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# Welcome TO ANDERSON TOWNSHIP

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

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

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

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

#### Here are a few facts about Anderson Township:

- Anderson continues to be one of the most desirable Greater Cincinnati communities. Homeowners enjoy high resale values, recognizing and appreciating their good investment.
- Anderson has more than 2,800 acres of Greenspace, lush active and passive parks, open space and other publicly accessible lands, including quality golf courses.
- Anderson continues to maintain an extremely high level of single-family owner-occupied homes.

- Anderson is financially sound and efficiently governed by leaders committed to fiscal conservatism.
- Anderson has carefully leveraged its assets generating an infusion of more than \$500 million in public and private investments in its commercial areas since 2000, creating better safety, recreation and public services for residents.
- Since 2016, more than \$200 million in private and public investment has been included in the "Center of the Community" within a mile of the Anderson Towne Center.
- Through a partnership with Anderson Township, Forest Hills Schools and the Anderson Township Park District, the RecPlex indoor recreational facility will be renovated to accommodate future community-wide program and event needs.
- In recent years, eight Forest Hills schools have been renovated "to new" to meet current needs and advance technological capabilities. The oldest elementary school, Wilson Elementary, was totally rebuilt.

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

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# Public Services

## RESIDENTS BENEFIT FROM EXCELLENT TOWNSHIP SERVICES

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

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

Township trustees are proactive, progressive leaders who welcome comments from community residents. Trustees usually meet the third Thursday of each month

in Anderson Center. Meetings are open to the public. More information including agendas and minutes may be found on the township's website, [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org).

### FIRE, RESCUE AND EMS

Anderson Township operates its own professional fire, rescue and emergency services department, the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department. The department is known for its excellent service, community education programs and dedicated firefighting personnel. It provides paramedic, fire, rescue and life safety services to Anderson Township from its three fire stations and to Newtown from its fourth station. All department members are fulltime firefighter-paramedics.

With a "3" Insurance Services Offices rating, the township joins an elite group of communities countrywide, only 6.6 percent, which have attained this rating. The 65-person department covers 33.57 square miles housing a combined population of 47,686.

### SHERIFF'S SERVICES

Law enforcement services in Anderson Township are provided by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office District 5 headquarters at two locations throughout the township. On-site at Anderson Center (7850 Five Mile Road) is the township's Crime Prevention Officer and Community Resource Officer. Also open to serve the public is the Sheriff's District 5 substation, located at the Anderson Township Operations Center, 7954 Beechmont Ave. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays. Thirty-six full-time officers are assigned to Anderson Township. The township also supports one full-time investigator assigned to the Regional Enforcement Narcotics Unit (RENU).

Deputies offer small-town personal contact, while also contributing resources available in a large law enforcement organization. The community has one of the most active Neighborhood Watch programs in the Midwest, with more than 110 active groups.

### PLANNING AND ZONING

The township's Planning and Zoning Department oversees all the planning and zoning related matters that occur within the township. It also performs a research and analysis function by using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and other related information sources to aid Anderson Township's elected officials and citizens in making sound planning and zoning decisions. The department serves as staff to several of Anderson Township's citizen advisory committees, comprised of nearly 110 residents and business owners. Committees are focused on economic development, transportation, zoning, Greenspace, urban forestry, health and community culture.

### PUBLIC WORKS

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

To learn more about Anderson Township's services, go to the township's website at [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org).



# Real Estate

HIGH QUALITY HOMES OFFER BUYERS A LASTING INVESTMENT

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

With comparably lower taxes and no payroll tax, Anderson's residences are affordable and sought after for buyers in both the new and previously-owned housing market. The quality education offered by the Forest Hills Local School District and excellent public amenities support high resale values for residents. Homes are enhanced by the community's commitment to Greenspace, Ohio's first (and to date only) publicly supported Greenspace program and the community's superior township and county park districts. Residents also appreciate the high quality public and safety services offered in the township.

Anderson Township is a family-oriented community, busy and full of opportunities to connect with other neighbors. Convenience and access to many leisure opportunities (including golf courses, fitness centers and several country clubs) rate high on residents' lists. The township's dedicated entertainment area on the Ohio River provides yet another reason people enjoy the area.

Local dining and shopping options are abundant and growing. Anderson Township has provided considerable investment in public infrastructure to help ensure its place as a community of choice in Greater Cincinnati. From bike trails and sidewalks to streetscape enhancements and events for community gatherings, this sense of being connected as a community is stronger than ever.



2019 average home sales prices	
Anderson Township	\$298,286
Symmes Township	\$392,759
Pierce Township	\$241,465
Union Township	\$202,590

Statistics provided by MLS





# Schools



In the Forest Hills School District, members of the community come together to provide powerful learning opportunities that blend the best of face-to-face instruction with digital tools. The district serves both Anderson Township and the village of Newtown.

Forest Hills is proud of its tradition of academic excellence and affordable operating costs. Boasting one new and eight renovated neighborhood schools, all within walking distance of homes, the district offers more than 160 high school courses, four global language classes, 28 Advanced Placement courses, more than 100 extracurricular activities, and comprehensive athletic and performing arts programs.

Forest Hills teachers foster a love of learning through their expertise, passion and dedication toward educating youth.

The majority of the district's teachers hold a master's degree, and more than 60 percent of staff have called Forest Hills home for more than a decade. In Forest Hills, students are empowered to fully explore their subjects and interests, making them among the most prepared in all of Cincinnati for rigorous college and career opportunities.

