachercollections.

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### Dates to Remember

October 1: Miamisburg High School Homecoming

October 31: Beggars Night

November 2: Election Day

*November 25-26:* City offices closed for Thanksgiving. **\*** 



# Police Dept. warns against drowsy driving

Drowsy driving may seem like a minor issue—after all, who isn't occasionally a little sleepy on their way to work or at the end of long drive?—but research indicates that it is extremely common and can be just as dangerous as driving drunk.

### Is drowsy driving really that dangerous?

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that in 2017 there were 91,000 crashes related to drowsy driving and in 2019 there were 697 deaths related to drowsy driving crashes. As disturbing as those numbers are, the American Academy of Sleep Education (AASE) believes they are severely underestimated and puts the number of drowsy driving crashes at 328,000 per year, with 6,400 of those leading to death.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) claims that approximately one of every 25 surveyed drivers age 18 and older admitted to falling asleep at the wheel in the previous 30 days. And, even if a driver never actually falls asleep, drowsiness reduces attentiveness, slows reaction time, and impacts decision-making ability. CDC studies have also shown that the cognitive impairment of fatigue and its impact on driving performance closely mimics the impairment caused by consuming alcohol.

### How to prevent drowsy driving?

Common signs of drowsy driving include difficulty keeping eyes open, missing road signs and/or turns, drifting out of the travel lane and being unable to remember driving the previous few miles. The AASE says simply that getting 7-9 hours of sleep nightly is the best way to avoid the problem altogether.

The Miamisburg Police Department strongly urges motorists who find themselves becoming drowsy to pull off the road to a safe location or switch drivers! And just as someone may call for a ride if they have had too much to drink, the same should be

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# Leadership transition for Fire District



Interim Chief Andy Harp

The Miami Valley Fire District is undergoing a transition in leadership for the first time since it was established in 2012.

The original District chief, Matthew Queen, retired in June after more than

31 years in the fire service. In response, the Board of Trustees named Battalion Chief Andy Harp as interim chief while conducting a search for a permanent replacement for Queen.

"I had the privilege of working with Matt since the District was first being studied," said John Stalder, president of the board

# Fire Prevention Week

The 2021 theme for October's Fire Prevention Week is "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety." Members of the Fire District will be visiting local schools that week to share an important safety message with the students. For more information, please call the District at 560-2152.

and a member of Miamisburg City Council. "As chief, he had a challenging task of bringing together two distinct fire departments (Miamisburg and Miami Township) and developing a new culture. He and his team not only did that effectively, but also improved fire and EMS services and successfully implemented our board's

agenda."

At the time

the District was

formed, Queen

had been chief

Department for

three years and

deputy chief for

of the Miami

Township Fire

six years.



Retired Chief Matt Queen

"Being part of the formation of a brand new entity such as the Miami Valley Fire District has truly been one of the greatest highlights of my career," Queen said when announcing his retirement. "It has been an honor and privilege to not only serve the Board of Trustees for nine years, but to lead an outstanding group of



dedicated men and women who serve our community so well."

Interim Chief Harp has nearly 39 years in the fire service and became battalion chief when the District was formed. He had previously been a member of the Miamisburg Fire Department, where he last held the rank of captain and was named Firefighter of the Year in 2004 by the Montgomery County Fire Chiefs Association. He is a graduate of the University of Dayton and was a member of the Flyers' 1980 NCAA Division III national championship football team.

"Andy is a valued member of the Fire District leadership team and has the full confidence of the board," Stalder said. "We've had a smooth transition and a continuation of the outstanding service our community has come to expect."

The board has enlisted the services of the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association in the search process to hire a new chief. ★



# Curbside leaf collection begins October 25

The Public Works Department will begin leaf collection on Monday, Oct. 25 and continue through Dec. 22. Residents having leaves after this date are encouraged to use composting or mulching as disposal methods. Although it is less environmentally friendly, leaves also may be bagged at that time and placed out with regular refuse for weekly collection.

Crews will once again use the zone collection system in which the City is divided into five collection zones. All leaf crews begin in Zone 1 and remain there until every street is passed once. Crews then move numerically through the remaining zones and work extended hours as needed during heavy collection periods.

A map of the zones is provided at right. Residents who wish to check which zone crews are working can call the City's Public Works Hotline 24-hours-a-day at 847-6454. To assist crews, please follow these guidelines:

- Rake leaves into the street gutters or as close as possible to the roadway, but be careful not to place them inside or on top of catch basins.
- Bagged leaves will not be dumped or collected by leaf collection crews.
- Since leaf pickup creates a fine dust in the air, plan to wash cars or hang laundry outdoors AFTER collection has occurred in your neighborhood.
- Make sure leaves to be collected are not under, between or around parked cars.

