

Access to Anderson's Riverfronts Increasing with Upcoming Projects



Bass Island access renovations to be completed soon on the Little Miami Scenic River will give water enthusiasts more opportunities for fun.

One of Anderson Township's defining natural resources, its connection with the Little Miami and Ohio rivers that enhance its character and borders, is drawing heightened attention as a recreational asset.

With more than 15 miles of riverfront, Anderson Township plans to expand access to recreational activities on these waterways on both the north and south sides of the community.

"Anderson's borders are wrapped by rivers on three sides, **but in actuality have few spots for recreation or accessing and interacting with the river,**" said Planning and Zoning Director Paul Drury. "We want to change that."

The Bass Island area on the edge of Newtown (part of Great Parks) has been a go-to recreational area on the Little Miami River since the late 1800s, with shallow spots for water play and access for canoe or kayak boat launch, Drury said. It remains

so today; however, Bass Island closed for upgrades in the fall of 2024, with reopening scheduled for this fall.

On Anderson's south side, with US 52 paralleling the Ohio River through much of Anderson Township, and Kellogg Road being home to major entertainment venues and river-oriented barge operations, access to the river in the township is limited.

Residents seek river access

"I think Anderson residents would love to take greater advantage of our beautiful riverfronts," said Trustee Chair Dee Stone. "We have stunning vistas and scenic spots here; we just need to increase the opportunity to access and enjoy these special locations."

"Township leaders have seen the need and have desired to enhance riverfront recreation for years," said Drury. Recreational riverfront projects have been outlined for more than a decade in the

township's Comprehensive Plan and in other guiding documents. The township's 2012 Riverfront Plan suggested adding boat ramps and docks, protecting scenic views, and constructing a riverwalk along Kellogg Avenue that ties into the Ohio River Trail bike path. Also, a 2021 Kellogg Gateway Study again suggested opportunities for economic and recreational improvements along a 6-mile stretch of the Ohio River.

Anderson is currently undertaking two active projects to increase recreational opportunities and create access to river activities. These are in addition to the Bass Island water access and parking improvements, which are being finished up by Great Parks.

The former Boatsmith property on the Ohio River

In 2014, Anderson Township acquired the former Boatsmith Marina, adjacent to Five Mile Creek. The goal was to create a public boat-access site on the Ohio River. Since that time, the nearly 7-acre site has been used by the township for storage and has served as a temporary home for equipment and materials for many infrastructure projects undertaken by the Ohio Department of Transportation, Hamilton County and/or other area agencies.

Recently, township trustees have approved creating a development plan for the riverside property. A preliminary design proposal for the river portion of the site is under development. Public commentary will be sought later this fall as the township finalizes a vision for this part of the property, noted Steve Sievers, assistant township administrator for operations.

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Recycling Center's Closure Set for Fall
Site to be transformed into new Public Works facilities

Anderson's current recycling center off Beechmont Avenue is scheduled to close in the fall to make way for the new Public Works maintenance and storage facility.

Construction on those improvements is planned to begin early this winter, according to Township Administrator Vicky Earhart.

The Public Works building is the first phase in the redevelopment of the township's Operations Center site. Future upgrades are proposed to replace the salt storage facility, renovate the Sheriff's District 5 substation, and expand the Beechmont Fire Station (Station 6), the township's busiest station. Federal and state funding is currently being sought to complete these projects.

"With the upcoming closure of the Anderson Township 24/7 Recycling Center, we remind residents that there are recycling alternatives. If Rumpke is your trash hauler, you already are paying for curbside recycling as part of your trash service," Earhart said.

Rising costs at the recycling site, coupled with illegal dumping, significant time required for daily site cleanup, and a drop in financial reimbursements from the county, also factored into the decision not to relocate the center. While recycling funds previously covered most of the center's operating costs in recent years, township taxpayers have increasingly been subsidizing the facility. Additionally, its use by

township residents has declined due to the expansion of curbside recycling, said Steve Sievers, assistant township administrator for operations.

Trustee Vice Chair Katie Nappi said Rumpke estimates that nearly 85 percent of its more than 13,000 curbside residential customers in Anderson have curbside recycling containers. "Therefore, recycling services are easily accessible to the vast majority of homes in the township, due to the efforts of staff and Rumpke to offer recycling opportunities close to where people live," she noted.

"As we prepare for the center's closure, Anderson Township will continue to work with those neighborhoods, which are nearly all condominium or apartment communities, to help provide on-site recycling opportunities," Sievers added.



Maintenance space is tight in the current Public Works facility.

Share Your Voice and Ideas for Township's Future

Anderson Township is planning for the future, and a special committee guiding the process wants to hear your voice!

Anderson is updating its Comprehensive Plan, a long-range roadmap that guides decisions related, but not limited, to land use, housing, transportation, economic development and community character. The process is designed to create a shared vision for the future, informed by resident comments and careful analysis, as well as the values that make Anderson Township unique.

"Rather than looking at issues individually, a comprehensive plan recognizes that everything is connected," said Assistant Planning and Zoning Director Sarah Donovan. "Decisions about housing affect transportation. Investments in infrastructure influence economic development and quality of life," she said. Planning for the future means understanding how these pieces work together to support a strong, vibrant community, Donovan added.

This is Anderson's fourth update to the community's first comprehensive plan, originally adopted in 2005, noted Trustee Tom Hodges. "The decisions, investments and projects undertaken over the past two decades reflect the community's longstanding commitment to thoughtful planning and have been guided by the vision established through this process," he said.

At the same time, a comprehensive plan is only as valuable as the people who help create it. Its success depends on residents sharing their ideas, priorities and concerns. "That's why your participation matters. Make your voice heard and help shape the future of Anderson for the next generation," Hodges added.

A Community-Driven Planning Process

The new Comprehensive Plan Update is not intended to be a one-size-fits-all document, said Trustee Vice Chair Katie Nappi. Instead, it will reflect the unique needs, priorities and character of Anderson's neighborhoods and business districts.



Members of the public provide comments about Anderson's Township's future during community visioning sessions.

How to Get Involved

Community engagement is already underway, but there are still many opportunities for participation.

To learn more, stay updated on upcoming events, and share your ideas, visit AndersonTownshipOHCompPlan.com.



The process begins with an in-depth analysis of existing conditions, including demographics, land-use patterns, housing trends, transportation networks and economic conditions in both Anderson Township and the broader Cincinnati region. Public data, maps, photographs and community feedback will help identify strengths, opportunities and areas where future investment or policy changes may be needed.

"Equally important is community engagement," said Planning Director Paul Drury. He noted residents will have multiple opportunities to participate throughout the process, including a community-wide survey, neighborhood visioning sessions, pop-up events, focus groups and ongoing updates through the project website: AndersonTownshipOHCompPlan.com.

The goal is to make participation accessible and approachable by meeting residents where they already are, Drury added. Earlier outreach efforts included dedicated engagement opportunities for both youth and seniors, helping ensure a broad range of perspectives are represented in the months-long process.

A steering team comprised of residents from across the community will also help guide the plan's development. Working alongside township staff and consultants, the group is helping ensure the final document reflects community priorities and results in clear, actionable recommendations for the future, Donovan added.

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With a new emphasis on river access, Trustee Chair Dee Stone said she hoped the township would create an opportunity to begin implementing the Ohio River Way Water Trail along a 1.3-mile segment between the former Coney Island property and the township's Boatsmith property.

Old Fort Park development

Anderson Township began planning earlier this year to create a riverfront park along the Little Miami River in the Old Fort area of the community, off Debolt Road. The Little Miami was Ohio's first designated National Wild and Scenic River. **Through public commentary, the community helped shape a vision for this new natural space that may include riverfront fishing access, an overlook, an unpaved loop trail, a picnic area, pollinator stations, and a natural play area.** Interpretive signs could share the story of the area's history, dating back to Native American settlement and to its use as a "country club" retreat in the early 1900s.



View from the future Old Fort Park

"Our new Old Fort Park will be yet another in a growing list of natural areas that are increasing the recreational amenities in the Little Miami Valley area, as our residents and those across the region continue to flock to our area," said Sievers.

Great Parks has already taken the lead in significantly advancing recreation opportunities along the corridor by completing the Little Miami Bike Trail and coordinating the Beechmont Levee Bridge pedestrian access project, which opened in 2022.

The Anderson Park District funded pickleball, soccer and lacrosse opportunities in the recreational district, along with significant trail improvements.

The township intends to open the park to the public this fall, with limited initial improvements. "We've had a lot of comments about this project," Stone said. "I think it's going to be a popular spot for a quiet retreat and a place to be close to the river, and we plan to present this opportunity as quickly as possible," she said.

Anderson Township will manage the site's maintenance and fund the project. Stone said plans are moving quickly and residents have shown considerable interest in the project.

Bass Island project

Paddlers who enter or exit the Little Miami River via the Bass Island river access site will be happy to learn that significant improvements to the area could be finished this fall.

The two-year project is expanding safer pedestrian and vehicular access with a larger parking lot, permanent restrooms and a looped drive for loading and unloading boats. Visitors will also enjoy a designated walkway to the riverbank with a ramp to the river's edge.

Current work includes the construction of the boardwalk and an accessible pathway to the water; the entrance driveway is in place.

During the upgrades, Great Parks has also undertaken significant ecological renovation at the site to protect it from further erosion, including work in the forest and riparian zone.

"With this project at Bass Island, more people will be able to enjoy the incredible resource we have in the Little Miami Scenic River, and even as we prepare for that growth, we're also emphasizing



Little Miami Scenic River

protection of the ecosystem by reducing the impact from what had been multiple informal pathways to the water," notes Great Parks CEO Todd Palmeter.



Coney Island river access

On other riverfront developments, Anderson is working with MEMI, the company developing Riverbend 2.0 (Farmer Music Center), to allow public access to the Grove/river area during normal business hours.

