

## Anderson Examines Its Possibilities Through Updated Comprehensive Plan

The big-picture blueprint to guide the future will be revised this year in a collaborative process.

Anderson Township, once again, is doing a little self-examination to determine what our community might look like five, 10 or 20 years from now.

For the fifth time since the inaugural plan in 2005, Anderson Township is updating its Comprehensive Plan, the guiding document that lays out initiatives and priorities for the community's future. By examining different elements of township life, the steering team and township staff, stakeholders, businesses, and the public can contribute to future decisions about the economic, physical, and social aspects of the community.

### See completed projects from Anderson's plans on pages 4-5

"Over the last year, we have heard how much people want to get involved to shape the future of what goes on in Anderson. This year's update provides the perfect opportunity," said Assistant Director of Planning and Zoning Sarah Donovan.

"We are looking for the community's comments to guide us to what steps they want us to take to make that vision a reality," she said.

Anderson's plans are actively used and guide decisions all the time, notes Planning and Zoning Director Paul Drury. "When a developer approaches township staff or a zoning decision is contemplated, the Comprehensive Plan and other adopted plans are shared to ensure the proposed



*As part of a its longterm plan, Anderson is again reaching out to younger generations for workplace preparation.*

### Topics covered in the 2021 plan included:

- Community assets and services
- Mobility
- Natural and environmental resources
- Quality of place
- Housing and people
- Economic vitality
- Land Use

development is consistent with the township's vision," he said.

### Why create a plan?

Residents may wonder why the township invests time and resources into creating and maintaining a comprehensive plan. "Undertaking the process of creating a comprehensive plan is perhaps the most

direct way to translate the desires of our residents into future decision-making that shapes the township," noted Trustee Vice Chair Katie Nappi. Creating a plan can help answer questions such as "Who are we as a community?" and "Where do we want to be in the future?" Also to be determined in the process is the answer to the fundamental question: "How do we get there?" Drury said. One of the important facets of the planning process is dialogue, which helps identify what is important to people, he added.

### Opportunities to connect

Anderson will announce several ways the public can get involved in vision casting once dates are finalized as obtaining ideas from the public is an important step in the process, Donovan said. "We're seeking ideas

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Township Works to Coordinate Road Projects to Ease Construction Delays

Planned roadway improvements by the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Hamilton County Engineer's Office could make traveling in and around Anderson Township more challenging this year.

Steve Sievers, assistant township administrator for operations, said the western portion of the township may be more heavily impacted this year by construction activities that affect traffic flow.

For more than two decades, Anderson has collected information from neighboring jurisdictions and major utility providers to document construction projects that affect the township.

"One of our biggest attributes, having 15 miles of riverfront, is also a detriment when it comes to traffic flow," Sievers said. "Due to Anderson's unique location with interstate travel to downtown, it's been imperative that we look to make sure construction activities are coordinated as it impacts our residents and visitors," Sievers added.

"Anderson Township is committed to alerting agencies to overlapping projects and encouraging coordination as much as possible and we will be announcing more details as they are shared with us later this year," said Trustee Vice Chair Katie Nappi.



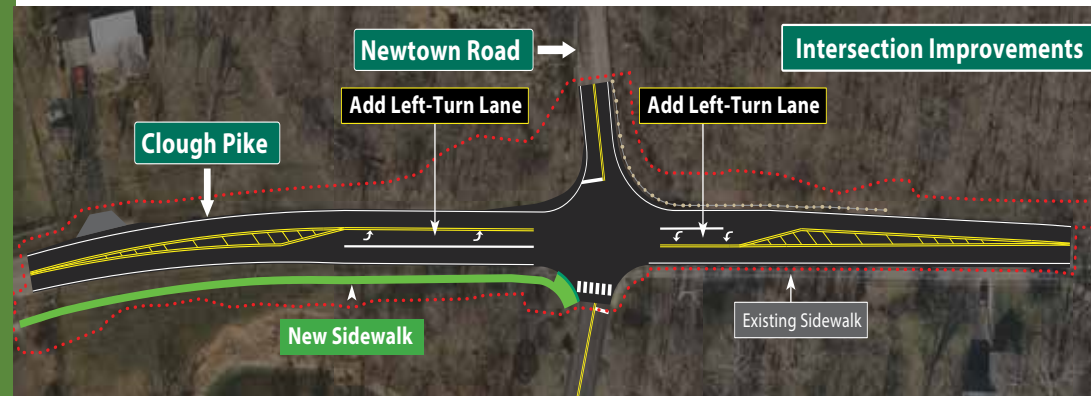
Below is a summary of what's planned so far:

**Clough Pike and Newtown Road** - With the assistance of an ODOT grant, Anderson Township will be adding left turn lanes from Clough Pike to Newtown Road. A project on Clough Pike will complete the sidewalk from Copperleaf Lane to Newtown Road.

**Beechmont Avenue/Levee (West of SR 32)** - ODOT is planning to replace the two bridges over the Little Miami River

and railroad area near Wilmer Avenue, respectively. This will involve several months of very impactful restrictions on traffic including one lane traffic in each direction in the work zone on the Beechmont Levee traffic, which also will cause significant traffic delays. Construction may begin as early as **this fall** but most likely will occur in **2027 to work around other nearby roadway projects.**

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Clough Pike and Newtown Road intersection and sidewalk improvements are planned for this summer.

New Park May Provide Public Space on Little Miami River



Anderson Township may soon have a new park located in the Old Fort area on the Little Miami River.

A portion of Anderson Township's riverfront property on the Little Miami River, home to one of the county's first "country clubs," but also that faced seasonal flooding, could be transformed into Anderson's newest park.

The township is collaborating with residents, area stakeholders and an engineering-architecture firm to design a new space along the Little Miami River that could provide riverside access as well as natural play opportunities.

Area's history tied to seasonal use

Originally known as the Old Fort Country Club, it is located off Debolt Road in the northwestern portion of the township. It was established in the early 1900s as a seasonal retreat from Cincinnati along the Little Miami River. However, the cottages were not built to withstand the frequent swelling of the Little Miami River.

After significant flooding in the late 1990s, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Anderson Township partnered on a project in which the township acquired flood-prone structures and properties through a voluntary buyout program. The buyout protected against future flood damage and restored much of the area to a natural environment, to reduce future risk and damage, noted Administrator Vicky Earhart.

Those efforts have continued over the last three decades. In that time, the township acquired about 400 of the 600 properties in this community. Much of the land is now publicly owned, she said.

The township contracted with Burgess & Niple to develop options for open space improvements earlier this year. A concept plan has been developed.

Improvement options under discussion

Several ideas presented for the township's 6-acre property along the river include a small parking and picnic area, a half-mile loop trail, fishing access, and an overlook. Future components could include a natural playground area, a pollinator garden, benches and interpretive signage to help tell the story of the seasonal retreats previously located in this portion of the township. Changes could be in place by 2027.

Seeking public comment

"As a part of the planning process, we also wanted to strive to ensure adequate buffer or separation between the public's use of this space and nearby private properties," said Paul Drury, planning and zoning director.

The conceptual plan is available for review and comment at [AndersonTownshipOH.gov](http://AndersonTownshipOH.gov) under the "News" section.



The area will undergo environmental upgrades.

Public commentary will help shape the vision for this area, notes Drury.

"Anderson Township is defined by over 15 miles of riverfront, on the Little Miami River or Ohio River," said Drury, "but unfortunately, our residents have limited locations to safely access these wonderful natural amenities."

Over the last 10 years, the Little Miami River Valley has become a tremendous focus of recreational activity, including bike trails, kayaking/canoeing, fishing, swimming, or just enjoying the natural setting," said Trustee Tom Hodges. "This portion of the township's Old Fort property represents a tremendous asset that can add to these opportunities, in a way that is in harmony with the important natural role of this riparian corridor that protects the river," he added.

Interest growing in riverfront recreation

"We've particularly seen the tremendous rise in recreational activity in the Little Miami Valley over the past decade," he added.

The Burgess & Niple study identified several limitations on the property beyond its flood-prone status, which would affect any new structures in this area. "Based upon these and other factors, our plan is geared towards low-impact enjoyment of the area, with modifications that are in concert with the flood-prone nature of the property," Drury said. Many of the elements in the concept plan can be introduced more quickly and at a fairly cost, he noted.

# TOWNSHIP NEWS

## Planning—Capturing the Vision of Anderson Township

For Anderson Township, a written plan has been crucial for advancing complex, long-term projects.

For example, the adopted plans that cover Beechmont Avenue, Clough Pike, the riverfront/Kellogg area and trails, among other areas, have enhanced our community life.

### Completed planning projects shape Anderson Township (from page 1)

The overarching **Comprehensive Plan** is ultimately the critical piece of community planning. It provides continuity across all guiding documents and focuses on turning ideas into reality. From this plan the

township has pursued broad initiatives including environmental protection, expansion of Anderson Trails, economic growth, neighborhood upgrades and transportation improvements.

You've seen changes, and a Comprehensive Plan is where they start.

### Notable recent accomplishments include:



#### Preservation of the township's rich history and arts.

Focus areas include partnerships with the Anderson Township Historical Society, the new native plants initiative, and the development and implementation of the Community Art Plan.



#### Enhanced quality of life and social interaction.

Making Anderson Township a desirable destination to live, work or play has spawned activities supporting the Anderson Township Senior Center, Third Place initiatives at Anderson Center, and community celebrations such as the Independence Day Parade.



#### Improved safety in all forms of transportation infrastructure.

Safety improvements, including adding sidewalks, enhancing crosswalks, new pavement markings, maintaining and upgrading township roads, partnerships to advance the regional transportation network and public transportation enhancements, all stem from planning activities. Recent transportation projects included a focus on the Clough Pike Corridor and the revitalized Anderson Center Station park and ride.



#### Increased housing options and styles.

Over the past decade, new housing has emerged to meet the needs of all generations. Options include new and expanded apartment communities, new townhomes and duplexes, additional senior housing and continued subdivision development.



#### Demonstration of a commitment to public safety.

Public safety services and facilities are expected to meet both current community needs and those arising from future development. Key to this includes the physical placement and use of township facilities, such as planned upgrades to the township's Operations Center. Other public safety concerns have recently been addressed by adding personnel to meet safety service needs.



#### Promotion of the arts and cultural programs.

Initiatives include the new leaf sculpture at Anderson Towne Center, underpass lighting on Kellogg Avenue at I-275, and support for the Anderson Arts Collaborative. The photo depicts a new tile mosaic that will be installed this month at the Shoppes at Anderson Towne Center.



#### Preservation and protection of the community's natural resources.

This includes the continued growth of the township's Greenspace program, securing dedicated open space in new developments, and a variety of new recycling initiatives.



#### Developing the local workforce through collaborations.

Collaboration with the Forest Hills School District and the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce has led to programs that support local businesses and improve residents' skills.

# TOWNSHIP NEWS

## Operations Center Improvements Begin This Fall, Requiring Recycling Center Closure

New and improved facilities are coming to Anderson's operations center on Beechmont Avenue, with construction starting this fall on a new Public Works garage and maintenance facility.

However, as construction alters these key facilities that enhance the township's day-to-day operations, the Anderson Township Drop Off Recycling Center will be eliminated to make way for the new Public Works facility.

### Recycling funds reallocated

"Due to the cost and complexities to potentially construct and maintain a new recycling drop-off facility, we are not relocating this center," noted Steve Sievers, assistant township administrator for operations. "Instead, we are using these township funds to continue to expand curbside recycling opportunities. Namely, we are also encouraging adding on-site recycling options for condominium and apartment communities."

