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Transformation of Riverfront Park underway

For more than two decades, Miamisburg officials have embraced the value of park space to enhance downtown revitalization efforts. Now that concept is going to reach its full potential.

The City broke ground April 18 on a major \$5.77 million project to upgrade Riverfront Park, located between the downtown business district and the Great Miami River. Construction is expected to continue through the end of the year, and the new Riverfront Park will be ready to welcome visitors in the spring of 2024.

"Strategically, the objective has been for the park to help attract people downtown," Mayor Michelle Collins said at the groundbreaking ceremony. "It's been one of the City's tools, and it has been successful. But the build-out of the park space has been incremental. With this project, the build-out accelerates."

The City worked with The Kleinger's Group of West Chester last year

to update the master plan for all Miamisburg parks, and City Council approved major work to transform both Riverfront Park and Sycamore Trails Park, which is scheduled to begin late this year.

The approved plan for Riverfront Park includes:

- An outdoor amphitheater with tiered seating for approximately 1,000 spectators.
- Spacious green areas to accommodate passive park space and special events.
- Large children's play area that features a playground, natural play elements, traditional family-style games and shade areas.
- Two levy overlooks to provide river views.
- Infrastructure and lighting improvements.

- A net gain of approximately 30 parking spots.

"There are downtown businesses who moved here or opened here because of our long-term plans for this park," City Manager Keith Johnson said. "We're very fortunate and pleased that the economic resources are in place, and we can move forward. We appreciate the patience and tolerance of the public and the downtown merchants during the construction process."

The City is utilizing the Montgomery County Transportation Improvement District to manage the project. To stay updated, visit PlayMiamisburg.com/projects.

Parking

The City has been working with the contractor, Double Jay Construction, to balance the pace of work with the goal of minimizing the temporary loss of parking space. A recent parking survey

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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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City Council extends DORA hours



Miamisburg's Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) is now in effect seven-days-a-week.

City Council voted to extend the availability of the DORA following a recommendation from the DORA Oversight Board to expand hours and make them consistent on a

day-to-day basis. Downtown patrons can now enjoy DORA benefits daily from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

"Our recommendation was based on feedback from downtown merchants," said Ryan Colvin, a member of City Council and chair of the Oversight Board. "There haven't been any negative issues arise related to DORA, and the restaurants and bars downtown felt it would assist employees if the hours were uniform every day."

Miamisburg's DORA was previously in effect only Thursdays through Sundays since it was created in the summer of 2021. Beverages carried outdoors within the DORA boundaries must be purchased from participating businesses in a special identifying cup. For more information about DORA guidelines, visit miamisburgdora.com. ★



AROUND TOWN



Nominations open for City Beautiful Awards

This is the time of year when Miamisburg neighborhoods really come to life, and the City Beautification Commission (CBC) is ready to again recognize those homeowners who help make Miamisburg attractive.

Are you particularly proud of your landscaping efforts? Has one of your neighbors made a noticeable upgrade in the physical appearance of their property? If you answered yes to either of these questions, then maybe you should make a nomination for a City Beautiful Award.

Presented in June, July and August, these awards are for residential and commercial properties with great curb appeal within Miamisburg city limits. Winners will be presented a City Beautiful sign to display in their front yard.

There are several ways to make a nomination of a residential or commercial property (self-nominations are also welcome):

- Complete the entry form at right and hand-deliver or mail to the City's Parks and Recreation Department.
- E-mail the nominated address to parksandrec@cityofmiamisburg.com. Put "City Beautiful Award" in the subject line.
- Phone-in a nomination to the Parks and Recreation Department at 866-8999.

Renovation Merit Award

The CBC also will present this award each month to recognize those homes or businesses with an improved appearance of their structure due to major renovations such as new siding, porch, etc. Just note the name of this award when submitting a nomination. ★

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

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City Beautiful Award Nomination Form

Name _____

Address _____

Your reasons for nominating this property (*see criteria at left*):

Nominator's name and phone number (*in the event judges have questions*):

Children's Performing Arts of MSBG

info@cpamburg.com

Summer schedule:

June 12-16, 19-23 and 26-30 - Theatre camps.

June 15-17 - Performances of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (Parkview United Methodist Church).

June - Auditions for Frozen Jr. (dates TBD).

