

ANDERSON Insights

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The Voice of Anderson Township

Summer of Transition: Road Projects to Upgrade Beechmont Avenue, Wolfangel Road

Reinvestment in township's infrastructure keeps community vibrant.

While the dust is stirred up with new construction in and around Anderson Towne Center, several of the township's major roadways will undergo change, too.

Several long-planned projects are set to be in motion this summer, including the construction of the Continuous Flow Intersection (CFI), the addition of sidewalks on Wolfangel Road and major road work on the area of Beechmont, Woldfangel and Towne Center Way.

Here are details about the upcoming road construction, including some that have already started this spring:



Work has begun on the Continuous Flow Intersection on Beechmont and Five Mile Road

fewer impacts to adjacent properties; in fact, only a small number of parking spaces will be lost and no businesses relocated.

Under discussion for nearly a decade, the \$3.5 million CFI improvement received funding from federal, state, county and local sources.

With the CFI, township officials will add new sidewalks on the south side of Beechmont between Forest Road and Shangrila Drive, since pedestrians can now cross Beechmont and Five Mile. This link will enable residents in nearby

neighborhoods to walk to Anderson High School, the Anderson Towne Center, and Anderson Center, as well as connect to much of the Anderson Trails network.

In 2017, the Ohio Department of Transportation will implement long-planned safety upgrades along the busy Beechmont thoroughfare. To reduce stop-and-go traffic and help increase safety, ODOT will eliminate or alter some 25 curb cuts on Beechmont from Anderson Towne Center to the Clermont County border. The intersection of Eight Mile Road also will receive attention, where the travel lanes heading westbound on Beechmont will be narrowed to allow for a new right turn lane heading north onto Eight Mile. Additional sidewalk links near this area also part of the intersection improvement.

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Specifics Uncertain, but Change on Horizon for Anderson Senior Center

Senior Independence, the organization that manages the Anderson Senior Center, recently announced it was no longer continuing in the community-based senior services management business. Their contract with Anderson Township expires August 31, 2016, with a clause for early departure.

While management of the day-to-day activities of the Anderson Senior Center will change by the end of August, township administrators say it is too early to know what modifications are on the horizon.

A few details are certain. Some services sponsored by other organizations will remain the same. The Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio will continue to provide the home-delivered meal program and transportation services for seniors, said Vicky Earhart, township administrator. Options for social and recreational programs are under discussion, she noted.

The change in center management will give Anderson Township officials the opportunity to examine what programs and services are most relevant to today's older residents. Currently, Anderson Township pays Senior Independence \$115,000 per year and provides the Senior Center building for activities. (Anderson Township owns the building.)



"Over the past few months, we have heard from many seniors about the importance of the senior center," Earhart added, "and we are sensitive to the needs of individuals who are using or have used the center."

"Anderson Township is committed to providing services for our seniors, and recognizes the many values that the center has provided," said Trustee President Andrew Pappas. "The question is how this occurs," he added.

Anderson officials continue to compile information and meet with potential senior services providers. It is anticipated that a proposal will be prepared by early May, said Earhart. At that time, information will be distributed directly to seniors and the community.

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Beyond Beechmont

Hundreds of households will soon enjoy greater opportunity to walk to the Anderson Towne Center and surrounding areas, the library, and other destinations on the Anderson Trails network after the addition of the Wolfangel Road sidewalk. The sidewalk will run between Beechmont and State Road.

Along with the Wolfangel Road sidewalk come infrastructure enhancements connecting to Anderson Towne Center. Upgrades scheduled for construction include a safer bus pull-off on Wolfangel's east side near Beechmont. This will improve traffic flow on Wolfangel and Beechmont. Additionally, a right turn lane will be added on Beechmont Avenue into Kroger and the Shoppes at Anderson Towne Center development, where Towne Center Way currently intersects Beechmont.

"Giving our residents more options for walking safely will be a huge plus of the CFI," said Trustee Dee Stone. "Walkability will be key for attracting and keeping younger residents in our community," Stone added.

"Building better infrastructure, improving the appearance and vitality of our business corridors, reinvesting in neighborhoods, and the township's progressive long-term vision are all contributing to these upcoming public and private improvements," said Assistant Administrator for Operations Steve Sievers. "With over \$165 million in investment, which has come in part as a result of longstanding planning initiatives, these enhancements will help ensure Anderson remains a highly desirable place to work, live and play."

Collaboration working well for Newtown, Anderson

Facility upgrade, added revenue a plus for township as it services village's fire, rescue needs.



When Anderson Township began supplying emergency fire and rescue services to the Village of Newtown starting January 1, some residents wondered if service to the township would suffer.

Now, more than four months into the agreement, township administrators say adding service coverage to Newtown has not impacted service delivery in Anderson. In fact, adding services to Newtown has benefitted the township in several ways, they say.

"Previously, we had to reduce staffing to two at times at Station 100 (the Broadwell Station) in an effort to reduce costs," Fire Chief Mark Ober said. With the minimum staffing back up to 17 (per 24-hour period), the coverage in both communities has improved, he added. Newtown receives all Anderson's resources when there's a structure fire (as an example) and Anderson utilizes the same from a closer location to the township, providing quicker service, Ober said.

Anderson Township Fire and Rescue moved services for the northeast portion of the township from the Broadwell Fire Station to the Newtown Fire Station the first day of the year, relocating four firefighter-paramedics to the site for their 24-hour shifts. In joining with Anderson Township, the village opted out of services with the Little Miami Joint Fire & Rescue District after a 13-year relationship.

The size and configuration of Newtown's Fire Station will allow Anderson Township to conduct some of its training there, he said. Because of the collaboration, Anderson does not have to build a new fire station to replace its 40-year-old undersized Broadwell facility, Ober noted. Savings are estimated at \$4 million.

Township Administrator Vicky Earhart sees savings for Anderson in reducing redundancies between the two communities. The two fire stations (Broadwell and Newtown) previously operated within just 2.8 miles of each other, she said. Both stations together posted less than 550 fire/EMS responses per year. At the Beechmont Fire Station, the busiest in the township, that number of responses per year averaged 2,100, she said, with half the equipment and only four firefighters instead of seven or eight.

Newtown benefits because it does not have to purchase any new vehicles and it enjoys a higher level of service cross trained firefighter-paramedics. Additionally, the township offers multiple community service programs in the village including free blood pressure checks, safety programs, and public education outreaches.

Anderson also receives increased revenue for its services, which enables the township to stretch its planned five-year safety services levy, approved by voters in 2008, to an eighth year. Newtown pays Anderson \$565,000 per year to provide fire and EMS services to the village, in addition to providing the facility, Ober noted.

"The Village of Newtown is extremely pleased with the fire and EMS service being provided by the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department to Newtown residents and businesses," said Newtown Mayor Mark Kobasuk.

"As mayor, I have only heard positive comments about the service and community involvement of the Anderson firefighters," he said.

Notes Trustee Vice President Josh Gerth, "This is one of the best examples of collaboration," he said. "Being able to provide better service at reduced cost by working with other jurisdictions is the future of all government. I'm pleased that we are not only able to do this, but also with one of the things (safety services) that is our highest priority."

Broadwell Fire Station Now Office Space

Earlier this year, Anderson Township closed Station 100 (Broadwell Road), which resulted in significant cost savings and improvements in service delivery, among other benefits. However, this has recently resulted in yet another benefit to township taxpayers.

After being closed for only three months, this former station is finding new life, and helping save the township money, in a different role. In early April, Anderson signed a lease for occupancy of the former station with Cincinnati East Terminal Railway, a short line railroad company. The company is paying Anderson Township \$1,000 per month for the space.

Township Administrator Vicky Earhart noted the township was pleased with the agreement for a number of reasons, beyond the increased revenue stream gained from a formerly vacant facility. "This gives us eye and ears on the property and it is not sitting vacant- someone will be in there most every day. It also is another part of the cost savings and benefits that we have received from our public services agreement with the Village of Newtown."



The former Broadwell Fire Station

Trustees to Consider Public Safety Levy for Fall Ballot

Significant reductions made for past five years before returning to the voters for fire and law enforcement funding.



Anderson Township's Board of Trustees will be asked in May to consider placing a public safety levy on the fall ballot. The question arises as trustees face a significant increase in law enforcement costs in recent years and after stretching the current safety levy years beyond its estimated useful life.