"Anderson Township, working with Rumpke and many other partners over the past 10 years, has made tremendous progress in increasing curbside recycling rates," said Trustee Chair Dee Stone. "However, we are turning a corner this year by focusing on bringing recycling options closer to residents, an industry-wide trend," Stone added.

### Drop-Off Center costs and maintenance grew

Over time, the recycling center has consumed significant financial resources, as the cost for servicing the 21 containers three days a week doubled since 2020, totaling more than \$90,000 in 2025. This cost does not account for the cleanup and maintenance of the site.

In addition, keeping the center free from blowing debris and unwanted trash has been a significant task. Anderson's Public Works crews often spend several hours almost every day keeping the lot clean said Eric Luginbuhl, public works director. The cleanup is never-ending, he noted.



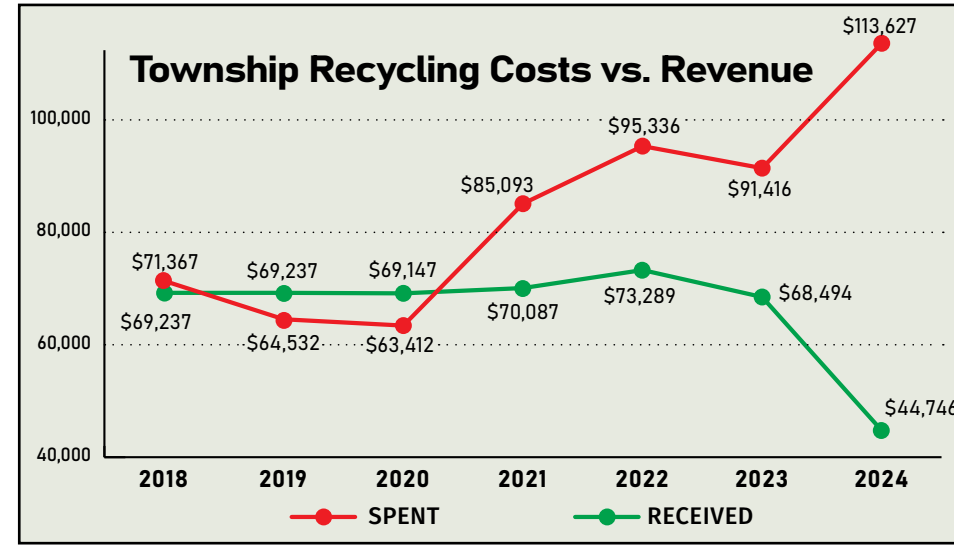
Anderson is refocusing its recycling efforts.

Anderson Township and Rumpke subscribers have subsidized the recycling facility for several years, Stone noted. "We've been spending nearly all our recycling budget on a drop-off center that serves a small segment of our community," Stone said. "While this change will alter the recycling habits of some residents, these funds can now be reallocated to benefit all residents of our community, through multi-family recycling programs, special recycling events/opportunities and roadside litter cleanup."

Anderson residents have embraced recycling as a lifestyle. More than four out of five of the township's single-family households is recycling, per Dean Ferrier, Rumpke's municipal public sector account representative. In fact, close to 90 percent of Rumpke's more than 13,000 curbside customers in the township have recycling containers, said Ferrier.

"There is no 'gap in coverage' whether you live in a condo or apartment," Ferrier said. Recycling for businesses, condos, apartments and single-family homes is available in Anderson.

In response to the sheer volume of recycling materials at the site and onsite problems, township staff have often asked:



Who actually uses the recycling center? Anderson Township has studied this question several times over the years and found the center is heavily used by non-residents and business owners. Estimates of non-resident users ranged from 30% to 40%, while another 10% to 15% are businesses, Sievers noted.

Clermont County residents are extensive users of the recycling center, Luginbuhl noted. The nearby Union Township drop-off facility closed several years ago,

and the Anderson location became the closest free site for recyclers to the east.

Anderson has long been a recycling advocate. The township helped foster curbside recycling initiatives, promotes and educates about recycling outlets, and most recently individual outreach with multi-family homeowner groups to encourage onsite recycling.

Anderson Township will redirect its limited funds to emphasize special recycling days in the future, focusing on

eliminating hazardous household waste and unwanted electronics in occasional events. "Other funds will pay for contractors to clean the roads, an effort we found to be very helpful to combat roadside litter," Luginbuhl said.

"We want to use these funds for things that benefit everyone," Stone added, "while also continuing to grow the number of residents that recycle and increase the waste tonnage that is kept out of the landfill."

### New Recycling Depot Opens in Union Township

A new Union Township Rumpke Transfer Depot opened this month at 5180 Champion Way and will accept the same materials collected through Rumpke's curbside program at no cost.

The center is open six days a week. Residents can bring larger recycling items accepted by Rumpke for a fee. Call 800.828.8171 for times and details.

## Township Advancing Grant-Funded Projects this Summer

Key transportation projects are unfolding this year, thanks to Anderson Township's longstanding commitment to securing grants to support infrastructure renewal.

### Clough Pike at Newtown Road

The first project includes the addition of left-turn lanes on Clough Pike at Newtown Road. In addition to easing traffic backups, the project also improves pedestrian safety by completing a sidewalk between Copperleaf Lane and Newtown Road.

The planned upgrades are also an outgrowth of the township's 2021 Clough Pike Transportation Study, which involved significant public involvement during the height of the COVID pandemic, noted Paul Drury, planning and zoning director.

According to the 2021 study, the planned eastbound and westbound left-turn lanes will reduce peak afternoon approach delay at the intersection by 35% (using 2020 traffic counts) and by 65% (using 2040 traffic projections), Drury noted.

The added sidewalks also increase connectivity between neighborhoods, another goal of the Anderson Trails plan, noted Steve Sievers, assistant township administrator for operations "In addition, the expansion of the sidewalk network in this area will link hundreds of homes in the Reserve of Turpin and Turpin Hills neighborhoods to the Clough Pike business district for pedestrians and bicyclists," he said.



Curb work on Sutton Road is started before new sidewalks are constructed.

It completes the last gaps in sidewalk in that area, linking those built when the Harmony at Anderson senior housing community was constructed a few years ago.

"This upgrade is the latest in a series of Clough Pike projects undertaken since 2021, when we identified over 40 projects focused on improving safety and traffic flow along the busy corridor," said Drury. He noted that study generated more than 800 comments detailing ways to make Clough easier and safer to navigate.

Relieving congestion and improving safety near Turpin High School and Mercer Elementary School are important outcomes of this project, noted Trustee Tom Hodges. This project also connects to hundreds of homes in Turpin Hills, and furthers township efforts to provide sidewalks on

Clough Pike, a key recommendation from the 2021 Clough Study, he added.

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has funded about one-third of the estimated \$1.5 million project cost. Anderson was awarded more than \$363,000 for the high-priority project. Project completion is expected by early next year.

### Sutton Road sidewalk

Construction of a sidewalk along the east side of Sutton Road, stretching from Salem Road to Luwista Lane, is planned for this summer. This also includes the addition of a new mid-block crosswalk with a pedestrian-activated crosswalk warning light at Luwista Lane.

Half of the projected \$250K cost is paid through METRO's Transit Infrastructure Fund (TIF) grant. METRO TIF funds

derive from a 0.2% Hamilton County sales tax levy passed in 2020, which is earmarked to improve roads, bridges and sidewalks. Those funds helped move this project to a high-priority segment in the 2023 plan update for trails.

The project will be constructed with the street resurfacing activities on Sutton Road, commencing at Mt. Washington and extending to Kellogg Road. The Hamilton County Engineer's Office is overseeing the paving project, which is also funded by METRO TIF dollars.

In conjunction with the roadway resurfacing, the road striping will be modified, as it was years ago on Salem. This will better define parking areas while making the bus stops more visible.

# TOWNSHIP NEWS

## Auto Thefts in Township Down Almost 50 Percent from Last Year

Social media has been a forum for concerns about auto thefts in Anderson Township and across the region. Eighteen auto thefts were reported by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office in Anderson Township last year, which fortunately was an almost 50 percent drop from 34 reported thefts in 2024 and the lowest annual number in the past four years.

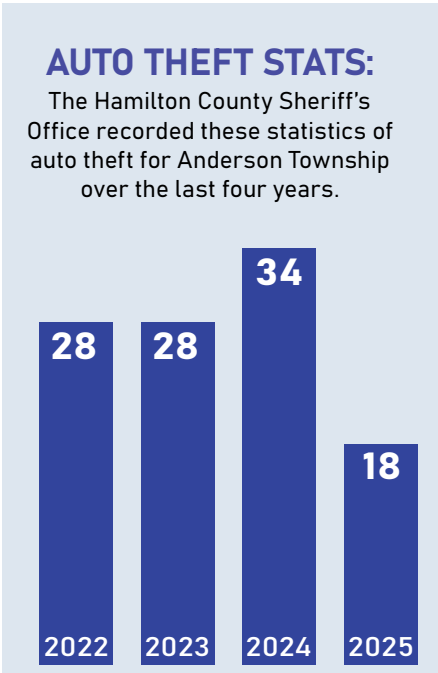
According to the sheriff's office data, all but one of these vehicles have been recovered.

In Anderson last year, the most prevalent method of auto theft was leaving the key fob in the vehicle, whether locked or unlocked. Other reasons include leaving keys in the ignition and individuals failing to return a vehicle to a rental company.

Most auto thefts are crimes of opportunity," said Deputy Kevin Wanner. "Just a few daily habits can help prevent most of them from occurring."

### Wanner's suggestions include:

- Lock your vehicle and never leave your keys or key fob behind. This is by far the most effective precaution, as a most auto thefts could have been prevented by adhering to this rule. Most thieves simply pull door handles as they walk through neighborhoods/parking lots until they find a vehicle with a key fob inside.



- If you own a 2011- 2022 Hyundai or Kia, make sure your model does not need to be updated or serviced. Some models lacked engine immobilizers, making them easy targets.

Devices can be purchased to make your vehicle harder for thieves to steal, Wanner noted.

### Options include:

- Steering wheel locks:** Physical deterrents that make it difficult to steer your car.
- Wheel clamps/locks:** Devices that immobilize your vehicle's wheels.
- GPS trackers:** Systems that allow for the tracking of a vehicle if it is stolen.

- Alarm systems/ immobilizers:** Electronic systems that sound an alarm or disable the engine.
- Faraday bags/pouches:** Used to store key fobs, blocking signals from being intercepted by thieves.

Wanner suggests residents can help keep their vehicle protected by monitoring their property and neighborhood for slow-moving or idling vehicles, suspicious pedestrians looking into vehicles, or car alarms sounding. "If you see something that looks suspicious or doesn't feel right to you, call the non-emergency dispatch number at 513.825.2280," he said.

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from all ages, including second graders attending our History to Schools field trip and high school students, as the future we envision will be theirs." The township will add an online option to provide feedback and comments in the coming weeks.

Opportunities to interact and provide comments in person will be available soon. Community pop-up booths at events like the Forest Hills 5K and Oktoberfest will provide an opportunity to collect feedback from citizens, she added.

Visioning meetings will be scheduled for May, June and August. Those meetings will focus on specific topics such as housing and economic development. Dates will be announced on [AndersonTownshipOH.gov](http://AndersonTownshipOH.gov).