"It may soon be possible for kayaks and canoes to explore the 1.3-mile route from the former Boatsmith property to Coney Island," said Stone. "This route would be part of the recently launched Ohio River Way Water Trail. Anderson is a charter member of this organization. They are creating a more than 300-mile water trail spanning Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana," she said. "Using our waterways for recreational opportunities is something important to me. I'm very enthusiastic to see this happen along the Ohio River."

"I'm all for finding more ways to give people increased access to the river and enjoy time down by the river," she added.

Township Road Construction Season in Full Swing

Road construction season is in full swing, and while some projects have already been completed, others continue with more improvements on the way.

Here's what's on the schedule:

Anderson Township's annual curb and sidewalk repair - Reconstruction on more than 30 Anderson Township roads began in March. Crews will move through the township over the coming months. The two-year work cycle involves rehabilitating concrete, repairing drainage infrastructure, and undertaking sidewalk repairs in the first year. Work on all roads will be completed this fall, with resurfacing occurring in 2027.

I-275 Resurfacing - Construction started in April on pavement repairs on I-275 between US 52 and Asbury Road, with resurfacing of this roadway continuing through the fall.

Salem Road - Cincinnati Water Works will begin a water main replacement project this fall/winter on Salem Road, from Sutton Road to Beechmont Avenue. This project is scheduled for completion next year. After the waterline project is complete, in 2028 the Hamilton County Engineer's Office, using METRO Transit Infrastructure Funds, plans a resurfacing project on this same portion of Salem Road,

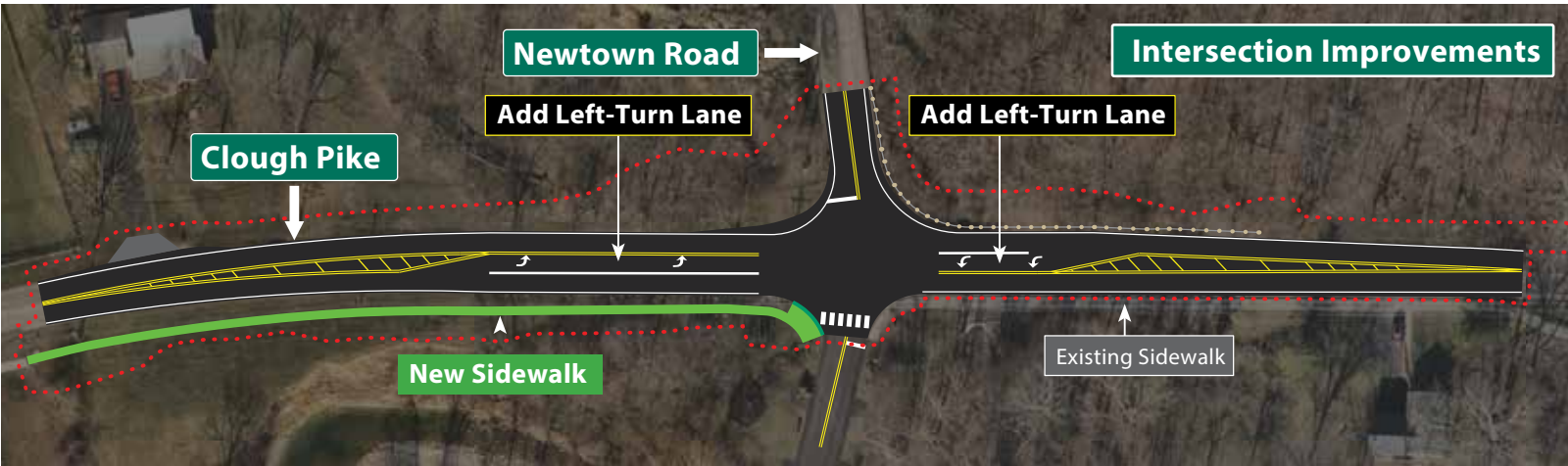
Sutton Road - Construction on Sutton Road, which began late last year with waterline work, has been completed ahead of schedule. While a few touch-up items remain, this project included new water and service connections on Sutton south of Salem, pavement repairs and resurfacing of the 2.25-mile roadway from Kellogg Avenue to the City of Cincinnati, guardrail and signage improvements, and a new sidewalk and striping pattern on north Salem Road. Improvements were coordinated by the Hamilton County Engineer's Office, with Anderson Township overseeing the new sidewalk addition. Two METRO Transit Infrastructure Fund grants funded the project.



Clough Pike at Newtown Road - Construction began in June on a project stemming from Anderson Township's 2021 Clough Pike Transportation Study. This project adds left-turn lanes from Clough Pike to Newtown Road and the Alcove of Turpin Hills apartment community, to help reduce congestion and improve safety at that intersection.

Funded in part by a grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation, the improvements also include completion of the sidewalk along Clough from Newtown Road to Copperleaf Drive and Turpin Hills. Construction should be completed this coming November.

Next year, the Hamilton County Engineer's Office will be resurfacing nearby Newtown Road from Bartels Road to the Village of Newtown, using a grant Anderson Township secured through the OKI Regional Council of Governments.



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

‘Township Nights of Lights’ Aims to Brighten Holiday Season

Anderson Center to host inaugural wintertime event in December, replacing the former Anderson Holiday Festival at Anderson Towne Center



Examples of holiday decorations from other celebrations

Anderson Township is planning a new family-friendly month-long holiday experience at Anderson Center (7850 Five Mile Road) on the outside plaza, along the lake walkway and around the center grounds.

Jennifer Sanders, Anderson Township’s event coordinator, said the goal of the new event was to create an immersive activity that showcases the creativity of our community’s organizations and businesses.

To make this possible, businesses, organizations and individuals are invited to submit their plans to participate. Plans might include a temporary art installation focused on lighting or a display sculpture that can remain outdoors in inclement weather for a few weeks. Purchased displays can also be submitted for approval. (See related sidebar.) Participants can choose their locations at the center.

“We’re envisioning classic photo ops and opportunities to enjoy a free outdoor holiday experience close to home, at their convenience,” said Steve Sievers, assistant administrator for operations. “We know how much people enjoyed celebrating at the towne center,” he added, “and we want to continue that community experience.”

“We hope this new concept will include more businesses and organizations that

wish to celebrate the season and display the amazing talents of our community,” noted Assistant Director of Planning and Zoning Sarah Donovan.

The light display will kick off with an afternoon celebration from 4-6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5, featuring entertainment and children’s activities, like the former Anderson Holiday Festival. Other activities are planned on various stages around Anderson Center that afternoon, culminating

in the displays “coming to light” at 6 p.m.

Trustee Chair Dee Stone said she was looking forward to the new event and seeing the creativity anticipated with the monthlong holiday experience. One advantage is that residents can visit at any time throughout the holiday season, she said.

“If you want to share holiday cheer with the community, we’d love to see you participate in this new event,” she said.

Showcase Your Organization or Business at New Holiday Experience

The new Township Nights of Lights holiday event includes not only a month-long display of seasonal cheer at Anderson Center, but also a kick-off event at the lower level of Anderson Center centered on community involvement.

Organizations and businesses are invited to participate by creating a booth or display that will be kept up at Anderson Center for the holiday season. The holiday kick-off event is set from 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5. Family-friendly activities are planned including crafts, refreshments and entertainment. Booths are then left up for several weeks.



Proposals for participation must be submitted by September 1. Notices of acceptance into the Township Nights of Lights will be issued by September 17. Displays must be installed by 5 p.m. December 4. Potential participants will need to

provide a simple narrative and visual that describes their plan for their display.

Contact Assistant Planning and Zoning Director Sarah Donovan for submission details via email at sdonovan@AndersonTownshipOH.gov or by phone at 513.688.8400, ext. 1181.

Remembering Our History, One Story at a Time

Anderson Township’s more than 230-year history, its beginnings on the river, and its deep roots in farming and agriculture involve resilient people who settled this land and left their mark in many ways. Indications of their way of life are found in aging snapshots, faded writings, and some buildings that are still standing.

Stories and the history of Anderson Township have been captured through the township newsletter, *Anderson Insights*, over the last 15 years. The History Notes section of the newsletter includes local chroniclers of the past reflecting on different aspects of life in Anderson through the years: schools, celebrations, seasons, transportation, commerce and more.

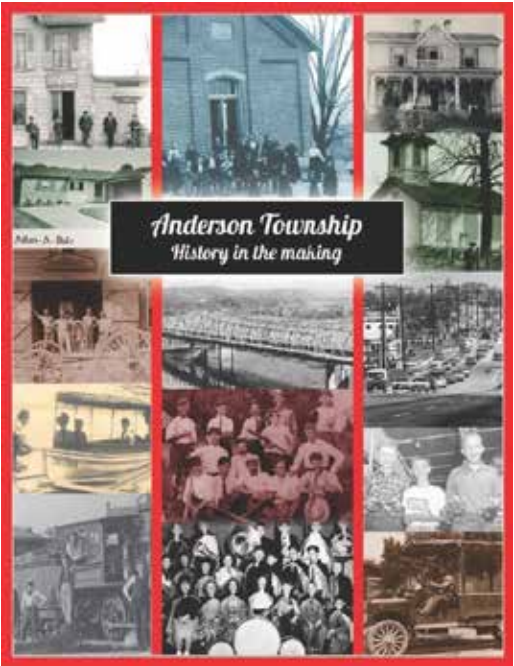
Who were the people whose names lined the streets of the township? Why are some areas of our community referred to as Sweetwine, Cluff Valley and Fruit Hill? Many questions could be asked about the lives of residents who owned the noted Miller-Leuser Log

House, the Clark Stone House, or the Anderson Township Heritage Center Arboretum. If you look closely, you can see hints of how our lives intertwined with those of the Anderson families of the past.

