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Anderson Township Officials Urge Residents to Increase Their Own Disaster Preparedness

A 2017 county survey showed only half of township residents feel prepared to take care of themselves for three days without water, power

A powerful, long-lasting August hurricane caused significant damage to the southeastern United States and the Bahamas and served as a reminder to all: Americans may at some point be required to fend for themselves during an emergency.

That's the message on the mind of Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Chief Rick Martin, who urges Anderson residents to consider what preparations each household should make if power and electricity should be off for five to seven days.

"The Emergency Management Agency advocates that empowering residents to help themselves is really the best way to prepare a community for any disaster," he said.

A widespread disaster could mean disaster relief organizations may not immediately reach those in need.

- Administrator Vicky Earhart

Locally, residents could face emergencies such as severe flooding, winter storms, tornadoes, power outages and extreme heat or cold, noted Township Administrator Vicky Earhart. "And as we have faced these emergencies locally, we have seen residents have operated with varying levels of preparedness," she said.

"While we as a township are always looking at emergency preparedness in its many scenarios, we want our residents to know that a widespread disaster could mean first responders and disaster-relief organizations may not be able to immediately reach those in need," she said. "We want to remind residents



High winds cause significant damage in Anderson Township.

that knowing how to respond to a disaster and planning for their own needs in the aftermath is just as important as the fire and tornado drills that occur in schools and in the workplace."

In 2017, the Hamilton County Emergency Management & Homeland Security Agency conducted a 31-question survey asking Hamilton County residents about disaster preparedness. One hundred twenty-six responses were from Anderson Township of the 1,825 questionnaires submitted from throughout the county.

Key findings about Anderson Township's readiness include:

- 32.8 percent of Anderson Township respondents reported having a 72-hour disaster supply kit, compared with 23.5 percent of the rest of Hamilton County;

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TOWNSHIP NEWS

Anderson Businesses Faring Better Than in 2010, Local Survey Says

However, mirroring a national trend, employers report they're struggling to find qualified workers

What's the temperature of the Anderson business community this year? According to a recent survey, local businesses are faring well and performing better than in 2010 but are experiencing a shortage of qualified workers.

Undertaken by Anderson Township and the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce, the business retention and expansion survey was sent to 737 businesses this summer. One hundred and four responses were returned, a 16.5 percent return rate.

According to Steve Sievers, assistant administrator for operations, the survey is one of three conducted by the township (also taken in 2005 and 2010) to measure satisfaction with Anderson Township services, assess workforce and commercial real estate issues and head off problems with businesses that are at-risk.

Sievers noted the township and other community organizations will use results to prepare recommendations on how to strengthen the business community. Survey results will be incorporated into the revision of the Anderson Plan, the guide to future planning and development within the township.

Other findings of the survey:

- About 80 percent are comfortable with their current space and have no plans to make changes.
- A dramatic change from the 2010 survey revealed 55 percent of respondents feel sales have increased since 2010, versus 10 percent who reported a decrease in sales since 2010.
- A positive change noted was improvements in sidewalks, lease rates, traffic safety and the permit process, a comment which garnered the largest positive change.
- The greatest obstacles to businesses are concerns about the property tax rate (four local tax levies since 2010) and workforce availability issues.
- A new question suggests that free marketing (social media and word of mouth) are now a focus.

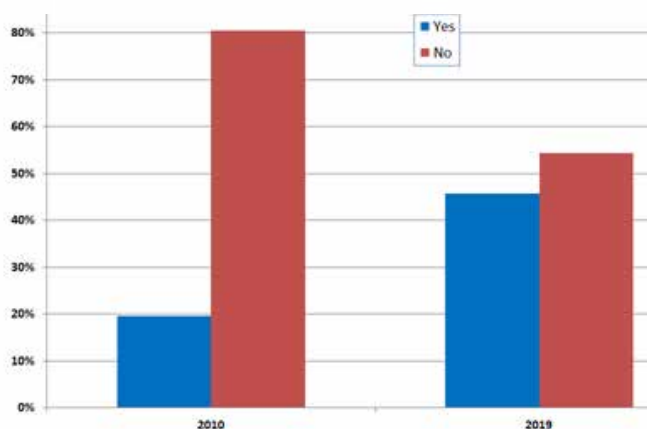
- A dramatic shift from 2010 was noted in hiring employees. In 2010, 20 percent of survey respondents said they were having trouble finding qualified employees and in 2019, 80 percent reported issues in this area.
- Anderson Township's public safety services received strong support by survey respondents while the township's permit process saw a large increase in reported satisfaction.
- Respondents indicated appreciation of more recreation facilities, arts and culture and entertainment in the township.