## RECENT AWARDS/ RECOGNITION IN FOREST HILLS SCHOOLS

- 10 National Merit Students in 2019
- Ohio Academy of Science Governor's Awards for Excellence in STEM earned by both high schools
- District teachers are among the top 1 percent statewide, according to the website Niche
- Nagel Middle School has been named an "Ohio School to Watch" three times for being a high-performing and growth-oriented middle school
- Named top 5 percent of Ohio high schools based on reading and math assessments, graduation rate, and college preparation by *U.S. News and World Report*
- The Class of 2019 earned more than \$3.6 million in scholarships and enrolled in more than two dozen colleges and universities across the country
- Preschool Five Star Step Up to Quality Rating

## OTHER SCHOOL OPTIONS

For those opting for vocational education, Anderson residents may attend the Great Oaks Joint Vocational schools, which fill the need with a postsecondary facility service for Forest Hills and other area school districts. The Anderson area hosts several quality private and parochial schools including Immaculate Heart of Mary School, Guardian Angels School, McNicholas High School and Miami Valley Christian Academy. Other higher learning opportunities including University of Cincinnati, Xavier University and Northern Kentucky University are within a half hour drive.





# PARKS AND RECREATION

Anderson Township is fortunate to have a vast array of park facilities and programs for its residents.

The parks are open every day of the year for residents' benefit and enjoyment. The Anderson Parks RecPlex features a gym and classrooms which support year-round, indoor activities for the whole family.

## ANDERSON PARK DISTRICT AN AWARD-WINNING PARK DISTRICT

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



## COME PLAY IN OUR YARD

More than 500 acres of parkland comprise the Anderson Park District. The park district's top priority is to serve as a good steward of parklands and resources, while providing a broad range of recreational opportunities.

Greater Anderson Days celebration.  
Info: [AndersonParks.com](http://AndersonParks.com).

Programs include summer camps, junior high park parties, outdoor concerts and movies, preschool events, instructional sports, hobby classes and special activities geared for the whole family. Sport enthusiasts participate in a variety of leagues including volleyball, pickleball, cornhole and basketball.

A sample of special events hosted by the Anderson Park District include: Daddy Daughter Dance, Adult and Youth Egg Hunts, Farmer in the Dell, A Fair of the Arts, Santa's Workshop and the

## GREAT PARKS OF HAMILTON COUNTY

Great Parks of Hamilton County has four parks encompassing more than 2,200 acres within or minutes from Anderson Township, including Little Miami Golf Center (as well as Avoca and Bass Island), Otto Armleder Memorial Park and Recreation Complex, Withrow Nature Preserve and Woodland Mound. Great Parks also maintains five miles of the Little Miami Scenic Trail, which runs through Anderson Township.

**Little Miami Golf Center** is the place to take up a challenging nine holes of golf. Practice on the natural turf practice area, on the putting course or in the covered and heated driving range. Enjoy the miniature golf course with the family or access the Little Miami Scenic Trail at the golf center, Bass Island (off Newtown Road) or Avoca Trailhead (off Wooster Pike). Canoe and kayak access is available at Bass Island.

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



At **Woodland Mound**, enjoy a variety of recreational opportunities, including playgrounds and picnic areas, an 18-hole disc golf course, nature trails and paved trails and the popular Parky's Wetland Adventure. A public boat launch puts you on the Ohio River for fun. Learn more about Great Parks of Hamilton County at [greatparks.org](http://greatparks.org).



## ENTERTAINMENT

The **Coney Island/Riverbend/Belterra Park** complex on the Ohio River is one of the most visited tourist spots in Ohio. Operating since 1886, **Coney Island** is home to the world's largest recirculating swimming pool in the Sunlite Water Adventure Area, holding more than three million gallons of water. Splish-splash in the pool or take a slippery ride down the slide. Then enjoy the thrill of the Typhoon Tower, a giant interactive water play structure that hosts 70 interactive water play stations and a 33-foot cascading water Hydro Storm.



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



**Belterra Park** brings gaming, entertainment, dining and racing to southern Ohio. The center, owned by Boyd Gaming, was built at the site of the historic River Downs Racetrack. The center is open year-round for entertainment plus banquets and receptions.

# Greenspace in Anderson

## PROTECTING TOWNSHIP'S NATURAL BEAUTY THROUGH MODEL PROGRAM

The Anderson Township Greenspace program continues as a point of much community pride and serves as a model for other Ohio townships. The program preserves and protects 68 parcels of property totaling nearly 700 acres. Parcels range in size from less than a quarter acre to more than 109 acres. There are 17 parcels that each exceed 10 acres in size.

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

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

Anderson Township was once a lightly populated rural community known for its orchards and sweeping river views. Change came quickly in the 1960s, when a period of rapid residential and commercial growth transformed this quiet community into a developing suburb with nearly 44,000 in population.

In the late '80s as this growth continued, Anderson Township residents and officials took steps to preserve the natural character of the community. State officials, with encouragement from the Anderson Township trustees, passed House Bill 717 that allowed townships to acquire land to be preserved in its natural state. In November 1990, voters passed a levy to support a Greenspace program. That year, Anderson Township became the first Ohio township to adopt a Greenspace program under this bill. The first parcel was acquired in spring 1991. In 2020 the Greenspace program reached its 30-year anniversary. While there are limited funds available to properties after the Greenspace levies expired, due to the generosity of Anderson Township landowners, donations continue. One hundred four additional acres have been donated as Greenspace between 2016 and 2019.



