

# ANDERSON Insights

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## Public Safety Levy Would Cover Fire, EMS, Law Enforcement Protection for Five Years

Passage of levy on November 8 to maintain same excellent level of public safety services currently in operation.

When Anderson Township residents go to the polls on Election Day 2016, they'll see a 3.55 mill public safety levy on the ballot.

After stretching the 2008 public safety levy three years beyond its projected five-year life, Anderson Township Trustees decided in July to return to the voters to secure funding for safety services over the next five years.

If approved by the voters, the levy would cover fire, EMS and law enforcement operating costs, including salaries for 65 fulltime firefighter/paramedics and 35 sheriff's officers, uniforms, firefighting gear, medical supplies, utilities and repair/maintenance of facilities and equipment. Most equipment purchases, like fire engines, police cruisers and ambulances are covered by Tax Increment Fund (TIF).

"Our primary job as trustees is to ensure our residents' safety," said Township Trustee President Andrew Pappas. "That is something we don't take lightly. Given increased demands on our sheriff's department due to the heroin epidemic, we have a responsibility to make Anderson safe."

"We want people to know what they are paying for. If we want the level of service we currently have, we have to pay for it. That's why we put the levy on the ballot," he said.

The 3.55 mill levy will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home \$10.35 per month.

Township Administrator Vicky Earhart said one reason a levy is necessary is because of an unanticipated increase in costs from the contract with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office right after the passage of the 2008 levy. Anderson contracts with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office for its officers,

including specialty deputies dedicated to resolving community issues, working on traffic safety, drug interdiction and an officer dedicated to the township's local schools.

"The sheriff has worked with township officials to create a community policing model that is specific to Anderson Township's needs," said Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Mark Schoonover. "The success of the program is evidenced by the great working relationship our officers have with the more than 100 neighborhood block watch groups," he said.

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Board members welcome your calls!

## Residents to Vote on Energy Aggregation Nov. 8

If measure passes, township will seek energy bids with goal to save residents money.

With a goal to reduce costs by buying energy as a group, Anderson Township residents will have the opportunity November 8 to vote on whether to support a township-wide electric aggregation program.

A “yes” vote means Anderson Township will have permission to form an aggregated buying group on behalf of its citizens and small businesses. Negotiations would allow a bulk price on electricity for those township residents who choose to be in the program.

If the measure passes, individual consumers would need to opt-out of the township-negotiated price and continue with their own chosen supplier if they did not wish to participate.

If approved by voters, residents would not see a change in their electric services. Duke Energy would still deliver service and bill residents for energy provided. Energy Alliances, Inc., would provide consulting services for the aggregation negotiations.

“This is a completely voluntary program,” noted Trustee Dee Stone. “There is no fee to cancel and no fee to enroll. The goal is to save residents money on something they use every day.”



An energy aggregation issue faces voters this fall.

Noted Township Trustee Vice President Josh Gerth, “Anything that has the potential to save our residents money, especially something they can vote on, or opt out of, is worth looking into. If there is no savings, it will be a non-starter.”

If the measure passes and the township receives an acceptable bid, residents who wish to continue with their own electric service provider can opt-out by calling a toll-free number. For questions about the program, contact Energy Alliances at 1-800-735-0359 or visit [EnergyAlliances.com](http://EnergyAlliances.com).

## Region’s Heroin Problem: What Can Be Done?

New citizen committee hopes to work collaboratively in area.

The Cincinnati region’s ongoing battle with heroin could be a societal fixture for years to come, say some familiar with the epidemic.

With mass marketing of heroin and opioids via cell phone and texting, and the relative low cost of the drug and wide availability, controlling access is a challenging task for law enforcement. Anderson has seen its share of overdoses and deaths in recent months, with 50 Narcan (heroin overdose antidote) responses by mid-September this year.

To respond on a local level, Trustee Vice President Josh Gerth has organized a citizen committee that plans to talk about ways to educate and inform residents about the ongoing problem.

While recognizing that some response by Anderson Township will be reactive, in terms of treating overdose victims and crime caused by drug users to name just two, Gerth said he hopes Anderson citizens can get out ahead of some of the problems with education. He also said the group will reach out to neighbors in Mt. Washington, Newtown and west Clermont County to work collaboratively.

“Our first and foremost priority is the safety and well-being of our residents. But we can’t do everything alone,” Gerth said. “So having a group of engaged citizens will help us battle this epidemic.”

As of press time, an initial group of residents had met once in September to begin to organize. If you are interested in participating in this citizen’s committee, contact Gerth at 833-3010 or [jgerth@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:jgerth@AndersonTownship.org).



### Where do your public safety dollars go?

#### Anderson Township Fire and Rescue

- Emergency medical coverage of 43,500 Anderson residents and 2,600 Newtown residents through four 24/7 fire stations staffed by four firefighter/paramedics
- Water rescue along 18 miles of riverfront
- Emergency management and disaster preparedness
- Fire safety inspections and plan review of businesses in Anderson and Newtown
- CPR and first aid training, free child safety seat checks, public education
- Servicing of some 2,900 hydrants per year

#### Law Enforcement Services

- 35 officers cover Anderson Township which includes 15,500 households and almost 800 businesses
- Crime prevention services, including neighborhood watches, social media outreaches, crime mapping and block watches
- A community resource officer who mediates neighborhood disputes, works with crisis situations and operates programs dedicated to child safety
- A school resource officer runs school safety programs, is present in the schools and works with issues involving active shooter, sextortion and online predator problems
- Traffic safety officers provide traffic enforcement and mediate neighborhood traffic issues including speed studies and additional enforcement



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The officers respond to an average of 41 calls per day and provide service to some 15,500 households within the 31.2 square miles of the township.

Anderson’s Fire and Rescue Department operates with its fulltime firefighters operating out of four fire stations, including the newest station in Newtown. According to information from the Fire and Rescue Department, firefighter-paramedics arrive on the scene within an average of 4.26 minutes of a phone call.

“Our commitment has to be the preservation of our basic safety services, to ensure the welfare and protection of our residents,” said

Trustee Vice President Josh Gerth. Reductions from state sources, plus the elimination of revenue from personal property and public utility taxes has negatively impacted revenues, he noted. And there is little chance these sources of revenue will be returned to the township, he added.

“Since 2012 we’ve focused on reducing costs. At the same time, we have worked to increase revenue through creative and practical strategies,” Trustee Dee Stone said. “Now we’ve reached a turning point. We cannot support our excellent level of services without an increase in revenue.”