Other ways to share your opinion include two community meeting open houses at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road. One is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 16 and the other for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14.



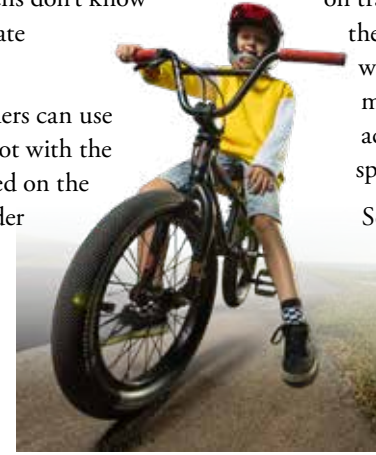
## Safety First for Teens When Riding Popular E-bikes Around Community

E-bikes are emerging as a transportation method of choice for teenagers. However, this fun and convenient way to travel can also become risky when teens don't know or don't follow local and state regulations.

In Anderson Township, riders can use e-bikes on sidewalks, but not with the motor. They are also allowed on the street but must operate under motor vehicle laws: i.e. stopping at stop signs and giving turn signals.

E-bike usage has changed over the past 20 years on township trails and streets. Usage has increased, especially with younger e-bike riders notes Deputy Jacquelyne Campbell with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. Above all, be courteous to other trail users and consider their safety, too, she added, especially when pets and children are involved.

Wade Johnson, executive director of Tri-State Trails, noted that gas-powered vehicles and dirt bikes also are not allowed on trails anywhere in



the state. He stressed that wearing a helmet can help mitigate consequences in an accident, as crashes at higher speeds can be more serious.

Social media users have called out young e-bike riders for speeding along trails without considering pedestrian safety. "Speed signage is clearly posted on our trails and should be a good reminder for teens every time they get on a bike," said Campbell. Choosing the right bicycle model and ensuring proper supervision are critical to keeping young riders free from harm, she noted.

Locally, electric bicycles are not allowed on the Five Mile Trail and Ohio River Trail.

E-bikes cannot exceed 20 mph when the motor is in use. Under current regulations, individuals under 18 are prohibited from using e-bikes capable of reaching 28 mph or more.

Campbell reminds riders to operate at safe speeds and give space to pass, especially on trails. "Wear a helmet, glasses and safety gear when riding," she notes. Also, for safety's sake, get on an e-bike with the motor off and brakes engaged.

"It is important everyone learn and follow all the rules of the road when riding e-bikes," she said. "Be predictable and know your hand signals to indicate when you are making turns, starting or slowing down," she added.

Riders should be cautious traveling downhill and in tight turns, as e-bikes carry additional weight that can increase speed, Campbell said.

For questions about e-bike use in the township, contact Campbell at 513.688.8612 or [jcampbell@AndersonTownshipOH.gov](mailto:jcampbell@AndersonTownshipOH.gov).

## Rules to remember when heading off on your next adventure



### Low-Speed Mobility Devices like Lime or Bird Scooters

- Allowed on the sidewalks, but must obey laws pertaining to pedestrians.
- Allowed on streets, but must obey laws pertaining to vehicles.
- Limited to a maximum speed of 20 mph.
- Allowed on shared use and bicycle paths.



### Bicycles

- Allowed on sidewalks, streets and shared use and bike paths.
- On streets must follow laws pertaining to vehicles.



### Electric Bicycles

- Allowed on sidewalks but cannot use electric motor.
- Allowed on the streets but must obey vehicle laws. Cannot operate more than 20 mph when motor is in use.
- In Anderson Township, electric bicycles are not allowed on the Five Mile Trail and Ohio River Trail.



### Motorized Bicycles (aka Mopeds)

- Cannot be used on sidewalks or bike paths.
- Allowed on streets- must obey vehicle laws.
- Age and license restrictions in place.



### Mini Bikes (aka Pocket Bikes)

- Prohibited from use on sidewalks, streets, shared use and bicycle paths.
- Only allowed on private property.

## HISTORY NOTES

# Anderson Township's History Closely Connected to the Birth of Our Nation

Bells were rung, muskets fired, and bonfires burned in celebration throughout the 13 colonies at the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

This July, our nation celebrates that “day of deliverance” 250 years ago, as John Adams said we would, “with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other.”

But beyond our modern commemoration of America's birth, what is Anderson Township's historical connection to the nation's founding?

The connection lies with the people who came to reside in the township a few years after July 4, 1776, whose names are not well known, yet were as much a part of those revolutionary years as the founders whose names highlight our nation's birth.

### Who were the settlers?

A description of these earliest settlers appears in a small book published in 1897 by Samuel Durham. His parents were among the earliest settlers in the area. In “The Pioneer Settlers of the Lower Little Miami Valley,” Durham writes:

*“Whoever can trace his lineage back to the early emigrants to the Miami Country, comes of a stock which may be extolled on grounds that will bear scrutiny. They were a brave, frugal, industrious and religious class of people, whose work was a noble one, nobly done... Their trials and hardships seem but a dream to us, we know so little of them.”*

With the Treaty of Paris in 1783, the United States was able to firmly take its place among nations and turn its attention to the future with the passage of the Northwest Ordinance of 1787 to organize and govern land north of the Ohio River and east of the Mississippi.

Veterans of the Revolutionary War in Virginia were rewarded for their service with land in the Virginia Military District in southwest Ohio. And so it was that in the late 1780s and 1790s, many who were willing to risk the dangers of the frontier found their way to the banks of the Ohio River and to Anderson Township.

Major Benjamin Stites of the New Jersey militia arrived in 1788 as leader of a flatboat expedition and established Columbia, the first permanent colonial settlement in the Miami Valley north of the Ohio River. Columbia was in the vicinity of the present-day Lunken Airport. This event preceded even the founding of Losantiville (Cincinnati).

### Captain Aaron Mercer

Also well known among the early emigrants and directly connected to Anderson Township was Aaron Mercer, who had served as a captain in the Virginia militia beginning in 1777. His company joined with the Continental Army at the Battle of Brandywine, Germantown and Monmouth. They later guarded British troops after the surrender of General Cornwallis at Yorktown in 1781.

Captain Mercer arrived in 1790 at a small fort at the mouth of the Little Miami River, founded by John Gerard from Pennsylvania. At considerable risk, Mercer moved up the Little Miami River in 1792, where he established Mercer's Station, soon to be called Mercersburg. Mercersburg later became what we now call Newtown, and Mercer Elementary School is named for him. His daughter, Sarah, was married to Ichabod Miller, whose log home (the Miller-Leuser Log House) still stands on Clough Pike and is one of the township's most noted historic landmarks.

Like Aaron Mercer, other Revolutionary War veterans settled in Anderson



The historical plaque that marks the site of Garard/Martin Station in early Anderson.



John Rose was 16 years old when the Declaration of Independence was signed. He served in the New Jersey militia and settled in Anderson Township.

Township, five of whom are buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, located at the north side of State Route 32, just east of Eight Mile Road. They include Mathias Felter, John Ferris, Gershom Hubble, William Neves and John Rose.

John Rose, 1760-1837, served in the New Jersey militia. With his family, he farmed and owned an inn and store.

Another veteran, Insee Anderson, served as a private with the Delaware regiment and is buried in Mt. Washington Cemetery.

While history often seems too distant to be meaningful to modern life, it can teach us valuable lessons about ourselves as individuals, as a community, and as a nation, and deepen our appreciation of the hardships endured for the benefit of future generations.

This year, we recognize and honor these earliest pioneers of Anderson Township, a revolutionary generation “who seem to have been especially created for the work before them, and who fearlessly undertook it.” (Durham)

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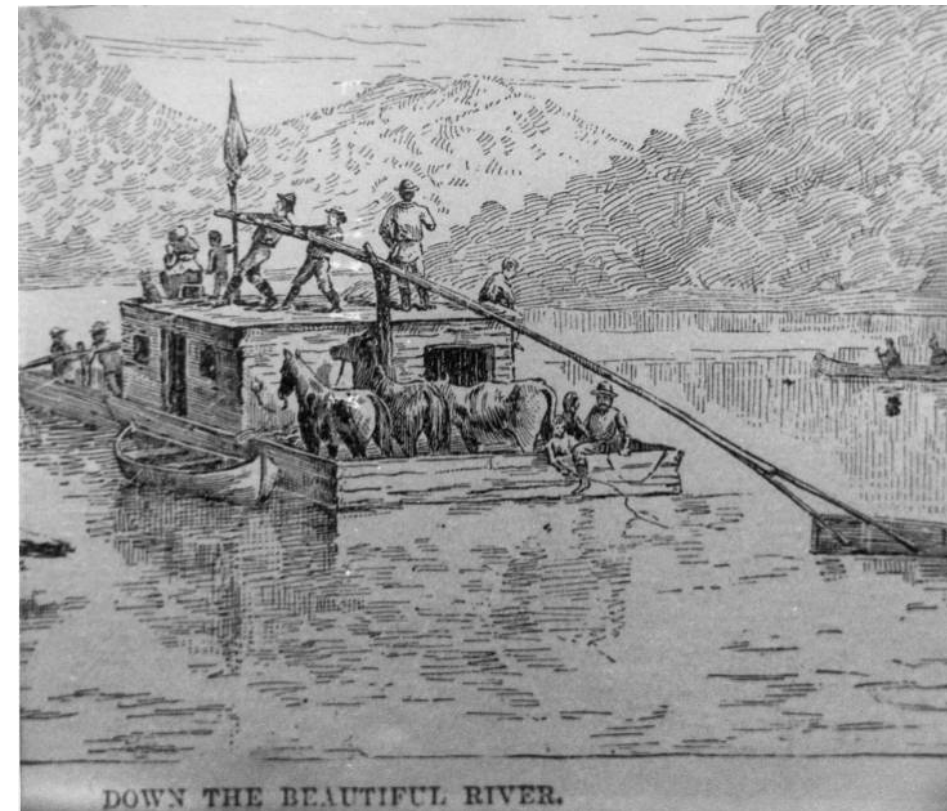
Fort Recovery in Meigs County is an example of a fort, or “station,” on the Ohio frontier. Photo: Ohio History Connection



Several veterans of the American Revolution are buried at Rose Hill Cemetery in Anderson Township off S.R. 32 east of Eight Mile Road.



The Miller-Leuser Log House has been standing since 1796. The picture on the right is a current photo of this symbol of our pioneer heritage.



A flatboat traveling the Ohio River was a common mode of transportation for settlers like those who established Gerard's Station at the mouth of the Little Miami River in 1790.



## Remembering Greenspace Inspector Suzanne Clingman



Suzanne Clingman

Anderson Township's first Greenspace inspector is being remembered for her love of nature and for her stewardship of the township's Greenspace program, which she led until her retirement.

**SUZANNE CLINGMAN** died on January 31. She served as the Greenspace inspector for 25 years, ushering in care for the township's more than 870 acres of protected Greenspace property, expertise in

the community's street tree program, and her interactions with the township's children in the nature portion of the History to Schools program.

"Suzanne's dedication and passion for all things green in Anderson Township are what made our Greenspace and street tree program so successful," said Trustee Chair Dee Stone. "Losing her so soon after her retirement was heartbreaking for us all."

## Deputy Brian Hayes Retires from Sheriff's Office



Brian Hayes

**DEPUTY BRIAN HAYES** retired in March after 25 years of service as an enforcement officer with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

During his career, Hayes worked in Colerain, Whitewater, and Green townships, and served the remainder of his career in Anderson.