## QUESTIONS ABOUT GREENSPACE

### Can township Greenspace ever be developed?

Current state law protects Anderson Township Greenspace forever. That regulation prohibits any type of development including development for active recreation. Passive recreation such as hiking, birding, or photography of natural surroundings is encouraged.

### Are Anderson Township Greenspace properties open to the public?

Yes, all Greenspace properties are open to the public. The public is welcome to explore the properties by following old roads or deer trails. A map of Greenspace locations is posted on [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org) under the Greenspace Committee section.



# Anderson Trails

## CONNECTING THE COMMUNITY

Anderson Township is very proud of its popular trails program which has entailed construction of more than 25 miles of sidewalks and paths for the enjoyment, convenience and non-vehicular transportation needs of its residents.

Since 1993, the township has undertaken an aggressive campaign to build its signature Anderson Trails program. The centerpiece is the award-winning Five Mile Trail traversed by bikers and walkers alike. The trail received regional recognition with a "Best of the East Exercise Trail" award from *Cincy Magazine*.

Wooded paths on the Five Mile Trail provide a 2.5-mile connection linking the Turpin High School area to Five Mile Road amenities, and to Anderson Center, the Anderson Towne Center and ultimately to the Beechmont business corridor. More than \$4 million in grants has facilitated construction of key links on Asbury, State, Nagel and Wolfangel roads.

Connections made in the past 10 years provide thousands of households with a direct link to the trails network and key destinations in the heart of the township such as Beechmont Avenue, Anderson Center and Anderson Towne Center. The township has focused on the verifiable health benefits for "active transportation" (walking and riding bikes) as part of the transportation system. Connector paths also help bring a sense of community.

Anderson Township has taken the lead in moving regional trail projects ahead. The township is working with the city of Cincinnati and several regional agencies to connect Anderson's portion of the Ohio River Trail in its Entertainment District along Kellogg Avenue, to Lunken Airport, by late 2020. Also, Great Parks of Hamilton County will be connecting the Anderson Township portion of the Little Miami Scenic Trail (along Ohio 32) over the Little Miami River to Lunken Airport in 2022. It is anticipated that within four years, a completed regional bike trail will run along the northern and western part of Anderson Township from the Little Miami Golf Center along the Little Miami and Ohio rivers to Five Mile Road.

Anderson has been very successful in securing outside funds for projects, netting more than \$20 million in state and federal grants for transportation and trail projects since 2000, and more than \$700,000 in 2018 to construct a sidewalk on Paddison Road. The township continues its commitment to bring more sidewalks and trails to residents in the future.





# Anderson Events

## COMMUNITY CLEANUPS

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

## TOWNSHIP-WIDE GARAGE SALE

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



## ANDERSON GARDEN AND HISTORY TOUR

In mid-May, green thumb enthusiasts and those who are still novices both enjoy the annual Garden and Home Tour, hosted at a variety of local gardens and historic places. This free tour-at-your-own-pace event, coordinated by the township's WeTHRIVE! Anderson Committee, covers both professionally landscaped and owner-landscaped gardens.

## PARTIES ON THE PLAZA

Party on the Plaza is the Eastside's premier outdoor concert series that combines local restaurants and businesses with live music and a festive atmosphere. The event is hosted on Thursday evenings at Anderson Center throughout the summer months. [AndersonPartyOnThePlaza.com](http://AndersonPartyOnThePlaza.com).



## GREATER ANDERSON DAYS

Hosted annually in late July for more than 20 years, Greater Anderson Days is Anderson's signature summer festival. Come for rides, entertainment and fireworks that top off the celebration.



## INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

One of the biggest and most popular community events each year is the Independence Day Parade, which travels through the heart of the community on Beechmont Avenue. The parade is led by a volunteer committee with township support, and some 10,000 spectators line the streets to enjoy a varied group of community organizations and entertainment.



## EMERGENCY SERVICES DAY

The township's fire and safety services organize a Saturday in early October comprised of educational experiences and fun for children at the Beechmont Fire Station. The event is hosted in conjunction with the national annual Fire Prevention Week.

## ANDERSON HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

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



# Anderson Venues

Whether entertaining clients, rewarding employees, or socializing with friends and family, Anderson Township offers a variety of spaces for your event, close to home.

You are invited to tour beautifully appointed spaces and choose the perfect venue for your event.

## ANDERSON CENTER

Anderson Center is the local destination for entertainment, civic events and family gatherings. The facility provides one-stop shopping for township residents and is home to township government offices including planning and zoning, fiscal, fire and rescue, and public works. The 223-seat theater is frequently used by theater, dance and music groups and is available for rental. A Community Meeting Room can host events with up to 150 people.

