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OHIO'S FIRST GREENSPACE TOWNSHIP



Welcome TO ANDERSON TOWNSHIP

FINE RESIDENTIAL HOMES, QUALITY SCHOOLS AND SUPERIOR RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ARE FOUND IN THIS VIBRANT COMMUNITY

Welcome to Anderson Township, a Greater Cincinnati community situated between the banks of the Ohio and Little Miami Scenic rivers, and about 15 minutes from downtown Cincinnati.

In this magazine, you'll learn more about why so many people choose to live in Anderson Township, an award-winning community that is exemplary in many ways.

Soon, we hope you'll personally discover what many say about Anderson Township. We're a friendly community with great schools and excellent recreational opportunities. We offer a diverse stock of beautiful homes on hilly, wooded lots, a growing sense of community, and a superior quality of life.

Here are a few facts about Anderson Township:

- Anderson continues to be one of the most desirable Greater Cincinnati communities. Homeowners enjoy high resale values, recognizing and appreciating their good investment.
- Anderson has more than 2,700 acres of greenspace, lush active and passive parks, open space and other publicly accessible lands, including quality golf courses.

- Anderson continues to maintain an extremely high level of single-family owner-occupied homes.
- Anderson is financially sound and efficiently governed by leaders committed to fiscal conservatism.
- Anderson has one of the lowest effective residential property tax rates of any Hamilton County community without a payroll tax.
- Anderson has carefully leveraged its assets, generating an infusion of more than \$400 million in public and private investments in its commercial areas since 2000, creating better safety, recreation and public services for residents.
- In 2016 and 2017, more than \$165 million in private and public investment is anticipated in the "center of the community" within a half mile of Anderson Towne Center.

Take a few minutes to learn why Anderson Township is one of Cincinnati's most desirable residential communities!

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*Front cover photo of Coney Island balloons by Henry Dolive;
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Public Services

RESIDENTS BENEFIT FROM EXCELLENT TOWNSHIP SERVICES

Anderson Township provides high quality public services that preserve and improve the quality of life for township residents. New residents will quickly discover the rewards of living in a township: superior services delivered at economic rates and leadership that is responsive to citizen needs. Residents often say the absence of excessive regulations and government red tape is refreshing.

A board of three elected officials called trustees, and an elected fiscal officer govern township matters. Operating under a Limited Home Rule form of government, the township has increased flexibility to deliver services within the simple form of township government to the end of protecting citizens, enhancing the community's viability and increasing opportunities for work and play.

Township trustees are proactive, progressive leaders who welcome comments from community residents. Trustees usually meet the third Thursday of each month in Anderson Center. Meetings are open to the public and are broadcast on the community's own cable-access television station, Anderson Community Television.

FIRE, RESCUE AND EMS

Anderson Township operates its own professional fire and emergency services through the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department. Known for its excellent service, community education programs and dedicated fulltime firefighter/paramedics, the department provides paramedic, firefighter, rescue and life safety services to Anderson Township and the Village of Newtown from its four fire stations. With a "3" Insurance Services Offices rating, the township joins an elite group of communities countrywide, only 8.7 percent attaining this rating.

SHERIFF'S SERVICES

Safety services in Anderson Township are provided under contract through the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office District 5 headquarters. Deputies offer small-town personal contact, while also contributing resources available in a large law enforcement organization. The community has one of the most active Neighborhood Watch programs in the Midwest, with 104 active groups. The program was the recipient of the National Sheriffs' Association 2012 Neighborhood Watch Award of Excellence.

PLANNING AND ZONING

The township's Planning and Zoning Department oversees all of the planning and zoning related matters that occur within the township. It performs a research and analysis function by using geographic information systems and other related information sources to aid Anderson Township's elected officials and citizens in making sound planning and zoning decisions. The department also serves as staff to several of Anderson Township's citizen advisory committees comprised of nearly 100 residents and business owners. These committees examine issues focused on economic development, transportation, zoning, Greenspace, urban forestry and beautification.

PUBLIC WORKS

When that first snow of the season arrives, Anderson Township's Public Works Department has the reputation of quickly clearing the snow on more than 120 miles of township streets it maintains. Anderson puts maximum effort into keeping roads safe so residents can get to work, school and commerce.

To learn more about Anderson Township's services, go to the township's website at AndersonTownship.org.



Real Estate

HIGH QUALITY HOMES OFFER BUYERS
A LASTING INVESTMENT

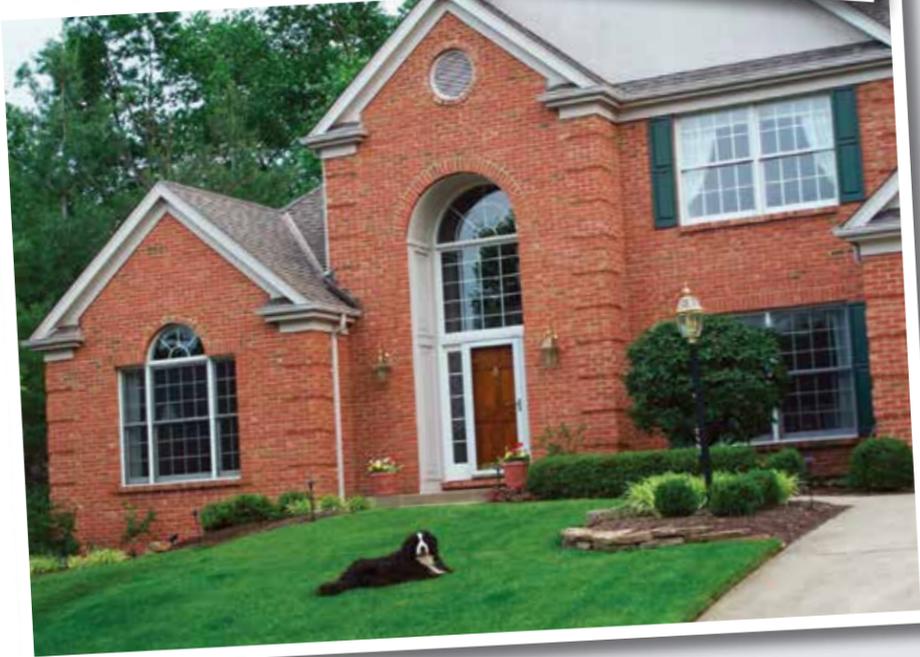
Anderson Township is a community comprised of quality housing that continues to be a good investment. Beautiful homes situated on rolling hills, in landscaped subdivisions and on large green wooded estates are available, along with attractive starter homes, apartments and town homes.

With comparably lower taxes and no payroll tax, Anderson's residential properties are affordable and sought after for buyers in both by the new and previously-owned housing market.