During his assignment with District 5 of Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, which serves Anderson Township, he worked as an enforcement officer, a contract deputy for the Anderson Park District, Anderson Township's crime prevention officer, and then finished up the last six months of his career as the District 5 patrol clerk.

## Losekamp is New District 5 Commander in Anderson



Jack Losekamp

**LT. JACK LOSEKAMP** is the new district commander of District 5 for the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, here in Anderson Township.

Losekamp is a 29-year veteran of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, starting his career at the Hamilton County Justice Center in 1997. He became a certified patrol officer in 2000 and served three years in Green Township. In 2003, he was promoted to the position of traffic safety officer, where he investigated serious and fatal traffic crashes.

In 2012, Losekamp moved to special investigations, focusing on homicides, sexual assaults and other complex felony investigations. He became a corporal in 2015 and a sergeant in 2020, then was reassigned to District 3 (Sycamore and Symmes Township) where he served as a squad sergeant.

In 2024, he joined the Criminal Investigative Section and oversaw a squad in the unit. Losekamp was promoted to lieutenant in January and assumed his new position as district commander in Anderson Township.

## Lange Named Law Enforcement Officer of the Year



Thomas Lange

Anderson Township American Legion Post 318 has named **SERGEANT THOMAS LANGE** as this year's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award.

Lange has served a variety of roles during his nearly 30 years with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. His work has ranged from corrections to traffic safety and frontline leadership.

He began his tenure in the Hamilton County Justice Center in 1997. He was promoted to road patrol in 2001, where he served as a first responder and patrol deputy. In 2006, he began a 12-year assignment as a

traffic safety officer, focusing on accident investigation, traffic enforcement and more.

After receiving his promotion to sergeant in 2018, Lange was appointed to Anderson Township (District 5) the following year.

According to Captain Dave Downing with the sheriff's office, Lange has been "a pillar of the Anderson community," serving as a productive, hardworking supervisor who leads from the front and sets an example for all public safety professionals. In 2024, he joined the Criminal Investigative Section and oversaw a squad in the unit.

## Cooley Named Firefighter of the Year



Wade Cooley

**FIREFIGHTER/ PARAMEDIC WADE COOLEY** with Anderson Township Fire and Rescue has been named the Firefighter of the Year, an award

sponsored annually by Anderson Township American Legion Post 318.

Cooley, a firefighter/paramedic with Anderson Township for almost 25 years, was nominated for the award for his recent work researching and deploying the township's new fire boat used on the Ohio River. Recognizing the need for advanced

rescue operations needed on the Ohio River, Cooley researched vessels and then guided the complex process of applying for a FEMA Port Security Grant, which the township received. He also worked with the United States Coast Guard to design a training program for boat operators and deckhands. The boat was deployed in 2025.

## Township Firefighter-EMTs Earn Paramedic Certification



Joe Crago



Jacob McCarthy



Eli Mann



Mikayla Mann

**Joe Crago, Eli Mann, Mikayla Mann and Jacob McCarthy** all completed the 11-month program and passed the certification test to become paramedics. Anderson Township hired the four as EMTs and provided the opportunity to study for certification. Crago, Eli Mann and McCarthy started with the township's safety services in 2023; Mikayla Mann started in 2025.

"All four members completed the Cincinnati Fire Department's Paramedic Program in 2025," said Battalion Chief Chris Kasperczyk. "They successfully competed against numerous EMTs from the Tri-state area to pass a demanding

entrance exam, then spent 11 months studying in the classroom and fulfilling clinical requirements."

Kasperczyk said in 2023, the department began accepting EMTs in the hiring process "as we were facing a declining pool of candidates. Since then, "applicant numbers have risen," he said. "Our latest testing process attracted 47 candidates, including both paramedics and EMTs, much higher than the eight applicants in 2022."

"We are extremely proud of this group of paramedics and their dedication and perseverance in passing this rigorous course, to provide a higher level of care to our patients," Kasperczyk said.

## Five New Hires Launch in Fire Service

Anderson Township's fire and rescue department recently graduated five new firefighter-EMTs who recently were called into service.

**MADISON TEDESCO** is a graduate of Taylor High School and Great Oaks Career Center with firefighting and emergency medical technician (EMT) certification. Other certifications earned include hazardous materials technician, emergency vehicle operations and heavy vehicle rescue operations. She is a 2025 graduate of the career center.

**ERIN BRAY** is a 2013 graduate of Walnut Hills High School. Additionally, she graduated from Great Oaks Career Center in 2025 with certifications in firefighting and EMT Basic. and in 2019 with a degree in construction technologies. Other certifications include hazmat technician, heavy vehicle technical rescuer: operations, and driver/operator.

**MIKAYLA MANN** is a third-generation firefighter who received her firefighter/EMT certification through South Hills Post Secondary Career Campus in Mt. Orab in 2019. She graduated from Williamsburg High School.

**CRAIGHDEN HOLLAND** is a firefighter/paramedic who worked for Stonelick Township Fire & EMS for the past two years. He also served as an EMT at Kings Island in 2022. The Clermont Northeastern High School graduate

earned his firefighter certification from the Brown and Clermont County Career Center and paramedic certification from the Cincinnati Fire Department paramedic program.

**BARAK FAULK** is a Mason High School graduate and a 2024 University of Cincinnati graduate who earned degrees in sports administration and legal studies. He earned his EMT certification from Butler Tech and his fire certification from Warren County Career Center.



From left to right: Madison Tedesco, Erin Bray, Mikayla Mann, Craighden Holland, Barak Faulk

# NEWS & NOTES

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## Township Road Work in 2026



**Sutton Road** - Greater Cincinnati Water Works will complete its water main replacement work on Sutton Road this spring, followed by the Hamilton County Engineer's Office resurfacing from Kellogg Road to the City of Cincinnati.

In conjunction with this, Anderson Township will construct a new sidewalk on the east side of Sutton from Salem Road to Luwista Drive. Both projects are partially funded by a METRO Transit Infrastructure Fund (TIF) grant.

**I-275** - Following up on last year's landslide repair, ODOT will be resurfacing the portion of I-275 between US 52 (Exit 71) and the Asbury Road overpass. Anderson Township is hoping to coordinate scheduled Five Mile interchange ramp widening with this project, planned for construction this **summer** and **fall**.

**Salem Road** - A water main replacement project begins **this fall** on Salem Road, from Sutton Road to Beechmont Avenue, undertaken by Greater Cincinnati Water Works. That project will continue into 2027.

The water main replacement project will precede the Hamilton County Engineer's Office resurfacing this portion of Salem Road in **2028**, with the assistance of a METRO TIF grant.

Further details of these projects and others will be announced later this spring.



## Recycle Prescription Pill Bottles at Sheriff's Office



Anderson Township District 5 substation of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, 7954 Beechmont Ave. Lobby hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

The free service is a project of Anderson's recycling subcommittee of the Anderson Plan Implementation Committee.

Bottles will be sanitized at the Cincinnati Recycling & Reuse Hub before reuse by Matthew 25 Ministries and Cincinnati Animal Care.

Pill bottles must be empty, clean and dry. Only orange, green and blue prescription bottles are accepted. Removing the prescription label is optional.

Anderson residents now have a convenient option to recycle unused prescription pill bottles.

A prescription pill recycling station has been installed inside the lobby of the

## Recycling Hub Now Operates with a Membership Plan Some recycling services offered at a cost, others are still free



### Cincinnati Recycling & Reuse Hub

Since opening its doors in 2021, Cincinnati Recycling and Reuse Hub has offered recycling services at no charge. The downtown non-profit organization diverts hard-to-recycle items from the landfill, including tires, electronics, batteries, plastics, appliances and much more.

In 2026, the recycling hub began charging for services through a "Hub Club" membership model. Recyclers pay a monthly fee with an annual membership or can purchase a 30-day pass.

Shop the fourth-floor Hub Shop for free, without a membership. This floor offers recycling services at no charge. The downtown non-profit organization diverts hard-to-recycle items from the landfill, including tires, electronics, batteries, plastics, appliances and much more.

To learn more, go to [cincinnati recycling and reuse hub.org](http://cincinnati recycling and reuse hub.org).

## Recycle Your Spring Debris, Tree Trimmings

Hamilton County's Yard Trimmings Program, operating out of Bzak Landscaping at 3295 Tupin Lane, is in full swing this spring.

The free recycling site is open from

- Weekdays 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturdays 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sundays 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Some restrictions are imposed on the size of limbs accepted.

Yard trimmings must be in containers or bags-brown paper bags are preferred. Bricks, stones or soil are not accepted.

For details, call 513.831.0907.



## Drug Unit RENU Arrest Numbers Up from Last Year Fentanyl confiscations down from 2024; however, street value of cocaine soared in 2025

Yearly statistics released by the Regional Enforcement Narcotics Unit (RENU) through the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office show an active year in drug seizures and state and federal arrests for 2025.

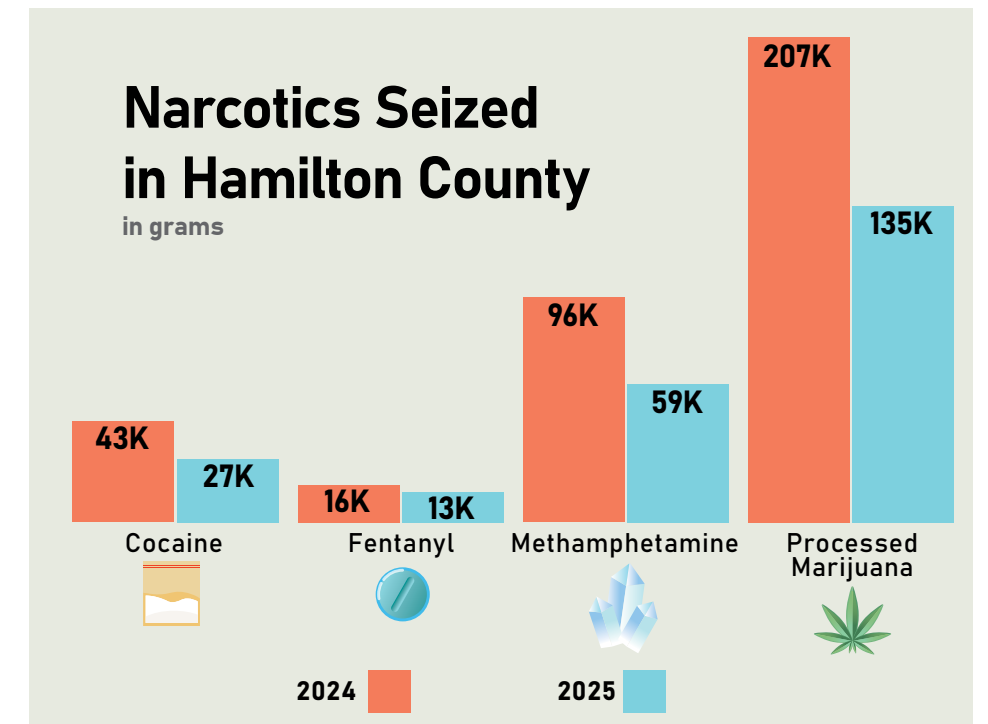
For more than a decade, Anderson Township has funded a specialized sheriff's officer dedicated to fighting illegal drugs with the RENU group. RENU works to take down criminal organizations and individuals responsible for trafficking in controlled substances.

This past year, 61 state arrests were made, along with 21 federal arrests, an increase from 41 state arrests last year and five federal arrests.