The previous public safety levy was projected to have a five-year useful life. It is now in its eighth year, which means expenditures have exceeded revenue.

"This is not the type of decision that the trustees take lightly," said Township Administrator Vicky Earhart. "Before coming to the board, we knew we had to look for ways to reduce public safety

costs and increase revenues, while eliminating redundancies," she said. Part of the need for additional funding is tied to a cost increase for law enforcement. Shortly after the township placed a levy on the ballot in 2008, it learned Hamilton County would no longer fund a portion of law enforcement services previously provided by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office for more than two decades.

In the years since 2008, law enforcement expenses have risen from \$2 million per year in 2008 to \$3.3 million in 2015. That equals an average increase of 7.69 percent annually, an expense not anticipated when the township went to the voters in 2008.

At the state level, significant cuts also lowered the township's revenue. Recognizing these shortfalls, staff began developing a list of money-saving ideas in 2011. Cuts were made where possible within the law enforcement budget, Earhart said. In addition, the fire department budget was kept relatively flat, averaging 1.84 percent increase per year despite 90 percent of the budget being attributed to personnel costs. "Overall, the township was able to reduce expenditures without negatively impacting service delivery," Earhart noted.

Earhart said trustees considered placing a levy on the ballot in 2015 but opted to use Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds to cover fire and police budget shortfalls and to allow additional time to explore further cost-cutting strategies. TIF revenues are traditionally used for capital purchases, but they may also be used for public safety operating expenses as long as the monies are paid back before the TIF expires, she said.

Engaged in Reducing Costs-Here is the Basic Strategy

How has Anderson reduced public safety costs?

- Eliminated an assistant chief and a firefighter/paramedic in 2012 through attrition, saving \$196,000 per year.
- Beginning in 2012, shifted cost of K-9 officer, canine, and related equipment to the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.
- Closed the Sheriff's Community Outreach Center at Anderson Towne Center four years ago, eliminating \$30,000 in annual overtime and operating expenses, plus providing additional community retail space.
- Decreased EMS supply costs through better inventory control, beginning in 2011.
- Periodically dropped below minimum staffing at the Broadwell Fire Station (the station with the least calls) from February 2011 through December 2015, to control overtime costs.
- Negotiated lower fee for EMS billing services beginning in 2011.
- Lowered overtime costs related to building inspections by increasing number completed during evening and weekend hours by on-duty personnel.
- Moved to a fuel card system in 2012, allowing personnel to "shop" for the best fuel prices and stay in their service area.

How has Anderson eliminated redundancies?

Anderson Township and the Village of Newtown had two fire stations located within 2.8 miles of each other, but as of January 1, 2016, those redundancies were eliminated. Anderson now provides fire and paramedic services out of the Newtown fire station with four personnel, one engine, and one ambulance, at a location better suited to respond to the majority of Anderson.

How has Anderson increased revenue?

Newtown pays the township \$565,000 per year to provide fire and EMS services in addition to providing the fire station. As a result, Anderson was able to lease its former fire station on Broadwell Road, resulting in an additional \$12,000 in revenue per year. Rather than using levy proceeds, EMS and firefighting equipment as well as ambulances and fire engines are paid for with TIF dollars.

Little Miami Trail Extension Opening Ceremony on May 21

Did you know? One of the longest paved trails in the U.S. now traverses Anderson.

Since its groundbreaking on July 18, 2015, construction of the Little Miami Scenic Trail extension has been progressing at full speed. It was substantially completed in the first few months of 2016.

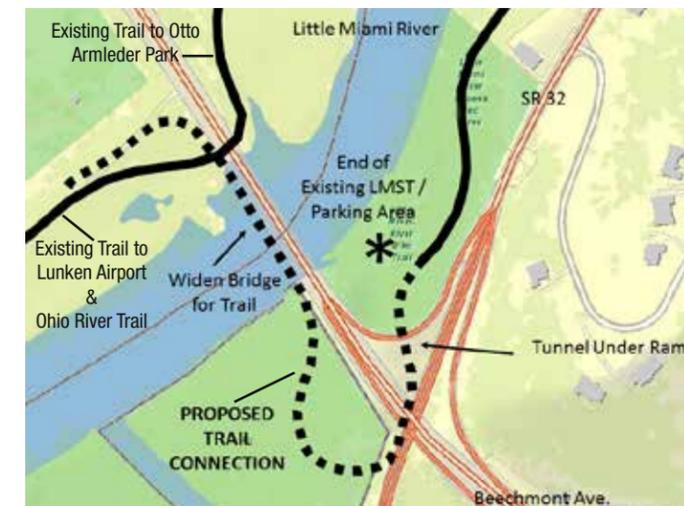
The 3.15-mile trail, extending from Great Parks of Hamilton County's Little Miami Golf Center to the Beechmont Avenue/State Route 32 ramp, is completely paved and 95 percent complete. Its official ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, May 21, at the Little Miami Golf Center, 3811 Newtown Road.

"The special event is open to everyone to come celebrate the historical milestone, which will make the entire Little Miami Scenic Trail 78 miles long and one step closer to connecting it to downtown Cincinnati," said Kimberly Whitton, Great Parks of Hamilton County marketing communication coordinator. The ceremony includes keynote speakers and an opportunity for family and friends to walk, run or bike the new trail.

"Like the 2008 ribbon cutting of the Five Mile Trail, we anticipate lots of trail advocates and enthusiasts who are anxious to walk or ride their bikes on this new three-mile segment of this statewide trail," said Tom Caruso, Anderson Township planner.



Working Towards Bridging the Gap of the Little Miami Trail



As residents enjoy the new Little Miami Trail extension this summer, plans are being formulated for the next big step in the trail's history.

Anderson Township, Great Parks of Hamilton County and the City of Cincinnati are working cooperatively to bring funding to advance the next, and final, phase to complete the connection. A proposed hike/bike bridge to be constructed over the Little Miami Scenic River would connect to the Lunken Loop Trail, Otto Armleder Memorial Park and Recreation Complex, and the Ohio River Trail.

Funds are in place for the first phase: design. The proposed bridge project was awarded a \$1 million Capital Improvement Legislative

Grant administered by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. However, the project is not funded for construction, at least not yet.

Anderson Township, along with other partners, is actively seeking opportunities to attract \$5.6 million in local, state and federal construction funds needed to make the final segment a reality. "Anderson Township has had a proven track record of advancing the Little Miami and Ohio River trails in our community," said Steve Sievers, Anderson's assistant administrator for operations. "We will continue to search for strategies to help advance this key final link, one that will ultimately complete this Ohio to Erie trail through our community," he added.

Obtaining the money for the project could take some time, but Great Parks Executive Director Jack Sutton notes, "We are literally a stone's throw away from making one of the most important trail connections in Cincinnati history."

"The bridge will ultimately connect Cincinnati to Xenia, Columbus, Akron and all the way up to Cleveland... basically creating a state-long trail system that will enhance transportation and recreational opportunities throughout many Ohio communities," he said, "This entire project sets the bar for other trail system projects throughout the region and country. It shows how effective partnerships, collaborations and dedication can be in reaching any goal."

Due to the scale of obtaining funding and construction of the project itself, there is currently no timeline set for the start of the project, Sievers said.

HISTORY

Anderson Landmarks- Can You Recognize Them?

Check out the vintage map and images of a few memorable locations in Anderson. Can you recognize these places?

East of the intersection of Clough Pike and Bartels Road stands the oldest house in Anderson, the log house built by Ichabod Benton Miller some 220 years ago. Miller was the surveyor who laid out Clough Pike in 1805. The Miller-Leuser Log House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and has an Ohio Historical Marker.

Another site honored by an Ohio Historical Marker is the Salem Methodist Church at the corner of Salem and Sutton. The first log church was built there in 1810 by Rev. Francis McCormick, a Revolutionary War soldier who introduced Methodism into the Northwest Territory. In 1828, a larger brick church was constructed. Then in 1863, the present frame church was built and the bricks were reused for the school building next door.

In 1874, a two-story school was built on the north side of Clough Pike across from today's Berkshire. It served as the Anderson District 13 school until the local schools were consolidated in 1929. Today the Clough Crossing restaurant is located in this historic building.