# Construction Woes to Wind Down in Winter, but Many Projects Continue in Spring

Whew! Residents will get a break soon from some of the road work.

As construction winds down, residents should see a reduced number of traffic disruptions later this year, with a much-appreciated break in winter. Some public construction projects, however, are scheduled to continue into 2017.

The good news is, work on several private projects will be complete this fall, lessening some impacts around the Anderson Towne Center. Additionally, the township's Wolfangel Road sidewalk project should be substantially complete this season. Minor work to complete these ventures will resume in the spring.

**Here's a report about the work that will help build a better Anderson in the near future:**

## Ongoing

### Beechmont and Five Mile Continuous Flow Intersection (CFI) –

In the coming weeks, traffic could begin shifting into the new lane alignments for the CFI, including the relocated left turns. This traffic improvement will be an adjustment of travel lanes, with median and signal pole installation, so please be aware when traversing this intersection as construction continues. Most work on the CFI will be complete after Thanksgiving. Lane changes will occur at this time.

**Towne Center Way Near Kroger –** Construction of the retaining wall along Towne Center Way, which will support the new Kroger addition, is underway and is anticipated to wrap up by early January. The result of this project is that Towne Center Way will connect to Bowen and Wolfangel Road and restore traffic flow to this area. Site work will then begin on the Kroger property for private development to occur in 2017, along with final restoration work along Towne Center Way.

## Complete or Substantially Complete This Year

**Wolfangel Sidewalk –** Construction is well underway on this important sidewalk link and substantial completion is planned for late this fall, with landscape restoration and final “tweaks” to the project likely to occur in early spring.

### Beechmont Sidewalks –

In conjunction with the Continuous Flow Intersection (CFI) and work at Anderson Hills United Methodist Church, sidewalks will be constructed along the Beechmont Avenue and Forest Road sides of the church property. These sidewalks will help link to the sidewalks/pedestrian walkway in front of the Christ Outpatient Center, and new sidewalks/crosswalks at the Beechmont and Five Mile intersection.



**Wolfangel Road South of Bowen –** With the Kroger improvements underway, the widening of Wolfangel, south of Bowen, will wrap up late this year. The outcome of this construction will be a middle turn lane on both sides of the road and a METRO bus pull off. The project also includes a new traffic signal at the Wolfangel/Bowen intersection and a new right in/right out driveway for Kroger opposite Arlington. New right turn lanes from Wolfangel to Beechmont and Beechmont into the Kroger driveway (formerly Towne Center Way) will be installed.

## Spring 2017

**Downtown Anderson –** As work wraps up on the CFI and Wolfangel Road in the spring, construction equipment will be mobilizing for the transformation of Beechmont between Wolfangel and Asbury Roads. Known as “Downtown Anderson,” this area will incur substantial change throughout 2017 for the installation of sidewalks, new traffic signals, new drainage infrastructure, and other safety and aesthetic improvements.

**Beechmont Safety Project –** The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) shifted its safety project for Beechmont Avenue into 2017, which helped to minimize construction conflicts along the corridor. Beginning next summer, ODOT will remove or modify nearly 20 private driveways along Beechmont. Additionally, work will include traffic signal and crosswalk improvements at

signalized intersections between Asbury and into Clermont County. Westbound pavement striping will be modified east of Eight Mile to add a right turn lane heading westbound, to northbound Beechmont (as well as new sidewalk due to the loss of the roadway shoulder in this area).

**Towne Center Way (Kroger to Five Mile) –** Anderson Township has submitted a grant application to improve Towne Center Way, between the rear of Kroger and Five Mile Road. This project could begin as soon as mid-2017. By removing the dips in the roadway, improving drainage, and adding sidewalks, the area will become a safer connection between Wolfangel and Five Mile Road. Also, enhancements will allow for an easier point of access to the Anderson Towne Center, Anderson Center and nearby developments.



Construction work on the Continuous Flow Intersection will wrap up by next spring.

## CoWorks Shared Space Draws Community's Attention

Anderson Center's newest 'tenants' will be mobile workers seeking flexible workspace.



A new shared office space venture at Anderson Center has drawn a lot of attention in its first few months, with a waiting list now started for some portions of the 2,500 square foot office space.

The venture, located on the lower level of Anderson Center in a spot formerly used by Anderson Community Television, offers monthly rental workspace areas, including shared space and private offices. Renters have access to amenities at Anderson Center, as well as open office cubicles, a break room, a printing and copy area and access to a conference room.

Assistant Administrator for Operations Steve Sievers is fielding applications for CoWorks and reports that the private office space is in high demand, with a waiting list for those more expensive options. The township is currently considering how to accommodate further dedicated office spots to meet the level of interest, he said.

Sievers hopes the venture will not only bring in added revenue to the township, but also serve as a next step for startup or growing

businesses. The hope is that they might find Anderson the right fit and then in the future seek to secure a more permanent office in the community.

“This is no surprise that there is a lot of interest in this site which offers small, quality, flexible, office space close to where people live. This kind of offering will always be in demand,” said Township Trustee Vice President Josh Gerth. “Perhaps this will spark other new development or existing buildings in our community to renovate to meet this need as well.”



Early estimates indicated CoWorks could generate nearly \$3,000 in revenue per month and that number could grow if CoWorks renters choose to rent out Anderson Center for other business meetings. The first occupants of the CoWorks space moved to the site in early September.

### The site's amenities include:

- Access during regular Anderson Center business hours
- Mailbox offering and conference room use
- Business services, including land line, Wi-Fi, print and copying

Applications and information are available online at [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org). Anderson Township residents receive a 10 percent discount. To discuss details, contact Sievers at 688-8400 or [ssievers@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:ssievers@AndersonTownship.org).

## Some A, B, Cs of Anderson Roads

The framework of Anderson roads was established early in the history of the township. In the 1800s, major area roads were turnpikes, set up as profit-making businesses charging tolls.

Today's Beechmont was part of the Ohio Turnpike Company until September 1905 when Hamilton County purchased it. The local name "Beechmont Avenue" for the public highway was inspired by a property owned by Richard and Ida T. McComas along Clough Creek. The couple called their home Beechmont because of a hilltop grove of magnificent beeches.

