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CITY OF MIAMISBURG

★ PARKS UPDATE ★

Riverfront Park

Riverfront Park has come a long way since the groundbreaking this past spring. The park promises to be a signature destination in Miamisburg in the spring of 2024. Currently the project remains on track for a grand opening in May 2024. Over the course of the summer and fall, Miami Avenue was removed and nearly 20,000 cubic yards of fill material was brought into level out the park, bringing the total elevation higher to better view the Great Miami River. New sidewalks, walkways, and two parking lots have been constructed at each end of the park. These new features will make Riverfront Park more accessible to downtown Miamisburg and safer to visit. Construction on the new playground is nearly complete. The new playground includes special ADA play structures

including a merry go round, bucket seat on the zip track, soft play surfacing, and graded, wide sidewalks throughout the park specially designed for wheelchairs to safely travel. The amphitheater tiered seating and stage will soon be up and ready for summer night concerts and special events. The great lawn is graded with a wide walkway installed for easy walking during large special events.

We encourage everyone to “Be Part of It”, join us in this historic project for Miamisburg by contributing to the Miamisburg Community Foundation’s Building Our Community campaign. There is still time to sponsor a custom brick or tree with your family’s name on it. Visit the Miamisburg Community Foundation’s website to leave your legacy and make



a lasting impact on our community at MiamisburgCommunityFoundation.org. We are so excited for the park to finish construction in the spring and for many new memories to be created in the years to come.

Sycamore Trails Park

Sycamore Trails Park has long been known as the “gem” of Miamisburg and the largest park in our city, hosting nearly 75 acres of trails and forest. The park will be home to a major improvement project with the goal of connecting the two sections of park at Maue Road and Heincke Road. This project will transform this park into a destination for celebrations, athletic events, play, relaxation, and more. During the project, a new road will be constructed to connect all areas with the main entrance moving to Maue Road. Amenities will include new playgrounds in two areas of the park, basketball, pickleball, and tennis sports courts, shelters, nature-themed play structures and walkways. We anticipate beginning portions of the project in late 2023, with more impactful and visual changes to the landscape of the park in 2024.



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AT A GLANCE



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All phone numbers (937)

City Administration offices and Council Chambers are located in the Robert H. Mears, Sr., Miamisburg Civic Center at 10 North First Street.

City 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.

City Administration

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Public Safety

EMERGENCY	9-1-1
Non-Emergency Service	225-HELP 225-(4357)
Non-Emergency TDD	228-HELP 228-(4357)
Police – General Info	847-6600
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Did you know?

My Water Advisor easily allows you to access your account via a web-ready device (desktop, laptop, tablet, or smartphone app.) in real-time while providing the following benefits:

- Create monthly water budgets
- Proactively conserve water
- Address high consumption during the month, not just after the bill arrives
- Be notified of leaks to address them promptly

Visit Mywateradvisor2.com to sign up!

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AROUND TOWN



City Beautification Commission

Tom Zimpfer (847-9819), Chair

Many proud Miamisburg residents work hard to keep this an attractive community. Listed here are the final 2023 City Beautiful Awards presented for August, as selected by the City Beautification Commission (CBC). Congratulations to all of this year's winners.

The CBC appreciates all the nominations that were submitted. Most importantly, thanks to all the property owners who helped enhance the appearance of our City.

AUGUST

The Zech Home
The Williams Home
The Pardieck Home
The Bailey Home
The Wilcher Home
The Kepler/Berkshire Home
The Schwieterman Home
The Brewster Home
The Pettit Home
The Greene/Minton Home
The Crawford Home

1194 Mary Lane
430 E. Linden Avenue
1109 Jefferson Street
135 Mound Road
523 Douglas Drive
765 Hidden Meadows Drive
15 S. Seventh Street
1275 Granite Peak Way
825 Mary John Drive
1934 Robin Hood Drive
1626 E. Lindsey Avenue

The Grimes Home
The Allaire Home
The Marsh Home
The Duckett Home

Renovation Award

The Gum Home
Sienna Company

Business

Plaza Theatre
M & Co.

