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CITY OF MIAMISBURG

Goodbye, Mr. Mayor

Dick Church, Jr. knew that the role of mayor in Miamisburg, by charter, was only ceremonial in nature. But that never stopped him from seeking to exert influence while in office. As a local resident once said, "He has more power than anyone I've ever seen who actually has no power."



Use whatever word you like—power, influence or something similar—but the former mayor had a vision for what he wanted Miamisburg to be, and he was always eager to sell that vision to his colleagues and to the community. He didn't bat 1,000 with his positions and opinions, but he seemed to get his way much of the time on the overall direction of the City government and on many issues that arose during his 28 years in office. And who can argue with the results?

It is widely acknowledged throughout the City and the region that Miamisburg made tremendous strides in many areas during that time. The City

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City tax returns due April 18

Residents of Miamisburg should note that the deadline for filing their 2022 City income tax returns will be Tuesday, April 18. This is the same date federal and state returns are due.

Forms are available at cityofmiamisburg.com under the "Taxes" button. They can also be obtained from the City's Income Tax office in the Civic Center located at 10 N. First Street. To request a form be mailed, please call 847-6462 or email 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. To avoid long wait times for in-person assistance, appointments are encouraged.

Individual taxpayers can file their City returns electronically. This option is available for those who file W-2 and/or 1099 income only. To file online, go to the website noted above, click on the "Taxes" button, then click on the "Online Income Tax Filing and Payment Tool" button. 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, please contact the Income Tax office.

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 from your employer an itemized breakdown of wages and income tax withheld for each city.
 - A copy of your federal return (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, if applicable.

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

The Income Tax office is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., but will be closed on April 7 in observance of Good Friday. Special Saturday hours will be provided April 15 from 8 a.m. to noon to assist with the local form.

Quarterly due dates

Estimated taxes must be paid quarterly if the annual tax liability is \$200 or more. Due dates for this year's quarterly estimated payments are April 18, June 15, Sept. 15 and Jan 15. ★

Spring 2023

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AT A GLANCE



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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.

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Governor appoints new MSBG judge



With his reelection campaign behind him, Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine appointed a new judge for the Miamisburg Municipal Court. Alyse Rettich was

sworn-in in December to succeed her father, Robert Rettich III, on the bench.

The elder Rettich passed away in February 2022 after 10 years as judge. To fill the void, the Ohio Supreme Court appointed retired Judge Thomas Hanna to preside over the Court on an interim basis until a permanent replacement

was selected.

Judge Alyse Rettich brings to the bench a mix of judicial experience in private practice and the criminal justice system. Most recently, she served as an associate attorney at the firm of Freund, Freeze & Arnold. She holds a law degree and MBA from the University of Dayton and a bachelor's degree from Indiana Tech.

This appointment extends through the remainder of Judge Robert Rettich's term, which expires at the end of this year. ★





AROUND TOWN



Historical Society previews spring activities



The Miamisburg Historical Society (MHS) has a full calendar planned for 2023. Participating in these events is a great way to learn more about the rich heritage of this community:

- There are free programs at the History Center (35 S.

Fifth Street) on the fourth Monday every month at 7 p.m. For a list of scheduled topics, visit historicalmiamisburg.org or look for the Society on Facebook.

- The Miamisburg Masonic Temple (116 S. Second Street) will host an open house on April 22 from 1 to 4 p.m. There will be

tours available, and representatives from Miamisburg Masonic organizations will be available to answer questions.

- The Society's Banner Program has attracted over 30 orders thus far. These banners honoring local service members will hang in Veterans Memorial Park from Memorial Day through Veterans Day. For more information or to place an order, visit the MHS website listed at left.
- Several public events will again be held on Memorial Day weekend, including:

May 25 – Silver Taps, 7 p.m. at Riverfront Park.

May 27 – Rocky's Run/Walk for Freedom. Registration at 8 a.m. in Veterans Memorial Park or anytime at speedy-feet.com.

May 29 – Cemetery services beginning at 8:45 a.m., followed by parade at 11 a.m. and ceremony in Veterans Memorial Park. ★

Baum Opera House Assn.

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



Located in the heart of historic downtown Miamisburg, the Baum Opera House is home of memorable public events, performances, weddings and much more. The following are upcoming public events and activities scheduled at Baum:

200 Club

This current fundraiser will assist with the continued restoration of the Opera House. Purchase a 200 Club ticket to get entered into raffles throughout 2023. Each ticket costs \$200, and only 200 will be sold. Monthly drawings will then be held for cash prizes ranging from \$500-\$1,000. The big jackpot, however, will be for \$8,000 drawn during the week of Turkey Trot in November. Proceeds will enable the Association to apply for matching grants for improvement projects. To purchase a ticket, contact a member of the Board or call the number listed above. Must be age 18 or older to enter.