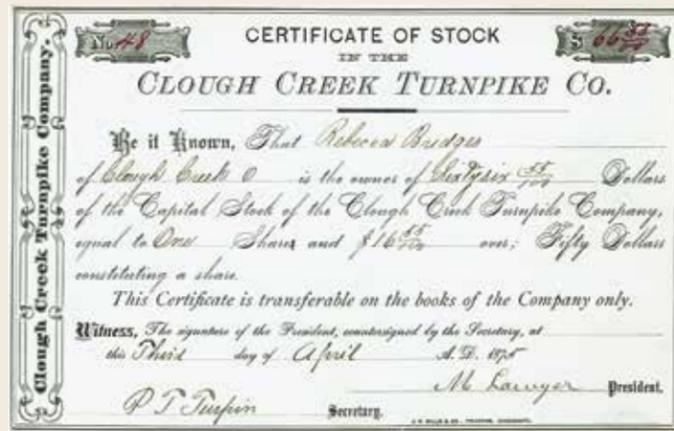
In July 1805, settlers along Clough Creek petitioned the commissioners of Hamilton County to survey a road from the headwaters of the creek to the county line. Ichabod Benton Miller was hired to survey the road. He submitted his completed survey on November 5, 1805, along with his bill for \$9.25. In about 1830 the road was established as privately operated toll road. Clough Pike remained a toll road until acquired by the county by the year 1912.

Birney Lane, once known as the "road to Markley's Mill," was laid out as a public road in about 1842. Vincent Shinn, who owned property along the route from Beechmont to the mill on Five Mile, suggested that the road be named in honor of abolitionist James G. Birney, the antislavery presidential candidate of 1840.

Four, Five, Seven and Eight Mile roads took their names from the creeks along which they ran. The creeks were named based on the approximate distance along the Ohio River from the mouth of the creek to the mouth of the Little Miami. Today we know Seven Mile as Asbury Road. In 1835, a group of Methodist families built a chapel near what was then the north end of the road. They called it

Asbury Methodist Church in honor of Bishop Francis Asbury and the nearby area became known as Asbury.

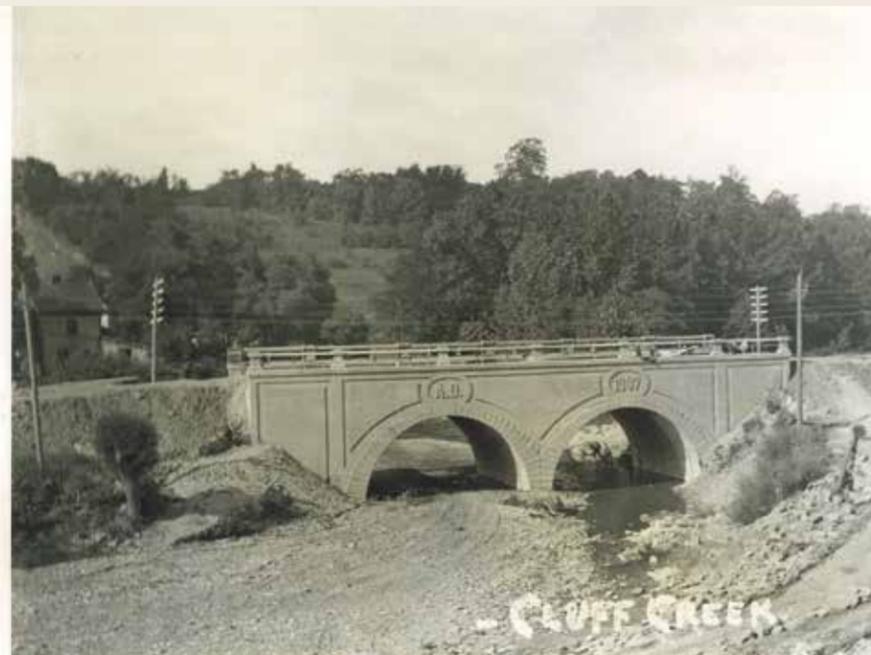
The building was removed in 1921, but the cemetery on a hill above the chapel remains; Forest Road now runs along the base of the hill. In 1895 the road was extended north to intersect the Ohio Turnpike, giving us the busy intersection of Asbury and Beechmont.



Clough Creek Turnpike Company stock certificate, 1875. Clough Creek, like the township itself, was named in honor of Richard Clough Anderson (1750-1826), the Virginia soldier who served as the principal surveyor of Virginia Military District, the Ohio land that included Anderson Township.



Asbury School, Anderson District #15 school, built in 1891, located on what is today the northeast corner of Asbury and Woodruff. Teacher Martin Wheatley posed with his students, first to eighth graders, in about 1893.



Here's an early view of Beechmont, running across the new 1907 bridge over Clough Creek. Today this is the area near Elstun Road at the foot of the hill up to Mt. Washington. Photo by Mary E. Shinn, about 1909. In the early 1900s, the spelling "Cluff" was often used for "Clough."



Asbury Methodist Church, about 1900. The chapel inspired the name Asbury Road for what was once known as Seven Mile and briefly Stockton Road. The church congregation grew, relocated and is today the Anderson Hills United Methodist Church.



Birney Lane, looking south from Beechmont, about 1900, from a 1905 book with the poem "On Burney's Lane." Some people began using the spelling "Burney" in the late 1800s. Today deeds and signs in the township have the intended spelling "Birney," but in the area incorporated into Cincinnati, "Burney" is used.



The newly purchased public roadway Clough Pike was in need of major repairs. Local farmers Clifford (second from left) and Charles (with the white horses) Wittmeyer were hired for road construction. The crew moved soil to fill in areas where the road was washed out. Photo from 1912.



# Anderson Center Lake Hides Wild Surprises For Visitors

The lake and wetland at Anderson Center are more than just the landscaping for the Anderson Township government facility. Right here on Five Mile Road, Anderson Center Lake can be surprisingly active with wildlife.

For example, a Ruby-throated Hummingbird and a Big Brown Bat. They flew curiously in circles around each other, almost touching then moving apart. The bat was much bigger than the hummingbird. They were being watched one evening by members of the Anderson Township Historical Society as members took a tour around the lake. The question was swirling in everyone's head: Will a bat eat a hummingbird? That evening the bat did not eat the hummingbird and probably never does. But watching the interaction was exhilarating.

## *These day-to-day wildlife visitors are often entertaining.*

On a normal day, Mallard Ducks and Canada Geese lead babies across the parking lot or nest in some strange place. But Great Blue Heron also regularly visit, choking down nearly foot-long fish, monster goldfish that were likely released from someone's fish bowl.