1755 Rosina Drive
4143 Benner Road
818 Alexandersville Road
2201 Coldstream Court

2313 King Richard Pkwy.
128 Cole Avenue

33 S. Main Street
48 S. Main Street

Children's Performing Arts of MSBG

info@cpamburg.com



Young actors from CPAM take the stage this month. A story of love and acceptance between sisters, Frozen JR. expands upon the emotional relationship and journey

between Princesses Anna and Elsa. When faced with danger, the two discover their hidden potential and the powerful bond of sisterhood. With a cast of beloved characters and loaded with magic, adventure and plenty of humor, Frozen JR. is sure to thaw even the coldest heart!

Information found at cpamburg.com

Facebook/Instagram: [@cpamburg.com](https://www.facebook.com/cpamburg)

Full year of musicals, plays, camps and classes for 2024 to be announced SOON!



Baum Opera House Association



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:

Euchre Tournaments

Third Saturday, starting back in January of 2024! Doors will open at 6:30 with games starting at 7:00 PM

Must be 18+ to play.



Miamisburg Historical Society



Friday, December 1, 7:00pm: Holly and Ivy annual fundraiser. \$25 per guest. Check our Facebook page and the Historical Society website for more information.

Sunday, December 3, 2:00 to 5:00pm: Christmas at the Tavern,

147 West Lock Street. Holiday music, snacks, and fellowship.

Moving into 2024

We will have monthly programs at the History Center, 35 South Fifth Street.

Monday, January 22, 7:00pm: the story of the Miami Valley "madam".

Monday, February 26, 7:00pm: Finding your roots in local genealogy.

Historical Society Guided Walking Tours

The Historical Society guided walking tours will start again in May. We will tour "Millionaires' Row", South Second Street, and historic Main Street PLUS we will start TWO new tours. All FIVE will be offered twice this year.

Canal Run Dog Park



Canal Run Dog Park, located at 550 S. 1st Street Miamisburg inside Community Park, is no longer a membership-based dog park. After surveying members of the dog park and the public, we updated the operating structure to be open to any dogs and community members who follow the posted rules. The park is free to use and open during daylight hours throughout the year.

Amenities include three fenced in areas to accommodate dogs

of all sizes, water fountains for dogs and their humans (available March 15-October 15), benches and dog waste stations, and dog-centric pop-up events! For any questions or concerns on this update to Canal Run Dog Park, please email us at playmiamisburg@cityofmiamisburg.com.



Miamisburg Library Notes

The Miamisburg Branch of Dayton Metro Library offers the following FREE programs throughout the months of December, January and February. For more information or to register for a program, contact the branch at 463-BOOK. You may also find the library's Facebook, Instagram, and other social media site links by visiting the library's website www.daytonmetrolibrary.org. Support staff are welcome at all events. Please contact us if accommodations are needed.

CHILDREN

Reading Buddies

11:00-Noon - Every Saturday

Those in PreSchool through Grade 3 needing extra reading guidance can practice with a trained volunteer. Buddies can read aloud or listen to the child read, or both.

Homeschool Art Club

11:00 – Noon on Tuesday (12/12, 1/9, 2/13)

Each program will feature different art explorations. While the program is formatted with homeschooling families in mind, all families with children are welcome.

Maker Club

3:00-4:00 PM on Saturday (1/20, 2/17)

Rotate through different Maker activities including robots, crafts, building, and more.

STORYTIMES (dates & times vary)

Join us for nursery rhymes, songs, fingerplays, and stories that encourage early literacy skills in young children.

Baby & Toddler Story Time

For children birth to 36 months with a caregiver.

11:30-Noon on Tuesday (12/5, 12/12)

10:30-11:00 AM on Thursday (12/7, 12/14)

Starting 1/10/24 – 10:00-10:30 AM on EVERY Wednesday AND Thursday

Preschool Story Time For ages 3-5.