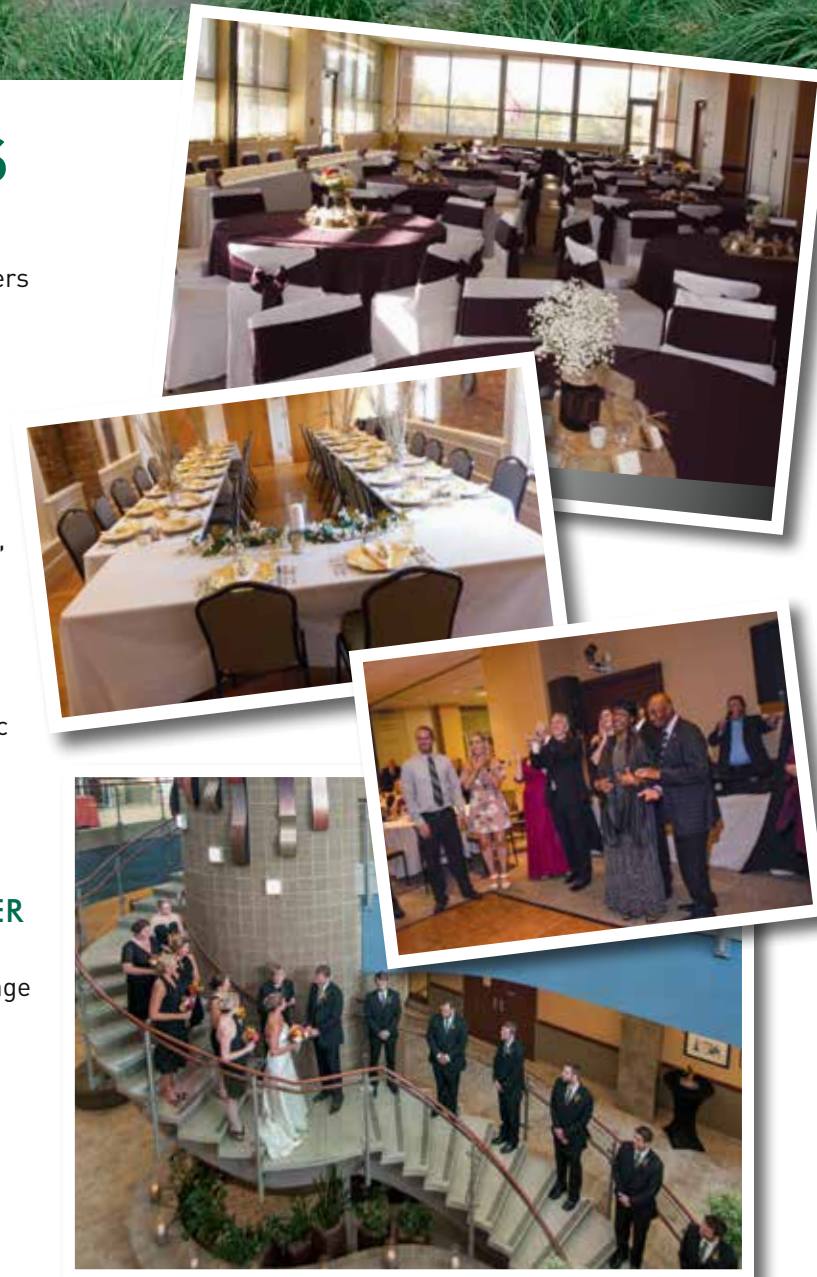
## ANDERSON TOWNSHIP HERITAGE CENTER AND ANDERSON TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER

The Heritage Center and Senior Center offer spaces that combine flexibility and value for smaller events. The Heritage Center is a beautifully restored farmhouse for intimate gatherings with tree-lined patios for larger events. The



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Anderson Senior Center, available evenings and weekends, is a convenient option for a wide variety of events, from meetings and parties to quinceaneras and baby showers.



With three locations to choose from, you are sure to find a venue to suit your needs. Call 688-8444 to learn more about rental options or go to [AndersonCenterEvents.org](http://AndersonCenterEvents.org).



# Economic Development

## FORWARD THINKING DRIVES TOWNSHIP'S PROGRESS

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

Anderson Township has seen a dramatic central transformation in recent years, with the infusion of private development focused in part at the Anderson Towne Center and neighboring office developments. This growth has been fueled by more than \$500 million in private investment over the last several years, concentrated near the center of the community along Beechmont Avenue and Five Mile Road. Growth includes more than \$200 million since 2015, in the half-mile area near the Five Mile and Beechmont intersection, the center of the community. This was highlighted by expansion at Mercy Health-Anderson Hospital and redevelopment at and around the Anderson Towne Center.

Private investment has and will continue to include retail redevelopment and several hundred thousand square feet of new office development. These changes are coupled with more than \$10 million in public investment that has occurred around Anderson Center and streetscape improvements, enhancing the economic vitality of the center of our community.

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

In between, public investment along Salem Road and Clough Pike has instilled a vibrancy and renewed focus to these important neighborhood business districts. To help facilitate this positive momentum, the township's citizen-led economic development committee was introduced in 2008 to foster and encourage local economic development, including current work focusing on key sites in the community for development/redevelopment, and workforce development.

Upgrades for the busy Clough Pike corridor are in the works. A new study begins in 2020 which will assess critical safety, access, traffic flow and infrastructure improvements being planned for the six-mile road.

### BEECHMONT CORRIDOR

The heart of the Anderson business district is the Beechmont Corridor, which runs from Mt. Washington to the county line east of Nordyke Road. Safety and convenience for both shoppers and drivers

has been significantly increased in recent years through implementation of the Beechmont Corridor Plan. Created by a joint task force of the Anderson Township Trustees and the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce, the project today relies on inter-agency cooperation and private development. Also working together are the township, Ohio Department of Transportation, and Hamilton County Engineer's Office to continue a mutual goal of increased safety. Traffic flow, expanded safety reforms and economic vitality of the corridor have been targeted by Anderson Township trustees as areas in which to invest.