The quality education offered by the Forest Hills School District and excellent public amenities support high resale values for residents. Homes are enhanced by the community's commitment to Greenspace, Ohio's first publicly-supported Greenspace program, and the community's superior township and Hamilton County park districts. Residents also appreciate the high quality of public and safety services offered in the township.

Anderson Township is a family-oriented community, busy and full of opportunities to connect with other neighbors. Convenience and access to many leisure opportunities rate high on residents' lists. The township's entertainment area along the Ohio River provides yet another reason people enjoy the area.

Local dining and shopping options are abundant and growing. A considerable investment in public infrastructure helps position Anderson as a community of choice in Greater Cincinnati. From bike trails and sidewalks to streetscape enhancements and community events, this sense of connection is stronger than ever. The excitement continues with more than \$100 million being invested in Forest Hills School District buildings by 2018.



SOLD

2015 average home sales prices

Anderson Township	\$272,057
Mason	\$333,606
Symmes Township	\$370,426
Union Township	\$174,060
West Chester Township	\$259,857

Statistics provided by MLS



Schools



Forest Hills is a place where all members of the district are engaged in providing educational opportunities that empower students to excel. With a tradition of excellence and a supportive community, Forest Hills provides an innovative curriculum, high expectations and total devotion to young people. As a comprehensive preschool through 12th-grade public school district, FHSD serves approximately 7,350 students in Anderson Township and the Village of Newtown.

The district is home to nine neighborhood schools offering more than 165 courses, four global languages, 23 Advanced Placement courses, 100 extracurricular activities, 28 sports and an array of fine and performing arts opportunities. By blending face-to-face instruction with technology, FHSD provides personalized, student-centered learning that empowers students to fully explore their subjects and interests.

HIGHLIGHTS

IN 2015, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation named 12 FHSD seniors as semifinalists in the annual National Merit Scholarship Program, an honor less than 1 percent of the country's high school students achieves. An additional 12 students joined the ranks of the top 5 percent of high school seniors when they were named commended students.

SEVENTY-SEVEN PERCENT of FHSD's teaching staff have a master's degree or higher and 51 percent of staff have been with the district for 10 years or more. The student to faculty ratio is 1:20. The FHSD graduation rate is 95.3 percent.

FHSD DEDICATES 72.1 PERCENT of the district's operational budget to classroom instruction, ranking the district 32nd out of more than 600 districts in the state in regards to the percentage of the budget spent on classroom instruction. The district is financially supported by several parent organizations, as well as the Forest Hills Foundation for Education, a nonprofit that raises funds to supplement and enhance school district programming.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of Music Merchants named Forest Hills one of the Best Communities for Music Education in the nation, a title given to only 25 districts in Ohio. Visit www.foresthills.edu for more information.

OTHER SCHOOL OPTIONS

For those opting for vocational education, Anderson residents may attend the Great Oaks Joint Vocational schools, which fill the need with a postsecondary facility serving Forest Hills and nine other area school districts.

The Anderson area hosts several quality private and parochial schools including Immaculate Heart of Mary School, Guardian Angels School, McNicholas High School and Miami Valley Christian Academy. The area is close to learning opportunities offered by the University of Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky University or Xavier University. Numerous other four-year institutions are within a half-hour drive.





Parks and Recreation

The Anderson Township Park District is dedicated to providing Anderson Township residents with quality parks, facilities and programs.

AN AWARD-WINNING PARK DISTRICT

Since 1975, the Anderson Township Park District has been serving Anderson Township residents as an active park and recreation agency. The district has earned a reputation for providing outstanding programs, events and parks and has won numerous awards for its facilities, events and website, and for the innovation of its management staff.

COME PLAY IN OUR YARD

Five hundred acres of parkland comprise the Anderson Township Park District. The park district's top priority is to serve as a good steward of parklands and resources, while providing a broad range of recreational opportunities. The parks are open every day of the year for residents' benefit and enjoyment. Amenities include playgrounds, hike/bike

trails, athletic fields, courts for pickleball, volleyball, tennis, and basketball, a skate park, shelters, a dog park (permit required), open space and wooded areas. The Beech Acres Park RecPlex features a gym and classrooms, which support year-round, indoor activities for the whole family.



Programs include summer camps, junior high park parties, outdoor concerts and movies, art classes and special programs geared for the whole family. Sport enthusiasts participate in an extensive array of athletics, including softball, soccer, volleyball, cornhole and basketball.

Special events hosted by the Anderson Township Park District include: **Daddy Daughter Dance, Easter Egg Hunt, A Fair of the Arts, Santa's Workshop,** and the **Greater Anderson Days** celebration. Info: AndersonParks.com.

GREAT PARKS OF HAMILTON COUNTY

Great Parks of Hamilton County has four parks of more than 2,200 acres within minutes from Anderson Township, including **Otto Armleder Memorial Park and Recreation Complex, Little Miami Golf Center** (including **Avoca** and **Bass Island**), **Withrow Nature Preserve** and **Woodland Mound**.

Otto Armleder Memorial Park and Recreation Complex is best known for its 10-acre dog park with play fields and water fountains. Located near Lunken Airport, it also offers a paved trail with a connector to the Lunken Loop, soccer fields, playground and paddling access to the Little Miami River. The park is a joint venture between the Cincinnati Park Board, Cincinnati Recreation Commission and Great Parks of Hamilton County.

Little Miami Golf Center is the place to get in a solid round of golf. Practice on the natural turf practice area, the putting course or the covered, heated driving range. Access is available to the Little Miami Scenic Trail from the golf center, Bass Island (off Newtown Road) and Avoca Trailhead (off Wooster Pike), as well as paddling access to the Little Miami Scenic River. New to the center is a connection to the 3-mile extension of the Little Miami Scenic Trail, linking to Cincinnati and beyond.



Many area couples have taken their marriage vows in the beautifully wooded outdoor wedding setting in **Withrow Nature Preserve**, which seats up to 100 guests and offers bridal party use of the Highwood Lodge. This park also includes the scenic Trout Lily Trail.

At **Woodland Mound**, enjoy a variety of recreational opportunities, including playgrounds and picnic areas, an 18-hole Frisbee golf course, nature trails and paved trails, a public boat launch to the Ohio River and the popular wet playground, Parky's Wetland Adventure. The Steamboat Bend Campground provides beautiful views of the Ohio River and a 4.5 star golf course. Sweetwine Banquet Center is also open for golf outings, events and meetings.

Learn more about Great Parks of Hamilton County at greatparks.org.

GOLF COURSES

Coldstream Country Club, a private membership club, and two public golf courses operated by Great Parks of Hamilton County are in Anderson Township. The public **Vineyard Golf Course** is an award-winning course rivaling some of the best private courses.