Coney Island remains a landmark of the Anderson area, dating back to its start in the 1870s as Parker's Grove, a delightful picnic area. On June 21, 1886, it opened with great fanfare as "The New Coney Island of the West." Lake Como was created in 1893 with the first Shoot the Chutes ride installed two years later. Splashing down in a

boat onto the water was a treat on a hot day. Although it has changed over the years, Coney still attracts crowds who enjoy the cool breezes over the lake.

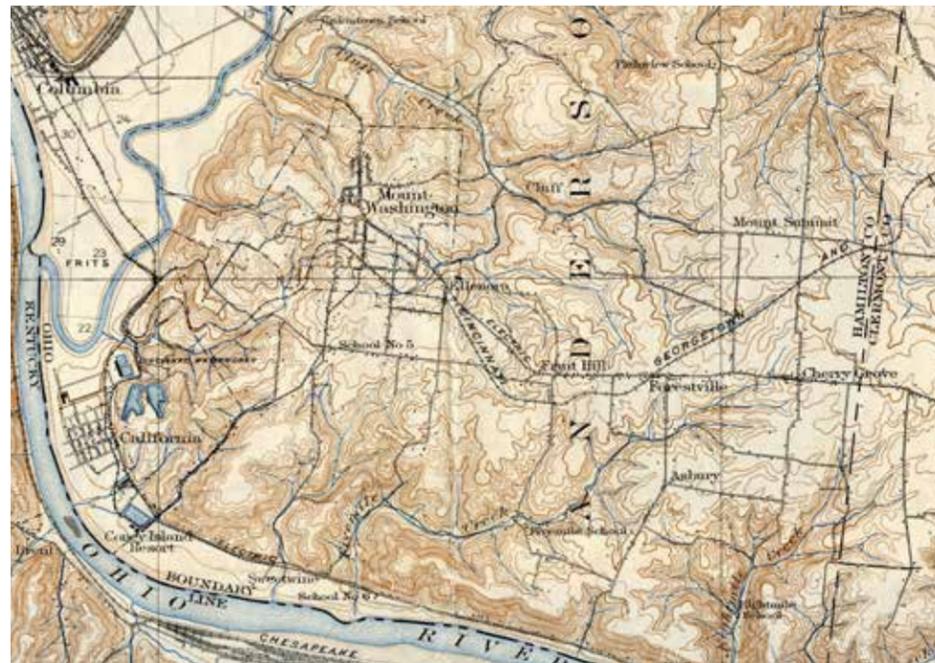
As you travel around Anderson marveling at the changes occurring in the township, take time to notice the landmarks that remind us of the past.



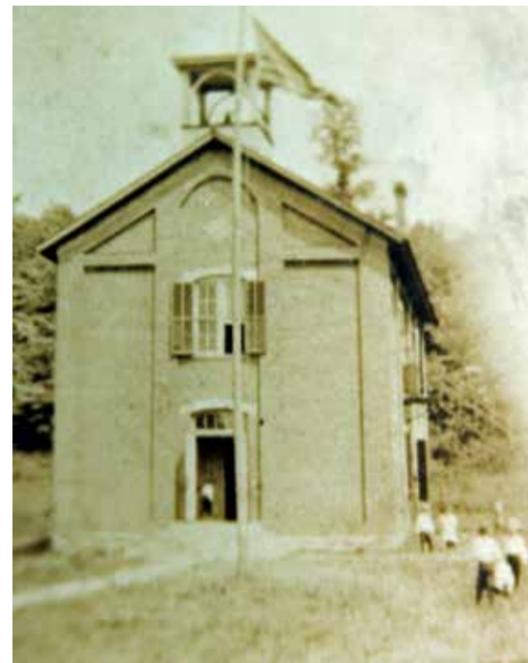
Salem School, Anderson District 5 school, students and their teacher B. J. Maddux, photo about 1913. It is said the large dog in the first row came to school every day for nine years, along with the Shannon children.



Glimpse of the Lake, Excursion Boat and Shoot the Chutes near Cincinnati, O. Coney Island postcard, about 1910. The Shoot the Chutes ride, first installed in 1895, was enlarged and rebuilt several times until it was removed in 1922. Scenic Lake Como, created in 1893, remains today.



U. S. Geological Survey map, 1914 edition. Houses and other buildings are marked by tiny black dots. Two electric railways ran through Anderson. The framework of roads is familiar to us today, minus, of course, the interstates and connectors of recent decades. Can you find your neighborhood on the map?



Clough School, Anderson District 7 school on Clough Pike across from Berkshire. Today it is the Clough Crossings restaurant. Photo about 1910.



Miller-Leuser Log House, photo June 1920. The Log House is now owned by the Anderson Township Historical Society and is open for public tours on the first and third Sunday afternoons of the month, May to October.



Today's Salem Community Church at the corner of Salem and Sutton, photo about 1910. At that time the building on the left was the Anderson District 5 public school.

RECYCLING

Mark Your Calendar for Shredding, Recycling Days

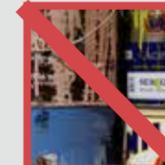
Shred sensitive documents and clean out unneeded household items during a free event sponsored by Anderson Township.

The annual Shredding and Recycling Days are set for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, May 13, and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 14. NOTE: Due to time constraints on Saturday, once the two shredding trucks are full, the township will not take any more papers to be shredded. Please plan accordingly.

Hosted at the Anderson Operations Center (7954 Beechmont Ave.) behind the Beechmont Fire Station, the event gives residents an opportunity to conveniently dispose of cell phones, motor oil, tires, fire extinguishers and more. Please note, no commercial vehicles are permitted. Proof of Anderson residency is required.

Shred tax documents, and more during this two-day event. Please remove all paper clips, binders, and clip binders on items that will be shredded. The only thing that can be attached to the paper is a staple.

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WHAT TO BRING				
TIRES 	CAR BATTERIES 	FIRE EXTINGUISHERS 	COMPUTER INK AND TONER 	
CELL PHONES 	MOTOR OIL 	LIQUID DRIVEWAY SEALER 	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT 	
FLOURESCENT LIGHTS 	AMERICAN FLAGS 	EYE GLASSES 	FURNITURE 	
WHAT NOT TO BRING				
YARD WASTE 	RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS 	EXPLOSIVES 	MEDICAL WASTE 	LATEX PAINT (can be dried out and put in regular trash) 

Anderson Residents are Super Recyclers!

Congratulations, Anderson residents. Your recycling efforts again have been outstanding!

In 2015, Anderson residents recycled 2,982.69 tons of metal, glass, plastic and paper, saving resources, conserving energy, and reducing pollution by recycling.

Anderson Township recycling efforts:

- Conserved enough energy to power every home in the township for nine days.
- Recycled almost 15 percent of all residential waste generated in our community, which is 382 pounds of materials in 2015.
- Saved 24,479 trees from being harvested.

Call the Hamilton County Recycling Hotline at 946-7766 for specific information on recycling.



Township has You Covered for Recycling Yard Waste, Household Trash



Anderson has both a yard waste recycling station and a household recycling center available for resident use this season.

Recycle your spring yard waste including leaves, branches and brush through a free local drop-off site sponsored by Hamilton County.

Open seven days a week, the site at Bzak Landscaping (3295 Turpin Lane off State Route 32) accepts tree branches and other yard waste weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is open weekends from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please, no bagged leaves or dirt. Call Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District at call 946-7766 or go to HamiltonCountyRecycles.org for further details.

Although Anderson's 24/7 recycling center off Beechmont Avenue may undergo changes in the future, the site is currently open and still accepting household recyclables. Located adjacent to the Anderson Operations Center at 7954 Beechmont Ave., there are 24 recycling bins available for your recyclable paper, plastic, metals and glass.



Get Needed Permits Before Starting Spring Projects

Before you swing that hammer, check with the Planning and Zoning Department to see if your outside improvement project needs a permit.

Exterior home upgrades such as a deck, pool, fence or storage shed may need zoning approval. The process is easy and takes just one to two days.

Residents will be asked to supply two copies of a drawing showing where the improvement will be located in relation to the property lines, and the size of the project. Many fencing companies can provide a sketch



with their estimates that can be used by the township. The fee for most zoning certificates ranges from \$20 to \$50. Go to AndersonTownship.org for a complete fee schedule.

A plans examiner from Hamilton County works at Anderson Center on Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Residents can stop in and talk to a county official about code requirements and what materials are needed for a building permit application.