In recent years, significant improvements have been made along the roadway, including a reconfigured intersection at Five Mile Road, coordinated traffic signals, more turning lanes, combined parking lots and access drives and key sidewalk connections. Upgrades specified by the Beechmont Corridor Plan have been coupled with decorative walls and pedestrian plazas. With connections to insure accessibility and with wayfinding signage, residents and visitors alike have noted the drive down Beechmont is more pleasing and easier to navigate.

More progress is on track for Beechmont Avenue, with roadway resurfacing planned for 2021, and additional safety and accessway connections scheduled in conjunction with private development. These improvements compliment



2018 upgrades which entailed new sidewalks and signal upgrades, pavement striping modifications, medians and turning lanes.

Along with improvements to the Five Mile and Beechmont intersection, which greatly improved traffic flow and safety, the corridor has enjoyed greater economic vitality and ease for all transportation modes.

From ongoing aesthetic and access improvements to enhanced guidelines for the style of new development for the busy corridor, the future of Beechmont Avenue, and our community that it serves, is bright!





## Shopping, Dining and Entertainment

Whether you plan to “shop ‘til you drop,” or enjoy a family dinner out, Anderson Township’s numerous shopping and dining options can fulfill your needs. Residents will find many convenient goods and services on the Beechmont business corridor, which runs through the center of the community. Shoppers recognize the diversity of options on Beechmont, sporting both mom and pop businesses and national chains.



In the heart of Beechmont Avenue lies the Anderson Towne Center, anchored by Macy’s and a popular Kroger store, a prime spot for socializing, shopping and entertainment. With its numerous restaurants connected by an attractive, streetscape and the award-winning Shoppes at Anderson Towne Center development at Beechmont and Wolfangel,

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

Other neighborhood business districts, such as those along Salem Road and Clough Pike, have enjoyed recent township infrastructure improvements. These areas also provide convenient shopping options often within walking distance of many households.

Anderson Towne Center’s options have grown in recent years to include numerous health and beauty retailers. Entertainment options at Anderson Towne Center include the AMC Dine-In Cincinnati 9, The Candle Lab and the Sky Zone trampoline park.



## Anderson Township Senior Center

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

This center is an important source for the Anderson area community in providing education, recreation and fitness services for senior citizens. It focuses on helping seniors maintain independent living.

Many essential practical services are offered by the Senior Center, which is owned and operated by Anderson Township. The center offers a wide range of classes including art, wood carving, fitness classes, line dancing and quilting.

Special events are planned throughout the year, as are many trips tailored to the interests of seniors and Baby Boomers, too. In addition, fitness and proper nutrition are emphasized at the center.

Cincinnati Area Senior Services, through the Council on Aging, assists with transportation to and from the center, as well as errands and medical visits.

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





# Health Care and Fitness

Anderson residents are fortunate to have convenient access to a wide range of services and facilities serving most medical needs. Mercy Health-Anderson Hospital, a full-service nationally recognized acute care facility, along with numerous healthcare professionals have chosen to do business in the community.

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

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

Sports Medicine, Mercy Health Physicians and other medical networks. Mercy Health-Anderson Hospital, which is part of Bon Secours Mercy Health, is a top Cincinnati hospital and winner of several national awards.

One of Christ Hospital's many outpatient centers is located on Beechmont Avenue. TriHealth, with several centers in the community, provides a one-stop service center for cardiac, imaging and vascular testing, pulmonary function testing, oncology and lab services.

## STAY HEALTHY

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

The **M.E. Lyons YMCA** on Clough Pike offers recreational and fitness opportunities seven days a week for every age group. Both indoor and outdoor pools are popular, with an award-winning swim team sponsored by the organization. Other fitness facilities including **Crunch Fitness** as well as tennis and swim clubs provide many exercise options for residents on the go.

Mile Road area is a regional center of medical services and offices for the many general and specialty physicians, including Wellington Orthopaedics &



# Library

## ANDERSON BRANCH LIBRARY



The Anderson Branch Library is the second busiest and highest-circulating facility in the 41-branch system of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. The collection includes more than 100,000 print items and more than 35,000 audiovisual items including DVDs, CDs, and audiobooks.

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

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

The branch also provides early learning computer stations for children and a host of apps to help students on the branch iPads. A drive-up book drop provides convenience for patrons on the go. Plus, the branch now offers passport services. Customers can make an appointment to come in from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturdays and have their passport applications processed.



The branch is home to the yearly holiday used book sale hosted by the Anderson Township Library Association. Proceeds from this sale and the annual summer sale at Nagel Middle School help fund events and resources at the library. To obtain a library card, stop by the branch, call 369-6030, or go to [www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/account/application.aspx](http://www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/account/application.aspx).

# Communications

## LEARN ABOUT ANDERSON THROUGH INSIGHTS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Whether you rely on social media for up-to-date news, or still enjoy your print publications, Anderson Township reaches its residents both ways.

A longstanding source of local township news is found three times a year in *Anderson Insights*. The colorful publication focuses on changes in township services, community events, trends in the township and safety information. It is delivered free to every home and business.