For details on these and other CPAM activities, visit cpamburg.com. ★

Miamisburg Historical Society

Ken Ballinger, President (831-1841)

Summer schedule:

June 10 - Millionaires' Row walking tour (see info page 4)

June 25 - Annual Membership Picnic, 2 to 5 p.m., Veterans Memorial Park.

July 22 - South Second Street walking tour (begins 10:30 a.m. at the corner of Central Avenue and S. Second Street).

Aug. 12 - Main Street walking tour (begins at 10:30 a.m. at Market Square Building).

For details on MHS activities, visit historicalmiamisburg.org. ★

Mound Business Park Notes

• Mound Development Corp. welcomed a new board member in April when Jim Van Tassel, Jr. was sworn-in during an executive committee meeting. Van Tassel took the seat held by Vern Oakley, who retired after nine years of service. The new member's late father, Jim, Sr., was a member of the board from 1994-2011 when the U.S. Department of Energy was

phasing-out its operation on the site and conducting extensive environmental restoration.

• With the school year complete, it's a great time to bring local children to the Mound Cold War Discovery Center on Mound Road. Visitors will learn about the amazing technology and history that happened right here in Miamisburg

during the second half of the 20th century. The museum is open Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

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 has much to offer this summer for people of all age groups! The following is a sample of program information. For a complete list, visit the branch or go online at daytonmetrolibrary.org.

All ages/families

Fire safety/first aid

June 8, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Join us at the branch to learn some basics about fire safety and first aid techniques from our special guests from the Miami Valley Fire District.

Nature Story Time

June 17, 10 to 11 a.m.

In partnership with the City's Parks and Recreation Department, we will convene at the shelter near the entrance of Sycamore Trails Park. Event will be held rain or shine. Registration required by visiting PlayMiamisburg.com/register or calling 866-8999.

Children

Reading Buddies

(age preschool thru grade 3)

Saturdays, 11 a.m.

Does your child need some extra guidance in reading? In this program, trained volunteers spend time with any child who needs more reading practice. These Reading Buddies can read aloud to a child, listen to a child read or both.

Kindergarten Club

Wednesdays thru July, 10:30 a.m.

This program is intended for children who will be entering kindergarten this fall. It brings together the youngsters and

caregivers for a variety of fun activities designed to help the child prepare for a successful beginning of their years as a student. Content will include tips for adults, early literacy activities and social/emotional challenges.

Pokémon Club

(age 6-12 years)

June 26, July 17 and Aug. 21, 4:30 p.m.

Calling all Pokémon trainers! Bring your own device or card deck and compete with others and enjoy Pokémon crafts and activities. Battle decks will be available if you'd like to use our cards to play.

Teens

PRISM

June 8, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

This time provides a positive, safe space without judgement for teens who share a common vision of equality. There will be time for discussion, learning, snacks and crafts.

AniManga Club

June 14, July 22 and Aug. 9, 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Come celebrate anime, manga and all things Japanese.

Adults

Millionaire's Row

Walking Tour

June 10, 10:30 a.m.

In partnership with the Miamisburg Historical Society, the Dayton Metro Library is offering a walking tour of the section of the City once known as Millionaire's Row. We'll

begin at the branch and continue through the nearby neighborhood. It's a great way to get your steps in and learn about our City's storied past at the same time! Advanced registration is required.

D&D at the Library

June 10, July 8, Aug. 5, 3 to 5:30 p.m.

Action and adventure await D&D enthusiasts, but experience is not necessary. Advanced registration is required.

Plant Swap

June 13, 6 p.m.

Connect with other community members and share your knowledge of gardening indoors or out. Bring extra seeds or plant propagations to swap or leave behind for other plant lovers. It's a great way to get your garden in full bloom this summer!

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. ★





PUBLIC SAFETY



Summer safety guidelines from Fire District

The best summers are filled with outdoor activities, fun in the sun and quality time with family and friends. But with all the excitement, it's important to prioritize safety and take precautions to prevent accidents and injuries. Miami Valley Fire District is committed to promoting summer safety and is pleased to provide readers with some helpful tips to stay safe this summer.

Heat safety

Summer brings high temperatures, and it's important to be prepared for the heat. Always stay hydrated and avoid spending extended periods of time outdoors during the hottest parts of the day. When spending time outside, wear loose-fitting and light-colored clothing and apply sunscreen regularly. Of course, never leave children or pets in a parked car, because the temperature inside can quickly become dangerously high.