Monthly Euchre Tournaments

This is a new event, and the next edition is March 25. Cost is \$20 per person. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with games beginning at 7 p.m. Must be age 18 or older to enter.

Bougie Bingo

May 13, 1 p.m.

This was a sell-out last year, and now it's back! Spend an afternoon playing Bingo with friends and compete for prizes such as designer purses, jewelry, perfume and sunglasses. Lunch, snacks and a "MOM"-ossa bar are included in the ticket price. Wine, bubbly, beer and soft drinks will be available for purchase. Proceeds will benefit the Baum window restoration campaign. Must be age 21 or older.

The Baum Opera House is located at 15 S. First Street. Look for us on Facebook or at baumoperahouse.org. ★

Children's Performing Arts of MSBG

info@cpamburg.com

The dates and location have been set for the next CPAM performance:

Mean Girls JR.

April 28, 7 p.m.

April 29, 2 and 7 p.m.

April 30, 2 p.m.

Shows will take place at the Memorial Auditorium on Sixth Street. Ticket information is available at cpamburg.com. ★



Mound Business Park Notes

• Among those who lauded the work of the late Dick Church, Jr. (see story page 1) was the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Legacy Management. The organization posted a tribute to the late mayor at energy.gov/lm/articles. Mayor Church was an unwavering advocate for the environmental cleanup and reuse of the Mound facility throughout his time in office and later as executive director of the Mound Development Corp. (MDC).

• The director of DOE's Office of Legacy Management, Carmelo Melendez, visited Mound in late 2022. Officials with the City of Miamisburg, MDC and Mound Science and Energy Museum were recognized for their dedication to the Mound Business Park and the Mound Laboratory heritage.

For more information about the site, including business opportunities, visit mound.com or look for Mound Business Park on Facebook. ★

Miamisburg Library Notes

The Miamisburg branch of Dayton Metro Library is pleased to provide the following sample of program information for spring:

Children

Baby and Toddler Story Time

(age up to 36 months)

Wed, 11 a.m.; Thurs, 10 a.m.

Nursery rhymes, songs, fingerplays and stories will encourage early literacy skills. Parent or caregiver must accompany.

Play and Learn

(age up to 36 months)

Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.

Young children can enjoy unstructured play time with a variety of fun, developmentally appropriate toys that encourage literacy and learning. Also a great opportunity to connect with other parents/caregivers

Preschool Story Time

(age 3-5 years)

Wed, 2:15 p.m.; Thurs, 11 a.m.

Join us for stories, songs and other learning activities designed to develop language, literacy and social skills.

Teens and Tweens

Teen Hangout

(age 13-18 years)

Thursdays, 4 p.m.

Play video games on the big screen, hang with friends and enjoy other fun activities. Snacks provided.

LEGO

(grades 1-4)

Last Tuesday of the month, 4 p.m.

Build a new LEGO creation each month.

The library will provide plenty of LEGOs, but they'll remain at the branch after the session is complete.

ACT/SAT Practice Test

(age 13-18 years)

March 25, 10 a.m.

This program will begin with an overview of Dayton Metro's test and preparation tools. The test session will then begin promptly at 10:30 a.m. Neither the ACT or SAT version will include an essay portion. Please bring water, pencils and a calculator, if possible. Registration required.

Adults/Families

Star City Book Chat

March 27 & April 24, 6:30 p.m.

This is a monthly gathering that is relaxing and casual. Book or audio book available for each selection:

March – "The House Across the Lake" by Riley Sager

April – "The Last Thing He Told Me" by Laura Dave

3-D Printer Demonstrations

These are held at various times. Call or visit the branch for details.

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 or visit daytonmetrolibrary.org. Be sure to also follow Dayton Metro on social media. ★



Riverfront project update

A contractor for the planned improvements to Riverfront Park is expected to be selected this month. When that occurs, a timeline for the project will become clear. Parks and Recreation Director Ryan Davis said it remains the City's goal to have a single construction phase that only impacts one special event season.

"There will still be activities and events in and around downtown, but they may look different this year," he said. "For example, we've already determined that our free Sunday concert series will move to its previous location this summer in Veterans Memorial Park."