A robust and active Facebook page at Anderson Township, Ohio, offers weekday posts featuring key information. It's one of the most followed township Facebook pages in the state of Ohio, and is a great resource for immediate news such as emergency alerts, road closings, and community events, among other items.

For general government information related to planning and zoning, safety services and fiscal accountability, [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org) is your go-to web site. This resource showcases the many aspects of the high-quality public services offered here.



# History of Anderson Township

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

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

The earliest settlers to arrive in the southeastern Hamilton County area landed at the confluence of the west bank of the Little Miami River and the Ohio River where in 1788 Major Benjamin Stites established a settlement. Two years later, the first permanent fortified settlement in Anderson Township was created- the Garard/Martin Station.

This untamed area became home for people seeking property ownership and a better life. For them, the Ohio River Valley was considered a prime location in the new land of opportunity. In the spring of 1793, the area became a township (of Hamilton County) and was named after Richard Clough Anderson, surveyor of the area's Virginia Military District.

**Beechmont Avenue-at Eight Mile Road  
looking east  
circa 1910**



Other familiar names that live on today in the community derive from the earliest pioneers. The first settler in nearby Mt. Washington was Stephen Sutton. Ichabod Benton Miller was one of the first to live in the Clough-Newtown area. His home, now known as the Miller-Leuser Log House, is a well-known historical landmark on Clough Pike. Built in the late 1700s, it was used as a residence until 1968. The house was purchased by the Anderson Township Historical Society in 1971 and is maintained by the dedicated volunteers of the Historical Society. They offer tours of the property on the first and third Sundays from June through October and by special arrangement for classes and other groups.

*Salem Trestle*



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

While there was plenty of land, the area's population remained relatively small and stable throughout the 1800s. Most township residents were farmers whose orchards and farmlands dominated the area. The historic James Clark Stone House (circa 1802) at the corner of Hunley Road and Clough Pike is now owned by the township. Reflecting its agricultural roots, a nursery leases the surrounding yard and sells plants during the growing season on the property today. The site received an Ohio Historical Marker during the 225th anniversary of the township's founding.

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

Modest growth continued through the early 20th century. When the new Beechmont levee was completed in 1950s the township entered a period of significant development as it became feasible to easily commute to downtown from Anderson. This population increase was further accelerated, in part, due to the completion of I-275 in the early 1970s, including the Combs-Hale Bridge over the Ohio River. Between 1950 and 1985, the population quadrupled. Today's population is approximately 44,000 residents.



*James Clark House*



## HISTORY ROOM UNEARTH'S TOWNSHIP'S RURAL PAST

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

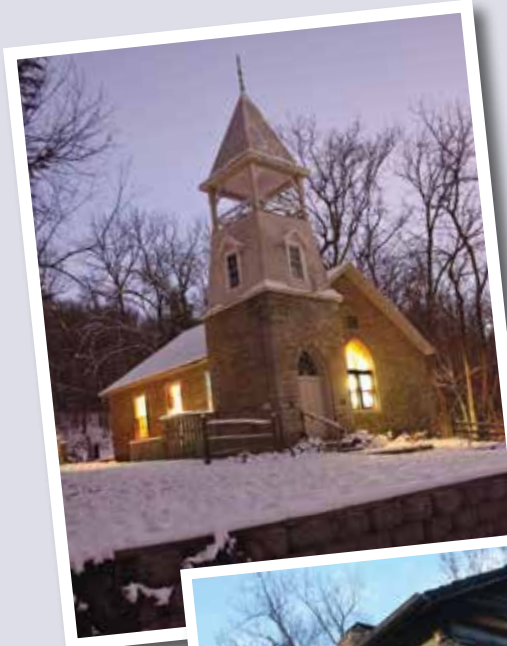
Anderson Township residents have donated many of the artifacts in the History Room. Using old maps, photos, Native American relics, farming implements, and more, the history of the township unfolds. A portion of a large, 170-year-old corn crib was reconstructed in the Anderson Township History Room to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

The History Room at Anderson Center is a joint venture of Anderson Township and the Anderson Township Historical Society. The History Room is open from 1-4 p.m. on Sundays and Wednesdays. With advance notice, special group tours can be arranged.

## FIVE MILE CHAPEL

### FIVE MILE ROAD

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



Five Mile Chapel

## MILLER-LEUSER LOG HOUSE

### CORNER OF BARTELS ROAD AND CLOUGH PIKE

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



Miller-Leuser Log House

Today, the cabin is host to curious area residents almost every week. The home was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974 and received an Ohio Historical Marker in 2011.

## SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### CORNER OF SALEM AND SUTTON ROADS

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



Salem Methodist Church and McCormick Hall

## ANDERSON URBAN FARM

### BARTELS ROAD

The Anderson Urban Farm is one of the last undeveloped farm properties in Anderson Township. Owned by the Anderson Township Historical Society, this peaceful 10-acre property sits on Bartels Road between Turpin High School and Clough Pike. In the fall of 2018 volunteers began working to clear the land of invasive plants, and in the spring of 2019 a community garden was born. The site is now host to a variety of events throughout the year.



Anderson Urban Farm

# Trash and Recycling

Anderson Township's commitment to recycling benefits both the environment and the community.

Each year Anderson emerges as a recycling leader and has been recognized by Hamilton County as having the Best Township Recycling Rate.

Anderson is awarded reimbursement monies from the Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District based on how much material residents recycle. This funding supports several activities such as the township's drop-off recycling center, litter cleanup and recycling education.