The township's Planning and Zoning Department is located at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road. Call 688-8400 with questions.

Here are a few commonly asked questions about zoning regulations in Anderson:

How large of a shed can I have? Any accessory structure, such as a shed, is permitted to be up to 30 percent of the required rear yard area of a property. The required rear yard depends on the width of a property as well as what Zoning District it is in.

How far away from the property line do I have to put my shed? Accessory structures that are 15 feet or less in height at the midpoint of the roofline can be located in the rear yard, a minimum of 3 feet from the side and rear property lines. Taller structures have larger setback requirements, again depending on which Zoning District the property is in.

Where can I build a privacy fence? Privacy fences are only permitted in the rear yard, and can be a maximum of 6 feet in height. Fences in the side or front yards can be a maximum of 4 feet in height, and need to be 75 percent open. A split rail or decorative aluminum fence is acceptable within those areas, while a privacy fence is not.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Forest Hills Schools Announces Facility Construction Updates

Spring and summer construction is not just planned at the Anderson Towne Center and on roadways around the area. The Forest Hills School District also has a full schedule of updates readying schools for the future, due to the support of voters who approved a bond initiative in 2014.

Here's what's planned, ongoing or completed:

- **Ayer**-All first grade classrooms have been completed. The exterior of a new security vestibule and addition of three classrooms is nearly complete.
- **Maddux**-Parking lot and electrical service relocation is scheduled to begin in early June. Building renovations are on track to begin in fall of 2016.



Rendering of renovated Maddux Elementary

- **Mercer**-Work on classroom renovations, new kindergarten classrooms, updated lighting and more is scheduled to begin in June.
- **Sherwood**-First grade classroom renovations have been completed with second grade classrooms to be completed soon. The exterior of new security vestibule and addition of three classrooms is also nearly complete.

- **Summit**-Work has begun and the eastern wing of the building has been gutted for the security vestibule and office relocation. Relocation of utilities is scheduled to begin soon. The eastern half of the building is slated for completion by start of the 2016-2017 school year.
- **Wilson**-Construction on a new Wilson Elementary School will begin in mid-May with site preparation.
- **Nagel**-A new security vestibule has been activated and a new acoustical wall soon will be installed on the stage. In the front lobby, a new conference room should be complete soon. Work on the parking lot will begin soon after the end of the school year, which will change the traffic pattern for drop off/pick up traffic, and for buses for next school year, reducing impacts to Nagel and State roads.
- **Turpin**-Site work to relocate utilities will begin soon after the end of the school year.
- **Anderson**-Site work will begin shortly after the end of the school year.



New classroom at Sherwood Elementary

Summertime Fun at Anderson Parks



Anderson Township Park District's summer camps are a great way for kids to spend their summer vacation! A variety of options are offered for children ages 3½-12. Camp counselors are carefully selected to provide fun, safe and meaningful camp experiences.

Summer Day Camp-Available for 5-12 year olds, these weekly camp sessions include daily swimming at Coney Island's Sunlite Pool, games, crafts and a weekly field trip. Camp runs from 7 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Friday at the Beech Acres Park RecPlex. Campers must be 5 years old by January 1, 2016, and have completed kindergarten.

Mini Camp-These half-day camps take place Monday-Thursday at Veterans Park and are designed for 3½-5 year olds. Campers enjoy crafts, games, snacks and special theme days. All campers must be potty trained and meet the age requirement by the start of each camp.

Travel Camp-Available for 10½-12 year olds, this one-week camp includes a different field trip each day, and ends with an overnight camp-out on Thursday night in the Beech Acres Park RecPlex gym. Campers must be 10 years old by January 1, 2016.

Visit AndersonParks.com for detailed information and registration options.

Learning About Leadership

Calling all Scout groups, youth groups and organizations! If you would like to learn more about citizenship and civic leadership, the Anderson Township Board of Trustees is looking for you.

Groups are being solicited to lead the Pledge of Allegiance once a month on the third Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. While group members are welcome to watch government in action, there is no requirement for groups to stay for the whole meeting.

For more information or to volunteer your group, contact Molly Mohrfield at 688-8400 or mmohrfield@AndersonTownship.org.

Ritter Top Public Safety Officer

Mike Ritter



Deputy Mike Ritter from Hamilton County Sheriff's Office District 5 is the American Legion Post 318 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. Ritter has worked with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office since 2003 and currently works in the Enforcement Division. In the past 18 months, Ritter has received three letters of commendation for actions performed while on duty.

Conley Named Firefighter of the Year

Marvin Conley



Firefighter-paramedic Marvin Conley is the Firefighter of the Year, an annual award given by American Legion Post 318. Conley has been a member of the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department since 1994 and currently serves as public education manager.

Conley was cited for his efforts teaching public safety in schools, businesses and for his training efforts in CPR, work with the elderly, outreach with children, and as the manager of the Juvenile Fire Setters program.

Let the Good Times Roll at Party on the Plaza



Anderson's award-winning summer concert series known as Party on the Plaza returns this season to help you ease into your warm weather groove.

Produced by the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce along with Anderson Township, the concert series merges local businesses with relaxing outdoor entertainment from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. on select Thursdays during the season. Concessions include: Anderson Pub & Grill, Buffalo Wild Wings, LaRosas Pizzeria, Orange Leaf Yogurt and Sandbar. Drinks are available at the beer, wine and soft drink booths. The seven-show series starts up this year with Backbeat on Thursday, May 5, hosted on the plaza at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road.

Visit the Party on the Plaza Facebook page or website AndersonPartyonthePlaza.com for updates and information.



Anderson Township Historical Society artifacts

Roots: Historical Society Receives Grant for Local Family History Preservation

The Anderson Township Historical Society recently received a grant of \$1,478 to be used to preserve family histories of Anderson Township settlers.

Support was supplied from the Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board through funding from the National Historical Publications and Records

Commission National Archives and Records Administration. Monies will preserve information about family histories from those who settled here and those who have lived here in the last two centuries.

Check out the historical society at AndersonTownshipHistoricalSociety.org or call 231-2114.

Reminder: Barking Dog Complaints Can Lead to Fines

Springtime means open windows, and sometimes that means hearing dogs that continuously bark, yelp or howl. Can anything be done in the township about noisy dogs?

The answer is yes. Anderson Township has a barking dog resolution that allows the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office to cite individuals who fail to control a disturbance caused by their barking dogs.

According to Deputy Matt Rusk, community resource officer of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, the incidence of barking dog-related problems tends to ramp up in warmer weather. Once a problem is reported, Rusk said he attempts to give the dog owner a verbal warning reminding them of the township's resolution.

"If the noise continues, the complainant will have to fill out an affidavit for the dog owner to be cited by the Sheriff's Office." A fine of \$130 is charged per citation.



A dog owner could be cited on a daily basis until the problem is resolved, he said. However, normally dog owners try to address the problem before it gets to the citation stage, Rusk added.

Make Sure Your Info is Current with CodeRED Notification System



Concerned about receiving real-time updates about local emergencies? Anderson Township residents can participate in the free CodeRED emergency notification system which allows you to be contacted quickly during an urgent situation or critical community alert.

The CodeRED system updates residents with emergency updates via text, phone or email. It allows township safety officials to deliver accurate and reliable information, and perhaps even directions, to residents who are signed up.

Important community information that could be sent out in an emergency includes severe weather notifications, evacuation notices, boil water alerts, bio-terrorism alerts, missing child reports and extended traffic delays.

To sign up or update your email, house phone or cell phone numbers, go to the main page of the township's website at AndersonTownship.org and click on CodeRED on the right side of the front page. From there you can enter your information in the system.



Anderson Township's 2016 Budget Available Online

Interested in how Anderson Township budgets its money? View the 2016 permanent budget which was approved by Anderson Township Trustees at their March 17 meeting. Also available online is the most recent township audit and budgets from 2012-2016.

To check out this information, go to AndersonTownship.org and click on "Departments- Fiscal Office."

"We are so pleased to offer residents this information as we seek to be as transparent as possible about the township's finances," said Fiscal Officer Ken Dietz. "We urge our residents to check out all that we are doing."



Beautification Award Program Seeks Entries

Know an Anderson Township business, resident or neighborhood that has created a beautiful landscape? Nominate it for the township's annual beautification award program.