The stories in *Anderson Insights* over the past 15 years have been compiled into a document available online at AndersonTownshipOH.gov, search for “History Notes.” Paper copies are also available at no cost at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road, at the front desk.

Many of the photos in this compilation are from the Anderson Township Historical Society, which partnered with Anderson Township on this project.

Here’s hoping these chronicles of life in Anderson Township over the years enrich your life and deepen your understanding of the community you currently call home.



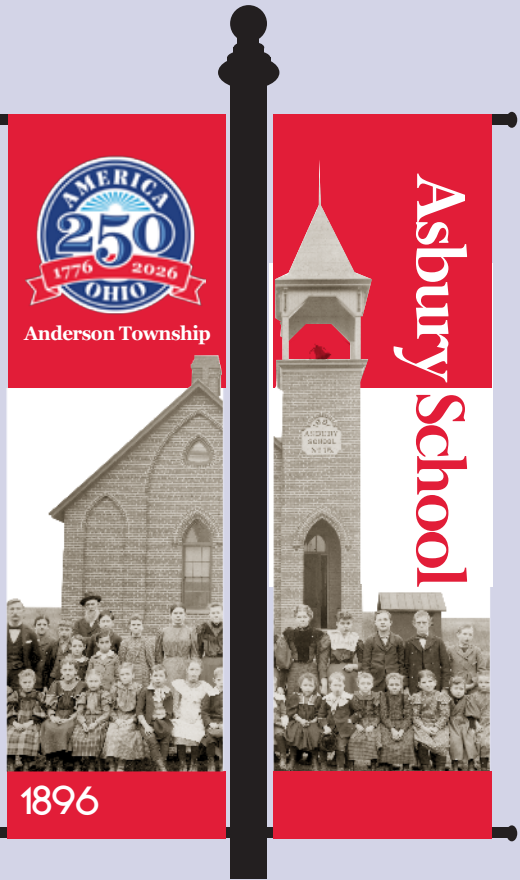
Popular Historic Banners Make a Comeback



Anderson’s colorful historic banners, created in 2018 for the township’s 225th anniversary, are back! As part of the community’s celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, Anderson Township has rebranded its noted series of images to match the red and blue of the America 250 Ohio logo.

These banners are displayed along portions of Beechmont Avenue, Clough Pike in the historic district, and on Five Mile Road.

If you would like to learn more about the background of the images and the story of this project, visit AndersonTownshipOH.gov and type in “banners.” You’ll find a complete guide to all the banner photos used in 2018, including those currently on display throughout the fall.



HISTORY NOTES

James and Susanna Clark: Local Settlers Who Lived Ordinary and Extraordinary Lives



Joseph and Matilda Leuser posed for this 1905 photograph in front of the Clark stone house. Joseph's father Adam Leuser purchased the house from the Clark family in 1864.

As America celebrates the 250th year of its founding, many think mostly about the big historic events like Valley Forge, Saratoga and Yorktown. But it was ordinary people who took part in those events and in countless others, people who are no less significant because they are part of the big picture which is America.

Anderson Township was home to many ordinary people who were veterans of the Revolutionary War. (For a list of veterans, go to athssociety.org/veterans/)

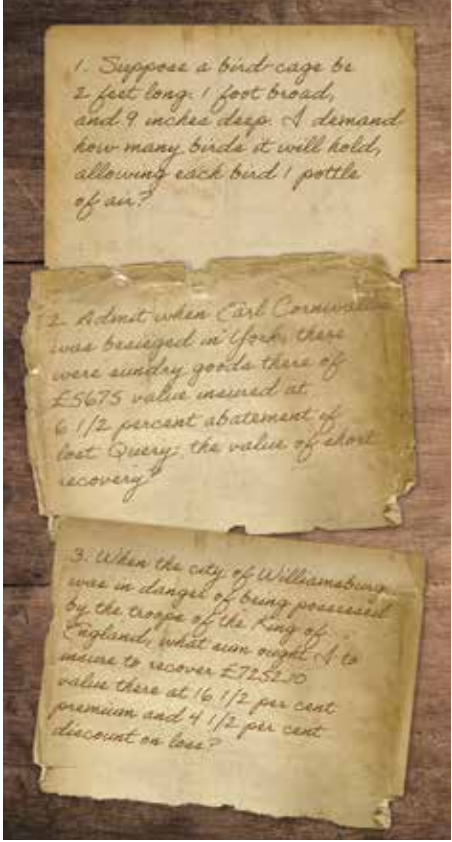
Among that number is James Clark (b.1765), who, according to Clark's descendants, was likely a drummer at the 1781 Yorktown campaign during the Revolution. His father served in the militia at the Battle of Monmouth, New Jersey, and died in 1779.

At the age of 31, James and his wife, Susanna, and their four children traveled on foot and by flatboat from Southampton County, Virginia, to the Ohio Country.

Shortly after arrival in Anderson Township in 1797, Susanna delivered their fifth child. Throughout the 700-mile-long trek from Virginia, James kept a diary describing their route and hardships. (Read the diary at AndersonTownshipOh.gov and type "diary" in the search bar.) The diary shares the challenges faced and the sacrifices made by those who ventured west, seeking to prosper on the frontier of Ohio.

With this perspective, Anderson residents can rightfully be proud of those who, like James and Susanna Clark, ordinary people who accepted the hardships that would be required of them. Life on the Ohio frontier was marked by challenges that required great physical effort from settlers like James to carve out a life for their families.

Upon their arrival, James cleared forests, planted crops, and set to work building a stone house which he completed in 1801. The house still stands at the intersection of Clough Pike and Hunley Road and is thought to be one of the oldest stone houses in Ohio. In addition to his original



Clark, a math teacher, challenged his students with these computations.

50-acre land purchase on Clough Creek, Clark increased his land holdings over the years to more than 200 acres, becoming a successful miller and orchardist. Susanna bore nine children and managed the many exhausting domestic tasks of women on the frontier.

James Clark was more than a farmer and builder; he also was a classic early American multi-role community leader. In Virginia, he was a schoolteacher who authored an arithmetic textbook. In Ohio, he was commissioned a justice of the peace in 1799, a state legislator (1808-1810), a legislative committee chairman, and an associate judge of the Court of Common Pleas in Hamilton County.

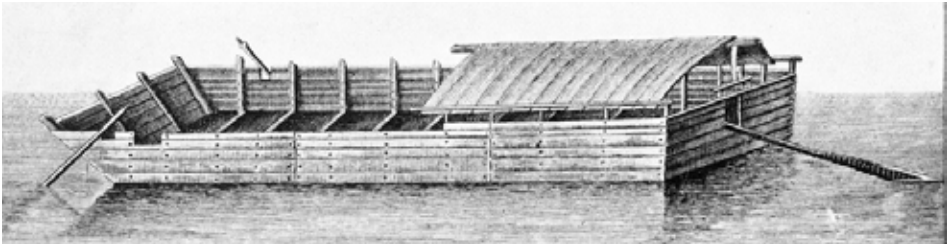
Susanna Clark died in 1831 and James in 1852. Their house stands as a reminder of their lives and the early settlement of Anderson Township. As examples of early post-Revolutionary War settlers, they built permanent homes and left us a legacy of prosperity and strong civic institutions, despite the hardships of life on the Ohio frontier. In that sense, they are both ordinary and extraordinary.



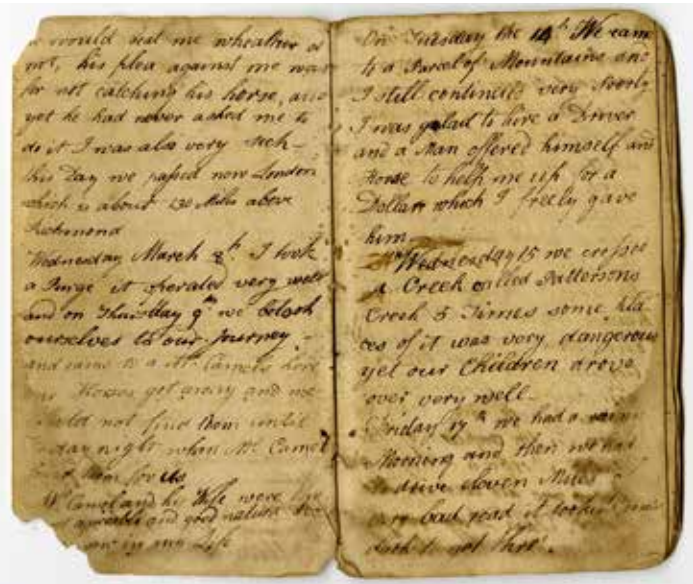
Anderson Township purchased the James Clark Stone House, one of the oldest stone houses in Ohio, in 2009.



The James Clark Stone House is occasionally open for viewing. It remains amazingly intact considering it was built around 1802 and was occupied until the 1990s.



A 700-mile journey from Virginia to Ohio involved both walking and a flatboat that came down the Little Miami Scenic River.



Over the course of the 700-mile trek from Virginia to Anderson Township, James Clark kept a diary, which today is kept in the history archives of the Cincinnati Museum Center. The diary is extremely rare, offering a detailed glimpse of the hardships the family endured to reach their new home on the Ohio frontier. Credit: James Clark Papers, Mss 930, Cincinnati Museum Center.

Four-legged Patients Receive Specialized Care During Fires

Anderson Township EMS personnel update their training to treat animals in distress

When a family’s four-legged pets are involved in a fire, what can emergency medical service personnel do?

Ever since an Ohio law passed a decade ago allowing first responders to provide emergency care for dogs and cats during fire incidents, Anderson Township emergency services have treated pets in distress.

The Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department recently participated in EMS continuing education to learn more about ways to address first aid and oxygen needs of dogs and cats. Beyond breathing and bleeding issues, EMS personnel can even administer Naloxone to animals for opioid exposure.

