

Miami Township

Newsletter

Spring 2020

THANK YOU TO RESIDENTS OF MIAMI TOWNSHIP AND VILLAGES

Jack Rininger, Trustee

On behalf of the Miami Township Board of Trustees and the Miami Township Fire Department, we would like to thank the voters for passing the Fire Levy.

Our Fire Department covers the unincorporated areas as well as all three Villages in Miami Township. In the past, we have tried to maintain service with 15 full time employees and supplement the schedule with 45-55 part time employees. This worked for several years; recently it has become difficult to maintain a full schedule at all three stations due to the increasing competition for qualified part time fire service personnel.

Over a year ago, we hired a consultant to do a study of our service area and make recommendations to move the department into the future. The Board of Trustees tried several options to keep qualified fire personnel working in the township: (1) we increased the pay for part-time employees, (2) we allowed part-time employees to take part in the township insurance program, (3) going from 3 stations down to 2 stations, (4) and when we filled full time positions, we made every effort to hire from within.

The consultant felt that these solutions would not hold for the long term and made the following recommendations for the department:

1. Increase full time manpower to ensure we had in house personnel to fill the schedule and that if an employee "called off" or left sick, the station would continue to be functional.
2. Increase supervision within the department and provide a layer of staff management below that of the Chief.
3. A review of the county cagis map and the area of coverage of each station in the township, it was felt that the 3 stations concept was needed to provide service to all areas of the township and villages.
4. Lower level supervision was needed within each firehouse, positions of Lieutenants was discussed to closer manage assets.
5. Station 69 on East Miami River Road is approximately 60 years old and was not built to house fire personnel 24/7. There is a recurring mold issue; this station needs to be replaced.

As a result, the following are some of the steps we have taken to provide continued services to our residents within the township and the three villages. The passing of the increase in the fire department operating levy was critical to allow us to move forward and you did that for us in November 2019.

We changed the Assistant Chief position from part time to a full time position. The new Assistant Chief, Brien Lacey is working directly with Chief Ober overseeing operations within the department with the assistance of the District Chiefs.

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In January 2020 we hired 7 new full time firefighters/EMS personnel to fill open positions in the schedule insuring any openings within the schedule are filled.

The department is forming a training class for all personnel who wish to move into supervisory positions. This training is open to all personnel. This will allow for a closer supervision of each fire station and the Assistant Chief Positon will ensure all stations are operated in the same manner.

The approval of the levy allowed us to bring these additional personnel on board. The end goal will be to bring one additional person to each fire station per shift.

We have also hired an architect to start the design of a new fire station on East Miami River Road. This work is in early stages and current verification of lot size is being done and a bid packet will be compiled in the near future and the project put out for bids. The replacement of this fire house will be funded using TIF funds, no funds from the approved levies or the general fund will be used for construction.

All recommendations are from the consultant's report, we will continue to work from his report to provide our residents with the best, most trained personnel we can provide within the limits of the funds you have approved for us. Once again, thank you for your confidence. We will continue to give updates in this newsletter as they occur for your fire department.

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Cincinnati Civic Orchestra

Sunday, March 15, 2020 at 2:30pm

Miami Township Community Center

"Ode to the SWORD"

A Celebration of OUR History!

In commemoration of the return to Hamilton County, Ohio of the stolen sword once owned by Colonel John Cleves Symmes and President William Henry Harrison (our 9th U.S. President), The Trustees of Miami Township and The Harrison Symmes Memorial Foundation are proud to present:

The Cincinnati Civic Orchestra

Playing a special arrangement for this occasion written by local resident, retired Three Rivers educator and orchestra member Ed Howard Along with various other musical pieces

THE SWORD WILL BE ON DISPLAY!

EASTER EGG HUNT!

Saturday 4/4/2020

Join us for the Easter Egg Hunt at the Miami Township Community Center. Sponsored by: Miami Township, the Miami Heights Civic Association, Day's Pharmacy and the Miami Heights Business Association, Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph of the Three Rivers #11550.

Miami Township Senior Center
Marsha Heath, Director
8 North Miami Ave Cleves, Ohio 45002

What a great year this has started out to be for the members of the Senior Center. We have not closed one day due to ice or snow. That enabled everyone not to miss a class or an activity. Staying active and engaging in social activities is what life for seniors is all about. Are you a member? We do some pretty exciting things at the Center. \$5.00 per year for township residents and \$7.50 for all others. Age requirement is 55 and over. Members receive a monthly newsletter.