The estimated street value of the narcotics seized during 2025 year was estimated to be between \$2 million and more than \$8.2 million.

Administrator Vicky Earhart says the township continues to benefit from funding this specialized officer. "Those who work behind the scenes due to the nature of their jobs, often go unnoticed or unappreciated, yet their work is of the utmost importance as evidenced by these statistics. This collaborative effort is vital to keeping our community safe."

The unit seized more than 237,000 grams of narcotics in 2025. Fentanyl seizures were slightly less than 2024, per information



from the sheriff's office, as was processed marijuana (see chart). However, seizures of cocaine decreased in 2025, but the street value of the narcotic grew at a substantial rate, per the sheriff's office statistics, which they identified as a "drastic" increase.

In 2025, RENU agents seized 202 firearms, including 147 in October alone. This is one of the largest firearm seizures to date by RENU, per information from the sheriff's office.

The unit also works with external agencies, including federal organizations, local police departments in Hamilton County, neighboring counties, and state police agencies.

In 2025, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Tip Line saw greater activity, too. In December alone, 34 tips were received by the tip line. During the year, there were 626 drug-related tips, which were forwarded to the respective agencies that would handle that tip, based on jurisdiction.

## Register Your Bike Online with Sheriff's Office

An average of 175,000 bicycles are reported stolen in the United States every year, according to data from the FBI. When factoring in the number of bikes stolen that aren't reported, that number is believed to be more than 50% higher.

High-quality bike locks and secure locking can help, notes Deputy Kevin Wanner, crime prevention officer with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. Also, keeping your

bike in a secure garage or shed could help reduce bicycle theft. To help owners recover their lost or stolen bikes, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office instituted a Bicycle Registration Program for Anderson Township residents.

Enter your information online at [AndersonTownshipOH.gov](http://AndersonTownshipOH.gov) (search bicycle registration), to be issued a unique decal that will be used for ID purposes.



# TOWNSHIP NEWS

## Smart911 Helps First Responders React in an Emergency

Do you know about **Smart911**, a service that gives first responders faster access to important information in an emergency? Information is available via email, text or voice messages.

Smart911 works in conjunction with **Alert HC**, so first responders will have important information about your needs, enabling them to share this information.

With Smart911, both 9-1-1 dispatchers and first responders can know exactly what you want them to know during any kind of emergency. Detailed information about household members can be shared, including medical conditions, disabilities and equipment, address and property details, emergency contact information and communication preferences.

Download the Smart911 App available in the App Store and Google Play. For a quick and easy sign-up, text "SMART911" to 67283 to download the app. All information is kept confidential.

*Information from the Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency.*

### Information that can be shared includes:



**PEOPLE** - Names, physical descriptions, and photos will help responders act quickly.



**PHONES** - Add all phone numbers (especially cell phones) so 9-1-1 dispatchers have a better idea of your location when you need help.



**ANIMALS** Include information about your pets and service animals that responders need to know.



**ADDRESS AND LOCATION INFORMATION** Property details, utility shutoff locations, access points and bedroom locations.



**MEDICAL INFORMATION** Existing conditions, allergies, disabilities and equipment, medications being taken by all family members.



**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION** Include family members, friends or neighbors to contact in an emergency.



**COMMUNICATION PREFERENCES** If an individual is deaf or hard of hearing, or English is not the primary language, dispatchers will determine if an alternate form of communication is needed.



**VEHICLE INFORMATION** Include a vehicle description and license plate number.

## County Notification System Keeps You Informed During Emergencies



Stay informed about emergencies in Anderson Township and the surrounding area through Alert HC, a county-sponsored mass emergency notification program. This service offers free voice calls, texts, or emails to alert you regarding a variety of important events.



Notification options can be customized regarding weather, civil danger, shelter-in-place notifications, evacuation advisories and more.

This system is sponsored by the Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency and the Homeland Security. Anderson Township may use the Alert HC system in certain circumstances.

"All residents should take advantage of this important free service," said Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Chief Rick Martin. "We in the safety sphere see how important it is to have multiple ways of receiving alerts and warnings. Alert HC lets you control what information you get and how you receive it."

## Anderson Township Earns Clean Audit for 2023-2024 Fiscal Years

The Ohio Auditor of State's office recently published Anderson Township's 2023 and 2024 fiscal years audit reports.

The opinions covered the financial statements, internal control processes and compliance with laws and regulations.

Brian Johnson, fiscal officer, noted, "The financial statements were free from material misstatements and accurately represented our financial position. The auditors identified no internal control deficiencies, issued no comments or recommendations, and found no instances of noncompliance."

"This is a testament to the township's financial processes, fiscal accountability, and commitment to compliance and transparency," he added.



**Anderson Township continues its commitment to obtain a clean audit.**

Tammy Disque, director of finance, added, "During the audit period, the entire fiscal/finance team was new to the township. From the elected fiscal officer to the fiscal office manager, the fiscal office clerk, and the finance director, the township built a strong team with government and real-world experience and backgrounds."

Johnson noted that, "Given 100% staff and elected official turnover, we started examining processes from beginning to end to identify efficiencies, improve effectiveness, and ensure proper reporting."

"At the heart of all the daily responsibilities in the fiscal and finance departments is our commitment to achieving a clean audit, showing residents that we value and take our stewardship of their tax dollars seriously," added Katie Arnold, fiscal office manager.

## Updated New Resident Magazine Now Available

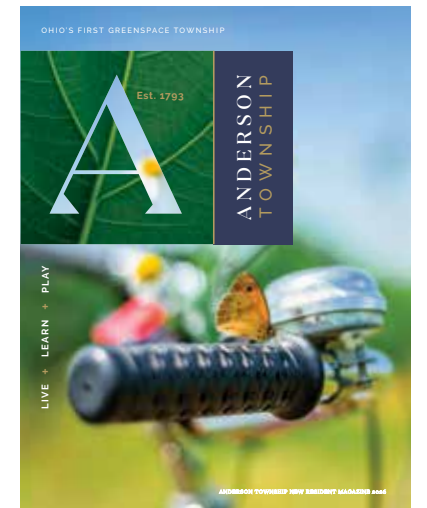
If you are a recent addition to the area, Anderson Township welcomes you to your new home with a beautiful resource guide to help you learn your way around your chosen community!

Anderson Township recently updated its comprehensive community magazine, which also serves as a resource for those considering a move to the township.

The Anderson Township New Resident Magazine details community services, recreation and local information for

newcomers to this Cincinnati-area suburb. The 34-page glossy publication covers schools, parks and trails, local amenities, government and senior services, providing practical, up-to-date information for new residents and prospective buyers.

If you know someone thinking of relocating to Anderson, access the guide at [AndersonTownshipOH.gov](http://AndersonTownshipOH.gov), look under the "News" section, or pick one up at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road.



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# Electricity Aggregation Program Renewed Again

Township's opt-out program continues for another term, with less than 1.5% increase

Anderson Township's electricity aggregation program, which allows the township to buy electricity at a group rate to obtain more competitive pricing for residents, has been approved by the Board of Township Trustees for 19 months through the December 2027 meter read date.

In line with higher electricity costs across the board, the new price will be \$0.09999/kWh for traditional power and \$0.10260/kWh for 100% green energy option. That compares to the current rates of \$0.0986/kWh and \$0.1015/kWh, respectively. This price runs through the May 2026 meter read date.

"Fortunately, the new rate is less than a 1.5% increase compared to the expiring rate," said Trustee Chair Dee Stone. "With skyrocketing electricity charges, the township is doing what it can to address rising costs through the continuation of the electricity aggregation program."



"We recognize that many homeowners are struggling to adjust to these higher rates," she noted. The township reviewed options for varying time periods and ultimately chose the 19-month approach.

A reminder: Eligible township property owners are automatically enrolled in the aggregation program. However, owners can opt out and remain with Duke or choose their own supplier. Currently, approximately 10,000+ Duke customers in the township are enrolled in the program. Anderson Township government does not receive any funding through the program.

Opt-out notices were recently mailed, providing information about the program and how to withdraw from it.

From June 2017 to December 2025, Energy Alliance statistics show that Anderson Township residents collectively saved \$6,978,844.42. The average savings per household over that period were about \$620, compared to customers who opted to remain with Duke Energy.

Rich Surace, COO with Energy Alliances, noted the new rate remains below projected Duke default rates. "It also provides rate stability during a period of rising wholesale and capacity costs," he added.

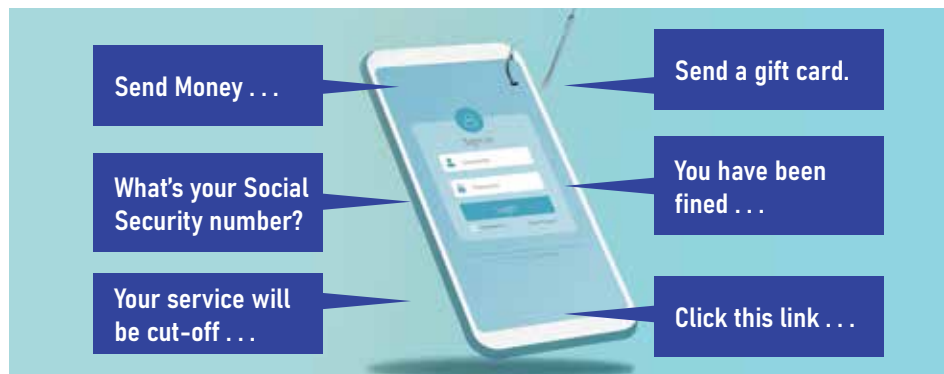
*Ohio.gov* offers a free website that lets you compare energy supplier prices. Visit Energy Choice Ohio at [energychoice.ohio.gov](http://energychoice.ohio.gov).

To learn more about the township's aggregation program, contact Energy Alliances Inc. at 513.794.5555.

# Duke Customers: Beware of Utility Scams

Duke Energy has issued customer guidance on fraudulent phone scams and solicitations. Take note of these if you receive a suspicious phone call or phone requests that feel "off."

- Be cautious of urgent requests for payment, requests for personal information, and demands for unconventional payment methods like prepaid cards or cryptocurrency, said Fiscal Officer Brian Johnson.
- If a payment request feels urgent or suspicious, slow down and protect yourself. Verify any requests using the official phone number or website found on your bill.
- Report any suspicious contact to your utility and law enforcement or use Duke Energy's online scam tool to report scams. Duke Energy will communicate grid conditions through its official communication channels only.



### Protections against scammer and company protections include:

- Scammers may demand immediate payment or threaten service cut-off, but Duke Energy will never do that.
- The company never accepts payment via prepaid cards or cryptocurrency.

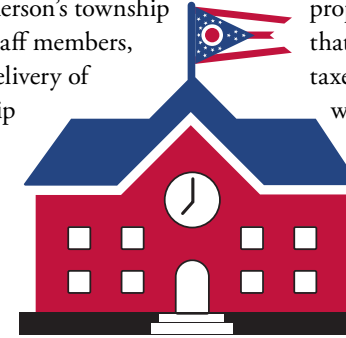
- Duke Energy will never specify how you must pay or threaten immediate service interruption.
- If you're targeted, hang up, shut the door, or delete the message. Then contact your utility using the information on your bill or the official website.

For further information, contact [duke-energy.com/home](http://duke-energy.com/home).

# Elected Officials 'Go to School' in Columbus

An Ohio Township Association winter conference, attended by all three township trustees, fiscal officer, Anderson's township administrator and other staff members, focused this year on the delivery of services under the township form of government.