The Betterment and Beautification Committee sponsors four awards to recognize exceptional residential gardens, commercial properties and neighborhood common areas. Nominations are due June 10, with awards announced in late July.

Award winners will be recognized by a small property sign designating the business, subdivision or residence as a winner.

Awards are sponsored by Anderson Township. Submit your nominations by mail, email or by phone. Mail to Anderson Township Beautification Awards, 7850 Five Mile Road, Anderson Township, OH 45230. Email to ahodson@AndersonTownship.org or call 688-8400.



Categories are:

- **Nonresidential Garden/Landscape Design**-Properties with an outstanding garden/landscape design that enhances the visual quality of our community.
- **Nonresidential, Site Improvement**-A commercial property on which a substantial site improvement (new construction, redevelopment, etc.) has been made that has greatly improved the appearance on the property. This award is open to properties on which an improvement has been made in the last two years.
- **Residential Garden/Landscape Design**-Residential neighborhoods and their efforts beautifying the entryways or common areas of the subdivision.
- **Private Residential Garden/Landscape Design**-Individual private residences and their efforts in beautifying the curb appeal (front areas) of the property.

Registration open April 26 for July 4th Parade Entries



Summer is not too far off in the horizon, and for Anderson Township, that means it's parade time! The Independence Day Parade, one of Anderson Township's favorite community events, returns for its 12th year on Monday, July 4.

Applications for parade entries opened on April 26. The route of the 10 a.m. parade follows the same path as in previous years, starting at the Anderson Township Operations Center, 7954 Beechmont Ave., and running to the Anderson Towne Center.

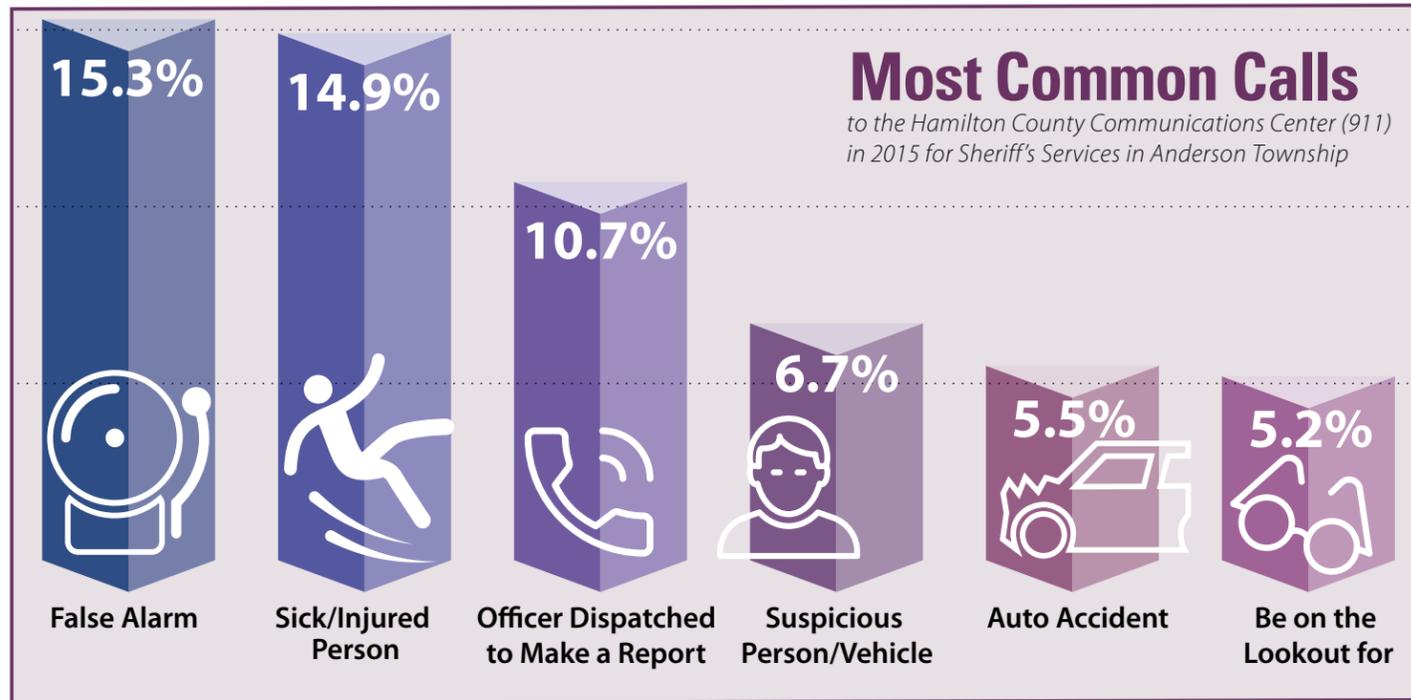
Registration forms for the parade are now available at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road, or on the township's website AndersonTownship.org (under the What's New section), or at the official parade site www.AndersonParade.com.

Call Steve Sievers at 688-8400 or email him at ssievers@AndersonTownship.org to volunteer.



Township Continues Efforts to Reduce False Alarms

After Repeated Calls, Businesses and Residents could be Charged for Violations.



The continuing problem of false alarms calls has Anderson Township officials issuing a call for compliance.

"False alarms cost the township nearly \$20 per run in county dispatch fees, but more importantly, redirect our public safety services and potentially delay response times to real emergencies," noted Assistant Administrator for Operations Steve Sievers. "In a time of cost-cutting measures and continued efforts to ensure timely service delivery, we urge residents and businesses to work with the township in helping to identify reasons for reoccurring false alarms."

Anderson began reaching out last year to property owners who logged three or more false alarms in a 12-month period. The township offered assistance in troubleshooting problems. Despite these efforts, more than 2,300 false alarms calls were received, over 15 percent of the total calls in 2015 for sheriff's services in Anderson Township.

As a result, Anderson Township is considering charging a fee to residents or businesses with excessive false alarms, beginning with the fourth one in a calendar year. "Our hope is not to raise revenue, rather, to seek corrective action in order to ensure our fire, EMS and sheriff's services are being used in a manner to maximize public safety," said Trustee President Andrew Pappas.

"Though we may introduce such a fee in the coming months, our staff will continue to work proactively with property owners to troubleshoot alarm issues," added Sievers. "Our goal is to significantly reduce such responses so safety service resources are allocated where a true need exists."

For assistance with fire alarm service issues, contact Battalion Chief Rick Martin at 688-8400 or rmartin@AndersonTownship.org. For help in troubleshooting other alarm matters, contact Cpl. Dave Boiman with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office at 688-8400 or dboiman@sheriff-hamilton-co.org.

Write This Number Down for Community Safeline

An anonymous way to report safety concerns is available to Anderson Township residents. The Community Safeline is a 24-hour voice mailbox that can be used to report any illegal activities in the community including drug and alcohol use by minors, crimes, delinquent behaviors and more.

Community Safeline
513.688.8098

Report concern or press "1" to be connected to the communications center, to report an active event. Callers can remain anonymous. The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office will screen all calls and determine the appropriate response to the expressed safety concern.

Anderson Enjoys 7th Year as Tree City USA Community



Anderson Township continues its designation as a Tree City USA community for its commitment to urban forestry. The township has been a Tree City USA community for seven years and again has been given a Growth Award for the expansion of its tree program.

To meet the criteria of the award, the township has continued to fulfill requirements assigned by the Arbor Day Foundation program related to the township's Street Tree Committee, including hosting an Arbor Day celebration, the development of an active Street Committee and the implementation of a comprehensive community forestry program.

Anderson's Street Tree Committee continues its ongoing activity to care for the community's street trees, which include replacement and maintenance of trees in the township right-of-way.

"We are fortunate to have committed volunteers with extensive knowledge and a love for trees serving on the Street Tree Committee," Trustee Dee Stone said.

"Our trees are good for the environment, our health and the beauty of our community," she said.