In another part of the lake area, Belted Kingfisher, Rough-winged and Barn Swallows and dragonflies zip over the water. The railings around the water are often favored perches for Red-shouldered Hawks and Red-winged Blackbirds. An immature Green Heron standing tall on the railing had township staff members discussing differences between an American Bittern and a Green Heron. Double-crested Cormorants have slid in to feed. Even a beaver was caught on film cruising around the lake on a wintery day.

The plantings around Anderson Lake also make for a true butterfly hot spot. From early spring to late fall, something is always blooming around the lake and wetland. The blue Pickerelweed is a special favorite of literally hundreds of butterflies from June through early October. Little skippers are especially numerous on the Pickerelweed. Tiny brown and yellow Pecks Skippers will sometimes cover the Pickerelweed flowers.

The second and third graders who visit Anderson Center and Anderson Center Lake during the History to Schools programs in the spring explore the water closer than most visitors. During these two or three weeks in the spring, the natural history of Anderson Township, past and present, is discussed and experienced a little closer.

With the help of minnow traps the kids have discovered the water is home to creek chubs, bluegills, darters, and even occasional bass and they get to see these different fish up close. Frogs, tadpoles and baby ducks and geese always get the students excited. Bull Frog tadpoles are so popular they usually get named by the time they are released. One big Gray Treefrog on the back of a trail sign had its own a second grade fan club.

A total of 46 species of birds have been observed through all these school visits. Especially surprising was one that got away before the children saw it. As the buses were pulling in, a Great Egret was sailing off, brilliant white in the morning sun.

If you've seen something interesting at Anderson Lake, the township would love to hear about it. Please share photos, too. Email them to [scingman@andersontownship.org](mailto:scingman@andersontownship.org).

## Check Out Changes at the Anderson Township Senior Center

Great things are happening at the Anderson Township Senior Center. Membership has risen in recent months and free membership enrollment is being offered through the end of 2016.

“Younger” recent retirees are seeing that the senior center is not just for people in their eighties, said Claire O’Connell, activities director. “If you have not stopped in to see what is new and exciting, put a trip to the center on your ‘to do’ list,” she said.

With Anderson Township assuming management of the center starting this past July, the Anderson Township Senior Center is seeing more people participating in weekday meals, enthusiastic participants in classes and a boost in morale, said Administrator Vicky Earhart. Membership has increased by roughly 100-150 people, O’Connell said. Fall trips have waiting lists and members are beginning new activities and classes hosted at the site.

### Did you know? The Anderson Township Senior Center:

- Offers Silver Sneakers classes
- Provides country music every Wednesday
- Celebrates with monthly birthday parties and musical entertainment
- Serves hot nutritious lunches daily
- Offers daily opportunities for involvement
- Celebrates holidays; next up is Halloween with an October 28th party featuring entertainment and costume fun

“In just a short month I see a change in the center,” noted AARP instructor Bob Rankin, who teaches a class at the site. “The new owner (Anderson Township) and the activities director... are doing a wonderful job. The participants of our class and the others around seem very upbeat and glad to be there. Keep up the great work!”



Transportation services for the township’s senior center are provided by Cincinnati Area Senior Services.



Anderson Township Senior Center members enjoy a day at the spa.

Anderson Township Senior Center is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For information on programs or membership, or for directions, call 474-3100.

There’s more to learn about new programs and activities at the Anderson Township Senior Center. Go to [AndersonTownship.org/senior](http://AndersonTownship.org/senior) or call 474-3100 for details.

## Anderson’s Road Inventory Shows Most Roads in Good Condition

Road maintenance a high priority and factors into quality of life in our community.

A bird’s eye look at Anderson Township’s inventory of 121 miles of roads shows a positive picture, says a consultant who surveyed the township’s roads for the fifth time in 15 years.

An “astounding” 85 percent of the overall road network was gauged to be in fair to excellent condition, according to Public Works Director Richard Shelley, with very few roads in need of massive repair.

The 2016 road survey undertaken by Highway Consulting Services represents the trustees’ efforts to determine where the township should spend its road repair funds. Annual funds spent on paving and curb repairs could equal about \$1.25 million or 40 percent of the township’s Road and Bridge Fund.

Road maintenance is a high priority for township trustees who are charged under the Ohio Revised Code to maintain roads as one of their basic responsibilities. “This inventory helps us validate our ongoing maintenance strategy is working, as well as guides us to set priorities for future curb and road repair,” Shelley noted.

In the inventory, roads are generally given a condition ranking from one to five, which ranges from “failed” to “excellent.” Only 15 percent of township roads were deemed to be in “poor” to “very poor” condition, with none in the “failed” category.

Early maintenance spending applied in the life cycle of a road pays off in lower overall rehab rates and lower general costs down in the future, Shelley said.

“We can’t afford to keep every road in the ‘excellent’ category, but we also do not want any in the ‘failed’ and we do not have any in failed condition,” he said.

Sidewalk repair also falls into the area of responsibilities covered by Anderson Township. Overall, Shelley said the township



maintains 92 miles of sidewalks with an annual budget of \$300,000. This summer, 85 ADA upgrade ramps were installed on sidewalks in Summit Estates to comply with federal accessibility requirements. Next year, Shelley said the township will continue its five-year plan to repair the township’s full sidewalk inventory. This effort began in 2015 and will address nearly six million square feet of sidewalk.

Trustee President Andrew Pappas said the township was committed to continue investing in infrastructure to keep up the high quality of life in the community.

“We’re doing a good job trying to stay on top of the roads,” said Pappas. “We know this is important to residents and the way they view quality of life in the township,” he said. “We have a process; if your road is bad, we will get to your road as we cycle through our repairs.”

For a complete view of the 2016 road inventory and to learn which roads will be worked on next year, go to [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org) and click on “Public Works.”

## It’s Election Time! Be Aware of ‘Political Sign’ Regulations

During election season, political signs often pop up along roadways in our community. It’s important to note that there are rules governing the placement of such signs.

The size and placement of temporary signs, such as signs advocating a levy position or a political candidate, are regulated by the Township’s Zoning Resolution.

In residential areas, signs may be placed on private property outside the right-of-way, usually about 10 feet from the pavement edge or curb. Typically, such signs in residential areas, which are eight square feet or less in size, generally do not require zoning approval.