ENTERTAINMENT

The **Coney Island/Riverbend/Belterra Park** complex on the Ohio River is one of the most visited tourist spots in Ohio. Operating since 1886, Coney Island is home to the world's largest recirculating swimming pool. Take a slippery ride down the water slide or thrill at the Typhoon Tower, a giant interactive water play structure.

Outdoor concerts at the river's edge on balmy summer evenings don't get much better than at Riverbend Music Center, Cincinnati's premier outdoor music venue presenting first-class entertainment for up to 20,000 music lovers of all ages. A second, more intimate setting, the PNC Pavilion, seats 4,100.

Belterra Park Gaming & Entertainment Center is the newest addition to Anderson's entertainment district bringing gaming, dining and live racing to the region. The center, owned by Pinnacle Entertainment, was built on the historic River Downs Racetrack site.



Greenspace in Anderson

PROTECTING TOWNSHIP'S NATURAL BEAUTY

The Anderson Township Greenspace program continues as a point of much community pride and serves as a model for other Ohio townships. The program preserves and protects 74 parcels of property totaling more than 687 acres. Parcels range in size from less than a quarter acre to more than 109 acres. There are 21 parcels that each exceed 10 acres in size.

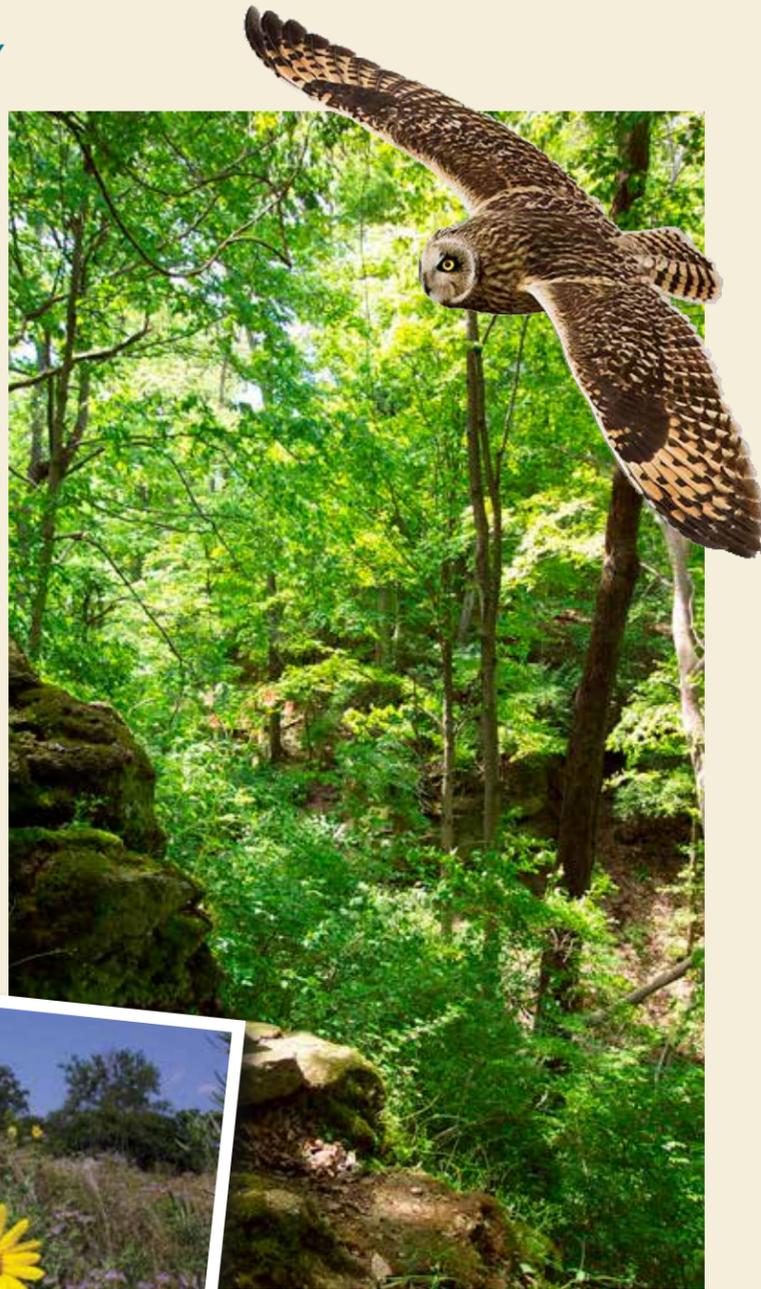
Residents hike these natural areas, exploring beautiful wooded hillsides and vistas overlooking both the Ohio and Little Miami rivers.

Protected Greenspace locations are dispersed all around the township and can be found by visiting the township website (AndersonTownship.org) which contains information about the program's history, acquisition criteria, use and maintenance policies, a map with Greenspace parcel locations and FAQs.

Anderson Township was once a lightly populated rural community known for its orchards and sweeping river views. Change came quickly in the 1960s, when a period of rapid residential and commercial growth transformed this quiet community into a developing suburb with nearly 45,000 in population.

In the late 1980s, during a period of growth, Anderson Township residents and officials took steps to preserve the natural character of the community. State officials, with leadership from the Anderson Township trustees, passed House Bill 717 that allowed townships to acquire land to be preserved in its natural state. In November 1990, voters passed a .9 mill levy to support a Greenspace program.

That year, Anderson Township became the first Ohio township to adopt a Greenspace program under this bill. The first parcel was acquired in spring 1991.



In November 1995, Anderson Township residents approved a renewal of the Greenspace tax levy. In 2000, this tax levy was allowed to expire, as affordable

properties were harder to find. However, through good stewardship of the tax funds allocated to this program, some money is still available for buying properties. Residents continue to donate land with about 50 acres given as donations.



Trails

ANDERSON TRAILS: CONNECTING THE COMMUNITY

Anderson Township residents are very proud of their popular trails program which has entailed construction of more than 18 miles of sidewalks and trails for the enjoyment, convenience and non-vehicular transportation needs of its residents.

Since 1993, the township has undertaken an aggressive campaign to build its signature Anderson Trails program, with the award-winning Five Mile Trail traversed by bikers and walkers alike. This 2.5 mile hilly, wooded trail links the Turpin High School area to Five Mile Road amenities, and to Anderson Center, the Anderson Towne Center and ultimately to the Beechmont Business Corridor, connecting northern Anderson Township to the southern portion of the township. In 2015, the trail received regional recognition with a "Best of the East Exercise Trail" award from Cincy Magazine.