Economic Development Committee member John Halpin said by working in conjunction with other community partners including area schools, the group hopes to bring potential employees and employers together to support workforce needs. The Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce also is strategizing to help solve this ongoing dilemma, according to Eric Miller, chamber president and CEO.

"This survey is another example of the township's proactive steps taken to support local businesses," said Trustee Andrew Pappas. "Using this survey as an opportunity to take the pulse of the business community, we were pleased to see the increased level of satisfaction with township amenities and services," he said.

"We want to have as many successful businesses here as possible."

Q: Do you have any problems hiring qualified employees?



Comparison of business owners responses regarding problems hiring qualified employees in 2010 to 2019.



Photo: Henry Dolive

Township, County Pursue Clough Corridor Study

Resident questionnaire drew almost 800 responses, hundreds of comments and suggestions for Clough Pike improvement

After receiving a robust resident response to a summer questionnaire about issues on Clough Pike, Anderson Township Trustees, working with the Hamilton County Engineer's Office, have decided to further study possible improvements.

The Clough Pike Traffic Survey drew almost 800 responses, with hundreds of suggestions offered for ways to improve traffic flow, turn lane movement, signal timing, sidewalks, speed limits, pedestrian access and more.

"We were thrilled with the feedback received," noted Steve Sievers, assistant administrator for operations. "The comments from residents, employees and motorists along Clough were very insightful and now we have identified where some of the problems and opportunities may lie," he said. Sievers noted that the general themes of the responses, as well as individual comments, will help define future improvements.

Moving forward, Sievers said the township is seeking to engage an engineering firm to study possible infrastructure improvements to help reduce travel delay, enhance safety and accommodate multi-modal transportation options. Other parts of the study would include suggestions to enhance traffic signal timing, intersection traffic turning impacts and improvements.

Further public comment will be solicited, according to Trustee Andrew Pappas. "Public input, through open houses and/or online portal, will provide adjacent property owners and our community the opportunity to play a key role in this process," he said.

The township has been identifying short and long-term fixes in conjunction with the Hamilton County Engineer's Office and the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Historically, Clough has been a key component in the growth and development of the township. From its early role as a private

turnpike to its role today as a county-owned and maintained roadway, Clough's role as a transportation component is significant, Sievers said.

Over the years, the Hamilton County Engineer's Office and Anderson Township have addressed some safety, traffic flow and non-vehicular transportation issues along the corridor. However, as County Engineer Ted Hubbard noted, "Unlike other key east-west routes in Anderson Township, such as Beechmont Avenue or State Road 32/Eastern Corridor, which have been heavily studied and for which plans have been developed, there has not been a similar effort for the nearly six-mile section of Clough that runs through Anderson."

The township and Hamilton County are working to select a consultant this fall so that work can begin in early 2020, with initial recommendations to be prepared by next spring.



Previous upgrades to Clough included improvements at the Royalgreen Drive and Clough Pike intersection.



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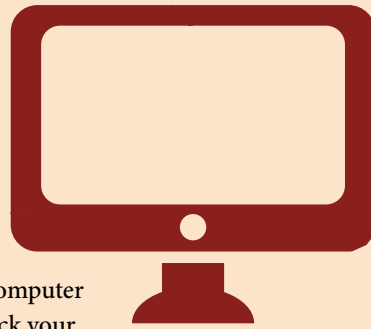
Criminals target vulnerable individuals through fake check scams, 'friend in need' scenarios and numerous phone schemes

Criminals seeking to exploit the vulnerable and unwary appeal to the emotions in a variety of scams experienced by residents in Anderson Township and throughout Ohio.

Here's an updated list of scams reported in Ohio or in the township. Information is provided by Attorney General Dave Yost and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

Computer Repair Scams

An "employee" of a computer company contacts you claiming your computer has a virus and offers to "fix the problem." The person will likely ask you to allow them access to your computer, which then allows the scammer to install malicious software designed to scan your computer for personal information or to lock your computer so that you cannot use it until you pay the scammer "ransom" to unlock it. Residents report this type of scam on a regular basis. Victims are often asked to pay with Green Dot, Apple iTunes, Bitcoin, or Google Play card numbers and that is the telltale sign.