In addition, temporary signs cannot be placed on public property or in public right of way, nor be attached to utility poles or anchored in places where their presence creates a safety hazard.



Anderson Township has a part-time signage inspector, and part of his job is to monitor this “visual clutter,” notes Planning and Zoning Director Paul Drury. While it is costly to monitor these violating signs, Drury said not doing so would leave the community inundated with all types of temporary signs at corners and highly visible areas. If a sign is illegally placed on

public right-of-way, it will be retrieved, stored and then eventually discarded, he said. In fact, in 2015, 908 signs were removed.

To access a Temporary Signage Quick Reference Guide, click on [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org) and navigate to the Planning and Zoning Department. Then look for “Temporary Signage.” For questions, contact Signage Inspector Jim Lewis at 688-8400 or [jimlewis@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:jimlewis@AndersonTownship.org).



## Don’t Burn Without a Permit

Most suburban scenarios prohibit all burning of leaves, yard waste.

Did you know? Most burning of leaves and yard waste is prohibited in suburban settings in Ohio.

State, local and EPA regulations control open burning. The only exceptions to the “no open burning” restrictions that apply in Anderson would be for residents with a large piece of property.

Details about how to apply for an open burning permit can be found online at

[AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org), along with the permit application. There is a \$35 fee to apply for the permit.

Don’t confuse open burning with legal cooking fires like barbecues, fire pits and chimineas, which are recreational fires. As a precaution, make sure not to light these fires close to your home or a structure of combustible material.

## Prices Down, Salt Levels In Good Supply For Snow Ahead

With prices down from a few years ago and salt easily available, Anderson Township should be in good shape to keep the roads at a high level of maintenance during the snow season.

That's the word from Anderson Township's Public Works Director Richard Shelley, who said he anticipates no cutbacks in service during the upcoming snow season.

In recent years during a short supply of salt that was felt not only in Cincinnati but throughout the Midwest, the township operated in "conservation mode" to ensure its salt supply lasted throughout the year. That meant salt was not applied to some flat streets and cul-de-sacs. Shelley said this year, that will not be the case. "We're not anticipating any issues this year at all," he said.

Although snow is hopefully several weeks away, here's a reminder to residents about heavy snow storms.

### Here are the levels of emergency response instituted by the Ohio Revised Code:

**LEVEL 1:** Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Roads may also be icy. Motorists are urged to drive very cautiously.

**LEVEL 2:** Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Roads may also be very icy. Only those who feel it is necessary to drive should be out on the roads. Contact your employer to see if you should report to work. Motorists should use extreme caution.

**LEVEL 3:** All roadways are closed to non-emergency personnel. No one should be driving during these conditions unless it is absolutely necessary to travel or a personal emergency exists. All employees should contact their employer to see if they should report to work. Those traveling on the roads may subject themselves to arrest.

A township snow emergency means residents must remove vehicles off the street in order to facilitate plowing, Shelley noted. When the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office calls a Level Three emergency response to snow, drivers could face arrest, noted Cpl. Dave Boiman with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

"In addition to checking for school and business closures, residents should also be aware of any snow emergency level declarations by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and adjacent Ohio county sheriff's offices (Butler, Warren and Clermont). The safety of all motorists and their passengers is paramount during the winter months," he said.

One place to find current information about local snow emergencies is on the township's Facebook page (Anderson Township, Ohio) and its website ([AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org)) or go to the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office website at [hcco.org](http://hcco.org).



## Township's Comp Plan 2016 Update Ready for Review

Anderson Tomorrow group seeks comment through October 31 on plan spanning 20 years.

Interested in what's planned for the future of your community? Anderson Township's "Anderson Tomorrow" committee has been asking questions of residents and seeking ideas about a variety of forward-thinking projects for several months, and now has a plan ready for review.

The Anderson Township Comprehensive Plan 2016 Update includes information compiled by the Anderson Tomorrow committee in a process that has lasted nine months and involved residents, business owners and township planners.



Visit [AndersonTomorrow.org](http://AndersonTomorrow.org) to view the plan and submit your comments, feedback and edits through the online comment form.

The plan document provides guidance for the next 20 years on topics such as transportation, housing, economic development, quality of life, public facilities and services, and the natural environment. The public review period runs through October 31. A finalized draft will then be reviewed by the Board of Anderson Township Trustees.



## 'Turn Around Don't Drown' When Flash Flooding Occurs

High water, flooded roads, a real hazard for residents of Anderson Township.

A quick trip down Sutton Road after a torrential downpour or during a heavy rain reminds us all that road conditions change quickly and can be quite dangerous.

With a number of intense rainstorms this summer, Cincinnati area residents found themselves facing flooded basements, creeks and streets. Anderson Township was no exception. In fact, in a two-and-a-half-hour period during an early morning storm on July 28, emergency service personnel were called out 24 times for flood-related or water-related incidents, which included several water rescues.

Besides inconvenience and significant property damage, flooding can be life-threatening. Each year, more deaths occur due to flooding than from any other thunderstorm-related hazard. The reason this occurs is because people underestimate the power and force of water. According to the National Weather Service, six inches of fast-moving floodwater can knock over an adult. Just 12 inches of rushing water can carry away a small car, while 2 feet of rushing water can carry away most vehicles.

Anderson Township is prone to flash flood because of its hilly terrain and many creeks, plus its proximity to the Ohio and Little Miami rivers, noted Fire Chief Mark Ober of Anderson Township Fire and Rescue. Steep or hilly terrain produces a rapid runoff and a quick stream response, because as the water travels downhill, it gains greater speeds over land and into rivers.



Adhere to barricades when you see water covering the road.

"It is never safe to drive or walk into flood waters," says Ober. Many drownings related to floodwaters are preventable. Also, many of the deaths from floodwaters occur in autos as the vehicles are swept downstream.

To stay abreast of flood information, residents can use technology to keep track of weather reports. Today's smartphones often have built-in features that allow users to automatically receive and display Wireless Emergency Alerts from the National Weather Service when flash flooding is predicted or occurring.



Clough Pike Creek became a dangerous spot this summer.



Berkshire Road also was under water this summer during a heavy rain.

## Volunteer Now for 2017 Committee Work Benefitting the Township

The time is now to volunteer for Anderson Township's committees which support efforts in beautification, economic development, transportation issues and more.