A full description of the Riverfront Park project was outlined in the winter issue of *Civic Focus*. To stay updated, visit PlayMiamisburg.com/events and PlayMiamisburg.com/projects.

Splash pad update

Installation of a new splash pad at Sycamore Trails Aquatic Center is back on track and should be completed in time for the 2023 facility opening. This project was derailed last year by supply chain issues that affected the availability of mechanical parts.. ★





PUBLIC SAFETY



Useful guidelines for home security cameras

Home security cameras are a great way to deter crime and provide law enforcement with actionable information when a crime does occur. However, there are a few important things people should consider when purchasing or installing cameras for their home or business.

Location is key - Obviously, cameras should be directed at the area you want to protect, but the height and angle of the camera should also be considered. A common mistake, especially with home security cameras, is that they are installed as high as possible, covering a very wide angle. On one hand, this makes sense – it keeps the camera out of reach and covers the largest possible area – but it also means the camera may only capture blurry images of the top of a suspect's head or hat, making them very difficult to identify. This is why doorbell-style cameras are so useful.

The angle of these makes it very hard for people to obscure their faces, and the images are usually taken from reasonably close range.

Think about lighting - Compared to security systems and cameras, lights are reasonably inexpensive and easy to install. It can be very disappointing to homeowners when they realize they have a quality camera in the right place at the right time, but the video is too dark to be useful.

Do some research - The old adage, "you get what you pay for," is true for security cameras. There are numerous brands and almost endless options for recording quality, camera features and amount of storage. While there is no need to spend a fortune, buyers should certainly ensure they purchase a camera that adequately meets their needs. Also, an effective camera system should be capable of storing

footage for at least a few days. A week or two is even more desirable.

If you have cameras located at your home or business that you would like to share with the Miami Police Department, they can be registered at miamisburgpd.fususregistry.com/camera-registry (or by following the QR code below). Registering your cameras does NOT give the Police Department access to your cameras. Rather, it gives investigators the information they need to get in touch with you if there is a crime that your camera might help solve.

Questions on this material may be directed to the Police Department at 847-6675. ★



Make a difference in medical emergencies

When it comes to ensuring a safe and healthy home or work life, we tend to focus on finding and correcting commonly recognized hazards. For example, fire professionals often emphasize the importance of having smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors in the home.

While common hazards certainly are worthy of our attention, how would you react in the event a family member or co-worker experienced a medical emergency like cardiac arrest? Are you prepared for an incident that requires Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) or the use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED)?

Cardiac arrest is an electrical malfunction in the heart that causes an irregular heartbeat (arrhythmia) and disrupts the flow of blood to the heart, brain, lungs and other vital organs. Many of us witnessed this recently

during an NFL football game and saw in real time how important early CPR and AED defibrillation are to surviving cardiac arrest.

These two actions can have a dramatic effect on the outcome of an individual suffering from this medical emergency. There is a "Chain of Survival" that refers to the chain of events that must occur rapidly to increase the chances of survival from sudden cardiac arrest. The links in the Chain of Survival are:

1. Recognize Sudden Cardiac Arrest: Call 9-1-1 immediately.
2. CPR: It can triple the chances of survival.
3. AED: Use it to restart the heart.
4. EMS Response: Advanced life support.
5. Hospital Care: Post-cardiac arrest advanced care.

6. Recovery: Physical, social and emotional needs of survivors and family.

Recognize sudden cardiac arrest

Each year more than 350,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur in the United States, according to the American Heart Association (AHA). It is imperative to call 9-1-1 the moment it is recognized that someone is having a medical emergency.

CPR

When a person has an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest, survival depends on immediately receiving CPR from someone nearby. According to the AHA, about 90 percent of people who suffer out-of-hospital cardiac arrests die. CPR, if performed immediately, can as much as triple a victim's chance of survival. Additionally,





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 2023.

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. ★



Paving Program

New pavement will be applied to the following streets in 2023:

STREETS	FROM	TO
Chrisman Landing	All	
Dunaway Street	Belvo Road	Maue Road
Heincke Road	King Richard Pkwy.	State Rte. 725
Mall Park Drive	All	
Mall Woods Drive	All	
Miami Avenue	Linden Avenue	Lock Street
Old Main Street	Hoover Avenue	Dead End
South Street	All	
*Dayton-Cincinnati Pike	Saxony Road	Chautauqua bridge

The City has \$830,000 estimated for this program in 2023, which also includes the parking lot of PipeStone Golf Course.