Friend-In-Need Scams

If contacted by a friend or family member, usually by e-mail or social media, asking you to send money immediately, beware that it may be an imposter or hacker. Before sending money, contact your friend or family member directly, using a different method of communication, and ask a question only your friend or family member would know how to answer. The sheriff's office notes that they still see seniors falling prey to this scam.



Fake Check Scams

Someone sends you a check or money order, which you are asked to deposit in your account and wire-transfer the sender a portion of the money, minus a nice bonus for you as a "thank you" for helping out. Regardless of the pitch, the result is the same: The check or money order you receive is counterfeit. It will be returned to your bank unpaid, and the full amount will be deducted from your account. Never wire-transfer money to a stranger. The sheriff's office reports that this is a common Craigslist scam for auto or property sales.



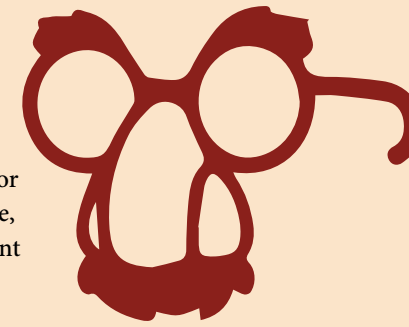
Identity Theft

This occurs when someone fraudulently uses your personal information, such as your bank account number or Social Security number, to obtain a credit, take out a loan, receive medical treatment, get identification, or otherwise pretend to be you. Never give personal information to anyone you don't know or trust, especially when solicited over the phone.



Imposter Scams

Someone may contact you pretending to be from a government agency – like the IRS or the local court. The person will demand immediate payment, likely for back taxes or an old court fee, and threaten arrest if payment is not made immediately. The scammer may also request personal information, such as your Social Security number. According to the sheriff's office, this particular scam continues with criminals pretending to be government employees (IRS/FBI) or state or local law enforcement. Usually they advise they have warrants but you can pay the fine to make it "go away."



Phishing



Some scammers pretend to be your employer, bank, related businesses or government agency to "phish" for your personal information. They ask you to update or confirm your account by submitting your bank account number, password, or Social Security number. Never respond to unexpected requests for your personal information. Your bank, employer, related business or government agency or the Internal Revenue Service will never request your personal information over the phone or by e-mail.

Residents who have suffered a monetary or personal information loss are encouraged to report these scams to the source authorities:

FBI: <https://www.ic3.gov/complaint/default.aspx/>.
For phone scams go to: <https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov/Information#crnt&panel1-1>. Ohioans can report scams to the Ohio Attorney General's website: <https://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/ReportScam>.

Social Security Scam

A variety of Social Security scams involve a caller pretending to be a Social Security Administration employee. The intent of this call may be to steal your identity or money from your bank account. The caller will ask for personal information such as the last four digits of your Social Security number or the whole number, your date of birth, your mother's maiden name or other personal information. Do not provide information to these individuals.



Phone Fraud

Don't trust your caller ID. Scammers use technology called Voice over Internet Protocol or "spoofing" to disguise the number that appears on your caller ID. The caller ID may show your bank or a local area code, when the call is actually coming from a scammer in another country. If you receive a call asking for your personal or financial information, hang up. Your bank or government agency will never request your Social Security number or account information over the phone.



Online Shopping Scams

Whether you are shopping or networking online, watch out for scams designed to steal your identity and your money. If you are selling something online and someone sends a check for more than the asking price, it usually is a scam. Don't send money or the item you are selling before you are sure it's not a scam. Don't wire-transfer money to a stranger. Help protect yourself by using a secure website to purchase items online. Their addresses begin with "https" rather than "http."

Anderson Township hosts a designated "safe exchange zone" at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office District 5 headquarters, 7954 Beechmont Ave., where buyers and sellers can meet in an environment that is well lit and under 24-hour surveillance. Note: The video is not monitored in live time. Patrol officers will not be present during transactions.



Prevent CO Poisoning with Simple Precautions

As cold weather arrives, improperly operating heating devices can cause danger in the home.

Make sure you and your family are safe from the effects of carbon monoxide, which can emit from heating devices that are not working correctly. Here are a few of the most commonly asked questions about carbon monoxide and what you can do to safeguard your home.

What is carbon monoxide?

Carbon monoxide, also referred to as "CO," is an odorless, colorless gas that can kill you. Unfortunately, without a CO alarm, the toxic gas is virtually undetectable.

How does carbon monoxide form?