## RECYCLING OPTIONS

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

The township supports a curbside textile and small appliance recycling program through a contract with Simple Recycling. Check details at [SimpleRecycling.com](http://SimpleRecycling.com).

The Anderson Township Recycling Center, perhaps the busiest drop-off recycling facility in Greater Cincinnati, operates at the Anderson Township Operations Center, 7954 Beechmont Ave. This center accepts cardboard, newspaper, glass, aluminum and steel cans (with labels

removed), jars and crushed plastic bottles and jugs crushed with lids on. It also accepts used clothing and textiles. Other items, including certain hazardous waste materials, can be recycled at various outlets in the Anderson area. For more information on locations and options, visit [www.hamiltoncountyclecyles.org](http://www.hamiltoncountyclecyles.org).

## TRASH OPTIONS

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

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

Brush and tree branches may be recycled for free at the Bzak Landscaping yard waste drop-off site at 3295 Turpin Lane (off Ohio 32 in Anderson just west of Newtown). The center accepts yard waste seven days a week - from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, and from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends. Note: Hours may be restricted during the winter.

Stringent rules govern burning of leaves and yard waste. Contact the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department at 688-8400 ext. 6 for more details.





# Did You Know?

## FAST FACTS FOR NEW RESIDENTS OF ANDERSON TOWNSHIP

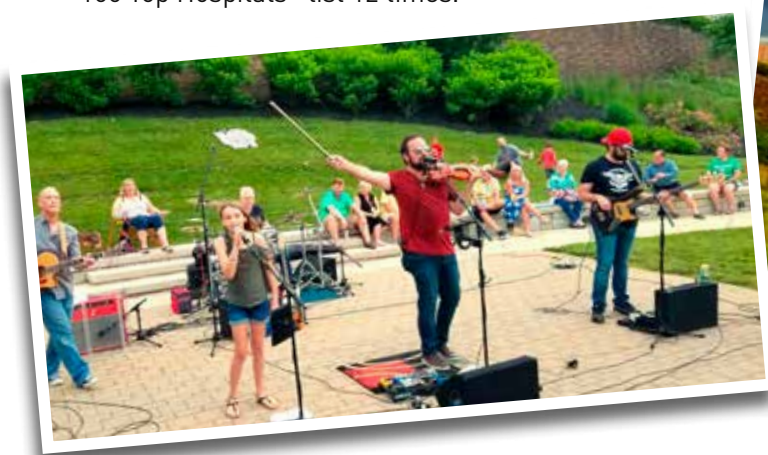
- Buying a home in Anderson Township continues to be a solid investment. Between 2000 and 2016, the estimated median value of Anderson Township homes grew by 56 percent (U.S. Census) and the average resale of Anderson residences in 2016 was \$286,970. The total real property taxable value of Anderson Township is \$1.242 billion.
- A little more than 86 percent of township residences are single-family, owner-occupied homes. According to 2016 U.S. Census estimates, Anderson Township households had a median income of nearly \$106,000 per year, which was almost 80 percent higher than the state median.
- Anderson Township's prototype Greenspace preservation program indicates a significant community commitment to preserve open spaces. Greenspace properties are estimated to be worth more than \$13 million. Anderson Township includes more than 2,800 acres of parks, Greenspace and other publicly

accessible land, encompassing more than 15.5 percent of total township acreage and entailing approximately 60 acres of Greenspace, parks and recreational uses for every 1,000 residents.

- For a decade, Anderson Township has held an Aaa bond credit rating from the Moody's Investors Service. This rating recognizes Anderson's history of conservative fiscal management, residential housing stock and extensive cash reserves. This rating was recently reaffirmed in December 2019 and recognizes Anderson's history of financial conservatism.
- Anderson Township continues to see an infusion of private and public development. More than \$200 million worth of projects were completed between 2015 and 2018. Strong median income, close proximity to downtown, and an interest in diverse housing and retail options have developers flocking to the township.

- Anderson Township residents continue to rate Fire EMS/Rescue Services as "Best in Class." The township is part of an elite group of communities with a "3" Insurance Services Offices rating; countrywide, only 6.6 percent of communities are in this category.
- The ANCOR region, in the northeast corner of Anderson Township, contains one of the largest concentrations of undeveloped industrially zoned property within the I-275 beltway. The more than 500-acre area is suited for office/light industry usage. Already home to several large companies, the area has approximately 330 readily usable acres remaining and slated for industrial/office development.
- Anderson Township is a convenient place to do business. The community enjoys ready access to I-275, is 15 minutes from downtown Cincinnati and about 30 minutes from the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, 20 minutes from I-75 and 71 and five minutes from Lunken Municipal Airport. More than 600 businesses in eight business districts currently call Anderson Township home.
- Anderson Township has received more than \$20 million in state and federal grants awarded since 2000 for township improvements such as: The Ohio River, Five Mile and Little Miami trails; Beechmont Avenue and Five Mile Road streetscape enhancements and traffic calming; numerous sidewalk projects; Clough and Salem corridor/streetscape improvements, and the Beechmont and Five Mile continuous flow intersection.
- Anderson's Public Works Department is widely recognized as having the ability to clear snow from its more than 120 miles of township-maintained streets quicker and better than any other area community.
- Anderson Township has its own hospital, Mercy Health-Anderson Hospital, which IBM Watson has named to its 100 Top Hospitals® list 12 times.