** This is a separate project that will be funded from a \$294,800 federal grant and \$150,000 local match. ★*

Sidewalk, Curb & Gutter Program

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

STREETS	FROM	TO
Elwin Place	All	
Evans Avenue	Wise Drive	Range Avenue
Lea Castle Place	All	
Merry John Drive	All	

The City has estimated \$220,000 for this program in 2023. Homeowners are responsible for the cost of sidewalk, curb and gutter repairs along their property. ★



Water main/hydrant flushing begins April 17

The City of Miamisburg will be flushing area water mains during daytime hours beginning the week of April 17 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. ★

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according to the AHA, for every minute without CPR, the chance of death increases by 10 percent.

AED

The use of an AED is the third step in the cardiac arrest Chain of Survival. During a cardiac arrest medical emergency, the electrical activity in the heart is disrupted, which means oxygenated blood cannot be directed to vital organs within the body. An AED can deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help re-establish an effective heart rhythm. Survival from cardiac arrest doubles when a bystander applies an AED before emergency responders arrive, according to 2018 research published in AHA's flagship journal, "Circulation."

Make a Difference

The Miami Valley Fire District encourages its employees to "Make a Difference" and achieve a positive impact every day. If you also want to "Make a Difference" at home and in the workplace by getting CPR and AED training, it is easy to do. Helpful resources from quality organizations such as AHA and American Red Cross provide beneficial training. There are courses for those with little or no medical training who want to be prepared.

For more information, visit the AHA website at heart.org or the American Red Cross website at redcross.org. ★

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grew physically and in population, and it overcame the loss of its largest employer (Mound Laboratory) to achieve financial stability and greater economic diversity. He also was a vocal proponent of revitalization of Miamisburg's historic downtown district, development of the Austin Center interchange and the importance of people and organizations to work together.

Mayor Church passed away Dec. 8 after a brief illness, but his work clearly left an indelible mark on his beloved hometown.

"Mayor Church will forever be an example of 'love of community' and having a desire to see it thrive for future generations," Mayor Michelle Collins said.

Mayor Church called himself a cheerleader for the community and loved to share his favorite phrase with a captive audience: "Great Things are Happening in Miamisburg." He had energy and passion to serve this City and encouraged others to do the same. He set an example by giving his time to numerous local, regional and national boards and serving as a long-time member and past potentate of the Antioch Shrine Temple. He also was a proud supporter of Miamisburg City Schools.

Did you know that Dick Church, Jr. ...

... first became interested in local government as a student at Miamisburg High School while attending the annual Buckeye Boys State? After returning from this week-long event, he told his friends he intended to be mayor someday.

... was the youngest member of a committee in the 1960s elected by voters to write a City charter?

... traveled to Russia in 2000 as part of a contingent of members of Energy Communities Alliance?

Dick Church, Jr. co-owned a local business and served the community in a variety of ways prior to becoming mayor. After retirement, he became part-time administrator of the Mound Development Corp. and continued pursuing the productive reuse of a site that once employed over 2,000 people.

Mayor Church is interred at Hillgrove Union Cemetery on Central Avenue. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Dr. Judi Church. ★

DORA changes considered

City Council in February began considering a recommendation to make the downtown DORA operational seven-days-a-week. Miamisburg's DORA has only been in effect Thursdays through Sundays since it was created in the summer of 2021.

DORA is an acronym for Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area. Within the specific boundaries of a DORA, people can possess and consume alcoholic beverages outdoors. These beverages must be purchased from participating businesses in a special identifying cup.

The recommendation to Council, made by the DORA Oversight Board, was based on feedback from downtown business owners. Information about changes will be provided at miamisburgdora.com and on the City's website and Facebook pages. ★



Holiday Service Schedule

April 7: Refuse collection as usual on Good Friday.

May 29: No collection on Memorial Day. Schedule for entire week moves back one day. ★

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CITY STAFF



Welcome! New Faces



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Parks & Recreation Dept.

Riverview public mtg.

Engineering design continues for the upcoming improvements planned for Riverview Avenue (see full story in winter *Civic Focus*). This includes the specific work that will take place adjacent to individual properties along the corridor.

A neighborhood meeting is scheduled to be held later in March to introduce the City's project team and share information identifying specific construction limits, driveway and sidewalk work, frontage grading and restoration.

Details about the meeting are being provided in a letter to affected residents. For more information, please call the Engineering Department at 847-6531. ★

Retirements



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