Carbon monoxide forms by the incomplete combustion of fuels such as coal, wood, propane and natural gas. It is found in fumes produced any time you burn fuel in cars or truck, small engines, stoves, lanterns, grills and fireplaces or gas ranges. It can build up indoors and poison people and animals who breathe it.

Why is carbon monoxide dangerous?

Carbon monoxide can be toxic when inhaled. This invisible gas can prevent your body from effectively absorbing oxygen, resulting in tissue damage and eventual death.

What are the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, these are the most common symptoms:

- Fatigue in otherwise healthy people
- Chest pain in people with heart conditions
- Angina
- Impaired vision and coordination
- Headaches
- Dizziness and confusion
- Nausea and other flu-like symptoms

If you breathe in a lot of CO, it can make you pass out or kill you. People who are sleeping or drunk can die from CO poisoning before

they have symptoms. Certain at-risk individuals, such as the elderly, infants or those with heart or respiratory conditions, are more sensitive to the effects of CO poisoning.



Who is at risk from CO poisoning?

Everyone is at risk for CO poisoning. Each year, more than 400 Americans die from unintentional CO poisoning not linked to fires. More than 20,000 visit the emergency room, and more than 4,000 are hospitalized.

How can I prevent CO poisoning in my home?

- Install a battery-operated or battery back-up CO detector in your home and check or replace the battery twice a year. Place your detector where it will wake you up if it alarms, such as outside your bedroom. Replace your CO detector every five years.
- Have your heating system, water heater, and any other gas, oil, or coal burning appliances serviced by a qualified technician every year.
- Have your chimney checked or cleaned every year. Chimneys can be blocked by debris. This can cause CO to build up inside your home or cabin.
- Never patch a vent pipe with tape, gum, or something else. This kind of patch can make CO build up in your home, cabin, or camper.
- Never use a gas range or oven for heating. Using a gas range or oven for heating can cause a buildup of CO inside your home, cabin or camper.

Signs of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning



Headaches



Nausea



Dizziness



Breathlessness



Collapse



Loss of Consciousness

Before You Light That Match, Review Fireplace Safety

With winter's chill right around the corner, take a moment to make sure your wood burning fireplace is ready for action before you start enjoying your fire.

Here's some advice from the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department.

How do you prepare to burn a fire in the fireplace?

- Make sure the flue is open.
- Clear out old ashes and debris from the firebox before use.
- Use only dry, seasoned wood.
- Use a mesh screen or other fire screen to prevent embers from igniting nearby carpet or furnishings.
- Have your fireplace and chimney inspected at least once a year by a professional.
- Keep a fire extinguisher handy.

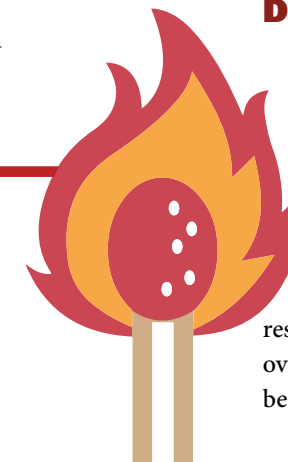
Don't:

- Don't burn wet wood (it causes excess smoke)
- Don't burn painted, stained or treated wood or manufactured wood such as plywood and particle board (it can produce toxic fumes)
- Don't burn colored paper or cardboard (these contain chemicals that can produce toxic fumes)
- Don't use accelerants (gas, kerosene or lighter fluid) — they can cause flare-ups

Do:

- Put ashes into a metal container with a tight-fitting lid. Do not discard your ashes into any combustible container such as a paper or plastic bag, a cardboard box or a plastic trash can.
- Keep your metal ash can outside and not on decks, porches, or in garages or anywhere near your home. Pour water into ash containers to make sure the ashes are cool.

Assistant Chief Bob Herrlinger notes that his department has responded to about three or four contained chimney fires per year over the past decade. "Don't be a statistic; practice good fire safety before each fire you burn," he said.



FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT BY THE NUMBERS

2018 Statistics
from Anderson and Newtown



9,193
Fire and EMS
training hours logged

Average response time
4:51 minutes

2018 Run Totals:
5,518
Incidents Reported
This represents a
3.4%
increase over 2017
and a new record high

147
car seat inspections

Rescued 6
animals in trouble

Transported



3,143
patients to area hospitals

2 p.m.
is the busiest incident
hour during 2018

Monday
is the busiest day of
week during 2018



Big Ash Brewing Company



Chicken Salad Chick

New Restaurants, Services Slated for Anderson Community

Completed Projects

- Big Ash Brewing Company - 5230 Beechmont Ave. - Skytop Pavilion
- Chicken Salad Chick - 7917 Beechmont Ave. - former Silver Ladle
- Anthology (formerly known as Stonecrest) Senior Living - 6881 Beechmont Ave. - new 100-bed senior housing development
- Connected Life - Cincinnati Bell - Shoppes at Anderson Towne Center - Wolfangel and Beechmont
- CenterBank - 7391 Beechmont Ave. - former PNC Bank
- Forest Hills Care Center - 8700 Moran Drive - building addition

Projects Under Construction

- Raising Cane's - 7920 Beechmont Ave. - new restaurant
- Reserves of Anderson - 660 Four Mile - new 32-lot subdivision
- Clough Chase - 7488 Clough Pike - new 17-lot subdivision
- Stonegate Phase 3 - 7911 Stonegate Dr. - two new apartment buildings, totaling 120 units
- Kitchen 1883 - Shoppes at Anderson Towne Center - Wolfangel and Beechmont - New restaurant
- SEM Manor - 1348-1350 Pebble Court - interior and exterior renovations along with parking lot expansion
- Salem Express Drive-Thru - 6685 Salem Road - reconfiguration of existing gas station
- Pintoh Asian - 7701 Beechmont Ave. - interior modifications under construction
- Power Yoga - 7745 Five Mile, Five Mile Center - interior modifications under construction

Proposed Projects/Tenants

- Tom and Chee - 7500 Beechmont Ave., Anderson Towne Center - former Pieology
- Pet People - 7500 Beechmont Ave., Anderson Towne Center - Former Bentley's Pet Stuff
- Code Ninjas - 7500 Beechmont Ave., Anderson Towne Center - former Cabinetry by Design
- Tropical Smoothie Café - 8467 Beechmont Ave. - former Gold Star



Kitchen 1883 in Anderson Towne Center

Markley Sidewalk Construction to Wrap Up in Late Fall

Markley Road's summer sidewalk construction project should be complete before the first snow falls, if all goes according to plan.

Construction began in early July for the quarter mile project, which links residents in the Markley Farms Subdivision, Woodlyn View Condos and along Markley Road to the Beechmont business district and Beech Acres Park. The project includes new stormwater drains, underground utilities, new curb and stormwater infrastructure.

"With the improvements, stormwater onto residential properties on Markley should be greatly improved," noted Planner Brad Bowers.

After the completion of the project, he said free street trees will be offered to property owners on both sides of the street.

"This is an important sidewalk project for Anderson Township and a great investment in our pedestrian facilities," said Trustee Vice President Dee Stone. The link is the newest addition to the Anderson Trails Network which includes more than 21 miles of sidewalk installed since 1998, improving the quality of life for Anderson Township residents by creating a more walkable community, she said.

Bowers said the township is planning another project in this vicinity along Woodcroft Drive with an on-street pedestrian path to link up to the Markley Road sidewalk project. A design is being finalized for the on-street pedestrian path so it can be engineered and possibly constructed before the end of 2019, he said. This project would also include "sharrows" for bicyclists, reminding drivers to share the road, he added.



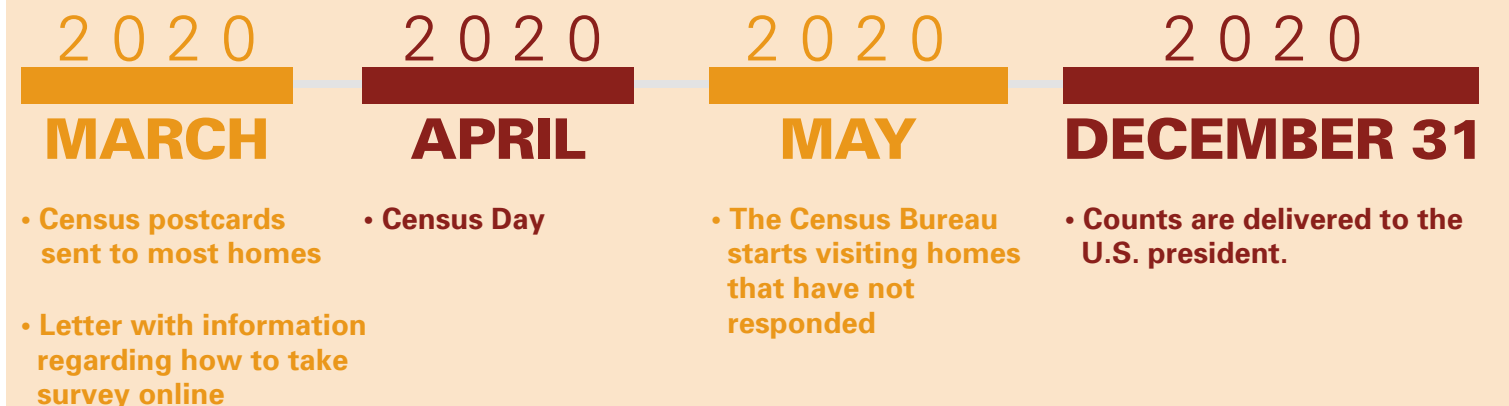
2020 Census is Gearing Up for Next Year's Count