More than \$4 million in grant funding has facilitated construction of key links on Asbury, State, Nagel and Wolfangel roads. Six other links have recently been implemented. Together, these connect thousands of households with a direct link to the trails network and key destinations in the heart of the township.

Anderson also completed a 1.5 mile portion of the 14-mile Ohio River Trail project, which links Anderson Township with New Richmond to the east and the city of Cincinnati to the west. A new 3-mile extension of the Little Miami Scenic Trail has recently been completed.

Anderson has been very successful in securing outside funds for projects, netting more than \$20 million in grants for transportation and trail projects since 2000.

Anderson Events

SHREDDING, RECYCLING DAYS

Safely discard unnecessary or sensitive papers during the free Shredding Day event hosted at Anderson Center along with the annual Recycling Days event. Held on the second Saturday of May, residents may recycle or dispose of a variety of unwanted items at no cost.

COMMUNITY CLEANUPS

Each April residents take to the streets and parks to clean up their community. The event is sponsored through Keep Cincinnati Beautiful.

TOWNSHIP-WIDE GARAGE SALE

Buy or sell treasures at the community-wide garage sale, set for the first Saturday in May each year.



ANDERSON FARMERS' MARKET

The vibrant Anderson Farmers' Market begins the season in late April inside Anderson Center Station and moves outdoors Memorial Day into October. Vendors offer a diverse bounty of local fresh produce and cottage industry products. Special events make the market a favorite Saturday gathering place. Get the details at: AndersonFarmersMarket.org.

ANDERSON GARDEN TOUR

Green thumb enthusiasts and those who are just novices both enjoy the annual Garden Tour, hosted the first Sunday in June at a variety of local gardens. This free tour-at-your-own-speed event, coordinated by the township's Betterment and Beautification Committee, covers both professionally landscaped and owner-landscaped gardens.

PARTIES ON THE PLAZA

Party on the Plaza is the Eastside's premier summer concert series that combines local restaurants and businesses with live music and a fun atmosphere. All food and beverages are \$4 or less. The event is hosted on Thursday evenings at Anderson Center throughout the warm months. AndersonPartyOnThePlaza.com



INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

One of the biggest and most popular community events each year is the Independence Day Parade on Beechmont Avenue. The parade is led by a volunteer committee with township support and some 10,000 spectators line the street to enjoy the day. The day wraps up with a festival at Anderson Towne Center.



GREATER ANDERSON DAYS

Greater Anderson Days, hosted annually in late July for more than 18 years, is Anderson's signature summer festival. Come for rides, entertainment and fireworks that top off the celebration.



JACK-O-LANTERN WALK

Anderson Center lights up in festive fall fashion during late October for a popular Halloween event. Enjoy glowing carved, lit pumpkins provided by local residents and more fun during this kid-friendly celebration.

TREE LIGHTING

When the cold wind starts blowing, it's nearly time for Anderson's signature winter event – a festive tree lighting on the streetscape at Anderson Towne Center. Hosted on the first Saturday in December, the outdoor festival includes wagon rides, visits with Santa and his elves, and holiday entertainment.



Anderson Venues

ANDERSON CENTER AND LAKE ANDERSON HERITAGE CENTER

Stroll through the beautifully appointed Anderson Center and newly refurbished Heritage Center and see for yourself the gracious elegance that makes them the perfect backdrop for all gatherings.



Anderson Center is a popular destination for entertainment, civic events, and family gatherings. The facility provides one-stop shopping for township residents and is home to township government offices including planning and zoning, fiscal, fire and rescue and public works. An attractive 223-seat theater is often used by local theater and music groups and is available for rental. *Planning a wedding?* Look no further for the perfect venue! Choose from the stylish Community Meeting Room, the open and airy Upper and Lower Atriums, or the outdoor serenity of the lakeside South Plaza.

The Heritage Center is perfect for family reunions, holiday get-togethers and weddings hosting up to 150 people. It's the perfect setting for any event, small or large, and is a memorable venue that has been tastefully updated.

ANDERSON CENTER STATION

Anderson Township manages the Anderson Center Station, an affordable venue that is open in the evenings and on weekends. The station is perfect for small meetings and parties up to 40 people.

For more information about rental facilities and venues, contact Amy Meyer at 688-8400 or ameyer@AndersonTownship.org and AndersonCenterEvents.org.



Pottinger Photography





Shoppes at Anderson Towne Center rendering

Economic Development

FORWARD THINKING DRIVES TOWNSHIP'S PROGRESS

Anderson Township is an ideal location in which to do business. With easy access to highway transportation, strong demographics and a community committed to economic growth, large and small businesses alike have found the area a desirable location for their investment.

Anderson Township has seen a dramatic central transformation in recent years, with the infusion of private development focused in part in and around the Anderson Towne Center and neighboring office developments.

This growth has been fueled by more than \$400 million in private investment over the last several years, concentrated near the center of the community along Beechmont Avenue and Five Mile Road. This includes more than \$100 million in 2016 and 2017 at Mercy Health-Anderson Hospital and in redevelopment in and around Anderson Towne Center. Private investment has and will include retail redevelopment and several hundred thousand square feet of new office development. These changes have been coupled with public investments around Anderson Center and streetscape improvements enhancing the economic vitality of the center of the community.

However, investment has not only been limited to the core of the community. Recommendations contained within the Anderson Plan have helped coordinate and guide public and private investment throughout the township, from recreational improvements along the Little Miami River to the more than \$200 million Belterra Park redevelopment

and strengthening of the township's entertainment area. In between, more than \$4 million in public improvements along Salem Road and Clough Pike is instilling a vibrancy and renewed focus to these important neighborhood business districts. Additionally, thanks to a 2014 bond issue passed by residents, Forest Hills School District will invest more than \$100 million into their nine school facilities.

To facilitate positive momentum, in 2008 township trustees created a citizen-led economic development committee to foster and encourage local economic development. Recommendations stemming from this committee's effort have been implemented with the cooperation of Anderson's government, local businesses and the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce. Numerous organized business districts help connect to nearby neighborhoods and promote local businesses, with the goal of keeping the community's small businesses strong and viable.



Downtown Anderson rendering



BEECHMONT CORRIDOR

The heart of the Anderson business district is the Beechmont Corridor, which runs from Mt. Washington to the county line east of Nordyke Road.

Safety and convenience for both shoppers and drivers has been significantly increased in recent years through implementation of the Beechmont Corridor Plan. Created by a joint task force of the Anderson Township Trustees and the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce, the project today relies on inter-agency cooperation and the efforts of the township to continue its goal of increased safety. Traffic flow, expanded safety reforms and economic vitality of the corridor have been targeted by Anderson Township Trustees as areas in which to invest.