Battalion Chief Chris Kasperczyk noted that “This service is important as pets are considered part of a family, and so when firefighters are not actively engaged in firefighting operations, they can freely address the needs of a suffering pet.”



Anderson Township does not maintain formal records of cases where pets are treated on the scene, Kasperczyk said. “However, it isn’t rare for us to be informed by dispatch or the homeowner that pets are still inside the home when we arrive at a house fire.”

MedVet Cincinnati trainers conducted the training session, bringing their own dogs to facilitate safe practice of techniques such as securing animals, fitting oxygen masks, and locating pulses. “This practical instruction equipped emergency personnel with essential skills for supporting pets and provided knowledge that can be shared with pet owners, enhancing the care families offer their animals,” he added.

About 40,000 pets die in U.S. residential house fires each year, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association. Some 500,000 pets are affected by home fires, too.

Battalion Chief Smith Retires After 35 Years of Service



Sean Smith

Battalion Chief Sean Smith of the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department retired in July after completing 35 years with the fire service.

Smith began his career in high school as a Fire Explorer and eventually served as a volunteer. He earned his EMT at University of Cincinnati, his paramedic certification at Mercy Hospital and the Ohio State Fire Academy for firefighter training. He also earned a bachelor’s degree from the

University of Cincinnati and a master’s degree from the John. F. Kennedy School of Government.

In 1997 he was promoted to lieutenant, and again in 2014 he was promoted to battalion chief. He became chief of operations in 2019.

Further leadership experiences included being a member of Ohio Task Force 1 and in fire training for the department. He also deployed for numerous disaster missions around the United States.

Firefighter-paramedic Wade Cooley Retires After Long Career



Wade Cooley

Firefighter-paramedic Wade Cooley from Anderson Township Fire and Rescue retired in April after a 29-year career with the township’s emergency services. He started part-time in 1997 and advanced to full-time in 2001.

His career included many special areas of service including an early stint as a rescue technician, which led to him joining the USAR (Urban Search and

Rescue) team. He was involved in the township’s car safety seat program and worked with fireworks displays throughout the township.

He also became a rescue swimmer and a trained boat operator. This year, he was named the American Legion’s Post 318’s Firefighter of the Year for his work on a boat grant and organizing US Coast Guard training for boat operations.

Nine New Hires Begin Anderson Careers

Anderson Township Fire and Rescue welcomes nine new firefighter-paramedic-EMTs who came on board in April. Here are the details about the new personnel:



Landon Adams earned his EMT certification from the Delaware Area Career Center, and firefighting license from the South Central Ohio Fire Training Academy. Adams is a graduate of Harding High School in Marion, Ohio. His professional career includes a stint as an on-site emergency caregiver with Kroger in a large industrial center.



Nathaniel Allgeyer earned his firefighting and EMT certification from the Warren County Career Center and is a graduate from Clinton-Massie High School.



Austin Dylong is a graduate of Willow Canyon High School. He earned his EMT certification from Estrella Mountain Community College and his fire training certification from the Phoenix Fire Regional Training Academy. Dylong’s previous work history includes work at the Lynx EMS (ambulance service), and the Surprise Fire and Medical Department in Arizona. His certifications include hazmat operator and NREMT certification.



Ahmadu Ibra is a former combat medic with the Army National Guard. He is a graduate of Lockland High School/Scarlet Oaks, attended Cincinnati State’s paramedic program and firefighter training, and worked with ambulance companies for the past four years.



Chase Anderson is a Milford High School graduate who earned his firefighting and EMT certifications from Butler Tech. His professional experience includes a job as a firefighter-EMT at the Milford Community Fire Department.



Matthew Meyer is a graduate of Lakota West High School. He earned his firefighter and EMT certifications at the Butler Tech Fire Rescue Academy.

Meyer comes to the Anderson department with previous firefighting-EMT experience gained at the St. Clair Township New Miami Life Squad and the Loveland Symmes Fire Department.



Austin Maham is a West Clermont High School graduate who furthered his education at the Brown County Adult Career Campus where he earned his EMT and firefighting certifications. Maham’s experience includes service with the Mount Orab Fire Department and the Georgetown Fire Department.



William Palmer has several years of firefighting with the Ohio Army National Guard and at the Forest Park Fire Department. Palmer earned his EMT-paramedic certification at the Butler Technology and Career Development School and also holds a masters in business administration, in healthcare administration, from Northern Kentucky University. His certifications include wildland firefighter licensure, aircraft rescue, firefighting training and training in hazardous materials.



Nevan Segrist-Bellamah graduated from Norwood High School and Scarlet Oaks, where he earned his fire-EMS certifications. His prior experience is with the Colerain Township Fire Department and Stonelick Township Fire Department, and other professional accomplishments include hazmat and OSHA training.

Four Promotions to Captain Announced in Fire and Rescue Department

Four lieutenants in the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department have been promoted to the new position of captain. Recently promoted were Dan Dacey, Jeff Durr, Doug Eagan and Kevin King.

The primary responsibility of the captain position involves supervising a particular firehouse across all three shifts. Captains will also act as battalion chiefs when necessary.



From left: Doug Eagan, Kevin King, Chief Rick Martin, Jeff Durr and Dan Dacey.

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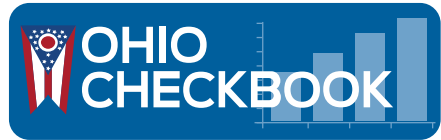
Fraud Alert: Be Cautious When Sharing Sensitive Financial Information

Anderson Township again reminds residents to be cautious when responding to solicitations for money “owed to the township,” whether the request comes by phone, mail or e-mail.

Some scammers in Ohio have contacted residents by name and address, claiming they owe the township for services.

If you receive a phone call or e-mail from someone asking for money on behalf of Anderson Township, and the issue in question seems off, hang up and call Anderson Township government at 513.688.8400 to confirm. Also note, all legitimate e-mail from township staff members end in *AndersonTownshipOh.gov*.

Anderson Joins Transparency Website ‘Ohio Checkbook’



Anderson Township is joining the statewide transparency program called Ohio Checkbook, which allows citizens to review state and local government financial data.

The Ohio State Treasurer’s Office manages the *OhioCheckbook.gov* database, which is searchable by fund, department, object, and payee. It was launched in 2014 and is targeted to provide a one-stop resource for taxpayers who want to learn more about state and local spending.

“I considered joining the Ohio Checkbook when I took office, but the old accounting system was cumbersome converting the data for upload,” said Fiscal Officer Brian Jonhson. “Our new system provides a convenient file for uploading.”



The Ohio Checkbook increases transparency and accountability by allowing the public to see how the township spends their tax dollars without making records requests. They can also



Recycle Your Pill Bottles

A new recycling program has been launched in Anderson Township. Residents can now conveniently recycle pill bottles at the sheriff’s office.

DROPOFF: Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office (District 5) location at 7954 Beechmont Ave.

Pill bottles recycled from March to June 2026 in the program:
1,560

‘Great Trees’ Create Beautiful Spaces

One of Anderson Township’s assets, its abundance of beautiful trees, is recognized annually with the “Great Trees” award. Five trees have been named winners of the township’s award, sponsored by the volunteer Tree Committee.

Awards are given on Arbor Day each year for the previous year. Any private or public property tree is eligible if the property owner agrees to the nomination.

If your tree flowers or is otherwise at its best before you submit your nomination form, please take photos for the committee to review. You can capture photos at any time of the year; submit 2027 nominations by March 1, 2027.

Submit your photos and tree information online at: arcg.is/1S4uW42.



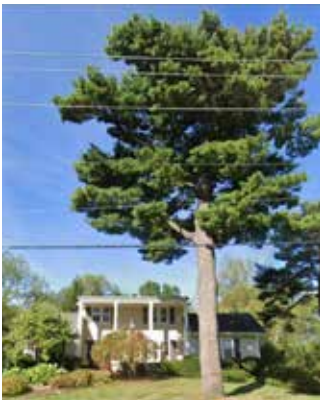
ORNAMENTAL TREE
3154 Hawkslanding Drive
Red Buckeye



SHADE TREE
6873 High Meadows Drive
Ash Tree



EVERGREEN TREE (tie)
1017 Anderson Hills Drive
Norway Spruce



EVERGREEN TREE (tie)
863 Birney Lane
Eastern White Pine



FALL COLOR
1651 Emerald Glade Lane
Red Maple

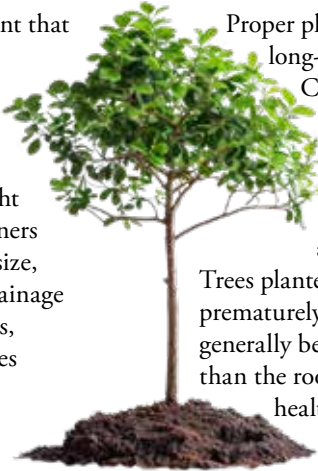
Selecting, Planting and Caring for New Trees: A Primer

Planting a new tree is an investment that can benefit a property and the community for generations... when done correctly.

One of the most important considerations is selecting the “right tree for the right place.” Homeowners should consider the tree’s mature size, sunlight needs, soil conditions, drainage and proximity to homes, sidewalks, driveways and overhead utility lines before planting.

Choosing a diverse mix of species, especially native trees adapted to southwest Ohio, can also improve wildlife habitat and reduce the risk of widespread canopy loss from insects and disease.

Before digging, homeowners should always contact Ohio 811 to have underground utilities marked at no cost. This simple step helps prevent dangerous and costly damage to gas, electric, water and communication lines.



Proper planting depth is critical to long-term tree health, said Tree Committee member Liam Hoppe. The root flare, where the trunk widens at the base, should remain visible slightly above grade after planting.