Nine Simple Ideas for Success with Trees

- 1. Smaller trees** are easier to move, plant, and adjust to their new homes. In general, select one with a trunk that is 1½ inches or less in diameter.
- 2. Dig a hole** about 2 to 3 feet wide, wider than you think you need. Mix a couple inches of compost or other organic material in the top 10 inches of soil.
- 3. Plant only as deep** as needed to keep the trunk flare, where the trunk flares out to the roots, a couple of inches above the ground. Do not plant too deep.
- 4. Add a couple inches of mulch** in a large circle around the tree, but do not let the mulch touch the tree – it can cause the bark to rot by holding water.
- 5. Water generously** right away and over the following weeks. If weather gets hot, dry, and/or windy, water again once a week for the first summer and fall. Water deeply with alternate spells of dry and wet. The second year water half as much. Any year that is dry – give it a good, long drink once in a while. Enough water helps prevent stress and insect infestations.
- 6. If you choose a bigger tree**, live in a windy area, or planted an evergreen, you may want to stake your tree. Most trees do not need stakes. If you do stake it, remove the stakes the second year so your tree can grow strong.
- 7. Trim off low branches**, so as the tree grows it will have a nice shape and it will be easy for you to mow under it. If there are dead branches, remove them. Keep your tree looking good!
- 8. Consider having a mulch bed** around your tree with flowers or ground covers. Do not grow grass right to the trunk as mowers and string trimmers hurt many trees.
- 9. Enjoy your trees** for many years to come.

Tips contributed by the Anderson Township Street Tree Committee.



Nominate a 'Great Tree'

Anderson's Great Trees Program is accepting nominations of your special tree or group of trees for the second year of its program that celebrates "grand, beautiful and interesting trees, especially those that may be hidden from view."

Each year on Arbor Day, one Great Trees Program award in four categories will be given by the Anderson Township Street Tree Committee. The next deadline for nominations is March 2017. For previous winners, go to AndersonTownship.org and check under "What's New." To nominate a tree, contact Joshua Eastlake at joshua.eastlake@gmail.com.

Walking Students Now Safer Around Summit Elementary



A collaborative push to make improvements around Summit Elementary School means walking to this school will now be a safer experience.

Recent improvements have provided an expanded 20 mph school zone that now encompasses the Northport and Eight Mile intersection.

The crosswalk at this location is one of the most heavily utilized crosswalks in the township, with about 300 students, parents and nearby residents crossing Eight Mile each day.

As part of Anderson's "Safe Routes to School Plan," the township worked with the Ohio Department of Transportation, Forest Hills School District, the Hamilton County Engineer's Office, State Representative Tom Brinkman and Summit Elementary administration to seek approval for the new zone. Signs have been installed and in the coming months, additional improvements will be introduced including pavement markings on Eight Mile. Anderson also will fund and provide flashing beacon signs that operate during student arrival and dismissal times and will upgrade handicap ramps at this intersection.

These changes follow Anderson's introduction of pedestrian countdown signals and enhanced striping of these crosswalks several years ago.

Summit parent Tina Nadler helped to find a solution to the safety issue. "I am so appreciative of all that has been done to get this much-needed safety measure accomplished," she said. "Everyone involved, from the parents and neighbors who showed their concern by signing a petition to the township for sticking with this through various roadblocks, should be proud their efforts have made the children of Summit safer."

Nadler met with the County Engineer's Office, township staff and Forest Hills staff, and Representative Brinkman to build support at the local level. "The fact that so many working for our community did not give up proves again what a great place this is to live," Nadler said.

Studies show that reducing speed around school areas makes a significant difference in pedestrian safety. Vehicle speeds of 20 mph or less greatly reduce serious injuries. In addition, national data shows that more than 40 percent of pedestrian accidents happen between 3 and 4 p.m., according to Steve Sievers, assistant administrator for operations. "Introducing slower travel speeds before and after school improves pedestrian safety and driver awareness," Sievers added.

"It is critical to ensure pedestrian safety, especially at an intersection that is the primary route to school for so many children," said Trustee Vice President Josh Gerth. "We are pleased to see all parties coming together to improve this situation and the environment for walking to school."



The Walk to School Day event is hosted at various Forest Hills schools in October to encourage safety in getting to and from school.

Investment in 'Safe Routes to Schools' has Grown



Walking or riding a bike to school is a childhood experience enjoyed by many. But in years past in Anderson Township, walking to school could be considered dangerous. Some schools had no sidewalks linking neighborhoods to the schools. And in many instances, there were no marked intersection crossing signals that provided extra protection for the daily journey.

With the onset of the "Safe Routes to School" plan developed by Anderson Township in 2007, the township has invested or received grant funding exceeding \$3 million for many township safety improvements that have improved school safety.

Here's what has been accomplished in the Safe Routes To School Program:

- Acquired bike racks for Anderson and Turpin high schools, Mercer, Ayer and Maddux elementaries.
- Provided pedestrian countdown traffic signals adjacent to Summit Elementary and Nagel Middle schools.
- Constructed more than six miles of sidewalk connecting all nine schools with surrounding neighborhoods. In fact, it is now possible to walk between every school in the district.
- Provided pedestrian-activated signals at four crosswalks near Turpin High/Mercer Elementary, Ayer and Maddux elementary schools.
- Relocated crosswalks and installed sidewalks for crosswalks from Turpin and Anderson high schools to off-site parking areas (Knights of Columbus and former American Legion Post 318).
- Facilitated county installation of 20 mph speed zone at Anderson High School, Ayer and Wilson elementary schools.
- Constructed sidewalks and crosswalk improvements for offsite parking at Anderson and Turpin high schools.
- Resurfaced Bartels Road hill with new non-skid roadway surface.
- Coordinated more than 20 Walk to School Events at elementary schools and Nagel Middle School.
- Replaced nearly all damaged sidewalk blocks, and installed new handicapped ramps within walking zones of schools.
- Obtained grant funding for signage upgrades on and around eight schools.

Shop Local, Have Fun at Anderson Farmers' Market

Springtime means the return of locally grown fresh foods, available at the Anderson Farmers' Market, now in its ninth season. The indoor market continues for the next few weeks, offering its spring products at Anderson Center Station (7832 Five Mile Road) through May 21. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The outdoor market opens for the summer season at 9 a.m. on May 28 and runs through mid-October. During the summer, food trucks will return on a rotating basis. Two new food trucks include Sweets & Meats BBQ and Patriot Concessions, plus returning favorites Roll with It Mobile Café and P&P Woodfired Pizza.

Enjoy returning vendors providing locally grown plants, fruits and vegetables, and local cottage vendors who offer baked goods, specialty pastries, fair trade locally roasted coffees and drinks, and snack foods.

New vendors for the 2016 season include:

- **Phoenix Greenhouses and Farm:** Vegetable, herb and flower starts
- **Miller's Macarons:** Specialty cookies
- **Bee Charmer Honey:** Infused honey and honey products
- **EatCookFree:** Raw and vegan ready-made products

Want to know what your favorite vendor is bringing to the market? A weekly e-blast keeps you in touch with all things market-related, including musicians and food trucks! Sign up at AndersonFarmersMarket.org or visit their site's calendar of events for frequent updates..

Sirens Ready for Spring Storms

Severe weather sirens in Anderson Township are ready to be activated during the spring's severe weather season. The township's 14 outdoor weather sirens provide emergency coverage for individuals who are outside during a severe weather event.

The outdoor warning sirens will sound a steady tone for five minutes, only during a tornado warning. Sirens in Hamilton County are tested the first Wednesday of the month at noon.

For more information, go to the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness website at: www.weathersafety.ohio.gov.



RedPlum Opt-Out Available

Anderson Township occasionally receives complaints about RedPlum circulars that are unwanted and thrown on driveways.

To help alleviate the problem, the township sends an opt-out list to RedPlum on a quarterly basis.

If you are interested in opting out of RedPlum advertising, call 688-8400, or email mmohrfield@AndersonTownship.org, and ask to put your name on the opt-out list.