In recent years, traffic safety improvements have been made along the roadway, including coordinated traffic signals, more turning lanes, combined parking lots and access drives, and key sidewalk connections. Upgrades have been coupled with decorative walls and pedestrian



plazas with handicapped ramps at major intersections. Add in the trees and landscaping previously introduced along the corridor, and residents and visitors alike have noted the drive down Beechmont is more pleasing and also easier to navigate.

More progress is in store for Beechmont Avenue. Planned improvements along the corridor include driveway upgrades, additional sidewalks, signal upgrades, turning lanes, and creation of a "Downtown Anderson" area near the Anderson Towne Center. Along with improvements to the Five Mile and Beechmont intersection, the changes will enhance safety and ultimately the economic vitality of the corridor in concert with the township's award-winning Beechmont Corridor Plan. From ongoing aesthetic and access improvements along this important corridor to enhanced guidelines for the style of new development outlined in township plans for the corridor, the future of our community and Beechmont Avenue is bright!



Turpin High School remodeled entrance rendering



Shopping and Dining

Whether you plan to “shop ‘til you drop,” or enjoy a family dinner out, Anderson Township’s numerous shopping and dining options can fulfill your needs.

Residents will find many goods and services on the Beechmont corridor, which runs through the center of the community. Shoppers recognize the diversity of business options on Beechmont, sporting both mom and pop businesses and national chains.

In the heart of Anderson Township lies the Anderson Towne Center, anchored by Macy’s, a new Carmike Cinemas (under construction), and what will be one of the nation’s largest Kroger stores. With its numerous restaurants connected by an attractive, now-expanding streetscape and

related development at Beechmont and Wolfangel, the area is a central point in the community. The center is connected to the Five Mile Trail and adjacent to beautiful Anderson Center, the township’s signature civic, government and arts facility.

Other neighborhood business districts, such as those along Salem Road and Clough Pike, join together for special promotions and events. These areas also provide convenient shopping options often within walking distance of many households.

Dining options in Anderson are both diverse and expanding. Featuring both well-known fine dining chains and smaller hometown eateries, there is something for everyone who chooses to go out to eat.

Senior Services

Seniors living in Anderson Township will find the community rich in the resources they desire to enjoy a high quality of life.

Anderson’s senior residents find opportunities to learn, grow, socialize and recreate at a variety of locations and programs throughout the township. Longtime support has been provided through the Anderson Senior Center and a growing number of activities at the Anderson Township Park District’s RecPlex at Beech Acres Park.

In addition, the Council on Aging of Southwest Ohio provides multiple services focused on helping seniors maintain independent living and enjoy a high quality of life. Seniors can tap into the Council on Aging’s network of care, including home visits, crisis intervention,



information and referrals, and insurance and benefit questions. Professional nursing care is offered, as well as transportation to appointments and for errands. Helpful nutritional support may also be available to Anderson residents in a home-delivered meals services, important to homebound older adults.

Living options are numerous in the township, with new “empty-nester” housing available in several subdivisions. Whether you look for retirement villas, independent living options, skilled nursing care or other senior living choices, Anderson Township has facilities to meet those needs.





Health Care and Fitness

Anderson residents are fortunate to have convenient access to **Mercy Health-Anderson Hospital**, a full-service nationally recognized acute care hospital, and numerous health care professionals located in Anderson Township.

Anderson Hospital is part of the Mercy Health network. This top Cincinnati hospital was named winner of several national awards including being recognized 11 times as one of the 100 Top Hospitals in the nation by Truven Health and Becker's Hospital Review.

Located at the intersection of State and Five Mile roads, Anderson Hospital offers:

- Advanced medical care through its 24-hour emergency care department,
- Comprehensive heart care with open heart surgery,
- A Joint Commission Accredited Orthopaedics center for excellence for knees, hips and shoulders,
- A women's health center, maternity care, and cancer care.

Completed in fall 2016 will be a \$74 million campus expansion project, which includes 90 new all private-patient rooms and a new 21-bed intensive care unit expanding critical care services.

STAY HEALTHY

Across the street from Anderson Hospital is the Mercy Health - **Anderson HealthPlex**, also part of Mercy Health, a beautiful multi-faceted facility. Inside you'll find a large, state-of-the-art fitness center, an outpatient clinic operated by Children's Hospital Medical Center and offices.

The **M.E. Lyons YMCA** on Clough Pike offers recreational and fitness opportunities seven days a week for every age group. Both indoor and outdoor pools are popular, with an award-winning swim team sponsored by the organization.

The YMCA also operates a family fitness center with cardiovascular and strength training equipment, tennis, racquetball, aerobic studio, a full court gymnasium, licensed preschool, before and after school care and more. Other fitness facilities, and tennis and swim clubs, provide many exercise options for residents on the go.

Library and Anderson Community Television

Two early learning computer stations for young children and one for older children, help youngsters with intellectual development. A drive-up book drop provides convenience for patrons on the go.

ANDERSON COMMUNITY TELEVISION

Anderson Community Television is your local community access station serving Anderson Township. For no cost, residents can use facilities and borrow equipment to produce their own television show, or air a special event. An ACTV staff member is on hand to help businesses and non-profit organizations raise awareness of their services.

ACTV loans out HD cameras to record programs for broadcast and/or allows Anderson residents to use ACTV's studio space and editing equipment. Basic training sessions on how to use the equipment are available by appointment at no cost. Programs can be edited on Adobe Premiere Pro.

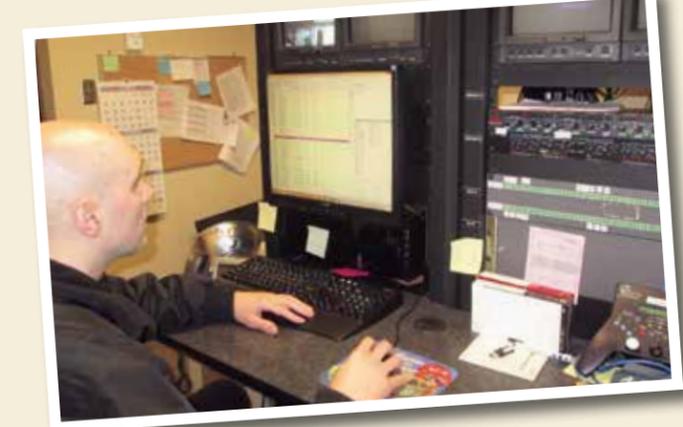


ANDERSON BRANCH LIBRARY

The Anderson Branch Library is one of the busiest and highest circulating facilities in the 40-branch city-county system of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. The collection includes over 120,000 print items and more than 35,000 audiovisual items including DVDs, books on CD and music on CD.