Trees planted too deeply often decline prematurely. Planting holes should generally be two to three times wider than the root ball to encourage healthy root expansion into surrounding soil.

Mulching is beneficial when applied correctly. A two- to three-inch layer of mulch helps retain moisture, regulate soil temperature, and reduce competition from grass and weeds. However, mulch should never be piled against the trunk in a “mulch volcano,” which can lead to decay and pest problems.

Newly planted trees require consistent watering during the establishment period, especially through the first two to three growing seasons. Young trees may also benefit from deer or rabbit protection.

If staking is necessary, it should only be temporary and removed after about one growing season. Young tree structural pruning is also important to encourage strong branch architecture and reduce future failure risk. Early pruning should focus on developing a healthy central leader and removing weak or competing stems rather than excessive canopy reduction.

Proper tree planting and early care help establish healthier, safer and longer-lasting trees that will provide shade, beauty, stormwater benefits and environmental value to Anderson Township for decades to come.

Information from the Anderson Tree Committee

Know the ABCs of Lithium-ion Battery Use



Power-packed lithium-ion batteries fuel smart phones, electric vehicles, smartwatches, tablets, power tools, laptops, e-bikes and smart home devices.

Misuse of these batteries can lead to volatile fires in garbage cans and trucks, homes and vehicles.

These convenient power packs require special care in handling, storage and disposal.

Handling Lithium-Ion Batteries

- If possible, charge your device outside.
- Use manufacturer-approved chargers.
- Keep your batteries and device at room temperature.
- Plug your device charger directly into a wall outlet.
- Store and charge batteries away from anything flammable and put them on a hard surface.

- Do not leave devices plugged in once they are charged.

Storing Lithium-Ion Batteries

- Store batteries at room temperature.
- Avoid extreme cold or hot temperatures as longterm exposure to extreme temperatures can result in battery damage.
- Do not use or store a damaged battery- recycle it immediately.
- Keep batteries away from flammable materials when charging.

Disposing of Lithium-ion Batteries

- Never place batteries in your trash or recycling bins. TAPE the terminals and return to a certified collection site in a bag.
- Deposit the battery at a certified fire station or retailer that accepts batteries.

Cincinnati Fire Department

- Lunken Station #18, 478 Wilmer Ave.
- Hyde Park Station #46, 2731 Erie Ave.

Businesses

- Lowe’s
- Home Depot
- Batteries Plus

Recycle lithium batteries for free at 911 Evans Street (downtown). **ALWAYS BE CAREFUL**

See What New Businesses Are Coming to Anderson

Now Open

Dun-Rite Auto Detailing
8395 Beechmont Ave.

Origin Salon
5202 Beechmont Ave.



Pelican's Reef
8261 Beechmont Ave.

Popeye's
7857 Beechmont Ave.

Coming Soon

Bluespring Wealth
7661 Beechmont Ave.

Beechmont Modern Dentistry
7860 Beechmont Ave.

Furniture Connection
8485 Broadwell Road

Legacy Accounting Services
8601 Beechmont Ave.

Miami Valley Christian Academy
8550 Broadwell Road

The Exercise Coach
5216 Beechmont Ave.

United Dairy Farmers
5275 Beechmont Ave.



Property Taxes Key to Funding Core Services in Anderson Township

Property tax on land and buildings is Ohio’s oldest and largest tax. That tax fuels many public services including safety services, road repair, schools, parks, seniors and children’s services, and libraries.

Unlike cities and villages, townships have few sources of funding available to supply residents’ needs. Municipalities can levy income or sales taxes. Townships cannot. That leaves a significant funding gap.

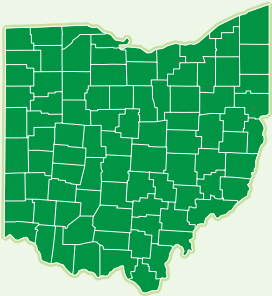
With growing property values and other concerns, property taxes have come under increased scrutiny.

Recently, a proposed constitutional amendment was circulated that sought to eliminate property taxes. This would leave communities at risk, without legislative change and a gigantic increase in other taxes to pay for these core services.

This brochure provides more background on the critical role of property taxes here in Anderson Township.



Roughly 4 million Americans call one of Ohio’s 1,308 townships home. With voter-approved funding and locally informed decision-making, township governments keep our communities safe, stable and functioning.



Anderson Township, the Anderson Park District and the Forest Hills School District have joined together to provide this overview four-page publication detailing where tax funds are allocated for each organization.

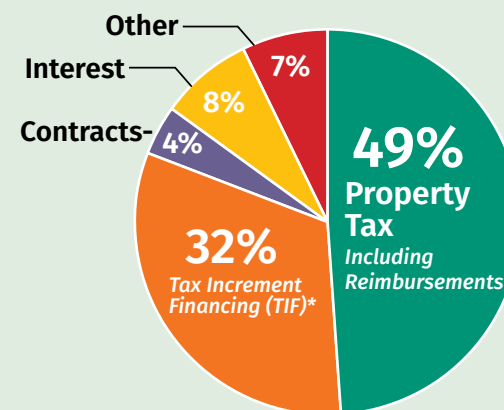
Anderson Township Government

For Anderson Township government, property taxes fund:

- Safety services- fire, rescue, police protection
- Planning and zoning
- Public works- road and cemetery maintenance
- Township administration and fiscal office
- Community resources, such as the senior center, Anderson Center, event and rental spaces, Greenspace and Anderson Trails



How is Anderson Township government funded?



* TIF are payments in lieu of property taxes on new development



Where do my Anderson Township property taxes go?

- Public Works: 3.65%
- Fire & Rescue: 63.20%
- Sheriff: 24.45%
- Administration, Planning & Zoning, and Finance: 8.70%



Anderson Park District

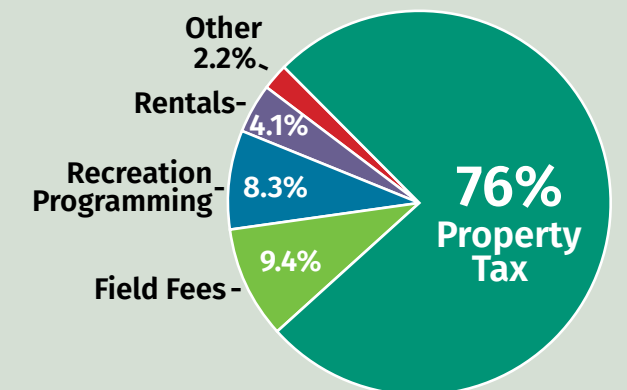
The Anderson Park District is dedicated to providing Anderson Township residents with quality parks, facilities, and programs. The Anderson Park District maintains 10 parks and facilities totaling 521 acres 365 days a year:

- Beech Acres Park
- Clear Creek Park
- Juilfs Park
- Kellogg Park
- Lavery Park
- Riverside Park
- State & Nagel Park
- Veterans Park
- W. M. Johnson Hills Park
- Anderson Parks RecPlex



How is the Anderson Park District funded?

Most park district funding comes from taxes, supplemented by field fees, recreation programs, rentals, and other revenue sources.



Anderson Park District does not receive TIF funds.

Forest Hills School District

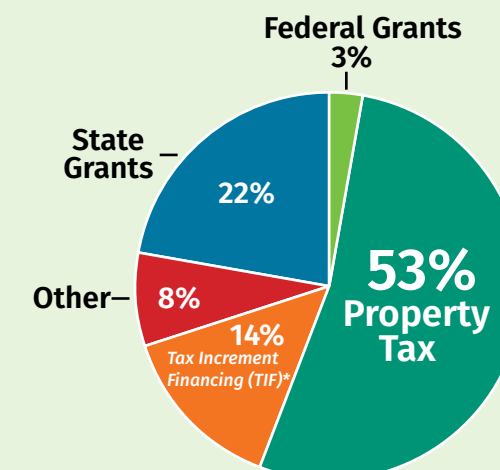
Property taxes help fund a majority of school district operations, including:

- Instructional Costs (books, technology, staff salaries)
- Building Operations (maintenance and upkeep of 1 million square feet of buildings and nearly 200 acres of property)
- Additional Programs (transportation, food service, special education services)



The Forest Hills School District serves about 6,700 students in Anderson Township and the Village of Newtown, providing education from nine school buildings. The highly-ranked district excels in state assessment, with highlights in athletics, STEM programming and many extra-curriculars.

How is the Forest Hills School District funded?



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Property taxes are a critical, locally-approved funding source that supports basic services. Areas funded include schools, parks, safety services, roads, the senior center, libraries and many other key amenities in Anderson Township and Ohio communities. Without this funding, or a new method for supporting these core functions, other strategies would be needed to continue these important functions.

LOCAL SERVICES WORK BEST WHEN DECISIONS STAY LOCAL.



Learn More
Ask Questions
Stay Informed

Honeysuckle Removal Provides Many Ecosystem Benefits

Township expands efforts to clear away destructive bush with volunteer help

Anderson Township is expanding efforts to clear away destructive honeysuckle on its properties with help from volunteers.

Most Anderson Township residents are well aware that bush honeysuckle is a growing problem here.

Invasive honeysuckle outcompetes most native vegetation. It offers a less safe nesting habitat, reduced nutritional value to wildlife, an increased likelihood of contracting tick-borne disease, and, contrary to popular belief, increased soil erosion rates.

If invasive honeysuckle is left to become dominant in a forest ecosystem, fewer large overstory trees (oaks, maples, beech, etc.) are seen as large trees die off and aren't replaced by young trees, because the seedlings can't establish under the honeysuckle.

Anderson Township does not have the resources to remove honeysuckle from its more than 850 acres of open spaces and Greenspace, but with some effort, the situation can be improved.