- Rake leaves as they fall, so they are ready for pickup when crews arrive.
- Keep grass clippings, tree branches and brush separated from leaves. Materials other than leaves clog the vacuum units and will not be collected. \*



# Miamisburg back and better than ever!

Miamisburg sprang back to life this summer with the resumption of many public activities. Swimming, day camps, Riverfront Park concerts, downtown events and youth sports returned to (mostly) normal operations after a year of COVIDrelated cancellations. For information about fall activities, visit PlayMiamisburg.com or see the latest issue of the Parks and Recreation Program Guide. ★





### Holiday Service Schedule

*Thursday, Nov. 25*: City offices closed and no refuse collection on Thanksgiving Day.

*Friday, Nov. 26:* City offices closed. Rumpke will collect refuse for Thursday routes.

Saturday, Nov. 27: Rumpke collection of Friday routes. \*

# **Development Report**

- The City has approved a plan for construction of a new Kroger Marketplace store. The new 130,000-square-foot building will be built immediately north of the existing Kroger store on Heincke Road and include a new Kroger fueling center on the site. The existing Kroger will remain open during construction. Once the new Marketplace is open, Kroger will demolish the existing store and create additional parking. Construction is expected to begin late this year.
- Work continues on the new nursing facility located along State Rte.
  725 across from Kettering Health Miamisburg (formerly Sycamore Medical Center). This is a joint project between CareSpring and Kettering Health that is scheduled for completion in early 2022. The new
  99 beds of nursing care will replace existing nursing beds located on the Miamisburg campus and free

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done by those who are overly fatigued.

More information about drowsy driving is available online from the agencies cited above. The AASE also provides useful information at sleepeducation.org.

### New prisoner transport van

The Police Department this summer took delivery on a new prisoner transport van. The 2020 Ford Transit XL 350 replaced a model that had been in service nearly 25 years.

The Department primarily uses a van to transport defendants to and from the Montgomery County Jail for proceedings in the Miamisburg Municipal Court. It up space for the hospital to provide additional medical services within existing buildings.

- Construction has begun on the Post-Acute Medical (PAM) facility at the southeast corner of the intersection of Alexandersville Road and Crosspointe Drive. This two-story, 74,640-square-foot building will provide care to people who no longer need full-time hospital care after surgery or injuries but are not quite ready to be sent home. PAM currently operates 40 beds at Kettering Health Miamisburg, which will be moved into the new facility upon completion.
- Homes are being constructed at a rapid pace in the new Aberdeen subdivision near the intersection of Medlar and Miamisburg-Springboro roads. As of the end of July, the City had issued approximately 40 permits for new homes. ★

will also be used to supplement the existing police fleet when needed and provide support with traffic control and special events.

The new vehicle can accommodate up to 12 individuals in three separate compartments. This interior unit is called a Havis module, and each seat provides a safety belt and strap handles for passengers. The new van also includes several upgrades from the previous model, such as emergency lights and siren, video monitoring and recording, laptop computer and added safety features. It was outfitted by the K.E. Rose Co.

### Income Tax Update

Third quarter estimated income tax payments to the City are due Sept. 15. The State of Ohio requires that estimated municipal taxes be paid if the anticipated annual tax liability is \$200 or more.

For residents still planning to submit 2020 returns on extension, filing is now available online. After logging into your online account, select Individual E-File, enter W-2 information and upload copies of your W-2(s) and federal Form 1040.

Questions may be directed to 847-6462 or by email at incometax@cityofmiamisburg. com.  $\bigstar$ 

### DORA launched

Miamisburg's new Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) went into effect downtown in early July. An oversight board is being formed to review its ongoing operation.

For details on guidelines, hours and boundaries, please visit miamisburgdora. com.  $\bigstar$ 



Funding for this acquisition was included in the City's 2020 budget but was delayed by COVID-19 and other factors. ★

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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. Middle and high school students comfortable with online communication can work independently with a HelpNow tutor, but younger students may need a caregiver to facilitate the session. For more information about HelpNow and other resources for students, visit daytonmetrolibrary.org/homeworkhelp.

### 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 the fall. Each week, families are invited to pick-up five meals per child at their nearest branch. No prior registration is required. The pick-up time at all library locations is 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday is the Miamisburg branch's pick-up day.

The Miamisburg branch library is located at 545 E. Linden Avenue. For more information about these and other programs, contact the branch at 463-BOOK. ★

# ECRWSS Residential Customer

CITY STAFF



# New Face



Alison Longworth Parks & Recreation Department



Organizers are planning for the return of the Miamisburg Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning. Stay up to date at orrrc.org. < "Website" continued from page 1

- Developed content with a user-centered, customer service approach.
- Predictive search.
- Mobile responsive design.
- Interactive Q&A section.
- Updated government and community information.
- Expanded public meetings section with agendas and minutes.
- Calendar page with events, office closings and important dates.
- Website encryption.
  - ADA compliance.
- Utility and income tax payments integration.

### What's next:

- Continuous improvement.
  - > Reviewing feedback.
  - > Adding and improving content.
- Further build out of departmental content.
  - > Add more online forms.
  - > Add service delivery options.

Users can give input on the website by using the feedback link (cityofmiamisburg.com/ feedback) on all pages.