The library also loans out digital eBooks, eAudiobooks, music and magazines that can be downloaded to library customer's portable device(s). The Anderson Community Collection is a selection of books of cultural and artistic significance that were purchased with funds from the Anderson Township Library Association. The branch offers a full slate of programming for children, teens and adults, including weekly story times for children, maker programs for teens and craft programs for adults.

Special resources of the Anderson Branch Library include free Internet and computer access, free use of numerous subscription based databases, including ProQuest and *Ancestry.com*, as well as a meeting room with a large screen for video presentations.



To access local government programming, go to *AC-TV.org* for all government videos. All township government meetings are broadcast live on ACTV. Other locally produced television shows include *Party on the Plaza*, *Trustee Talk* and shows highlighting cooking, nature and business.

ACTV's programs are all broadcast on Channels 8, 15, 18 and 24 with one differential. If you have the Cable-Ready service, Ch. 4 is the equivalent of Ch. 8 on a Set Top Box. All ACTV services are free!

History OF ANDERSON TOWNSHIP

Anderson Township is a community focused on the future, yet connected to its pioneer past. For most of its history, Anderson Township more closely resembled its early farming settlements rather than the suburban community of today.

This well-watered fertile land has been the home to people since the glaciers receded more than 10,000 years ago. The cultures that lived on this land for thousands of years left earthworks, mounds and evidence of villages that fascinate us today.

The earliest settlers to arrive in the southeastern Hamilton County area landed at the confluence of the west bank of the Little Miami River and the Ohio River where in 1788 Major Benjamin Stites established a settlement. Two years later, the first permanent fortified settlement in Anderson Township was created: Garard/Martin Station. This untamed area became home for people seeking property ownership and a better life. For them, the Ohio River Valley was considered a prime location in the new land of opportunity. In the spring of 1793, the area became a township (of Hamilton County) and was named after Richard Clough Anderson, surveyor of the area's Virginia Military District.

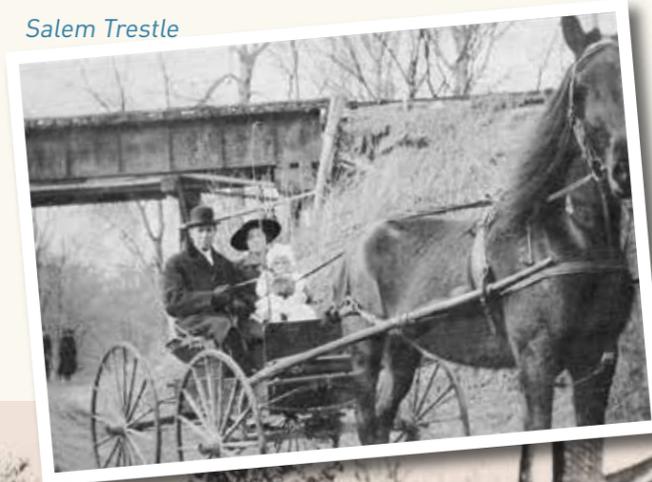
*Beechmont Avenue
circa 1910*



Other familiar names that live on today in the community derive from the earliest pioneers. The first settler in nearby Mt. Washington was Stephen Sutton. Ichabod Benton Miller was one of the first to live in the Clough-Newtown area. His home, now known as the Miller-Leuser Log House, is a well-known historical landmark on Clough Pike.

Built in the late 1700s, the log house was used as a residence until 1968. It was purchased by the Anderson Township Historical Society in 1971 and is maintained by the dedicated volunteers of the Historical Society, who offer tours of the property on the first and third Sundays June through October and by special arrangement for classes and other groups.

Salem Trestle



New settlers made their way here after 1795, enjoying an area boasting fertile farmland and enticing waterways.

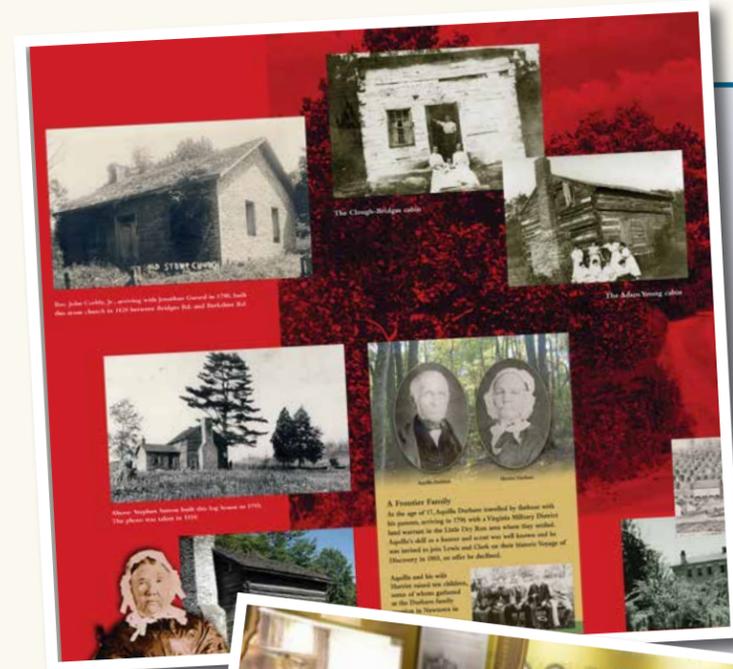
While there was plenty of land, the area's population remained relatively small and stable throughout the 1800s. Most township residents were farmers whose orchards and farmlands dominated the area. The historic James Clark Stone House (circa 1802) at the corner of Hunley Road and Clough Pike is now owned by the township. Reflecting its agricultural roots, a nursery now leases the surrounding yard and sells plants during the growing season.

By the 1900s, Coney Island became a popular place for family outings and picnickers. The nearby California area riverfront also gained in popularity as rail service ran through the township in the early 1900s.

Modest growth continued through the early 20th century. When the new Beechmont levee was completed in 1950s the township entered a period of significant growth as it became feasible to easily commute to downtown from Anderson. This population increase was further accelerated, in part, due to the completion of I-275 in the early 1970s, including the Combs-Hale Bridge over the Ohio River. Between 1950 and 1985, the population quadrupled. Today's population is approximately 45,000 residents.



James Clark House



HISTORY ROOM

UNEARTH'S TOWNSHIP'S RURAL PAST

Housing memorabilia, artifacts, documents, and photos from Anderson's past, Anderson's History Room is geared toward a "visitor's center" feel, where residents can learn more about the people, places and events that shaped the area. The room displays artifacts and information from native peoples to the present.