Trustee Chair Dee Stone, Vice Chair Katie Nappi, Trustee Tom Hodges, and Fiscal Officer Brian Johnson attended the February conference and learned how changes in legislation could impact the delivery of township services.



At the conference, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine addressed concerns about a proposed constitutional ballot issue that would eliminate property taxes. For more information about what property taxes fund in townships, see the insert in this edition of *Anderson Insights*. The information is provided by the Ohio Township Association. Stone noted that delivering public services under a township form of government is generally more cost-effective than under a city structure, because there is no income tax

often imposed by cities. This "grassroots" form of government often operates with fewer people and less bureaucracy, thus costing less.

"With no income or sales tax, Anderson relies heavily on property taxes to deliver basic services directly to the 44,000 residents who call the township home," she added. "Doing away with property taxes would be devastating for our community."

For more information about the essential services delivered by townships throughout the state of Ohio, see the enclosed flyer and visit [AndersonTownshipOH.gov](http://AndersonTownshipOH.gov) to learn more about your own community.

# Two New Trustees Join Board

Two new trustees, Tom Hodges and Katie Nappi, began their four-year terms on the Anderson Township Board of Trustees in January. Trustee Chair Dee Stone's term continues through December 2027. The term of Fiscal Officer Brian Johnson runs through March 2028.

### Here are details of their backgrounds:



**Tom Hodges** is a community volunteer, small business owner, and attorney who brings more than 15 years of legal, public administration, and civic experience to the trustee board.

A long-time advocate for responsible government and strong neighborhoods, he aims to ensure that Anderson Township remains a vibrant, welcoming and forward-looking community for all residents.

Hodges is the founder and managing attorney of J. Thomas Hodges & Associates, a Cincinnati-based law firm focused on real estate, small business and local government matters. Through his legal practice, he has served as counsel to numerous local organizations, property owners and community groups, helping guide complex projects while prioritizing

transparency, fiscal responsibility, and long-term community benefit.

A primary goal as trustee is to listen to residents, strengthen community partnerships, and work collaboratively to build a positive future.

Hodges holds a bachelor's degree, a juris doctorate, and a master's of public administration. He's also undertaken work in land use, economic development and public-sector decision-making.

Hodges and his wife, Patrice, are involved in local schools, youth programs and community events, including work with the Forest Hills schools and Anderson Park District.

He has previously served on the Boards of the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority, Community Shares of Greater Cincinnati, the Charter Committee of Greater Cincinnati, and the Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance.



**Katie Nappi** took office in January 2026. She is a former Procter & Gamble director who retired after a 25-year career in consumer and market insights, where she helped businesses better understand and serve their customers.

Nappi graduated with a bachelor's degree in biochemistry from Harvard University and earned an MBA from the University of Virginia Darden School of Business. She served in the U.S. Army as a combat aviation support platoon leader and battalion chemical officer.

Nappi volunteers as director of the youth sailing program at Cowan Lake Sailing Association in Wilmington, Ohio, and serves as treasurer of the program's nonprofit board. The sailing program trains youth sailors throughout southwest Ohio. Nappi is also a long-time member, volunteer, and past president of the Harvard Club of Cincinnati, serving on the board for more than 20 years.

In her role as trustee, she is looking forward to bringing the strategic thinking and data-driven decision-making skills honed through her professional career to Anderson Township government.

## Native Shrubs Can Thrive in the Home Landscape

Do the Boxwoods in your home landscaping look brown or have they completely died off? Was it the Boxwood Blight, Boxwood Dieback Disease, Volutella Canker or the Box Tree Moth discovered in our area in 2023 that did them in?

Maybe you've heard about the negative impacts of invasive species and decided to remove the Burning Bush or Japanese Barberry from your property. As you analyze what needs to go, this may be an opportune time to incorporate a few native plants into your landscaping.

Modern landscape designs emphasize functionality and sustainability, often incorporating native plants for their adaptability to local conditions and reduced maintenance requirements. To modernize your landscape while providing some much-needed ecological benefit, the following guide is offered:

There are many native shrub options available. Choosing the appropriate species from this list should be based on an understanding of the site conditions where you will plant. Consider moisture

level, sun availability, wildlife benefits and space. Understand these considerations before you plant.

A native to the U.S. broadleaf evergreen shrub that resembles a boxwood that could be recommended is the **inkberry holly** (*Ilex glabra*). This shrub thrives in sunny locations with medium to wet soil and grows to 5-8 feet tall. As a foundation planting, inkberry can be pruned to give it a more compact appearance if necessary.



**Black Chokeberry**



**Red Chokeberry**



**Mapleleaf Viburnum**



**Inkberry Holly**



**Winterberry Holly**



**Fothergilla**

For a dramatic winter effect, consider planting several inkberry hollies with a native **winterberry holly** (*Ilex verticillata*) nearby. Unlike the inkberry holly, the winterberry holly loses its leaves in the winter but maintains bright red berries on female plants throughout most of the winter. (Note: the inkberry holly and winterberry holly will struggle in neutral

or alkaline soil, so test the soil before planting to determine if you need to acidify the soil or select a different plant altogether.)

Many homeowners appreciate the colorful fall foliage of the **burning bush** (*Euonymus alatus*) around their homes. This invasive species is showing up more frequently in township Greenspaces and other natural areas. Plants that are colorful and that provide benefit to our local fauna include **black chokeberry** (*Aronia melanocarpa*), **red chokeberry** (*Aronia arbutifolia*), **fothergilla** (*Fothergilla* 'Mount Airy'), or **mapleleaf viburnum** (*Viburnum acerfolium*).

Numerous native shrub options can be tastefully integrated into a home landscape. These species provide attractive flowers, fruits or nuts that are edible to humans and wildlife, nectaring sources for pollinators, hosts for desirable butterflies and other insects, and safe nesting sites for birds. Additional information is available on [AndersonTownshipOH.gov](http://AndersonTownshipOH.gov).

Select the right species for the desired location. Although native and adapted to local growing conditions, these shrubs may require watering for the first year or two until they are established. Also, many of Ohio's native species are resistant to deer and rabbit browsing, but some of the native shrubs are relished by browsers. New plantings may need protection from deer and rabbits until they have grown large enough to sustain a degree of browsing.

*Information provided by the Tree Committee.*

## 225<sup>th</sup> Heritage Tree Grove Thriving, Producing Fruit



Did you know Anderson has two tree groves, a buckeye grove at Anderson Center and another cluster of trees along Five Mile Road?

The Anderson 225<sup>th</sup> Heritage Tree Grove is located between the Five Mile Trail and Five Mile Road, south of Clough Pike, and is very visible to those traveling along the Five Mile Road corridor.

The trees planted in the 225<sup>th</sup> Heritage Tree Grove eight years ago represent some of the species that may have been common in this area when Anderson Township was founded in 1793. The trees were planted during the 2018 quasiquicentennial celebration of Anderson Township.

All but one of the 33 trees planted in 2018 have survived, and all are thriving. At the time of planting, these trees were around 2 inches or less in diameter and 6-8 feet in height.

Eight years later, some have a diameter of 5 inches and are over 20 feet tall. In 2025, both the Paw Paws and the Persimmon trees produced fruit. The care and maintenance costs associated with these special wooded areas is part of the township's general fund.

If you are walking on the trail or even driving by this month, you will observe the beautiful pink flowers of the Eastern Redbud heralding the arrival of spring.

## Before You Build, Have You Checked Out Zoning Regulations?



If you are planning a spring or summer home project, check out Anderson's building zoning regulations before work gets underway. Some regulations may govern the kind of home improvement you are planning, including fences, sheds, pools, decks and pole barns.

Zoning certificates are required for many exterior projects and must be approved by Anderson Township and also often Hamilton County. "A zoning certificate makes sure that property improvements are consistent with the township's Zoning

Resolution," said Planning and Zoning Director Paul Drury. A zoning certificate is required, whether these improvements are new or replacing existing structures, he added.

Anderson Township has created a quick-reference guide outlining the approval process for many home additions and other improvements.

For details about the approval process for fences, sheds, decks, additions, or other projects, go to [AndersonTownshipOH.gov/quick-links](http://AndersonTownshipOH.gov/quick-links).



## Stream Monitoring Project Seeks Volunteers

A water monitoring program that examines water quality in Anderson Township waterways and along lower Little Miami River communities is looking for volunteers.

The Saturday Stream Snapshot program, sponsored by the Cincinnati Chapter of the Izak Walton League of America, works with volunteers who, once a month, collect samples in the Lower Little Miami Watershed. The gathered data is then shared with state and local water resource agencies and others to protect and preserve water quality in this watershed.

Volunteers meet monthly to collect samples at assigned locations, or to analyze them in their Loveland lab. No prior experience is necessary and free training is provided. For details about this volunteer opportunity, email [volunteer@SaturdayStreamSnapshot.org](mailto:volunteer@SaturdayStreamSnapshot.org).

# NEWS & NOTES

## Elstun Connector Trail Project Earns Tristate Engineering Award



Anderson Township and its construction and engineering contractors have once again been recognized for their excellence in planning, engineering and construction.

Anderson's newest trail link, the Elstun Connector, took home the prestigious Donald C. Schramm Transportation Improvement Award, with the support of the township design engineer, Stantec, as well as contractors, Prus Construction and R.B. Jergens.

The second phase of the Elstun Connector opened in November. It provides a link from Beechmont Avenue/Elstun Road to



the Little Miami Scenic Trail, with a bridge over Clough Creek.

The project was selected in the "under \$5 million" category for the complex link that took years to engineer and complete. This award determination is named annually by the American Society of Highway Engineers-Triko Valley Section to recognize excellence in civil

engineering and infrastructure projects within the Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana region. The award recognizes transportation projects that improve efficiency, safety and quality of life.

Anderson Township is no newcomer to awards given by the engineering society's

local chapter, as the township's Five Mile Trail won the award in 2006.

"We greatly appreciate the award, which recognizes not only the complexity of the project, but is also a testament to the many partners that helped bring this project to fruition. We originally proposed this project back in the 1990s," noted Assistant Township Administrator for Operations Steve Sievers.

"This project is a wonderful example of cooperation across jurisdictions and between public and private partners," said Trustee Vice Chair Katie Nappi. It links Anderson Township and Mt. Washington to the more than 80-mile-long Little Miami Scenic Trail, she added.

## Anderson Landscapes: Which Ones Inspire?

Landscapes in Anderson Township that inspire or provide exceptional beauty can be nominated for consideration in the township's annual beautification awards.

A new category includes the use of native and pollinator-friendly plants. Beauty and appeal of the nominated space are considered. Other categories are spaces that are residential or commercial.

Guidelines for the native and pollinator-friendly award include:

- Reduction of invasive species, such as honeysuckle, in preparing the space
- Nominated space must be at least partially visible from the street and at least one year old
- Working toward 50% native plant use in the nominated space.



In the residential category, look for unique care in the front yard. Commercial nominations can consist of newly constructed or existing businesses that work hard to maintain the property's visual appearance.

Let us know what catches your eye! Send nominations to Sarah Donovan at [sdonovan@AndersonTownshipOH.gov](mailto:sdonovan@AndersonTownshipOH.gov) or 513.688.8400 ext. 1181. The deadline for nominations is June 22. Find more details at [AndersonTownshipOH.gov](http://AndersonTownshipOH.gov).