New CFI Project: The Simple Explanation

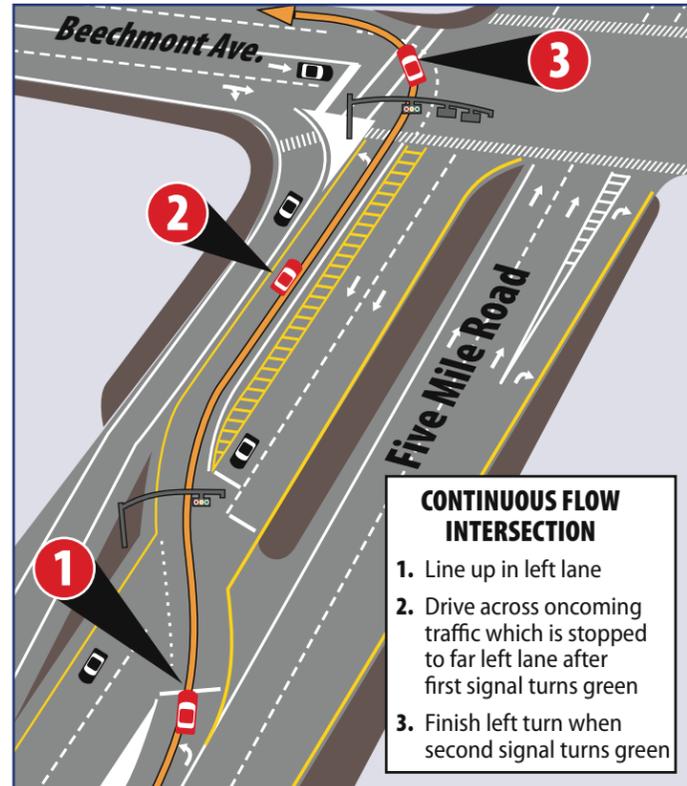
Construction is underway on the **Continuous Flow Intersection**, a new kind of intersection that allows multiple lanes of traffic to move through an intersection at the same time, but in a different pattern. In this new configuration at the intersection of Five Mile Road and Beechmont Avenue, opposing straight, left turn and right turn traffic will move through the intersection at one time. This provides more “green time” for the entire intersection.

This **\$3.5 million project** was funded entirely by the combination of Federal Transportation and State Capital Improvement grants. It is expected that the intersection will improve traffic flow, increase safety and reduce traffic delays. Another benefit of the project is the integration of pedestrian traffic into the intersection.

Residents may wonder about the CFI driving experience. How will things change? There will be no change to the pattern of Beechmont traffic, with the exception that there will be a continuous right turn from Beechmont onto Five Mile when no pedestrians are present. There will be no change to traffic on Five Mile crossing or turning right onto Beechmont either.

The only change will be for left turn traffic from Five Mile to Beechmont traveling north and south. This will require vehicles to cross in front of oncoming traffic at a new traffic light before the intersection. Check the diagram for details.

Construction on the CFI is expected to wind up by the end of the year. There will be delays while under construction, but traffic will be maintained.



Street Rehab List Announced for Summer Repair

In an effort to keep township streets safe and pedestrian-friendly for walkers, Anderson’s Public Works Department plans major sidewalk repairs and handicap ramp upgrades.



Anderson Township Public Works Department will undertake curb and sidewalk repairs on a number of streets this year.

Curbing will be replaced, while the township will repair more than 100 drainage structures. Improvements on these streets will continue into 2017 with paving and new street trees, ultimately leaving residents with a completely improved infrastructure along these roadways.

Streets undergoing improvements:

Muskegon Drive (from Clough Pike to Northport)	Apawana Court
Fordham Court	Woodglen Drive
Rathman Place	Casleberry Court
Clemson Circle	Sigma Circle
Linderwood Lane	Verde Court
Bethany Lane	Tonapah Drive
Yellowglen Drive	Turquoise Drive
Vaquera Place	
Rio Vista Lane	



Keepin’ it Clean: Ensure Creeks, Drains Clear of Debris

When your neighborhood storm drains are clogged with debris and garbage during a severe storm, that can mean flooding on your property and in your home. It’s important to be aware of keeping your neighborhood storm drain open and clear.

To minimize flooding and ensure that storm sewers function properly, keep debris and yard waste from creeks, streams and ditches. These systems play a key role in moving water.

Brush and yard waste are not recommended to be used to stabilize bank and creek erosion. This approach actually has the

reverse effect, because as yard waste gets wet, it decomposes, becomes very heavy, and causes an additional burden on existing soil, notes Director of Public Works Richard Shelley. “When the yard waste becomes heavy, it loosens and migrates downstream to plug creeks and the storm sewer system.”

Yard waste is picked up curbside by waste haulers serving the township. (Check your local carrier to make sure materials are appropriately bundled.)

In addition, a free yard waste recycling center is open for county residents at Bzak Landscaping, 3295 Turpin Lane (off Ohio 32).



Historic Log House Open June-October for Exploration

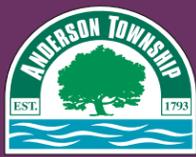
Learn more about Anderson’s farming heritage at a local historic treasure, the Miller-Leuser Log House on Clough Pike. The log home is open from 1-4 p.m. every first and third Sunday of the month from June through October. Call 688-8400 or go to AndersonTownshipHistoricalSociety.org.

Tours are staffed by volunteers from the Anderson Township Historical Society who share historic information about Anderson Township and its pioneer past.

The society offers its annual home grown plant sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 14, at the Miller-Leuser Log House, 6550 Clough Pike.

Plants are donated and proceeds help maintain the historic Miller-Leuser Log House (1796) and other properties owned by the Anderson Township Historical Society.





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Anderson Center Station Garage Sale on May 7



If you enjoy the thrill of a good bargain hunt, or have treasures of your own to sell, come to the annual Anderson Center Station Garage Sale, set for Saturday, May 7.

From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. some 25 vendors will be sharing their wares at Anderson Center Station, 7832 Five Mile Road. The sale is open rain or shine.

Community Garage Sale

In conjunction with the Anderson Center

Station Garage Sale, Anderson Township hosts its community-wide yard/garage sale on the same day, Saturday, May 7. Households interested in having their sale listed on the township's website (AndersonTownship.org) may email bcowan@AndersonTownship.org or call 688-8400 with the address and time of the sale.

The listing is free and participation is open to all Anderson Township sale locations.

History to Schools' Program Merges Township's Past and Present

A focus on Anderson's past and present brings second and third grade students to Anderson Center for the annual History to Schools program. Now in its fourth year, second grade students from Forest Hills Schools and third graders from Immaculate Heart of Mary School explore different programs hosted at the center to learn more about nature, history and civics.

Sharing perspective on the topics of the day will be Anderson Township staff, as well as representatives from the Anderson Township Historical Society, Forest Hills Schools and the Village of Newtown. The event is scheduled for late April and early May.

Students tour the Anderson Township History room and try to imagine what school was like 100 years ago, learn about natural habitats around Anderson Lake and receive their own seedling to take home in honor of Arbor Day.



Observe Memorial Day at Anderson Center on May 30



The annual remembrance of fallen veterans hosted at Anderson Center each year is set for 11:45 a.m. on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30. The event is sponsored by the Anderson Township Veterans Memorial Committee.

Included in the solemn remembrance of veterans is the reading of names of deceased members of the armed forces. Sign in by 11:45 a.m. if you wish to have your loved one's name read during the ceremony. The ceremony starts at noon.

A remembrance wreath laying ceremony will take place and a three-volley rifle salute will be given over the lake, with "Taps" echoed from the overlook. The event will be hosted rain or shine.

For more information, contact Molly Mohrfield at 688-8400 or mmohrfield@AndersonTownship.org.

Get Kids Ready for Summer Biking at Annual Safety Rodeo

Help your child enjoy the freedom, fun and exercise that bicycling brings, by teaching simple bike safety tips.

Anderson Township offers parents a free, fun way to help reinforce bike safety at the annual Bike Rodeo. This year's event is set from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 4, at Anderson Center Station, 7832 Five Mile Road.

More children ages 5 to 14 are seen in emergency rooms for injuries related to bicycling than any other activity. Help reduce risk by teaching your child the correct way to stay safe.

Focused on children ages kindergarten through fourth grade, the rodeo includes bike safety checks, an obstacle course, tips on helmet safety and basic bike skills instruction.

Members of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Bike Patrol, the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department and representatives from Montgomery Cyclery all assist at the event. Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center also offers tips about bike safety issues.



Seek Inspiration at Some of Township's Best Gardens

On Sunday, June 5, draw inspiration and stir your imagination for all things in the garden with a tour of some of Anderson's most iconic blooms, at the annual Anderson Garden Tour.

This popular self-guided tour includes both new gardens never on the tour and gardens that have become classics in previous tours.

The free event runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A downloadable map detailing the garden locations will be available at AndersonTownship.org by May 1. Hard copies of the map and brochure are also available at Anderson Center after that same date.