Water safety

Swimming and other water activities are a staple of summer fun, but it's crucial to prioritize water safety. Always supervise children when they're in or around water and ensure that they wear properly fitting life jackets. Never swim alone or under the influence of alcohol, and always follow posted signs and instructions from lifeguards.

Grilling safety

Summer also brings the opportunity for outdoor cooking on the grill. It's important to follow safety guidelines when grilling to prevent accidents and injuries. Always grill outdoors in a well-ventilated area and keep the grill away from any structures, such as the house or deck. Use long-handled tools to handle food and keep children and pets away from the grill while it's in use.

Fireworks safety

Fireworks are often associated with summer festivities, but they can also be dangerous

if not handled properly. Always follow local laws and regulations regarding fireworks, and never attempt to make your own.

Emergency preparedness

Accidents and emergencies can happen even when you take precautions, so it's important to be prepared. Make sure your home has working smoke detectors and fire extinguishers and create an emergency plan with your family. This plan should include a designated meeting spot and emergency contacts.

By prioritizing safety and taking precautions, you can enjoy all the fun and excitement that summer has to offer without putting yourself or your loved ones at risk. Miami Valley Fire District is committed to keeping our community safe and wishes everyone a happy and healthy summer!

Questions on these matters may be directed to the District headquarters at 560-2152. ★

Summer notes from Police Department

The following are some timely news items this summer from the Miamisburg Police Department:

Body worn cameras

The Department recently purchased and deployed Axon Body 3 body worn cameras throughout the patrol section. These rugged, high-quality cameras have numerous highlights and features, including enhanced low light performance, LTE connectivity, high-quality audio and exceptionally clear video. The cameras record interactions between police officers and members of the community, assist the Police Department and area prosecutors in obtaining and preserving evidence and provide an increased level of Police Department transparency to citizens and community stakeholders.

National Night Out

The Miamisburg Police Department will again be hosting National Night Out this

year on Aug. 1 at the Miamisburg Christian Church, 1146 E. Central Avenue. Activities will be held from 6 to 8 p.m.

National Night Out is a free event designed to bring the police and community together in a fun, relaxed environment with music, food and games. Planned highlights include:

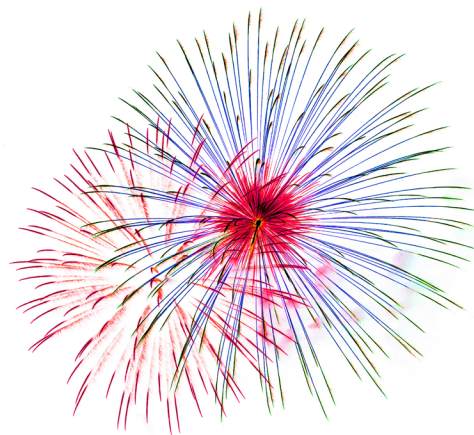
- Various Police and Fire vehicles on display
- Information booths
- Inflatable obstacle course and bounce house
- Inflatable grand slam baseball
- An "officer scavenger hunt"
- A "Cops and Kids Obstacle Challenge"
- Raffle prizes donated by local businesses

There may even be a surprise appearance by Chase and Marshall from Paw Patrol! Please plan to join us on Aug. 1.

Fireworks reminder

Although the Ohio Legislature has legalized the discharge of fireworks by individuals during certain days and times, local jurisdictions retain the authority to continue banning this practice.

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STREET BEAT



Yard waste and other collection reminders

Residents are encouraged to use environmentally-friendly practices to minimize the volume of yard waste sent to landfills. Composting, mulching with leaves and the use of mulching lawn mowers can all help reduce yard waste significantly.

Yard waste includes materials such as grass clippings, thatch, leaves, flower and vegetable trimmings and brush. If you must dispose of these materials, please review the following guidelines:

- Yard waste is collected along with regular refuse and must be properly contained and bundled.
- Bundled brush should not measure more than four feet long and two feet wide.
- Bagged yard waste should not exceed 60 pounds in weight.
- Grass clippings and leaves should never be placed in the road, storm sewers or waterways.