- The Anderson Township government receives only about 17.72 cents of each property tax dollar paid. This funds police and fire protection, road maintenance and snow removal, public works, planning/zoning and special events, capital improvements and all other township operating functions.
- Anderson Township's population continues to grow. While the city of Cincinnati and Hamilton County lost population between 1990 and 2016, according to U.S. Census information, Anderson Township's population grew 9.7 percent during that period from 39,939 to 43,800, gaining more residents than all but one of Hamilton County's 49 communities over the last 30 years.



# Area Phone Numbers and Websites

## ANDERSON TOWNSHIP SERVICES

<b>Emergency</b>	<b>911</b>
Hamilton County Sheriff's District 5 <a href="http://www.hcso.org">www.hcso.org</a>	474-5770
Anderson substation - non-emergency After-hours number	825-2280
Anderson Township Administration, Fire and Rescue, Fiscal Officer, Road/Street Maintenance, Township Trustees, Zoning and Land Use <a href="http://www.AndersonTownship.org">www.AndersonTownship.org</a>	688-8400
Anderson Center Events <a href="http://www.AndersonCenterEvents.org">www.AndersonCenterEvents.org</a>	688-8444
Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce <a href="http://www.andersonareachamber.org">www.andersonareachamber.org</a>	474-4802
Anderson Branch Library <a href="http://www.cincinnati.library.org">www.cincinnati.library.org</a>	369-6030
Anderson Branch Post Office	474-3262
Anderson Senior Center <a href="http://www.andersontownship.org/senior-center">www.andersontownship.org/senior-center</a>	474-3100
Anderson Township Historical Society <a href="http://www.andersontownshiphistoricalsociety.org">www.andersontownshiphistoricalsociety.org</a>	231-2114
Anderson Township Park District <a href="http://www.andersonparks.com">www.andersonparks.com</a>	474-0003
Anderson Township Republican Club <a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/AndersonTwpRepublicanClub/">www.facebook.com/groups/AndersonTwpRepublicanClub/</a>	833-3010
Beechmont Players <a href="http://www.beechmontplayers.org">www.beechmontplayers.org</a>	233-2468
Eastern Hills Exchange Club <a href="http://www.eheconline.org">www.eheconline.org</a>	878-7725
Eastside Area Newcomers <a href="http://www.cincinnatieastsidenewcomers.org">www.cincinnatieastsidenewcomers.org</a>	
Eastside Democratic Club <a href="http://www.EastsideDems.org">www.EastsideDems.org</a>	232-4154
Five Mile Chapel Society <a href="http://www.fivemilechapel.org">www.fivemilechapel.org</a>	720-8681
Greater Anderson Promotes Peace (GAPP) <a href="http://www.gappeace.org">www.gappeace.org</a>	588-8391

## ANDERSON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

## OTHER AREA SCHOOLS:

Guardian Angels School <a href="http://www.gaschool.org">www.gaschool.org</a>	624-3141
Immaculate Heart of Mary School <a href="http://www.ihomschool.org">www.ihomschool.org</a>	388-4086
Miami Valley Christian Academy <a href="https://mvca-oh.com">https://mvca-oh.com</a>	272-6822
McNicholas High School <a href="http://www.mcnhs.org">www.mcnhs.org</a>	231-3500

## HOSPITAL, HEALTH

Cincinnati Children's Anderson	636-6100
M. E. Lyons YMCA <a href="https://myy.org/location/me-lyons-ymca/">https://myy.org/location/me-lyons-ymca/</a>	474-1400
Mercy Health — Anderson HealthPlex	624-1871
Mercy Health — Anderson Hospital	624-4500

## MEDIA

Cincinnati Enquirer <a href="http://www.cincinnati.com">www.cincinnati.com</a>	721-2700
Eastside Press <a href="http://www.cincinnati.com">www.cincinnati.com</a>	248-8600

## HAMILTON COUNTY SERVICES

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

## TRASH COLLECTION

CSI Waste Services <a href="http://www.republicservices.com">www.republicservices.com</a>	771-4200
Hazardous Waste Hotline <a href="http://www.hamiltoncountyrecycles.org">www.hamiltoncountyrecycles.org</a>	946-7766
Rumpke Waste, Inc. <a href="http://www.rumpke.com">www.rumpke.com</a>	742-2900
Simple Recycling	(866) 835-5068

## TRANSPORTATION

Beechmont License Agency <a href="http://www.bmv.ohio.gov">www.bmv.ohio.gov</a>	232-9444
Clermont County Title Office Beechmont Plaza Shopping Center 550 F Beechmont Ave.	732-8025
Queen City Metro <a href="http://www.go-metro.com">www.go-metro.com</a>	621-4455

## PUBLIC UTILITIES

Duke Energy <a href="http://www.duke-energy.com">www.duke-energy.com</a>	651-4182
Cincinnati Bell Main Office <a href="http://www.cincinnati.bell.com">www.cincinnati.bell.com</a>	397-9900
Greater Cincinnati Water Works <a href="http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/gcww">www.cincinnati-oh.gov/gcww</a>	591-7700
Metropolitan Sewer District <a href="http://www.msdc.org">www.msdc.org</a>	352-4900
Spectrum <a href="http://www.spectrum.com">www.spectrum.com</a>	(888) 921-5507







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