Starting 1/10/24 - 11:30-12:30 PM on EVERY Wednesday AND Thursday

Sensory Story Time

9:30-10:00 AM on Saturday (1/6, 2/3)

Features delightful stories, rhymes, songs, and interactive play that are accessible to all abilities. Support staff are welcome. Please contact us if accommodations are needed.

Family Story Time

5:30-6:00 PM on Tuesday 2/6

Enjoy quality family time with books, songs, and activities that children of all ages and caregivers can enjoy together.



ADULT

Pantry Partner Food Distribution

5:00-6:30 PM on Every Tuesday

Visit this Pantry Partner location to receive a free emergency box, containing canned goods. Clients 18+ with photo ID and proof of address can receive an emergency box once every 30 days. Dayton Metro Library is proud to partner with The Foodbank to make the Pantry Partner program possible; please visit <https://thefoodbankdayton.org/> for more information.

Computer Classes for Word, Excel, and Genealogy Databases

Dates and time vary. Call for details. Registration required.

DIY Holiday Ornaments

Registration Required

6:30-7:30 PM on Tuesday 12/12

We will be making all kinds of holiday ornaments from miniature wreaths to decorated wood slices and everything in between!

Breakfast Book Club

10:00-11:00 AM

Wednesday 12/6

(The Midnight Library by Matt Haig)

Wednesday 1/3

(The Lost Apothecary by Sarah Penner)

Wednesday 2/7

(Just Like Home by Sarah Gailey)

Books will be available at the Miamisburg branch a month prior to the next meeting, or download a copy on the Libby app. Doughnuts, coffee, and tea will be provided. New members always welcome!

Star City Book Club

6:30-8:00 PM

Monday 1/22 (Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult)

Monday 2/26 (The Sweetness of Water by Nathan Harris)

Pick up a book or audiobook at the Miamisburg Library. Some titles available on Overdrive.

ESL Classes

10:30- Noon on Saturday

(12/9, 12/23, 1/6, 1/20, 2/3, 2/17)

This is a free class for all level of learners who want to learn English as a Second Language.

All-Abilities Adventure

Registration Required

11:00-Noon on Monday (1/8, 1/22, 2/12, 2/26)

Offers a variety of activities including Storytime, craft stations for artistic expression, sensory stations for relaxation and awareness, and a coloring page station for therapeutic creativity. This adventure is designed for adults of all abilities. Support staff are welcome. Please contact us if accommodations are needed.

D&D at the Library – Registration Required

3:00-5:30 PM on Saturday (12/9, 1/6, 2/3)

No experience is necessary, beginner and experienced players are welcome.

TEENS, TWEENS & FAMILIES

Teen Hangout

4:00-5:30 PM - Every Thursday

Our community room is reserved just for teens to socialize, get creative, play games, or just chill. For Grades 7-12.

Tween Time

4:00-5:00 PM - Every Friday

Play video games on our big screen, hang out with friends, and enjoy other fun activities. Snacks provided. For ages 8-12.

AniManga Club

4:00-5:30 PM on Wednesday (12/13, 1/10, 2/7)

Celebrate anime, manga, and all things Japanese. For Grades 7-12.

Minecraft Club – Registration Required

4:00-5:00 PM on Monday (12/11, 1/8, 2/12)

Unleash your imagination, create virtual landscapes, build structures, and design cool redstone contraptions.

Tween & Family D&D – Registration Required

4:00-5:30 PM on Wednesdays (12/20, 1/10, 2/14)

Join us for beginner-friendly Dungeons & Dragons adventure and family fun. No experience is necessary. Show up ready to tell a fun story either on your own, with friends or siblings, or even with a parent. We will use the 5th edition rule set, provide premade characters, and even have dice to share. Fun for families with kids in grade 4 and up.