Since the end of February, volunteers have donated more than 90 hours to remove honeysuckle from select natural areas owned by Anderson Township.

University of Cincinnati urban planning student Michael Uhlemann volunteered to help remove honeysuckle near Anderson Center. "I find invasive removal to be very rewarding work; you can improve the local ecology in a very visible way," he said.

Greenspace Inspector Todd Chadwell, who

BEFORE



AFTER



Volunteers helped clear honeysuckle at Anderson Center to create the "after" photo.

is leading volunteer efforts, noted that, "Right now, we are focusing our honeysuckle removal efforts in areas that have special plant communities or receive a lot of visitors." Those areas include Greenspace adjacent to the Heritage Center Arboretum and the woods next to the lake at Anderson Center. "We hope to identify other priority areas for such efforts and

begin invasive removal work in these areas," Chadwell said.

The end goal is to create several "sanctuary" natural areas that demonstrate how a forested ecosystem in the Anderson area should appear and function, to be enjoyed by humans and wildlife alike, he added.

Would You Consider Adopting a Greenspace?



Consider making a difference helping to maintain or enhance the natural environment on a township-owned property near your home, as Anderson Township is studying an "Adopt a Greenspace" program.

Families, organizations, or resident groups (after receiving appropriate training) would select one of Anderson's 72 Greenspace parcels to monitor and maintain. This may consist of monitoring Greenspace for issues, removing invasive species, and picking up litter.

"This is a great opportunity for nearby neighborhoods to assist with caretaking of a property, or portion thereof," noted Steve Sievers, assistant township administrator for operations. "It may be particularly rewarding for adjoining owners, who can directly benefit from keeping these areas free of debris and honeysuckle," Sievers added.

For details or to volunteer, call Todd Chadwell at tchadwell@AndersonTownshipOH.gov or 513.688.8617. Volunteers who may also wish to just assist with honeysuckle removal are also needed, and they will be contacted when a removal event is planned.

TOWNSHIP NEWS

Learn More About Top Anderson Township Questions

Q How do I report potholes and other road issues?

A program provided by Anderson Township Public Works makes it easier for residents to report potholes, road obstructions or needed curb repairs around Anderson Township.

To report a public works or road maintenance issue for a township roadway, check the notice on the front page of AndersonTownshipOH.gov or call 513.688.8613. Please note that this reporting tool is only for public works issues, not zoning issues such as sign violations or property maintenance. Anderson responds to more than 300 resident requests for public works assistance each year.

Q How do I report a junk vehicle parked on the Street?

If you have questions about junk vehicles or cars parked on the street for an extended period, contact Deputy Jacquelyne Campbell, one of two Anderson Township community resource officers with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, at jcampbell@AndersonTownshipOh.gov.

If a vehicle is legally parked, it cannot be removed unless it meets several criteria related to its condition and time on the street.

Q If a junk vehicle is parked in a yard, can anything be done to have it removed?

One junk (unlicensed or inoperable) vehicle is permitted per property, but it must be housed in a garage. If a property is not in compliance, call the Planning and Zoning Department at 513.688.8400 press 3.

Q Who is responsible for sidewalk repair?

For more than 20 years, Anderson Township has taken responsibility for sidewalk repair along all public roadways, unlike many other communities. The property owner, however, is responsible for maintaining their driveway apron.



Q Where can I place a temporary sign?

With election season approaching, learn the rules for the placement of temporary signs.

Signs are permitted on private property with the property owner's permission. They must be set back from the right-of-way, which is usually 10 feet from the pavement edge or curb, but can be greater in some areas. It's always best to check with the township's Planning and Zoning Department at 513.688.8400, ext. 3, before placing temporary signs.

Two points to remember for use of temporary signs:

- Temporary signs cannot be placed on public property or in public rights-of-way, attached to utility poles, or located in locations where placing a sign creates a safety hazard.
- Temporary signs placed on public property may be removed by Anderson Township and stored until the sign is retrieved. After about 30 days the sign will be discarded.

Anderson has prepared a quick guide to the issues, listing detailed information at AndersonTownshipOH.gov under Planning and Zoning Reference Guides.

To report violations, contact 513.688. 8400 ext. 3 or or info@AndersonTownship.org.

Can I Raise Bees or Chickens in Anderson Township?

Yes, but you need a zoning certificate before you start

If beekeeping or raising chickens has crossed your mind in the interest of more sustainable living, it's a good idea to first understand Anderson Township's regulations.

Beekeeping and raising chickens or roosters are allowed in the township, but there is one caveat.

Anderson's rules regarding beehives and chicken coops simply involve distance from

the property line, notes Planning and Zoning Director Paul Drury. "The township regulates the coop or hive," he said. "The structures are required to be set back 100 feet from all property lines." That means residents can raise chickens, roosters and bees, if that distance is maintained.

"Anderson requires participants to obtain a zoning certificate for the hives and coops,"

Drury said. "We always like to have a conversation with residents before they start their new hobby so they may better understand neighborhood issues that can arise over these activities," Drury added. Interest in these opportunities has grown, so he suggests planning ahead to avoid issues down the road.

For details or to obtain a zoning certificate, call Drury at 513.688.8400, ext. 1176 or email pdrury@AndersonTownshipOH.gov.



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'Ohio Open Doors' Open Houses Provide Glimpse of Historic Anderson

Enjoy a glimpse of Anderson Township's earliest days, as the Anderson Township Historical Society and Anderson Township open two historical gems along Clough Pike from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 20.

The Miller-Leuser Log House at 6550 Clough Pike and the James Clark Stone House at 6840 Clough Pike will be open to the public, offering a look at two of the oldest structures in Southwest Ohio and a sense of life on the frontier when Ohio achieved statehood.

The log house, one of the oldest dwellings in Greater Cincinnati, was built in 1796.

The stone house, likely the oldest standing stone house in our region, was built a decade later, completed around 1803.

The open houses are hosted in conjunction with the week-long Ohio Open Doors program, where preservation groups open their landmarks and sites to the public for free special tours and programs.

In addition, the Anderson Township Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee will host a feedback session at the stone house which is also open to the public.



CROSSWALK SAFETY REMINDERS

PEDESTRIANS

- Use marked crosswalks when available.
- Enter the crosswalk only when traffic is not present or is stopped in both directions.
- Make eye contact with drivers when possible and wait for a clear, complete stop before crossing.



DRIVERS

- Yield for pedestrians in marked and unmarked crosswalks.

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Thank You Anderson For a Great Parade!



Best Float: Sponsored by Kroger-Anderson Township Historical Society



Best Patriotic: Sponsored by Riverbend-Gray's Towing



Best Neighborhood or Organization: Sponsored by the Anderson Towne Center-American Heritage Girls OH-0316 & Trail Life Troop OH-0520



Most Spirited: Sponsored by Mercy Health-Anderson Art Collaborative



Best Business: Sponsored Mt. Washington Care Center-Musicologie



Thank You

Major sponsors: Anderson Towne Center, Anderson Township, Eastside Democratic Club, Gray's Towing, Mercy Health-Anderson Hospital, Mt. Washington Care Center, Riverbend Music Center, Saint Gregory the Great: GA, I. H. M. , St. John Fisher, TriHealth, VANTAGE, Wake Plumbing.

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Parade 2026



Native Plant Kickoff



Garden and History Tour



Anderson Center: A Welcoming Community Building



The Beechmont Players are long-standing renters of Anderson Center Theater.

Since opening its doors in 2008, Anderson Center has been a bustling hub of community activity. From Girl Scout troop meetings to Elvis tribute concerts, the facility is a welcoming space for residents, young and old.

Every week, Anderson Center’s event spaces host public and private events alike, such as non-profit club meetings, birthday parties, special celebrations including graduations, anniversaries, and theater performances. Residents can also take advantage of several affordable rental spaces available seven days a week, and the center continues the almost two-decade-long policy of providing monthly free meeting space for community groups and organizations.

One of Anderson Center’s longest-standing renters is the local theater troupe, Beechmont Players, which has consistently used Anderson Center’s 223-seat theater since the building opened and was involved in the theater design. “Not only does Anderson Center provide a beautiful, comfortable and adaptable experience for our audiences, but the theater’s technical capabilities have served us very well over the years,” said Beechmont Players President Dan Cohen. In fact, the theater inspired a concert series produced annually by the Anderson Community Band, according to the band’s conductor, John Fecker.

Trustee Tom Hodges encourages local non-profits to take advantage of the township’s policy allowing professional meeting spaces to be used free of charge. “Community organizations are invited to host up to 12 meetings each year at Anderson Center,” Hodges noted. Two rooms are available to reserve: the Large Conference Room or the Lower-Level Meeting Room. In 2025 alone, 82 different community groups utilized the space, hosting 418 meetings or events in the building.

“While Anderson Center has served many purposes over the years, we are actively exploring new ways to make the building a greater community asset,” Hodges said. This includes attracting community-focused tenants, expanding partnerships with the Forest Hills School District, and creating new opportunities to engage and support the local arts community, he added.



To learn more about event rental opportunities, visit AndersonCenterEvents.org or contact Jennifer Sanders at jsanders@AndersonTownshipOH.gov, or 513.688.8444. Anderson Center is located at 7850 Five Mile Road.

Anderson Center’s Plaza Retrofitted as a Community Gathering Spot

Anderson Center’s Plaza, the outdoor space visible from Five Mile Road and Towne Center Way, is now more accessible and comfortable with several new additions.

This Third Place-style plaza has been outfitted with comfy seating, outdoor tables and chairs and decorative lighting. The area is Wi-Fi accessible.

Third Places are defined as welcoming places outside of home or work where people gather and socialize and experience a sense of belonging.

The upgrades grew out of the township’s vision to create spaces that foster community and improve quality of life for residents and guests.



Senior Center Plans ‘Cheers to 10 Years!’