This year marks the 37th year for the Senior Center. The Miami Township Trustees truly had the vision of a safe and fun place for seniors to hang out. Our mission statement reads "The Miami Township Senior Center's mission is to provide a clean, safe and friendly environment encouraging nutrition, education, socialization, physical and mental stimulation on a daily basis".

2020 brings about fabulous trips, both cruises and bus trips along with day trips in our very own passenger van, "The Schummer Shuttle". We've added exercise classes for every day, to give you a choice of the type of exercise that fit you best. There are birthday parties, classes, movie days, three days of card playing, 15 exercise machines, puzzle and book area, chair volleyball, table games and the list goes on.

We have many volunteers that make this place what it is. They are beyond valuable for so many reasons. From working the front desk to doing the dishes. They never cease to amaze us.

The Center organizes other functions with businesses to bring in such things as lectures, demonstrations, daily lunches, monthly blood pressures, health and safety classes and three craft shows per year with vendors and crafters.

I invite you to come down and see the Center for yourself. You may or not be old enough but you might know someone that could be interested and not know about our services. We can keep our costs down because it's a membership based Senior Center. Our hours are Monday thru Friday 8-4. (513-941-2854) Dues run from April 1 thru March 31. Join today! You can find us on the township website.

"UNLIKELY GENERAL"
BY MARY STOCKWELL

WHEN: Thursday April 2, 2020 7:00PM

WHERE: Miami Township Community Center
3780 Shady Lane
North Bend, Ohio 45052

WHAT: "Mad" Anthony Wayne and the Battle for America
Expert Military Tactician and Mentor to WH Harrison

WHY: He was certain that only careful planning, and near fanatical training of his men could save Ohio and the United States from another disaster in the wilderness.

WHO: Mary Stockwell received her PhD in American History from the University of Toledo and was a professor of history and department chair at Lourdes University. Mary is an Earhart Foundation Fellow at the University of Michigan and is currently a full-time author. Mary spoke in Miami Township in 2018 on her book, "The Other Trail of Tears."



Oakdale Elementary School is now home to one of Hamilton County's free residential yard trimmings drop-off sites.

This site will be replacing the former Kuliga Park location. The county's three drop-off sites, Oakdale, Rumpke Landfill, and Bzak Landscaping will kick-off on Saturday, March 28! For more information:

http://www.hamiltoncountyclecyls.org/residents/composting/yard_trimming_drop-off_sites

IMPORTANT TOWNSHIP PHONE NUMBERS

Trustee	Jack Rininger	941-1970
Trustee	Paul Beck	941-6035
Trustee	Dan Blanton	373-9378
Fiscal Officer	Cindy Oser	467-3747
Administration Office		941-2466
	<i>Margie Ober, Administrative Assist.</i>	
Administration Fax		941-9307
Township Hall		941-2890
	<i>Jim & Stella Beagle</i>	
Maintenance Department		941-4557
	<i>Ron Miller, Superintendent</i>	
Cemetery Information		941-4557
Fire Department		941-2466
	<i>Chief Stephen Ober</i>	
Miami Twp. Senior Center		941-2854
	<i>Marsha Heath, Director</i>	
Miami Twp. Community Center		941-2466
Miami Twp. Library		369-6050
Hamilton Co. Board of Elections		632-7000
CASS-Cincinnati Area Senior Services		721-4330
Hamilton Co. Health District		946-7800
Hamilton Co. Zoning		946-4550
Hamilton Co. Public Works		946-4750
Hamilton Co. Engineers		946-4969
Recycling-Rumpke		800-582-3107
Rumpke		851-0122
Non-Emergency Police		825-1500
Three Rivers School District		941-6400
Yard Waste Hotline		946-7755

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Township meetings are the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 15th	Cincinnati Civic Orchestra <i>Ode to the Sword</i> <i>Miami Twp. Community Center</i>	2:30PM
April 2nd	Speaker Mary Stockwell <i>Unlikely General</i>	7PM
April 4th	Easter Egg Hunt	1PM - 2PM
April 25th	National Drug Take Back Day	10AM - 2PM

2020 Miami Township Summer Concerts

Mark your calendar for this years concert series! We are welcoming back two favorites!

- DV8 Friday, August 14, 2020 7:30pm
- Sullivan Janszen Band, Friday, August 21,



NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

Saturday 4/25/2020



The Hamilton County Sheriff's Department will hold a Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, April 25, 2020 10:00am – 2:00pm at the Miami Township Fire Department Headquarters. Bring prescription drugs for safe disposal.