Midday Movie – call for title

3:00-5:00 PM on Saturday (12/2, 1/27, 2/24)

Give yourself a brain break with a free movie & popcorn.

PRISM

4:00-5:00 PM on Monday (1/22, 2/5)

A positive safe space without judgment for teens who share a common vision of equality. Join us to discuss, learn, have snacks, and do crafts. Grades 7-12.

LEGO Club

4:00-5:00 PM on Tuesdays (12/19, 1/23, 2/27)

Build a new LEGO creation each session. The library will provide plenty of LEGOs that will stay at the library at the end of the program.

Pokemon Club

4:30-6:00 PM on Monday (12/18, 1/29, 2/26)

Bring your own device or card deck and play Pokémon with your peers and enjoy Pokémon crafts and activities. Ages 6-12.

Black Inventors & Engineering Wonders

2:00-3:00 PM on Saturday 2/3

Explore the incredible legacy of Black inventors and the world of engineering in this program presented by the National Society of Black Engineers.





PUBLIC SAFETY



Police

The holidays are a great time to give generously, but you should be aware that some individuals will work very hard to take advantage of your charitable spirit. Here are a few simple tips to make sure that your money is going where you want it to go.

- Be careful with social media, email, and text-to-donate charitable campaigns. If you are interested in donating to a charity soliciting in either of those ways, and many legitimate charities do, go to the organization's website to check them out, and at least confirm the email, social media account, or phone number before making your donation.
- Only donate to well-known, trusted charities. If you have never donated to a specific charity before, you can check them out through a number of online resources, including the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance, Charity Navigator, Charity Watch, and GuideStar.
- You can also go to the Ohio Attorney General's Office Charitable Ohio website to research and vet charities that are registered specifically in the State of Ohio. You can also utilize this resource to file a complaint on an un reputable charity - (<https://charitable.ohioago.gov/>).



Miami Valley Fire District



As we embrace the winter season in Miamisburg, the Miami Valley Fire District is here to ensure your safety and well-being. Winter brings its unique charm, but it also presents its set of challenges. We want to share some essential safety tips to help you and your loved ones stay warm, secure, and worry-free during these colder months.

1. **Home Heating Safety:** It's essential to make sure that all heating sources are in good working condition and properly maintained. Keep them free from obstructions and maintain a safe distance from flammable materials. Never leave heaters unattended, especially space heaters.
2. **Ice and Snow Removal:** Slip and fall accidents are common during the winter. Shovel snow promptly and apply salt or sand to prevent ice buildup on driveways and sidewalks. Adequate lighting along walkways can reduce the risk of accidents.
3. **Safe Driving Practices:** Winter road conditions can be challenging. Always drive at a safe speed for the conditions and maintain a safe following distance. Equip your vehicle with snow tires or chains when necessary. Don't forget to keep an emergency kit in your car, including blankets, a flashlight, and non-perishable food.
4. **Carbon Monoxide Safety:** With increased heating system use, there's a higher risk of carbon monoxide leaks. Install carbon monoxide detectors in your home and regularly test them to ensure they are in good working condition.
5. **Prevent Frozen Pipes:** Frozen pipes can be a major headache during the winter. Insulate your pipes and, in extremely cold weather, let faucets drip to prevent freezing.
6. **Dress Warmly:** Layer up with warm clothing when heading outdoors, and don't forget gloves, hats, and scarves. Frostbite and hypothermia are real risks when temperatures plummet.
7. **Stay Informed:** Stay updated on weather forecasts and warnings. Plan ahead and consider staying home during a winter storm if it's safe to do so.
8. **Emergency Preparedness:** Create an emergency kit for your home with essential supplies, including non-perishable food, water, flashlights, and a battery-operated radio.
9. **Be a Good Neighbor:** Check on elderly or vulnerable neighbors to ensure they're safe and warm. A friendly visit or a helping hand can make a big difference.
10. **Winter Sports Safety:** If you enjoy winter sports like skiing or ice skating, always wear appropriate safety gear, such as helmets, and follow safety guidelines at the respective venues.