**The following committees are appointed by township trustees for a specific purpose and have a one-year term:**

- **Betterment and Beautification Committee**—works to improve the visual appearance of the township through the development and maintenance of township-owned landscaped areas, gateways, and major roadways

- **Economic Development Committee**—reviews the township's economic development strategy and makes recommendations to trustees on policy or project decisions regarding the township's business environment

- **Street Tree Committee**—promotes and manages healthy, safe, and appropriate trees along streets and on public grounds or roadways and makes recommendations to the township's tree planting program

- **Greater Anderson Township Betterment Committee**—non-profit organization working behind the scenes to facilitate community-wide improvements and projects

- **Transportation Advisory Committee**—provides recommendations on



transportation matters and projects to trustees and assists with implementation of the Anderson Trails plan

- New this year is the **Anderson Township Senior Center Advisory Committee**. Currently in the formation stage, this committee will help ensure the Senior Center continues to foster a creative and intellectually stimulating environment that enhances the lives of Anderson seniors.

**These two committees operate on a five-year term, with one year alternates:**

- **Zoning Commission**—hears cases that involve modifying the Anderson Township Zoning Map or the Anderson Township Zoning Resolution

- **Board of Zoning Appeals**—reviews appeals to the township's Zoning Resolution, as well as other development related applications

To be considered for a committee appointment, send a letter of interest to "Committees," Anderson Township, Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road, Anderson Township, OH 45230 or Steve Sievers at [ssievers@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:ssievers@AndersonTownship.org).

Detail your interests and provide a brief overview of your experience which would make you a valuable member of the committee. Send letters by October 31.

## Hey! What's that Thing on the Township's Fire Truck?

Look for QR codes affixed on some engines.

You may have noticed an unusual symbol on the sides and rear of some of Anderson Township's fire trucks. That dotted square is known as a "QR code" and functions much like a UPC barcode.

These particular QR codes allow you to access videos and other information about Anderson Township Fire and Rescue. To use these codes, you'll need to download a QR code reader app for your tablet or smartphone.

A number of different apps are available and many are free to download and use. Firefighter-paramedic Brian Reid with Anderson Township Fire and Rescue is suggesting use of the QR codes primarily for public education (videos, internet links, etc.) but he said he sees many other uses in the future.

"Conceptually, there are a number of applications and we've just scratched the surface," he said. "For example, we could affix a QR to a chainsaw as a means of on-demand training. When our firefighters find the QR, they could scan the code and view a quick in-service video on their smartphone reviewing the procedure for changing the



chain on the saw." Firefighters could produce the video in-house or link to a professionally made video on the manufacturer's web site. Also, like barcoding, the QRs can be used for inventory control and truck checks. "We haven't started these processes yet," Reid said, "but it's certainly possible."

## Crime Prevention High on Sheriff's Office List of Many Programs

Online networks, Neighborhood Watch groups all contribute to strengthening neighborhoods.

In addition to "typical" law enforcement duties, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office District 5 (Anderson Township) perform a myriad of duties and work through numerous community policing programs to interact with the public and encourage community safety.

Two very successful programs have thousands of participants who work in sync to reduce crime. The Neighborhood Watch Program is based upon crime prevention and community policing, where residents work together to resolve issues related to crime. Anderson currently hosts the largest Neighborhood Watch organization in southwest Ohio, with 105 watch areas. This program won the 2012 National Award for Excellence in Neighborhood Watch from the National Sheriff's Association.



The Nextdoor private social network for neighborhoods works with the sheriff's office via a secure neighborhood website to share community information to increase safety and strengthen neighborhood watch activities. Nextdoor in Anderson now reaches 4,855 residents.

One of the newer programs available for Anderson residents is BAIR's Analytics public crime map called RAIDS Online, which connects law enforcement with the community to reduce crime and improve public safety. Crime mapping allows the public to learn more about areas of crime activity, empowering individuals to make informed decisions about how to stay safe.

"Our crime prevention programs are successful in Anderson, due to the support and involvement of our residents and business communities," said Cpl. Dave Boiman, a crime prevention officer with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. "Without them, none of this would be possible. Due to the success of certain programs that were started in Anderson, such as Nextdoor for Public Agencies and RAIDS Online, we now have applied those to our District 1 communities."

### The sheriff's office also provides these programs specific to District 5, serving Anderson Township:

**Business Watch** is a program that unites neighboring businesses who share information and knowledge of common interest and work to utilize crime prevention techniques and strategies in business districts.

**Real Estate Watch** encourages real estate agents to be the eyes and ears in the community to help in crime prevention.

**Project LOOK** is a children's safety program that stands for Local Officers Observing Kids. Sheriff's deputies undertake preventative patrols along bus routes and surrounding schools.

Through the free **Community Childsafe ID program**, children have a digital photograph taken by Hamilton County Sheriff's officers, along with their fingerprints. This information is accessible to law enforcement in the event of an emergency.

Participants in the **Sheriff's Citizens Academy** take a 12-week course designed to share information about the roles and responsibilities of sheriff's deputies, plus the dangers and stress of law enforcement.

The township's **Sheriff's Citizens Patrol** allows citizens to help law enforcement identify problems in neighborhoods in an effort to reduce crime in the township. The patrol group works at community events to support the sheriff's office.

The **Community Safeline** is an anonymous, 24-hour voice mailbox to report safety concerns and illegal activity. Dial 688-8098 to report a concern.

## Capture Fall Foliage Photos for 'Great Trees' Program



Fall is a great time to enter Anderson's "Great Trees" program by submitting a photo of a beautiful tree or group of trees in the township.

Nominations are being accepted for the 2017 annual competition for "trees that inspire" sponsored by the township's Street Tree Committee. Send in a photo of the tree when the tree is at its best to committee member Josh Eastlake at [joshua.eastlake@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.eastlake@gmail.com) or fill out a nominating form at [surveymonkey.com/r/TreeNomination](http://surveymonkey.com/r/TreeNomination).

# COMMUNITY PARTNERS

## Summer Projects at FHSD Bring Upgraded Space

Forest Hills School District underwent a summer of construction projects covered in the passage of the 2014 bond issue. Projects ranged from climate control upgrades and renovated classroom space to security improvements and traffic rerouting.

Improvements from large to small were undertaken this summer in the schools, with some sites receiving increased handicap accessibility, improved technology, the addition of flexible learning spaces and new furniture. All schools will have these improvements upon completion of the district-wide construction projects.