## New Businesses Open in Anderson Township

### Completed

#### 7 Brew Coffee

7743 Beechmont Ave.

#### Classic Motorsports

7196 Beechmont Ave.

#### Kings Furniture & Mattress

8576 Beechmont Ave.

#### LaRosa's Taphouse/Big Ash Brewing

5230 Beechmont Ave.

#### Nothing Bundt Cakes

7474 Beechmont Ave.



Nothing Bundt Cakes



Kings Furniture & Mattress

### Under Construction

#### Miami Valley Christian Academy

550 Broadwell Road

#### Origin Salon

5202 Beechmont Ave.

#### United Dairy Farmers

5275 Beechmont Ave.



LaRosa's Taphouse/Big Ash Brewing

## Curb and Sidewalk Rehab List Announced for 2026

Anderson Township maintains an ongoing road program to keep township roads in good condition. The first year of the two-year cycle, starting this spring, focuses on rehabilitating concrete and drainage infrastructure.

This spring and summer will see the township's contractor working on planned rehabilitation on more than 30 roads.

The streets listed below will undergo curb replacement, sidewalk repair

(replacement of sidewalk blocks), and inlet drainage repair.

This list does not contain county or state-maintained roads. Work is expected to be completed by the fall. Other roads may be added during the cycle.

During this cycle, street trees will be offered to residents along these roads through the township's street tree program managed by the Tree Committee.



### Scheduled roads to undergo this process include:

Baytree Court	Half Circle Court	<b>*PARTIAL:</b>
Beacon Road	Hamilton Hills Drive	Anderson Oaks Drive
Beaconwood Drive	Kendara Drive	Evanor Lane
Blueboar Court	Outlook Ridge Lane	Grand Oaks Drive
Bondick Drive	Pond Run Ave.	Gungadin Drive
Collinsdale Ave.	Regiment Drive	Hunterspoint Lane
Collinspark Court	Royalgreen Drive	Lancelot Drive
Concordridge Drive	Royalview Court	Meadowcreek Drive
Eastwind Court	Rudyard Lane	Old Chapel Drive
Grandle Court	Van Lahr Drive	Perthwood Drive
Granthan Way	Wittmeyer Drive	Treeridge Drive
		<i>*part of curb or roadway</i>



## NEWS & NOTES

### Fire and Rescue Outreach at Senior Center Focuses on Older Adult Population Safety Issues

Helping older adults live safer lives is one way the Anderson Township Senior Center improves its members' quality of life.

In partnership with the center, Anderson Township Fire and Rescue is addressing numerous concerns of this age group in outreach and educational efforts.

Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Chief Rick Martin said addressing safety needs of residents aged 50 and older is an important part of preventing future problems.

"Older residents account for 30% of Anderson's population, but they account for almost 75% of the emergency responses," he noted. "There has been an increase in 911 calls for non-emergency situations such as lift assists without an injury," Martin noted. "Anderson Township Fire and Rescue wants to take a more proactive role in providing information to our older community members who are disproportionately affected by emergencies like falls and health crises."

#### Ongoing programming targets these issues during visits from fire and rescue personnel on the following topics:

- Education about Alert Hamilton County (AlertHC), and Smart911, a notification program and a registry for first responders that can be accessed during emergencies.
- Community Paramedicine: a program providing referrals by the first responders when a home situation may not be safe.

Referrals also could be made to the Council on Aging or Meals on Wheels, which may be able to offer social services.

#### Practical ways the department has touched senior residents at the center include:

- Weekly blood pressure checks for members,
- CPR classes,
- Emergency checklist with items for home and yard safety,
- The Knox Box program, which provides keys for first responders in need of emergency access.

"The partnership between the Anderson Township Senior Center and the Fire and Rescue Department continues to empower older adults with the education and services needed to be prepared not only for emergencies," noted Claire O'Connell, "but to also encourage healthy, safe living to prevent as many crisis situations as possible."

To learn more about safety programs at the Anderson Senior Center, visit [AndersonTownshipOH.gov/senior-center](http://AndersonTownshipOH.gov/senior-center). The senior center requires membership to attend classes or events.

For more information about the center's services or center membership, call 513.474.3100. Tours are available on Wednesdays.

Membership is \$15 per year for an Anderson resident and \$25 for a couple. Non-residents are slightly higher.

The center at 7970 Beechmont Ave. is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays.



Members of the Anderson Township Senior Center participate in events focused on safety sponsored by the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department.

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

### Furry Friends Offer Support in Forest Hills Schools

Secondary buildings in the Forest Hills School District are piloting a new program this spring that introduces trained facility dogs to support student wellness. Nagel Middle School and Anderson and Turpin high schools have each welcomed their own dedicated facility dog through a new program supported by the Forest Hills Foundation for Education.

"These dogs are specially trained to support student well-being by providing comfort, connection and a sense of calm through positive daily interactions," Nagel Principal Tiffany Brennan said.

Marko (Anderson), Raiden (Turpin) and Mays (Nagel) are always supervised by trained staff handlers, and they interact with students through structured classroom visits, small-group support and other activities that offer students a chance to breathe, reset and return to learning with confidence.

"It is wonderful to be able to offer this support to students," Superintendent Larry Hook said. "Programs like this create meaningful moments of connection that help students feel safe, supported and ready to learn."

The facility dogs have all received extensive training with Circle Tail, a regional leader in preparing dogs for school environments. The Forest Hills Foundation for Education, through its privately funded Hope Project, is covering the full cost of the program allowing the district to add this resource at no additional cost to taxpayers.



### Book Clubs Open for Minds of All Kinds

The Anderson Branch Library is launching several new book clubs. Silent Book Club meets the third Monday of each month. If you're looking for a peaceful, lowkey opportunity to read with others, Silent Book Club may be the perfect fit!

There are no prepared discussion questions, just bring a book of your choice and enjoy. Afterward, hang out to chat with other readers.

Additionally, in celebration of America's 250th birthday, the Anderson Branch

Library has kicked off Read Ohio Book Club. The next meeting is Monday, May 18. Throughout the year, join this book club by reading a range of nonfiction and historical fiction with Ohio roots. Swing by the branch to pick up a copy of the book and the schedule of book discussion dates.

Young readers also have a chance to join the fun with the Tween Graphic Novel Book Club. Each month, sign up to read and borrow the library's graphic novel pick, then enjoy a snack and chat about the book on discussion day.

Speaking of young readers, Summer Reading is just around the corner. The annual event begins May 30. More details are coming soon! Visit [CHPL.org](http://CHPL.org) on all the latest events and programs happening at the Library.



## CONNECT

### Drug Take Back Day Set for April 25

Removing expired or unneeded prescription or over-the-counter drugs from your medicine cabinet is an important chore to undertake once or twice a year.

Cleaning out your cabinet helps reduce accidental poisonings, misuse and accidental overdoses. Safely disposing of unneeded prescriptions or over-the-counter medicines also protects the water supply from harmful chemicals that could be flushed down the toilet.



Anderson Township and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office host a free program to take back these unneeded drugs in partnership with the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Take Back Day is set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road.

Several items are not accepted, including liquids, aerosols, inhalers, needles, and (plastic/glass) bottles. To dispose of pills and tablets, place them in a zip-lock-style bag.

For more information, contact Deputy Jacquelyne Campbell or Deputy Kevin Wanner at 513.688.8400 or email them at [Jcampbell@AndersonTownshipOH.gov](mailto:Jcampbell@AndersonTownshipOH.gov) or [Kwanner@andersontownshipoh.gov](mailto:Kwanner@andersontownshipoh.gov).

### Community Garage Sale Day Is Back On May 2

Does spring make you think of searching for yard sale bargains? If so, mark your calendar for the annual Community Garage Sale Day on Saturday, May 2, when the entire township is invited to participate.

Buy, sell or browse at participating home sales all around the township on this day. A list and interactive map of garage sale

sites is available online at [AndersonTownshipOH.gov](http://AndersonTownshipOH.gov).

Advertise your sale on the township's website. Email Betty Cowan at [bcowan@AndersonTownshipOH.gov](mailto:bcowan@AndersonTownshipOH.gov) by April 29 and provide your address and the sale's hours.



### Bike Rodeo Returns on May 2

This community safety event is hosted at Nagel Middle School, 1500 Nagel Road, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 2. It is free and open to children of all ages.

Organized by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, the event features an obstacle course, safety education, giveaways and helmet checks. Bikes and helmets will be available if you cannot bring them.



SATURDAY,  
MAY 16  
9 A.M. -  
NOON

### Farmers' Market Offers Bakers, Growers and More

The Anderson Farmers' Market kicks off its 19th year on Saturday, May 16, with returning vendors and new offerings every Saturday.

Different activities are offered at the market each week, which is open from 9 a.m. to noon at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 8101 Beechmont Ave. On opening day, enjoy a free seed planting station. Coming on May 23 is a pet palooza day, followed by a red, white and blue game day on the Memorial Day weekend.

#### Other special activities include:

- June 6- Hawaiian shirt day
- June 13-Market Bingo
- June 20- Father's Day celebration
- June 27- Zucchini Fest

Stop by the information booth for market merchandise, free recipes and more. As always, enjoy live music, coffee and a kid's activity station with bubbles every Saturday.

For details, go to the FB page: [AndersonTownshipFarmersMarket](http://AndersonTownshipFarmersMarket).

### May 17 Event Provides Gardening Tips for Native Plants



Interested in learning more about native plants? Anderson has a new community effort that focuses on this topic called the Anderson Township Native Plant Initiative.

This year's chosen native plant, called Bluestar, will be featured. Native plant specialists, including representatives

from Native Roots, will provide guidance on Bluestar and native planting practices.

The first meeting of this group for 2026 is set for 1-3 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at the Anderson Township Heritage Center Arboretum, 890 Eight Mile Road.

### Meet 'Bluestar,' the 2026 Native Plant of the Year

Thoughts turning to spring? This year, the Anderson Township Native Plant of the Year is Bluestar, Amsonia, which brings pale blue flowers to the garden in May.

This shrub-like perennial lights up the fall landscape, too, with beautiful yellow foliage. Bluestar joins last year's Black-eyed Susan, a high-summer bloomer, as part of the Anderson Township Native Plant Initiative. The first meeting this year is 1-3 p.m., Sunday, May 17, at the Anderson Township Heritage Center, 890 Eight Mile Road. Deer-resistant and drought-tolerant, Bluestar needs minimal watering once established. It can be planted in full sun, which is ideal, or in partial shade. Consistent with the Native Plant Initiative's mission to increase Anderson Township's biodiversity, Bluestar

attracts pollinators, including native bees and hummingbirds and is a host plant for the Strawberry Clearwing moth and Coral Hairstreak butterfly caterpillars.

"The members of the Environmental Subcommittee of the Anderson

Implementation Committee are eager to meet you, hear your suggestions and begin the new gardening season together," said Committee Member Peg Fenner.

For further details about the initiative, go to [AndersonTownshipOH.gov](http://AndersonTownshipOH.gov).

NATIVE  
PLANT  
EVENT  
SUNDAY,  
MAY 17  
1-3 PM



MONDAY, MAY 25 · 11:45 AM



### Memorial Ceremony Remembers Veterans

A solemn remembrance honoring fallen veterans and those who have served in the armed services is planned for the annual Anderson Township Memorial Day Bell Ringing Ceremony.

The Anderson Township Veterans Memorial Committee hosts this ceremony at 11:45 a.m. on Monday, May 25, at the Anderson Township Veterans Memorial at Anderson Center.