Anderson Township residents have donated many of the artifacts in the History Room. Using old maps, photos, Native American relics, farming implements, period clothing, quilts and more, the history of the township unfolds. A portion of a large, 170-year-old corn crib was reconstructed in the Anderson Township History Room to serve as the backdrop for the room's displays, reminding visitors of the community's rural heritage.

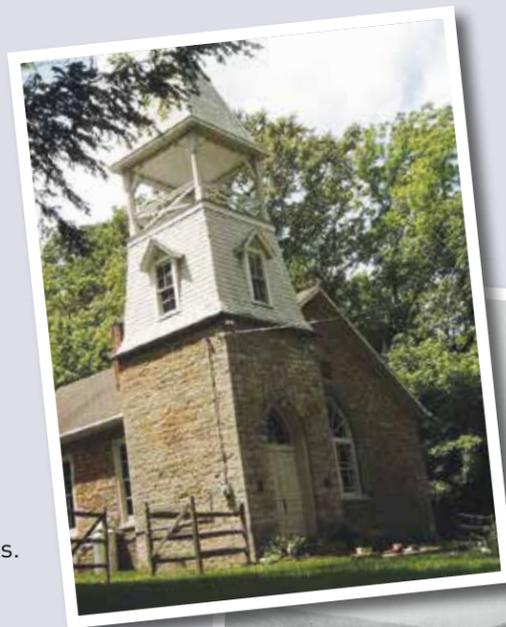
The History Room at Anderson Center is a joint venture of Anderson Township and the Anderson Township Historical Society. The History Room is open from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday and Wednesday, and Tuesdays from 6-8:30 p.m.

FIVE MILE CHAPEL

FIVE MILE ROAD

A scenic piece of Anderson Township's history is found in the beautiful stone Five Mile Chapel tucked away behind trees on the banks of Five Mile Creek. The chapel, which has no congregation, is cared for by the Five Mile Chapel Society, Inc., a group of residents who preserve and maintain this non-denominational facility.

Built in 1844, the chapel was one of the first United Brethren in Christ churches built in the area. It was in continuous use until 1963, when it was donated to the Five Mile Chapel Society. The society today rents it for religious services, weddings, baptisms and special events.



Five Mile Chapel today and in 1910



MILLER-LEUSER LOG HOUSE

CORNER OF BARTELS ROAD AND CLOUGH PIKE

One of the most obvious and noted links to Anderson Township's historic pioneer past is the Miller-Leuser Log House, at the corner of Bartels Road and Clough Pike. Thousands of people drive past this cabin each day, unaware that this structure is more than 200 years old, having been built in about 1795 or 1796.

Today, the cabin is host to curious area residents almost every week. It is enjoyed by Scout troops and student groups who often tour the two-story dwelling and learn about the artifacts within the home, and who also check out the barn, the corn crib and outhouse. The home was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974 and received an Ohio Historical Marker in 2011.



Miller-Leuser Log House

SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CORNER OF SALEM AND SUTTON ROADS

Salem Methodist Church was established by Francis McCormick, a preacher who came to Ohio from Kentucky because he disliked slavery and the distilling of whiskey. In 1805, he and his friends moved to Anderson Township and established a little village he called Salem (and others called McCormick's Settlement) to bring Methodism to the Northwest Territory. They built a large log dwelling partly used for religious services. Several buildings came after it to house the congregation.

McCormick Hall, which was built as a school building, stands east of the church today. The school was School District No. 5. In 1863 a frame church building was constructed, which was the fourth home of the Salem Methodist Church. This building is part of the church structure as it stands today.



Salem United Methodist Church and McCormick Hall

Trash and Recycling

Anderson Township's commitment to recycling benefits both the environment and the community. Each year Anderson emerges as a recycling leader, compared to other communities. A 2014 Hamilton County award designated Anderson as the having the Best Township Recycling Rate. The township is awarded reimbursement monies from the Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District based on how much material residents recycle. Funds earned support the drop-off recycling centers and portions of *Anderson Insights*.

RECYCLING OPTIONS

There are several convenient ways to recycle in Anderson Township. Curbside pickup is available with your weekly garbage pickup, with certain limitations. Newspaper, glass, aluminum and #1-7 plastic can be recycled at the curbside. Check your trash hauler's restrictions.

The Anderson Township Recycling Center, perhaps the busiest drop-off recycling facility in Greater Cincinnati, is located at the Anderson Township Operations Center, 7954 Beechmont Ave. This center accepts cardboard, newspaper, glass, aluminum and steel cans (with labels removed), jars and #1 and #2 plastics, plus clean plastic bags. Other items, including certain hazardous waste materials, can be recycled at the Shredding and Recycling

Days event hosted annually the second weekend of May. The recycling center will undergo changes in mid-2016 and move to sites located at Forest Hills schools, increasing accessibility to residents.

TRASH OPTIONS

Two waste haulers service Anderson Township: Rumpke and Republic Services. For contact information, see page 26.

Leaf and lawn debris can be picked up by both waste haulers at curbside if in bags or trash containers. Branches must be cut and tied in a bundle. Check with your trash hauler for further restrictions.

Brush and tree branches may be recycled for free at the Bzak Landscaping yard waste drop-off site on 3295 Turpin Lane (off Ohio 32 in Anderson just west of Newtown).

The center accepts yard waste seven days a week - from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, and from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends. During the winter the site is open only on weekdays.

Stringent rules govern burning of leaves and yard waste. Contact the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department at 688-8400 for more details.





Did You Know?

FAST FACTS FOR NEW RESIDENTS OF ANDERSON TOWNSHIP

- **Buying a home in Anderson Township** continues to be a solid investment. Between 2000 and 2010, the estimated median value of Anderson Township homes grew by 34 percent (U.S. Census) and the average resale of Anderson residences in 2015 was \$272,057. The total real property taxable value of Anderson Township is \$1.16 billion.
- **A little more than 86 percent of township residences are single-family, owner-occupied homes.** According to 2014 U.S. Census estimates, Anderson Township households had a median income of nearly \$89,000 per year, which was almost 80 percent higher than the state median.
- **Anderson Township's prototype Greenspace preservation program** indicates a significant community commitment to preserve open spaces. Greenspace properties are estimated to be worth more than \$13 million.
- Anderson Township includes more than **2,700 acres of greenspace in the form of parks, township Greenspace and other public outdoor recreational facilities.** This is five times more greenspace than the national average per resident according to the National Parks & Recreation Association Field report from 2015. This greenspace land encompasses more than 15.5 percent of total township acreage. So for every 1,000 residents in Anderson Township, there are 60 acres of greenspace.
- **Anderson Township has one of the lowest effective residential property tax rates** of any Hamilton County community without a payroll tax. In fact, Anderson's property tax rate is lower than that in many communities that also have a payroll tax, including the city of Cincinnati.
- **Anderson Township holds an AAA bond credit rating.** As of 2011, only 196 cities, villages and townships in the United States hold that rating, including 17 jurisdictions

in the state of Ohio and only two other Ohio townships. The Moody's Investors Service rating recognizes Anderson's history of conservative fiscal management, residential housing stock and extensive cash reserves.