All Nagel Middle School renovations have been completed including classroom upgrades, technology enhancements, a new security vestibule and a new parking lot and driveway. Nagel traffic patterns were also rerouted to alleviate traffic congestion.

Work also started at the new Wilson Elementary School, which is anticipated to be complete by the beginning of the 2017-18 school year.



Summit Elementary School building addition under construction

The five other elementary schools received a variety of upgrades over the summer, with work at Ayer and Sherwood to be complete this fall. Summit Elementary construction work is anticipated to

be complete in summer 2017. Next fall, renovations at Mercer Elementary School also will be completed. At Maddux Elementary School, a groundbreaking in the late fall begins numerous projects, with an expected completion date of fall 2017.

**Turpin High School's building addition and renovations began this fall. The Anderson High School groundbreaking also will be held in late fall. Both schools are expected to be completed during the opening of the 2018-19 school year.**

Completed construction projects that were funded outside of the bond issue include upgrades to Anderson High School's auditorium including improved ADA accessibility, lighting and seating. The district office is also scheduled to move to a new site on Beechmont Avenue in November to provide space for a new transportation and district operations location. Moving the transportation center from its current location on the Anderson campus will improve safety at Anderson High School.

Costs of construction projects are being offset by \$1 million in Duke Energy incentives, \$56,000 in Ohio School Construction Commission security grants and \$40,000 in e-rate funding.



Turpin High School groundbreaking

## Chamber Suggests 'Shop Local' this Season to Keep Township Strong

The Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce reminds Anderson residents to shop local year 'round. "It is important to support all the locally owned and operated businesses in the Anderson area," notes Eric Milller, Anderson Area Chamber executive director. "These businesses are the backbone of this community, providing jobs for many local residents as well as products and services."

Miller said on average when a consumer shops locally, 75 percent of the money stays in the local community, reinvested with area reinvested with business to business local spending. In contrast, when a consumer shops with a big box/national chain, only 40 percent of the money stays in the local community. "Let's do our part and support our locally owned and operated businesses," he said.



## Fall Library Association Sale Offers Holiday Gift Options

Every November, the Anderson Township Library Association hosts a Holiday Sale at the Anderson Township Branch Library. The sale is full of gently used books and gift items, such as puzzles and games, as well as collectible editions of antique books. Library association volunteers sort through books and other donations year-round for the special holiday sale and giant summer sale. This year's sale is November 3-5 at the Anderson Branch Library.

Of special note this year is a 12-volume set of "My Book House," a popular series that was originally published in the 1920s and edited by Olive Beaupré Miller. The books contain various nursery rhymes, folk and fairy tales, legends, and literature along with lovely illustrations and were reprinted and updated many times over the years.

For more than 35 years, the Anderson Township Library Association has collected donations from the Anderson and Mt. Washington branches and organized sales to raise funds for materials, programs and resources at both library branches. Longtime area residents will remember the days when the sales were hosted in the old Beechmont Mall.



The sale also features history and military books, nonfiction, adult fiction, teen and children's books as well as puzzles, CDs, DVDs and audiobooks. Cash and checks accepted as payment. For details about the library association and sale hours, call 369-6030 or visit [CincinnatiLibrary.org/support/atla.html](http://CincinnatiLibrary.org/support/atla.html).

## Get Your Game on at the Anderson Township Park District



Registration opens October 24 for a variety of winter youth sports leagues, hosted by the Anderson Township Park District.

Recreational youth leagues include boys basketball grades 3-6, high school girls basketball grades 9-12 and girls volleyball grades 2-6. Leagues include uniforms, practices and eight scheduled games.

Available competitive youth leagues include boys basketball 8U/10U/12U and girls volleyball 10U/12U/14U. Leagues feature

eight games and a tournament, and are intended for players with previous experience. Team registration only. Registration fee includes officials, scorekeepers and gym time for games. Free entry to all games.

Park district youth league financial assistance is available through the Jim Grabowski Memorial Fund for Fun.

Established by friends and family of the late Jim Grabowski, this fund offers kids the opportunity to play in park district instructional sports programs and leagues. Applying to the fund is simple and the support provided is for the total cost of the program or league.

To learn more about the park district leagues, the Jim Grabowski Memorial Fund for Fun or how to become a coach, visit [AndersonParks.com](http://AndersonParks.com) or call 388-4514.

## YouTube Videos Share Anderson's Story

Love YouTube and all things video-related? Anderson Township is using the popular format to share its story, too.

Dial onto the Anderson Township YouTube channel to learn more about the township's basic services, including videos from the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department, the Public Works Department and information about special services such as Shredding and Recycling Days or the sidewalk repair process.



The YouTube site is easily accessible by clicking on the front page of [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org). Then navigate to the right hand side of the page and click; you'll see all the videos the township has posted.

## Public Meetings

(Times and dates subject to change with notice)

### Board of Township Trustees

#### Interim Meeting

Thursday, Nov. 3, 2 p.m.

#### Regular Monthly Meeting

Thursday, Nov. 17, 5:30 p.m.

### Betterment & Beautification Committee

No meetings until 2017

### Board of Zoning Appeals

Thursday, Nov. 3, 5:30 p.m.

### Economic Development Committee

Tuesday, Nov. 22, 3:30 p.m.

### Greenspace Advisory Committee

Contact Ronald Edgerton at 231-5642

Meets as needed

### Street Tree Committee

Monday, Nov. 14, 7 p.m.

### Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, Nov. 1, 6:30 p.m.

### Zoning Commission

Monday, Oct. 24, 5:30 p.m.

All meetings are held at Anderson Center  
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# EVENTS

## Market Season Finishes out Inside Anderson Station



As the 2016 growing season comes to an end, Anderson Farmers' Market vendors move inside the Anderson Center Station to finish up their season. The last Saturday vendors will be on site is November 19.

Hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. inside

the METRO bus station, 7832 Five Mile Road. Plenty of produce, bakery goods, locally canned items and organic products are available.

Check the weekly market update available at [AndersonFarmersMarket.org](http://AndersonFarmersMarket.org) for details on your favorite vendor.

## Save the Date for Township Tree Lighting



Save the date this upcoming holiday season for an evening of community fun and holiday magic at the 13th annual Anderson Township Tree Lighting Celebration.

The Saturday, Dec. 3, event is hosted around the clock tower and tree at Anderson Towne Center in the newly redeveloped streetscape area. Nearby businesses participate in activities and giveaways.