Sign in by 11:45 a.m. if you wish to have your loved one's name read during the ceremony. The event starts at noon.

## CONNECT

### Tours of Historic Log House Resume in May



Anderson's pioneer history is on display in the preserved Miller-Leuser Log House, which opens for six months a year for tours and exploration.

The Anderson Township Historical Society, the owner and caretaker of the log home, sponsors free tours of this eighteenth-century log structure, one of the oldest buildings in southwest Ohio.

Starting the first Sunday in May, the log home and the research center are open from 1 to 4 p.m. on the first and third Sundays of the month. Knowledgeable volunteers from the historical society conduct the tours and share information about the structure and the township's history. Visitors can explore the corncrib, the outhouse and learn about Anderson's farming heritage during the tours.

For more information, visit [athsociety.org](http://athsociety.org).

### Families Make Summer Memories at Beech Acres Park

Summer is the perfect time for families to gather, laugh, and create lasting memories, and a great place to do that is Beech Acres Park. Families are invited to enjoy a full lineup of free events designed to bring the community together.

Friday Fun dates begin May 29 with Summermusik's string quartet from the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra playing Disney favorites. On June 26, the Cincinnati Circus Magic and Juggling

Show brings high energy entertainment for all ages. The Ohio School of Falconry presents Birds in Flight on July 17, offering an up close look at these impressive birds.



#### Movies in the Park

*Lilo & Stitch* (live-action) on July 17 and *Zootopia 2* on August 14.

#### Concerts in the Park:

- June 4 – Monday Night Big Band
- June 11 – Big Trouble Blue Band
- June 18 – The Rockstar Band
- June 25 – Queen City Silver Stars
- July 2 – Push Play (*Celebrating America's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday*)
- July 9 – New Brew Band

Pack a blanket or lawn chair and join the fun. Summer memories are waiting at Beech Acres Park! Visit [AndersonParks.com](http://AndersonParks.com) for more information.

### Summerfair Returns for Coney Island Celebration May 29-31

Don't miss the annual three-day celebration of visual and performing arts when Summerfair returns to: Coney Island Park on Friday-Sunday on May 29-31.

The popular event includes 340 juried artists from around the country who share their talents. Offerings include painting, ceramics, jewelry, metal, drawing and photography.

The arts festival includes local music on an acoustic stage, food vendors and special activities for kids.

Cost is \$10. For details, times, volunteer information and ticket information, go to [Summerfair.org](http://Summerfair.org).



### Annual Garden Tour Puts Gardeners' Best Foot Forward

Seeking inspiration for your home garden? Residents can enjoy a variety of gardens, large and small, mature and brand new, on this year's Anderson Garden and Home Tour. Several historic township buildings will also be open for a free tour.

This year's annual event is scheduled for 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, June 14 at many households around the township.

A detailed map outlines the self-guided tour and highlights information about each garden. The garden tour flyer detailing the gardens will be available after May 18 online at [AndersonTownshipOH.gov](http://AndersonTownshipOH.gov) or for pickup at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road.

Interested in sharing your beautiful space as a part of the tour? Contact Sarah Donovan at 513.688.8400 ext. 1181 or email her at [sdonovan@AndersonTownshipOH.gov](mailto:sdonovan@AndersonTownshipOH.gov) to discuss your garden.



Sunday, June 14 • 10 AM - 4 PM

### Looking Ahead:

### July 4th Parade Entries: Get Ready for 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

It's been 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Help make Anderson Township's Independence Day Parade the best thus far by designing a parade float worthy of the anniversary, by volunteering for the parade or by being there to cheer the entries.



The parade is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, July 4. It follows the same path as in previous years, starting at the Anderson Township Operations Center, 7954 Beechmont Ave. and ending at the Anderson Towne Center.

Applications for parade entries open April 20. Apply online on the township's website [AndersonTownshipOH.gov](http://AndersonTownshipOH.gov) (under the "What's New" section). To volunteer, contact Jennifer Sanders [jsanders@andersontownshipOH.gov](mailto:jsanders@andersontownshipOH.gov) or 513.688.8444.



Saturday, July 4 • 10 AM

### Join the Beechmont Bolt 1-Mile Jog/Run Before Parade



The Beechmont Bolt returns again, for a quick run down Beechmont Avenue before the Independence Day parade.

Meet at the Christ Hospital Outpatient Center parking lot, 7545 Beechmont Ave. at 9:35 a.m. Saturday, July 4.

Sign up: [exceleratead.com/beechmont-bolt](http://exceleratead.com/beechmont-bolt)



# EVENTS



Anderson Township Historical Society Plant Sale



Summerfair



Anderson Fireman's Festival



Anderson Garden and History Tour



Forest Hills 5K



Anderson Township Farmers' Market



Anderson Township 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

## APRIL

### Drug Take Back Day

Anderson Center  
7850 Five Mile Road  
Saturday, April 25, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Info: [AndersonTownshipOH.gov](http://AndersonTownshipOH.gov)

### Forest-Aires Women's Chorus- Come Sail Away

Anderson Center Theater  
7850 Five Mile Road  
April 24-26  
Tickets: [forestaires.org](http://forestaires.org)

### Immaculate Heart of Mary School- Once Upon a Mattress

Anderson Center Theater  
7850 Five Mile Road  
April 30-May 2, 7 p.m.  
Info: [ihomschool.org](http://ihomschool.org)



Bike Rodeo

## MAY

### Community Garage Sale Day

Locations all over the township  
Saturday, May 2; times may vary  
Listing of locations and a map:  
[AndersonTownshipOH.gov](http://AndersonTownshipOH.gov)

### Bike Rodeo

Nagel Middle School-500 Nagel Road  
Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Free

### Performing Arts Inc.

Anderson Center Theater  
7850 Five Mile Road  
May 3-10  
Tickets: [performingartsinc.net/ticketing](http://performingartsinc.net/ticketing)

### Forest Hills 5K and After Party

Saturday, May 9, 8:30 a.m.  
Nagel Middle School  
1500 Nagel Road  
Information and sign up: [fhfe.org](http://fhfe.org)

### Anderson Township Historical Society Plant Sale

Miller-Leuser Log House  
6550 Clough Pike  
Saturday, May 9, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Sunday, May 10, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Info: [athsociety.org](http://athsociety.org)

### Beechmont Players- Cheaper by the Dozen-

Anderson Center Theater  
7850 Five Mile Center  
May 15-23  
Tickets: [Beechmontplayers.org](http://Beechmontplayers.org)

### Anderson Township Farmers' Market Opening Day

St. Timothy Church  
8101 Beechmont Ave.  
Saturday, May 16, 9 a.m. to noon  
Market runs weekly through  
October 10  
Info: [Facebook.com/AndersonTownshipFarmersMarket](http://Facebook.com/AndersonTownshipFarmersMarket)

### Annual Kickoff event for Native Plant Initiative

Anderson Township Heritage Center  
890 Eight Mile Road  
Sunday, May 17, 1-3 p.m.  
Free; more information at  
[AndersonTownshipOH.gov](http://AndersonTownshipOH.gov)

## JUNE

### 2026 Eastside Pride Picnic

Beech Acres Park  
6910 Salem Road  
Sunday, June 7, 1-5 p.m.  
FB: Eastside Pride

### Anderson Community Band Spring Concert

Anderson Center Theater  
7850 Five Mile Road  
Sunday, June 7, 3 p.m.  
Info: John Fecker, 513.207.8506 or  
[andersoncommunityband.org](http://andersoncommunityband.org)  
Free

### Anderson Garden and History Tour

Sunday, June 14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Self-guided tour. Brochure online after  
May 14 at [AndersonTownshipOH.gov](http://AndersonTownshipOH.gov).

### Performing Arts Inc.

Anderson Center Theater  
7850 Five Mile Road  
June 14-20  
Tickets: [performingartsinc.net/ticketing](http://performingartsinc.net/ticketing)

### Memorial Day Remembrance and Bell Ringing Ceremony

Anderson Center South Plaza  
7850 Five Mile Road  
Monday, May 25, 11:45 a.m.  
Info: Jennifer Sanders at 513.688.8444 or  
[jsanders@AndersonTownshipOH.gov](mailto:jsanders@AndersonTownshipOH.gov).

### LeJeune Dance Company- Coppellia

Anderson Center Theater  
7850 Five Mile Road  
May 28-31  
Tickets: [lejeunedance.com](http://lejeunedance.com)

### Anderson Fireman's Festival

Belterra Park, 6301 Kellogg Ave.  
Friday, May 29, 5-11 p.m.  
Saturday, May 30, 5-11 p.m.

### Summerfair

Coney Island Park, 6201 Kellogg Ave.  
Friday-Sunday, May 29-31  
Info and tickets: [summerfair.org](http://summerfair.org)

### Anderson Township Library Association- Summer Used Book Sale

Nagel Middle School  
1500 Nagel Road  
Friday, June 19, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Saturday, June 20, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Sunday, June 21, noon-3 p.m.  
Info: [cincinnati.library.org/about/atla/](http://cincinnati.library.org/about/atla/)

### De La Dance- Cinderella

Anderson Center Theater  
7850 Five Mile Road  
June 25-28  
Tickets: [deladancecompany.org](http://deladancecompany.org)

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Anderson Township Independence Day Parade and Beechmont Bolt

Saturday, July 4  
Run starts at 9:35 a.m.  
Parade starts at 10 a.m.  
Beechmont Avenue, starting at  
Beechmont Fire Station  
7954 Beechmont Ave.  
Info: [AndersonTownshipOH.gov](http://AndersonTownshipOH.gov)



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## Plans for Anderson's America250 Celebration Taking Shape

While the country celebrates with fireworks and historical events, local organizers also work to create special moments

America's Semiquincentennial, the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, will be observed on Saturday, July 4.

The country's celebration of its 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary is taking off on a national scale with parades, fireworks, Revolutionary War enactments and much more. Locally, a group of Anderson Township residents and the Anderson Township Historical Society are planning festivities, events and demonstrations that will run through the fall.



The Anderson Township Historical Society has planned a series of monthly meetings, open to the public, with a focus on 250<sup>th</sup> events. Special occasions include a wagon display, an ice cream social, and a discussion of the James Clark family and founder Richard Clough Anderson. Other events may include patriotic bands playing at open houses, demonstrations and readings. The Sons of the Revolution may be involved in some of the society's festivities.

Additionally, Anderson resident Daryl Meyerrenke is heading up a group of creative and diverse volunteers "to take an active role in the organization of the local celebration."

If your organization or business intends to celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup> and wishes to work with others, contact Meyerrenke from the Anderson Township Historical Society at 513.646.8037 or email [dmeyerrenke@yahoo.com](mailto:dmeyerrenke@yahoo.com).

For event details, visit [athsociety.org](http://athsociety.org) or [America250cincyestside.com](http://America250cincyestside.com).



Anderson Township History Room display

### The Anderson Township Historical Society has announced the following events:

- Creation of a Martha Washington Garden at the Anderson Urban Farm
- A historic float for the July 4 Independence Parade
- Decoration of the properties of the Anderson Township Historical Society including the log house, barn and research center
- Banners with local historic connections along Clough Pike between Bartels and Berkshire roads
- A compilation of the history of local Revolutionary War veterans available at [ATHSociety.org/Veterans](http://ATHSociety.org/Veterans)
- Lee Stegmann presentation on his historic gun collection, during open houses at the Miller-Leuser Log House

Call the Anderson Township Historical Society office at 513.231.2114.