Bulk collection

Bulk items continue to be collected by Rumpke along with regular trash. Pick-up should be scheduled one week in advance by calling the City's Public Works Department at 847-6635. Mattresses and upholstered items are required to be wrapped and sealed in plastic. Residents may use their own sheet plastic and tape or garbage bags for this purpose or purchase bulk bags at the Civic Center or Municipal Service Center.

Battery recycling

The City offers household battery recycling for residents. Batteries contain corrosive materials and heavy metals that can contaminate the soil and water supply. Recycling these materials helps divert them from landfills. Look for the battery recycling receptacles located in the Civic Center, Community Center and Service Center lobbies.

Financial assistance

Residents may apply for a reduction in the City's monthly fee for waste collection and disposal. Eligibility for financial assistance is based on published U.S. poverty levels and the applicant's federal adjusted gross income for the most recent tax year. Applications can be obtained in the Administrative offices in the Miamisburg Civic Center.

2023 U.S. Health & Human Services Poverty Guidelines

Persons in Household	Annual Income	Persons in Household	Annual Income
1	\$14,580	5	35,140
2	19,720	6	40,280
3	24,860	7	45,420
4	30,000	8	50,560

For each additional person, add \$5,140.

Container reminders

For best results, residents should put their containers out along the curb the night before their collection day. Also, please remember that the green containers provided by Rumpke are exclusively for recycling materials and should NOT be used for household trash, or they will be confiscated by Rumpke.

River Cleanup Day

The Clean Sweep of the Great Miami River will be held on July 14 from 9 a.m. to noon. Citizens are invited to participate in this annual volunteer event to help maintain the health of our local river corridor. Volunteers should report to Rice Field. Please wear work clothes and sturdy shoes. Trash bags and gloves will be provided. ★

Holiday Service Schedule

July 4: City offices closed and no refuse collection on Independence Day. Pickup schedule for the remainder of the week will be pushed back one day.

Sept. 4: City offices closed and no refuse collection on Labor Day. Schedule for the entire week will be pushed back one day. ★

Prep continues for Riverview improvements

Nearly 20 affected residents attended a public meeting in March to learn about planned improvements along Riverview Avenue and hear an update about the City's C.A.R.E.S. neighborhood enhancement program. City and project officials, including several members of City Council, were on hand to answer questions and obtain feedback.

The Riverview project is a direct result of the research conducted in 2020 via the Miamisburg C.A.R.E.S. program to understand the needs and desires of the neighborhood. Those who responded indicated a strong desire

for a reconstructed and fully accessible Riverview Avenue corridor. Reconstruction will include a new asphalt surface, curb, gutter, sidewalk (west side only) and stormwater improvements, among other enhancements. The end product will be a Riverview Avenue corridor that provides a quality entryway to the surrounding neighborhoods.

At the public meeting, City staff shared large-format prints of the initial plans for the project, a timeline and opportunities where residents can provide future feedback or receive regular progress updates. City Engineer Bob Stanley told

the group that design was approximately 60 percent complete. Until construction begins in 2024, design will continue and work agreements with resident will be secured. A current draft of the roadway design can be viewed at miamisburgcares.com/post/riverview-improvements-meeting.

Anyone who would like to make further comment about the project or needs more information can visit miamisburgcares.com/contact, call 847-6531 or email engineer@cityofmiamisburg.com. ★

The discharge of fireworks in Miamisburg remains illegal. It is a violation of Municipal Ordinance 678.10 to "possess or discharge fireworks within City limits at any time. As such, individuals found possessing or discharging fireworks within the City of Miamisburg may be subject to police enforcement action..."

Several communities in the region hold large fireworks shows during the Fourth of July time period that are very popular. But setting off fireworks in local neighborhoods presents a risk of injury and an unwelcome disturbance for some residents and their pets. Of course, the Fourth of July is the most popular time of year in our nation for fireworks large and small. Please be courteous to your neighbors and do your part in following local regulations. ★

Water Quality Report

Inserted into the center of this issue, the City of Miamisburg is pleased to provide its Water Quality Report for 2022. The data contained in this report indicates that the City's water meets or exceeds all current environmental regulations for safe drinking water. Questions may be directed to the Public Works Department at 847-6635. ★

New mobile app

The Parks and Recreation Department this spring launched a new mobile app available for both Apple and Android devices.