The Miami Valley Fire District is committed to your safety year-round, and we encourage you to follow these winter safety tips. By staying informed and prepared, you can make the most of the season's beauty while keeping yourself, your family, and your neighbors safe. Have a wonderful and safe winter season in Miamisburg!

Income Tax

Residents of Miamisburg should note that the deadline for filing their 2023 City income tax returns will be Monday, April 15th. This is the same date federal and state returns are due. Filing is required for all residents aged 18 to retirement.

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.

Public Works

WINTER WEATHER

City crews are well-equipped and ready to handle winter weather this season. Snowplows and equipment are prepared and inspected well in advance, and de-icing materials have been stocked in anticipation of inclement weather. A new brine production system has recently been installed that instantaneously adjusts the salt solution and additives with rapidly-changing weather conditions. Additional trucks have been equipped with brine tanks to allow for more wide-spread use of liquid de-icing, including pre-treatment of the roadway prior to storms, pre-treatment of rock salt during salting operations, and direct spray of brine solution for melting ice. With the help of these tools, the Snow and Ice Control Team is ready to enhance roadway safety and mobility this winter season.

HOW RESIDENTS CAN HELP:

- Move parked cars off of the street while snow and ice control efforts are underway
- Shovel snow to the right side of the driveway when facing toward the street to minimize accumulation around driveways after plows move through
- Keep hydrants, mailboxes and catch basins clear
- Avoid shoveling and blowing snow into the street, which is a violation of City Ordinance and also creates a safety hazard

GOOD TO KNOW:

- Major thoroughfares, hills, bridges and school zones, are first priority for snow plowing and de-icing
- Residential streets are addressed after first priority areas with crews making an initial pass, then return to clear snow from curb to curb
- After the first pass thru, drivers will return to the previously plowed areas to push snow from curb to curb

HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Refuse and recycling will not be collected by Rumpke on Monday, Dec. 25th or Monday, Jan. 1st, due to the Holidays. The schedule for those entire weeks will be pushed back one day.

Trash and recycling will be picked up as usual on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



HOLIDAY LIGHTS RECYCLING

October 30th thru January 31st

The Public Works Department is participating again in the annual Cohen Holiday Light Recycling Program.

Residents can place broken or damaged traditional style or LED string lights, in the designated bins which are located at the Public Works Service Center, 600 N. Main and the Civic Center (2nd St. entrance).



Miamisburg Launches Effort to Adopt a New Transportation Plan

In August, the City of Miamisburg hired the engineering firm CT Consultants to develop a new Transportation Plan to replace the Major Thoroughfare Plan last adopted in 1993. The Transportation Plan will identify the location and type of transportation facilities needed to meet the projected long-term growth within the City. These facilities would serve all transportation users, including motorists, cyclists, pedestrians, and transit users, to support Miamisburg's quality of life. The adopted plan will also include a set of accessibility principles, implementation strategies, strategic initiatives, and funding sources to guide public and private investment in the on-street and off-street transportation network.

A Public Involvement Meeting was held at the Miamisburg Branch of the Dayton Metro Library on November 16th to share data on the existing system, and to elicit comments from the public about what transportation infrastructure they feel is important for the plan to address. Interested citizens may continue to submit their comments via an online survey by scanning the QR code above and answering a few questions. Your comments will help shape the goals and objectives of the plan. If you have any questions about the plan, contact City Planner Andrew Rodney at 937-847-6536 or andrew.rodney@cityofmiamisburg.com.

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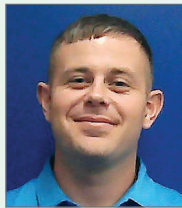
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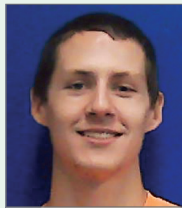
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