Can't bring a bike or helmet? One will be provided for your use at the event. For information, contact Tom Caruso at 688-8400 or tcarus@AndersonTownship.org.

MAY

Anderson Center Station Garage Sale

Anderson Center Station, 7832 Five Mile Road

Saturday, May 7, 8 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Info: Amy Meyer at 688-8400 or ameyer@AndersonTownship.org

Community-wide Yard/Garage Sales

Various locations across township

Saturday, May 7, time varies

Info: Betty Cowan at 688-8400 or bcowan@AndersonTownship.org

Sales listed on AndersonTownship.org

Forest Hills 5K

Nagel Middle School, 1500 Nagel Road

Saturday, May 14, 8 a.m.

Register at Foresthills5K.com

Beechmont Players-The Smell of the Kill

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road

Friday and Saturday, May 13-14, 8 p.m.

Sunday, May 15, 3 p.m.

Friday, May 20, 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 21, 3 and 8 p.m.

Tickets: \$15; Students, seniors and active military: \$13

Info: 513 BEECHMT (233-2468)



Shredding and Recycling Days

Anderson Township Operations Center
7954 Beechmont Ave.

Friday, May 13, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday, May 14, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Township residents only

Info: Betty Cowan at 688-8400 or bcowan@AndersonTownship.org

Little Miami Trail Grand Opening

Little Miami Golf Center, 3811 Newtown Road

Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m.

Info: GreatParks.org

Anderson Farmers' Market Opening Day

Anderson Center Station, 7832 Five Mile Road

Saturday, May 28, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Info: Nancy Downs at 688-8400 or AndersonFarmersMarket.org

Memorial Day Remembrance and Bell Ringing Ceremony

Anderson Center South Plaza, 7850 Five Mile Road

Monday, May 30, 11:45 a.m.

Info: Molly Mohrfield at 688-8400 or mmohrfield@AndersonTownship.org

JUNE

Anderson Bike Rodeo

Anderson Center Station, 7832 Five Mile Road

Saturday, June 4, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Info: Tom Caruso at 688-8400 or tcarus@AndersonTownship.org



Anderson Garden Tour

Variety of gardens throughout Anderson Township

Sunday, June 5, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Info: Allison Hodson at 688-6400 or ahodson@AndersonTownship.org

Brochure: AndersonTownship.org after May 1.

Anderson Township Library Association

36th Annual Used Book Sale

Nagel Middle School, 1500 Nagel Road

Friday, June 10, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Saturday, June 11, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday, June 12, 12-3 p.m.

Info: Anderson Library at 369-6030

The Young Artist's Summer Showcase

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road

Friday, June 10, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 11, 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 12, 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door

Info: 321-2766

JULY

Independence Day Parade

Beechmont Avenue

Operations Center to Anderson Towne Center

Monday, July 4, 10 a.m.

Info: 688-8400 or AndersonParade.com

"Vibrancy"

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road

Saturday, July 16, 5:30-10 p.m.

Free admission

Tickets: Mini at 504-4425

Contact: www.creative-echoes.com

Greater Anderson Days

Beech Acres Park, 6910 Salem Road

Friday, July 29, 5-11 p.m.

Saturday, July 30, 5-11 p.m.

Sunday, July 31, 5-10 p.m.

Info: 474-0003 or AndersonParks.com

AUGUST

Beechmont Players-The Wizard of Oz

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road

Friday, August 5, 8 p.m., Saturday, August 6, 8 p.m.

Sunday, August 7, 3 p.m., Friday, August 12, 8 p.m.

Saturday, August 13, 3 and 8 p.m.

Tickets: \$15; Students, seniors and active military: \$13

Info: 513 BEECHMT (233-2468)

ONGOING EVENTS



Anderson Indoor Farmers' Market

Anderson Center Station, 7832 Five Mile Road

Saturdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Info: Nancy Downs at 688-8400 or

AndersonFarmersMarket.org

Spring market through May 21, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Dates to remember:

May 28-Outdoor market opens

July 16-Summer Picnic

August 20-Salsa Competition

September 10- Fall Festival

Runs through mid-October



Party on the Plaza

Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road

Select Thursdays, 5:30-9:30 p.m.

Info: Eric at 474-4802 or AndersonPartyonthePlaza.com

Dates are:

May 5-Backbeat

May 26-Marsha Brady

June 16-Bluetip

July 7-The Leroy Ellington Band

July 28-The SunBurners

August 11-The Dan Varner Band

September 1-Haymarket Riot



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Public Meetings

(Times and dates subject to change with notice)

Board of Township Trustees

Annual Planning Meeting

Thursday, May 5, 9 a.m.

Friday, May 6, 9 a.m.

At Anderson Township Heritage Center

Regular Monthly Meeting

Thursday, May 19, 6 p.m.

Betterment & Beautification Committee

Monday, June 9, 4 p.m.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Thursday, May 5, 5:30 p.m.

Economic Development Committee

Tuesday, May 24, 3:30 p.m.

Greenspace Advisory Committee

Contact Ronald Edgerton at 231-5642

Meets as needed

Street Tree Committee

Monday, May 9, 7 p.m.

Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, May 3, 7 p.m.

Zoning Commission

Monday, May 16, 5:30 p.m.

All meetings are held at Anderson Center.

Keeping the Lights on: Duke + Tree Trimming

Residents often ask the township questions about Duke Energy's vegetation management procedures, especially after trees are cut or trimmed on their property or along roadways.

While Duke Energy's job is to keep the lights on by supplying a reliable power source, sometimes trees close to power lines must be trimmed or cut. However, if residents contact Duke's contractor, they may be able to save the low bushes in a wooded area or have a tree removed completely rather than having the top or side cut off.

What can residents expect when Duke is trimming in their neighborhood? First, Duke customers are given notification and information, often in a door hanger packet, which indicates that upcoming power line maintenance is scheduled. The packet gives the contracted company's name, contact person and phone number.

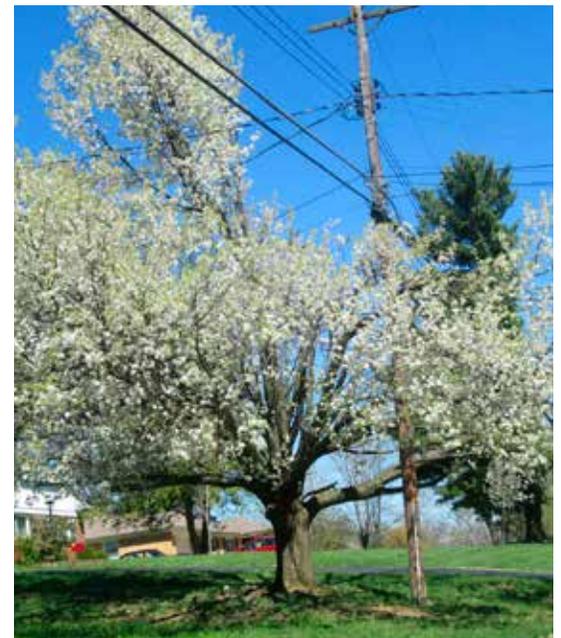
That allows homeowners to learn more on their own and reach out for a conversation, noted Suzanne Clingman, Anderson Township Greenspace inspector.

Duke contractors are asked to have a face-to-face conversation with homeowners before work is undertaken, so residents will understand the process, according to information supplied by Dave DeRubeis, an associate vegetation specialist and certified arborist with Duke. Often no one is at home when a contractor visits, so it is important to call the number on the door hanger if you want to provide trimming instructions on your property, Clingman said.

"Of course, we hope residents realize that the right of ways have to be trimmed to maintain consistent electric service," Clingman said. "If they don't like what the contractors are telling them about what will be cut, they need to contact Duke before the contracted tree company begins work."

Debris removal is another possible issue that needs to be addressed, Clingman said. Duke will chip all limbs and brush that is removed in landscaped settings. Larger pieces of wood are cut into usable lengths and left for the use of homeowners or removal by the homeowner. On non-landscaped sites, wood debris and brush are left to biodegrade unless arrangements are made ahead of time to cut and stack usable wood. During an emergency, debris resulting from a hurricane, high wind, ice storm or other situation is the property owner's responsibility.

For more details about pruning vs. cutting down trees, herbicide procedures and products, and right of way management issues, go to AndersonTownship.org and search key words: Duke Energy.



Tree trimmed around power lines