Special activities are being planned for a week of celebration in September, as the Anderson Township Senior Center commemorates 10 years of management by Anderson Township.

Mark your calendar for events planned for the week of September 12, including an open house, a party at a local restaurant, a time capsule creation, and more.

Here’s the calendar for the week:

Saturday, Sept. 12: Senior Day at the Anderson Township Farmers’ Market, 8101 Beechmont Ave. 9 a.m. to noon. The senior center hosts an information table at the market.

Tuesday, Sept. 15: “Cheers to 10 Years” party at By Golly’s Bar & Grill, 8112 Beechmont Ave. 4-6 p.m. Members and their families are invited to join in commemorating 10 years of supporting older adults in active, healthy aging.

Wednesday, Sept. 16: Open house from 4-6 p.m. hosted by the Anderson Township Senior Center, 7970 Beechmont Ave. Enjoy live music, a tour and refreshments.

Other anniversary activities at the senior center include daily lunchtime music with senior-related business sponsors, a display of old photos and publications, the creation of a time capsule, and a charitable project with SEM Food Pantry.

The senior center’s history goes back to 1987 when Anderson Township built the facility at 7970 Beechmont Ave., behind Anderson Township Fire Station 6 (Beechmont Avenue). Until early 2016, the center was operated by various service providers, the last of which was Senior Independence agency.

In early 2016, Senior Independence decided to cease operations. At that time, many residents, mostly older adults, shared with township leaders how the center benefits them and the community. The trustees assumed operations of the center on July 1, 2016, and over the last 10 years, attendance has grown exponentially and programming has diversified.



Today, the Anderson Township Senior Center includes about 800 members and offers more than 25 activities each week, including fitness classes, educational speakers, watercolor classes, euchre, bridge, mahjong, ukulele lessons, quilting, line dancing and a choir. Monthly activities include a book club, a garden club and holiday parties.

The center is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and lunch is served daily. Call 513.474.3100 for more information or to set up a tour.

What Members Say About the Anderson Senior Center

I feel welcome here and would be very lost without a place to go every day. Thanks to all the staff.
JEAN

ATSC has been there through health issues. I’m able to see friends and eat with them, exercise, lectures, trips and music with lunch. Beautiful decorations and fresh flowers. At ATSC, I live like a queen!
LORING

The senior center keeps us vibrant, healthy and social.
BOB

The center is a wonderful place to share a laugh or even a sadness with people who understand and offer support without expecting anything in return. Friendship and fellowship are life-supporting.
JOANNE

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Schools, Township Partner to Expand Career Exploration Programs



A program that helps students explore careers and plan their future after graduation is making an impact in the township’s high schools.

The Forest Hills School District Experiential Career Learning Program, also known as the XCL Program, engages high school students in hands-on workforce development. The goal is to strengthen student skills and provide tools and confidence to achieve success now and after graduation. By partnering with local businesses and organizations, XCL expands student opportunities to experience unique opportunities in different industries and career fields.

A strong partnership with Anderson Township and the Anderson Area

Chamber of Commerce has helped the schools expand offerings and provide more students with engaging resources. One new example of this occurred last fall when Anderson Township helped host a career exploration day at Anderson Center. Students from Anderson and Turpin high schools heard about careers in local government, emergency services and more while also earning a pre-apprenticeship certificate through the state of Ohio.

During the 2025-2026 school year, the XCL Program connected more than 750 students with valuable workforce development programs. “This level of impact is only possible through the support of community organizations

that are invested in helping shape the future of Forest Hills,” noted Melanie Hartong, workforce development specialist with the school district.

Other opportunities for students include a monthly Breakfast with Business series that joins students and professionals in targeted industries like healthcare, law, engineering, public service, manufacturing and more. Skill-building workshops for the students shared mock interviews, resume writing and job application tips. Local businesses also participate in hands-on experiences.

“No matter the destination, from college to career to military, the XCL program is making a difference to provide stepping stones for students and their journeys beyond the Forest Hills School District,” added Hartong.



Suzanna Davis is the new superintendent of the Forest Hills Local School District. Davis brings more than 20 years of education experience to the district, including senior director of student services for Middletown City Schools and as an administrator for the mental health organization Grant Us Hope.

Oktoberfest Returns to Beech Acres Park



Anderson Parks brings back the fun this September with its second annual Oktoberfest celebration, inviting the community to experience a free, festive day filled with food, music and family-friendly activities. The event is set for 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, at Beech Acres Park.

Enjoy the lively atmosphere with live music from Ein Stein, Polka Cola and Groove Masters, and join in on crowd favorites like the Chicken Dance. Local food vendors will serve delicious eats, and regional breweries will offer a variety of craft beers.

This year’s event features returning favorites like The Great Oktoberfest

Wiener Run and newly separated men’s and women’s stein hoisting championships. Kids can also join in on the festivities with sundae cup hoisting competition.

Come dressed for the occasion and show off your best Oktoberfest style while celebrating with friends, neighbors and family.

Whether you’re coming for the music, the food, or simply to connect with friends and neighbors, there’s something for everyone at this growing community tradition. More details, including a list of food vendors, will be posted on *AndersonParks.com* as they become available.





Mike Smith has been named the executive director of the Anderson Park District. He brings more than 30 years of parks and recreation experience to the role, as well as almost 20 years as the district’s operations manager.

Anderson Library Hosts Fiber Enthusiasts, Art Classes

Every Thursday, gather with fellow fiber enthusiasts at the Anderson Branch Library for a special event called Knit with Us. Whether you’re into knitting, crochet or other fiber arts, this is a welcoming space to learn and share.

Beginners can pick up the basics, while seasoned creators will enjoy the camaraderie and inspiration. Bring your needles, yarn and enthusiasm!

In other activities, discover your inner Bob Ross at the Learn to Paint with Natalie class on August 13 and November 12. With guided, step-by-step instructions, you’ll create a masterpiece of your own. This class is for artists of all levels, from new to seasoned painters, who will create landscapes. The event is sponsored by the Anderson Township Library Association.



Every first Wednesday of the month, kids ages two to five can dive into the world of stories and crafts with Storycraft. A librarian will engage the little ones with a storytime tale followed by a themed craft.

Explore the newest additions to the Anderson Branch Library catalog. Whether you’re in the mood for a fictional

tale or want to dive into the branch’s extensive collection of art and creative books, find a collection that will expand your mind, spark your creativity, and bring you joy.

To check out library books and materials, as well as to learn more and register for these and other events, visit *CHPL.org*.

TOWNSHIP NEWS

Anderson Seeks Volunteers for Short or Long-term Service Opportunities

Volunteers are always needed and appreciated in Anderson Township for many service opportunities occurring throughout the year.

If you have a desire to assist with township events, consider joining the ongoing Event Corps, a group of volunteers who provide support for events like the July 4th Parade, the Anderson Garden and History Tour and special holiday happenings.

Help meet the “on demand” volunteer need for an individual, small or large group, or organization.

These include adopting a roadway, assisting at the senior center, advancing a cleanup of a Greenspace property or painting fire hydrants. Other ideas for volunteer projects are always welcome.

Short-term opportunities do not require trustees approval, and they are not standing committee appointments.

Other longer commitments include work on recycling, native plants, workforce development, trees, planning and zoning and senior center support.

Applications are due October 1.

Township trustees appoint six standing committees for a specific purpose. They have a one-year term:

Anderson Plan Implementation Committee



This committee is charged with implementing the township’s Comprehensive Plan and other plan updates to focus on several priorities. These current areas of focus

include recycling, mobility, native plantings, preserving natural and environmental resources and workforce development.



Anderson Township Senior Center Advisory Committee

This committee ensures the senior center continues to foster a creative and intellectually stimulating environment that enhances the lives of area seniors.



Anderson Tree Committee

The Tree Committee promotes and manages healthy, safe, and appropriate trees along township streets and on public grounds or roadways. It also provides guidance to Anderson Township’s tree planting program.



Greater Anderson Township Betterment Committee

This non-profit committee facilitates behind-the-scenes activity to support community-wide improvements and projects.

Two committees include a five-year term, or one-year term for alternates:



Zoning Commission

The Zoning Commission hears cases that involve modifying the Anderson Township Zoning Map or the Anderson Township Zoning Resolution.



Board of Zoning Appeals

This committee reviews appeals to the township’s Zoning Resolution and other development-related applications.

These standing committees require trustee approval for membership.

For consideration for one or more committees and/or the Event Corps, send a letter/email of interest to “Committees,” 7850 Five Mile Road, Anderson Township, OH 45230 or email Steve Sievers at ssievers@AndersonTownshipOH.gov.

Natural Gas Aggregation Program Aims for Cost-Savings



Anderson Township Trustees have contracted to participate in a natural gas aggregation program. Starting with July’s 2026 meter read, eligible township customers can participate in the cost-saving program.

Trustees approved a contract in April with Direct Energy Services as the natural gas provider for the new aggregation program. The term continues through July 2027. Eligible customers should have received opt-out notices in mid- to late May.

Anderson Township has operated an electricity aggregation program since 2017, providing cost savings by locking in stable group rates. There is no termination fee to opt out of either program.

Duke Energy is operating under a new billing structure for natural gas which created a better opportunity for savings. The Gas Cost Recovery (GCR) charge has been replaced by the Standard Service Offer (SSO), plus a fixed Retail Price Adjustment (RPA).

The contract sets the fixed retail price for the Gas Supplier Energy Charge for eligible participants at \$0.5399/CCF.

Does the township government receive funding as a result of my enrollment?

Anderson Township does not receive any financial benefit by offering the aggregation program.

Why am I still receiving offers from suppliers even though I am enrolled in the aggregation program?

Neither Anderson Township nor its broker can stop suppliers from soliciting by mail or telephone. To clarify, neither Anderson Township nor its broker, Energy Alliances, conducts natural gas aggregation business door-to-door.