The new Play Miamisburg app enables users to access Department information, register for programs, receive weather notifications and much more. Purchased passes can also be added to an individual's app to scan for easy and convenient access when visiting the Aquatic Center, one of the City's golf courses or the Community Center. Download free today! ★

Water meter update

The upgrades to the water meter reading system are nearly complete, with nearly 8,000 new water meters now installed and operating throughout the City. Included with the project is a new customer portal that will allow access to your account via a web-enabled device (desktop, laptop, tablet or smartphone application) in real-time. Be on the lookout for more information on signing up for the My Water Advisor portal coming soon! ★

Heincke Rd. paving

With heavy construction activity declining at the new Kroger Marketplace on N. Heincke Road, contractors are scheduled to resurface Heincke this month between State Rte. 725 and King Richard Parkway. Traffic will be maintained into the Kroger site during repaving, which was delayed one year due to the construction of the new store.

The City's annual paving program this year includes nine streets. Please direct questions to the Engineering Department at 847-6531. ★

Be a good neighbor!

- By codified ordinance, dog walkers in Miamisburg are required to clean-up behind their pets "in a sanitary manner" while walking in public areas or on the private property of others. There are pet waste stations throughout the community to assist with this chore.
- Miamisburg residents who own boats, recreational vehicles or commercial vehicles are reminded to follow the codes governing on-street and off-street parking. Questions may be directed to Code Enforcement at 847-6532. ★

Planning a block party or garage sale?

Block parties and garage sales are popular summertime events. If you have either of these in your plans, please adhere to the following guidelines:

Block parties

A request form should be submitted to the City Manager's Office at least two weeks in advance of the event. If approved, the Miamisburg Police Department and Miami Valley Fire District will be notified, and the Public Works Department will deliver barricades to the ends of the affected street on the Friday before the party. Organizers can place the barricades in an appropriate location to deter traffic and keep attendees and motorists safe. Streets may not be blocked off for parties at individual residences. To obtain a request form, call 847-6456 or download from the

City Manager's Office page on the City's website.

Garage sales

- Hours of operation are limited to 8 a.m. to sundown for no more than three consecutive days.
- Non-illuminated advertising signs may be posted only on the property where the sale is located, or in the yard of neighbors (with their permission). Public bulletin boards at busy retail outlets like Kroger also give good exposure.
- No more than three sales are permitted per residence in any calendar year.
- Sale of food or beverages is prohibited.

Questions may be directed to the Development Department at 847-6532.



Street banners

There are three high-traffic locations used to hang over-the-road promotional banners. These locations at Heincke Road, Central Avenue and Main Street are available for community use. A copy of the banner policy and an application can also be obtained online from the City Manager's page on the City website ★

ECRWSS Residential Customer



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indicated that the 21 public parking lots or roads with on-street parking provide the capacity for downtown traffic during most times. However, peak times during weekend evenings present challenges in the availability of preferred parking locations.

While the Riverfront Park project will be creating additional parking, it may be best for patrons to avoid the lots along Water Street and seek alternate parking along Main Street, First Street, Second Street and the Civic Center municipal lot. There will be some additional parking coming online as soon as late summer/early fall. In the meantime, look for new signage to help navigate the construction area and find the closest parking to your destination.



From L to R: City Manager Keith Johnson, Mayor Michelle Collins, City Council members Ryan Colvin, John Stalder, Mike McCabe and Steve Beachler, Vice Mayor Jeff Nestor, City Council members Sarah Clark Thacker and Tom Nicholas and Parks and Recreation Director Ryan Davis.

Impacts during construction

- The green space, splash pad and public restroom building in the park are all closed during the duration of construction.
- There will be no special events in the

park during summer 2023.

- The bike path remains open, but will eventually experience temporary closures.
- Miami Avenue is closed along the park boundary and will ultimately be removed. ★

New Face



Ben Steinway
Parks & Recreation Dept.

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projects. To purchase a ticket, contact a member of the Board or call 859-8120. Must be age 18 or older to enter.

Monthly Euchre Tournaments

This is a new event, and the next edition is June 17. 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.

MMA Carnivore Bingo Aug. 5

Come out and support the Miamisburg Merchants Association at this event. To learn more, look for the MMA page on Facebook or visit miamisburgmerchants.com in the coming weeks.

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