The celebration begins at 4 p.m., with Santa arriving at 4:15 p.m. on his fire engine "chariot." Outdoor live entertainment continues until 6 p.m. when the tree is lit.

Free horse-drawn wagon rides are part of the fun, and children also enjoy the craft-cookie decorating area. Other events include wood carving and ice sculpting demonstrations. Whatever the weather, you'll enjoy indoor and outdoor activities, including the Holiday Passport, which can be exchanged for a gift bag and entry for raffle prizes after six visits to participating Towne Center businesses.

Anderson Towne Center is at 7500 Beechmont Ave. in Anderson Township. Visit [atcstores.com](http://atcstores.com) or [AndersonCenterEvents.org](http://AndersonCenterEvents.org) for more information.

# CONNECT

## OCTOBER

### Beechmont Players - "And Then There Were None"

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road

Friday and Saturday, Oct. 21 and 22, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 23, 3 p.m.

Friday and Saturday, Oct. 28 and 29, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 29, 3 p.m.

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

Info: 513 BEECHMT (233-2468) or [BeechmontPlayers.org](http://BeechmontPlayers.org)

### Jack-O-Lantern Walk

Anderson Center Plaza, 7850 Five Mile Road

Saturday, Oct. 29, 7-9 p.m.

Info: 688-8400 or [mmohrfield@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:mmohrfield@AndersonTownship.org)

## NOVEMBER

### Clermont Northeastern Fall Show - "Seussical Jr."

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road

Thursday and Friday, Nov. 3 and 4, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 5, 2 and 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$10 at [cndrama.org](http://cndrama.org)

### Performing Arts, Inc.

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road

"A Little Night of Disney" - November 6-7, 7 p.m.

"Annie Kids" - November 8-9, 7 p.m.

"Mother Goose and a Comedy" - November 10, 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$10

Info: 257-4482 or [tina@performingartsinc.net](mailto:tina@performingartsinc.net)

### Veterans Day Celebration

Patriot Center, 6660 Clough Pike

Monday, Nov. 11, 5 p.m.

Free: Reservations required, seating limited

Call Molly at 688-8627 or [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org)

### Anderson Area Pizza Showcase

Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road

Sunday, Nov. 13, 1-4 p.m.

Admission: \$7 adults, \$3 children 10 and under

Info: 474-4802 or [AndersonAreaChamber.org](http://AndersonAreaChamber.org)

### Anderson Community Band - music of

#### Leonard Bernstein

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road

Sunday, Nov. 20, 7 p.m.

Free

Info: John Fecker at 207-8506 or

[Andersoncommunityband.com](http://Andersoncommunityband.com)

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### 44th Annual Thanksgiving Community Breakfast

Anderson Hills United Methodist Church,

7515 Forest Road

Tuesday, Nov. 22, 7:30-9 a.m.

Cost: \$15

Info: 474-4802 or [AndersonAreaChamber.org](http://AndersonAreaChamber.org)

## DECEMBER

### St. Ursula Academy Theater Department

#### "The Miracle Worker"

Anderson Center Theater 7850 Five Mile Road

Thursday and Friday, Dec. 1 and 2, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 3, 2 and 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$10

Info: 961-3410 x 190 or [ahinkel@stursula.org](mailto:ahinkel@stursula.org)

### Anderson Township Tree Lighting Celebration

Anderson Towne Center Streetscape

Saturday, Dec. 3, 4 p.m. Santa arrives at 4:15 p.m.

Tree Lighting at 6 p.m.

Info: [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org) or [Atcstores.com](http://Atcstores.com) or

### LeJeune Dance - "The Nutcracker"

Anderson Center Theatre, 7850 Five Mile Road

Thursday and Friday, Dec. 8 and 9, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec 10, 2 and 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 11, 2 p.m.

Tickets (reserved seating): Adult \$20, \$15 for

children under 10 and seniors over 65

Info: 257-8083 or [LeJeuneDance.com/tickets](http://LeJeuneDance.com/tickets)

### Friends of the Groom, Inc. - "Meet Me in the Air"

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road

Friday, Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 17, 3 and 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 18, 3 p.m.

Tickets: Adults \$18; students and children \$15

Info: 831-2859 or [friendsofthegroom.org](http://friendsofthegroom.org)

## JANUARY

### Performing Arts, Inc.

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road

#### "Suessical"

January 27, 7:30 p.m.; January 28, 6 p.m.

#### "Aladdin Kids"

January 27, 6 p.m.; January 28, 1 p.m.

Tickets: \$10

Info: 257-4482 or [tina@performingartsinc.net](mailto:tina@performingartsinc.net)



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**Jack-O-Lanterns Glow at Anderson Center on Oct. 29**

Set the stage for a spooky and spectacular Halloween with Anderson Township's Jack-O-Lantern Walk, the annual event that lights up Anderson Center Lake with the flicker of lit pumpkins.

This popular township event, now in its eighth year, allows children another chance to wear their costumes during the season while enjoying complimentary refreshments, viewing a pumpkin carving contest and taking in live entertainment.

The walk is scheduled for 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at Anderson Center Lake, 7850 Five Mile Road. Carving contest participants are asked to drop off their entries on the day of the event (October 29) between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the lower level atrium at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road. Pick up pumpkins at Anderson Center during the day on Sunday, Oct. 30, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Note: Anderson Township is not responsible for damage to pumpkins.)



For details on the pumpkin carving contest, go to [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org) or [AndersonCenterEvents.org](http://AndersonCenterEvents.org) and link to Jack-O-Lantern Contest Rules.

Call 688-8421 to verify the status of the event if bad weather is a concern. **Please note, parking around Anderson Center has been reduced due to construction at the adjacent Anderson Towne Center. Plan accordingly.**

**Annual Veterans Day Event has New Look and Venue**



This year's celebration of Veterans Day takes on a new look and feel, with the annual township dinner now hosted at the Patriot Center, 6660 Clough Pike. The center is owned and operated by the American Legion Anderson Post 318.

Sponsored by the Anderson Township Veterans Memorial Committee, the November 11 evening includes a complimentary dinner, cash bar and live entertainment from Smooth and

The Cincy Rockers. Dessert is donated by Mt. Washington Care Center.

There will be a cash bar between 5 and 6 p.m., with dinner served at 6 p.m., with entertainment following. Due to space limitations, only one guest can be accommodated per veteran. To register, call 688-8627 and leave your name, your guest's name and phone number, or visit [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org) and click on the Veterans Day Ceremony link.