What if I am currently enrolled with a different alternate provider than Direct Energy Services and I want to join the aggregation program?

Residents may join the aggregation program after the initial 21-day opt-out and 7-day rescission period expires by contacting the township’s broker, Energy Alliance at 513.794.5555. Residents will be responsible for any early termination fees with their current supplier. There is no fee to join the aggregation program.

The rate will be the same as the rate negotiated for the aggregation program.

Kids: Explore Emergency Services on October 10



Emergency Services Day returns this fall with all the vehicles, safety apparatus and fun that your child has enjoyed in past years.

Mark your calendar for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, for a day set aside for children to learn about safety and explore props and equipment. The event is hosted at the Beechmont Fire Station (Station 6), 7954 Beechmont Ave.

Both Anderson Township Fire and Rescue personnel and members of the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office will educate and answer questions, providing firsthand experience with safety equipment.

Activities include:

- Learn how to stay safe with instruction from other public safety organizations in the county, including area hospitals,

- Explore vehicles from the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office, including patrol cars, the bomb truck and a SWAT vehicle,
- Use a fire extinguisher simulator,
- Roll out in real fire gear for a photo shoot,
- Climb on a ladder truck, a fire engine, and check out the inside of an ambulance,
- Spray water from a fire hose and knock down a pretend fire in windows of the Flame House,
- Pretend to be a firefighter with a firefighter agility course.

For more information, visit the township’s site: AndersonTownshipOH.gov.

EV Charging Stations to Come Online in Township Soon

Anderson Township is getting ready to roll out four new electric vehicle charging stations on property it owns or leases.

The charging stations are expected to be operational later this year. Charging fees will apply for users, while the township pays all operational costs for five years, including electric service and maintenance costs.

The four fast-charging stations are mostly funded by grants from federal Carbon Reduction Funds and Ohio Toll Revenue Credits awarded by the OKI Regional Council of Governments.

“Anderson Township is pleased to host these four electric vehicle charging stations for the convenience of township residents as well as contributing to the larger \$11 million regional initiative to add more than 40 EV charging stations around the Cincinnati area,” said Brian Johnson, fiscal officer.

Future EV Charging Stations

Anderson Center
Five Mile Road

Bauer Preserve
Clough Pike and Nagel Road

Anderson RecPlex
Beechmont Avenue

Five Mile Trailhead
Newtown Road



Anderson Center’s EV charging station is taking shape.

EVENTS

AUGUST



Merit Theatre: Fiddler on the Roof

Anderson Center Theater,
7850 Five Mile Road
August 28-September 5

Ticket information: merittheatre.org/season

SEPTEMBER

Oktoberfest

Beech Acres Park
6910 Salem Road
Saturday, Sept. 5, 11 a.m.- 8 p.m.
Free

Meet the Candidates Night

Anderson Center
7850 Five Mile Road
Tuesday, Sept. 15, 6-9 p.m.
The League of Women Voters of the Cincinnati Area, Anderson Unit, is hosting a Meet the Candidates night featuring local candidates running for legislative, judicial, and countywide offices. This open nonpartisan event features candidates running in the November 3 election.

Senior Center Open House- Cheers to 10 Years!

Anderson Township Senior Center
7970 Beechmont Ave.
Wednesday, Sept. 16, 4-6 p.m.
Live music, tours, refreshments



A Fair of the Arts
Beech Acres Park
6910 Salem Road
Saturday, Sept. 19, 4-8 p.m.
Free
Info: AndersonParks.org



OCTOBER

E-Waste Disposal Event

Woodland Mound Park
8250 Old Kellogg Road
Saturday, Oct. 10, 9 a.m. to noon
Free, except for certain TVs
Hamilton County residents only
greatparks.org/calendar/special-events/e-waste-collection

Emergency Services Day

Beechmont Fire Station (Station 6),
7954 Beechmont Ave.
Saturday, Oct. 10, 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.
Free



NOVEMBER

Anderson Urban Farm Harvest Fair
Anderson Township Historical Society
Anderson Urban Farm
2550 Bartels Road
Saturday, Nov. 7, times TBD
Free
Info: athsociety.org

SPECIAL SUMMER EVENTS

Historical Society Hosts Summer Concert Series

The free outdoor summer concert series Music on the Farm continues through September at the Anderson Urban Farm, 2550 Bartels Road. The series is sponsored by the Anderson Township Historical Society. The season finale is a community potluck, followed by an end-of-summer outdoor concert.

Concert hours are 7-10 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating. Soft drinks and beer will be available for purchase. Food trucks may also be available at each event.

August 7: Sip & Stroll featuring Another Color

August 21: Marty Connor Band
For details, go to ATHSociety.org or America250cincyeastside.com.

Special Events for America 250 Celebration

Ice Cream Social

Miller-Leuser Log House and Research Center, 6550 Clough Pike
Sunday, Aug. 2, 1-4 p.m.
Sponsored by Anderson Township Historical Society



The James Clark Stone House (pictured in 2009) and the Miller-Leuser Log House are open on September 20 for tours during a special Ohio Open Doors program.



Patriot's Day- old-fashioned community potluck picnic and concert

Anderson Urban Farm
2550 Bartels Road
Saturday, Sept. 12: Picnic begins at 5 p.m.; Music starts at 7 p.m.

Games, speakers, music from Blu Million. The Anderson Township Historical Society supplies the meat for the picnic; bring a side dish to share.
Info:: ATHSociety.org or America250cincyeastside.com

Ohio Open Doors Open Houses

Miller-Leuser Log House
6550 Clough Pike
James Clark Stone House
6840 Clough Pike
Sunday, Sept. 20, 1-4 p.m.
Free

Live Music at the Log House

Miller-Leuser Log House and Research Center
6550 Clough Pike
Sunday, Sept. 20, 1- 4 p.m.
Free



What's Happening at the Anderson Farmers' Market?

Fresh produce, bakery goods, abundant plants and more are available at the Anderson Township Farmers' Market each Saturday through October 10. The market meets Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon in the parking lot of St. Timothy Church, 8101 Beechmont Ave.

Plans for the rest of the season include:

August 1: Market Bucks giveaway
August 8: National Farmers Market Week and Great Parks visit
August 15: Salsa Contest
August 22: Table Tasting Day
August 29: Bakers' Bounty Day
September 5: PawPaw Palooza
September 12: Senior Day
September 19: Applefest

September 26: Happy Harvest Day and Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Library visit
October 3: Great Pumpkin Giveaway
October 10: Customer Appreciation Day and Chili Day

For more information visit AndersonTownshipFarmersMarket on Facebook



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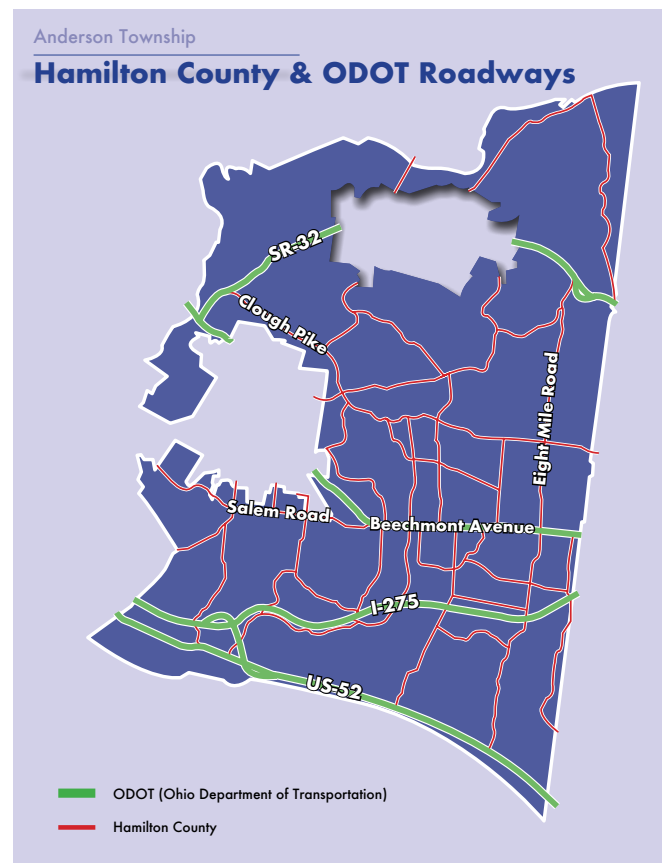
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Road Maintenance and Repair: Who is Responsible?



Hamilton County -

The Hamilton County Engineer's Office is responsible for 73 miles of roadway in Anderson township, with key throughfare roads with higher travel speeds and traffic counts such as Eight Mile Road, Salem Road, Clough Pike and Five Mile Road.

Ohio Department of Transportation -

State or U.S. highways in our community are covered by ODOT including State Road 32 (Batavia Road), State Road 125 (Beechmont Avenue), Interstate 275 and U.S. 52, and these include almost 20 miles of roadways.

Funding the maintenance of each roadway is different for each agency. In 2024, less than 1% of

Anderson Township officials often are asked about who is responsible for road maintenance on streets located in Anderson Township.

The answer depends on the road.

Three jurisdictions maintain roadways in Anderson Township: Anderson Township government through its Public Works Department, Hamilton County through the Hamilton County Engineer's Office and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT).

Anderson Township - The township's Public Works Department maintains 123 miles of township roadway, mostly subdivision streets, which have speed limits of 25 mph.

your total property tax bill was allocated to Anderson's Public Works Department for roadway maintenance, deriving from a tax levy that has not increased since 1999.

The resurfacing or installation of new curbs on township roadways is funded by Tax Increment Financing (TIF) revenue. TIF revenue is derived solely from the growth in our community since 1994 and is used for public improvements within the township.