Station (transit hub park and ride), Five Mile streetscape enhancement and traffic calming, Clough and Salem streetscape improvements and numerous sidewalk projects.

- **Anderson Township continues to see an infusion of public and private development.** Currently there are close to \$200 million worth of projects that will be completed by the year 2018. Strong median income, close proximity to downtown and an interest in diverse housing and retail options have developers flocking to the township.
- Anderson Township residents **continue to rate Fire/EMS/Rescue Services as "Best in Class."** The township is part of an elite group of communities with a "3" Insurance Services Offices rating; countrywide, only 8.7 percent of communities are in this category.



- Anderson's Public Works Department is widely recognized as having the ability to **clear snow from its 120 miles of township-maintained streets** quicker and better than any other area community.

- Anderson Township has its own hospital, Mercy Health-Anderson Hospital, which is **among the 100 Top Hospitals®** as noted by Truven Health Analytics.

- **The Anderson Township government receives only about 14.4 cents of each property tax dollar paid.** This 14.4 cents funds police and fire protection, road maintenance and snow removal, planning/zoning, public works, and special events, capital improvements and all other township operating functions.

- **Anderson Township's population continues to grow.** According to U.S. Census information, Anderson Township's population grew 8.8 percent from 39,939 to 43,446, gaining more residents than all but one of Hamilton County's 49 communities over the last 20 years.

- The ANCOR region, in the northeast corner of Anderson Township, contains **one of the largest concentrations of undeveloped industrially zoned property within the I-275 beltway.** The more than 500-acre area is suited for office/light industry usage. Already home to several large companies, the area has approximately 330 readily usable acres remaining and slated for industrial/office development.
- Anderson Township is a convenient place to do business. The community enjoys **ready access to I-275**, is 15 minutes from downtown Cincinnati and about 30 minutes from the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, 20 minutes from I-75 and 71 and five minutes from Lunken Municipal Airport.
- **More than 600 businesses in eight business districts** currently call Anderson Township home.
- Anderson Township has received nearly **\$20 million in state and federal grants** awarded since 2000 for township improvements such as: the Ohio River, Five Mile and Little Miami trails, the Anderson Center



Area Phone Numbers and Websites

ANDERSON TOWNSHIP SERVICES

Emergency	911
Hamilton County Sheriff www.hcso.org	474-5770
Anderson substation - non-emergency After hours number	825-2280
Anderson Township Administration, Fire and Rescue, Fiscal Officer, Road/Street Maintenance, Township Trustees, Zoning and Land Use	688-8400 www.AndersonTownship.org
Anderson Center Events www.AndersonCenterEvents.org	688-8400
Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce www.andersonareachamber.org	474-4802
Anderson Branch Library www.cincinnati.library.org	369-6030
Anderson Branch Post Office	474-3262
Anderson Community Television www.ac-tv.org	474-3488
Anderson Senior Center www.andersontownshipseniorcenter.com	474-3100
Anderson Township Historical Society www.andersontownshiphistoricalsociety.org	231-2114
Anderson Township Park District www.andersonparks.com	474-0003
Anderson Township Republican Club www.andersonrepublican.org	833-3010
Beechmont Players www.beechmontplayers.org	233-2468
Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra www.cocincinnati.org	723-1182
Eastern Hills Exchange Club www.eheconline.org	878-7725
Eastside Area Newcomers www.cincinnati-eastsidenewcomers.org	232-7612
Eastside Democratic Club www.EastsideDems.org	232-4154
Five Mile Chapel Society www.fivemilechapel.org	231-4852
Greater Anderson Promotes Peace (GAPP) www.gappeace.org	588-8391

ANDERSON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Forest Hills School District www.foresthills.edu	231-3600
Ayer Elementary School www.foresthills.edu/Ayer	474-3811
Maddux Elementary School www.foresthills.edu/Maddux	231-0780
Mercer Elementary School www.foresthills.edu/Mercer	232-7000
Sherwood Elementary School www.foresthills.edu/Sherwood	231-7565
Summit Elementary School www.foresthills.edu/Summit	474-2270
Wilson Elementary School www.foresthills.edu/Wilson	231-3240
Nagel Middle School www.foresthills.edu/Nagel	474-5407
Anderson High School www.foresthills.edu/Anderson	232-2772
Turpin High School www.foresthills.edu/Turpin	232-7770

OTHER AREA SCHOOLS:

Guardian Angels School www.gaschool.org	624-3141
Immaculate Heart of Mary School www.ihmschool.org	388-4086
Miami Valley Christian Academy www.mvca-oh.org	272-6822
McNicholas High School www.mcnhs.org	231-3500

HAMILTON COUNTY SERVICES

Hamilton County Auditor www.hamiltoncountyauditor.org	946-4000
Hamilton County Board of Elections http://boe.hamilton-co.org/	632-7000
Hamilton County Planning & Development www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/pd	946-4550
Hamilton County Environmental Services www.hcdoes.org	946-7777
Hamilton County General Health District www.hamiltoncountyhealth.org	946-7800
Great Parks of Hamilton County www.greatparks.org	521-7275

HOSPITAL, HEALTH

Anderson HealthPlex www.e-mercy.com/healthplex-anderson.aspx	624-1871
Anderson Hospital www.e-mercy.com/mercy-hospital-anderson.aspx	624-4500
Children's Hospital Anderson Urgent Care www.cincinnatichildrens.org	636-6100
M. E. Lyons YMCA www.cincinnatiymca.org	474-1400

TRANSPORTATION

Beechmont License Agency www.bmv.ohio.gov	232-9444
Queen City Metro www.go-metro.com	621-4455

MEDIA

Cincinnati Enquirer www.cincinnati.com	721-2700
Forest Hills Journal www.communitypress.com	248-8600

TRASH COLLECTION

CSI Waste Services www.republicservices.com	771-4200
Hazardous Waste Hotline www.hamiltoncountyrecycles.org	946-7766
Rumpke Waste, Inc. www.rumpke.com	742-2900

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Duke Energy www.duke-energy.com	651-4182
Cincinnati Bell Main Office www.cincinnati-bell.com	397-9900
Greater Cincinnati Water Works www.cincinnati-oh.gov/gcww	591-7700
Metropolitan Sewer District www.msdc.org	352-4900
Time Warner Cable www.timewarnercable.com	469-1145

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