The US Census Bureau is gearing up for the 2020 US Census. Providing the current facts and figures about America's people, places and economy, the bureau is required by law each decade to take a count of the American population.

Results of the count are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets,

allocation of federal funding, and building accurate data that leads to key business decisions and investments.

Currently the Census Bureau is accepting applications for a variety of jobs. For more information or for help applying, dial 1-855-JOB-2020.



HISTORY

Some of Anderson's First Vehicles, Owned with Pride

In January 1933, the *Cincinnati Enquirer* announced the Cincinnati Auto Show opening at Music Hall, praising the skills of modern designers and builders. The article noted that it was less than a quarter of a century since the first automobiles appeared on our streets and remembered the days when car tires were much like bicycle tires, lights were gas not electricity and the only starter was a strong right arm. Fortunately, some proud Anderson Township owners of the earliest generation of vehicles had photographs taken.

Douglas Sheldon (1850-1931), who owned a hardware store on Ohio Pike (today's 7721 Beechmont), purchased an International truck and offered delivery service as early as 1913. William Emerson Ayer (1893-1936) opened an early service station for the new machines on the south side of today's Beechmont. In 1916, he also opened a Ford dealership, the Ayer Motor Car Company, near today's corner of Beechmont and Wolfangel. The W. A. Smith Ice & Coal Company in California, Ohio, was offering truck deliveries by 1918.

In 1911, the Thomas Mathews family purchased their car from Sears and Roebuck. Family legend is that it stayed in use until 1923. An early image of Ohio Pike shows a Ford Model T with a 1915 license plate near the Van Johnson home posed with one of Johnson sisters at the steering wheel. Off in the distance the road runs through fields where today would be seen the intersection of Beechmont and Five Mile. It is said that Model T had wheels 52 inches apart, the same as many wagons of the time so that cars could travel on the same ruts in the roads.

The Coney Island Racetrack operated in the summer seasons of 1925 and 1926 and attracted huge crowds for horse racing. Many attendees arrived in their own automobiles necessitating the need for a new development - parking lots!

The number of motor vehicle registrations in Ohio was 10,644 in 1908, the first year of statewide required registration. Ohio first required driver's licenses in 1935. Today, Ohio has nearly 8,794,000 licensed drivers and it is hard to imagine our cities and countryside without automobiles and trucks. But think of the changes in the last century. Will future generations smile at the images of the vehicles of our day?

Images from the collections of the Anderson Township Historical Society. Text by Janet Heywood, research chair, Anderson Township Historical Society.



A. E. Jewett of Newtown traveling across a local railroad bridge in his Atlas automobile in a photo dated 1916. Atlas vehicles were produced in Massachusetts from 1907 to about 1913. One of the models was a touring car with the driver on the right-hand side.



William A. Smith at the wheel of his Ice & Coal Company delivery truck in about 1918. The truck had a chain drive, solid tires and side curtains.



Coney Island Racetrack, photo from summer season of 1925 or 1926. Later in the 1930s the horse racing track reopened and was known as River Downs. Today it is the site of Belterra Park. Notice the number of parked cars.



The Thomas Mathews family in their car that they bought in 1911 and kept in use to 1923.



In 1913 Douglas Sheldon stands in front of his hardware store on what would be 7721 Beechmont Ave. today. He drove a modern International Harvester delivery truck.



The Ayer Motor Company once on today's Beechmont at the intersection with Wolfangel Road. William Emerson Ayer had opened a service station on the south side of the road in about 1910. In 1916 he opened the dealership handling Ford cars, trucks and tractors on the north side of the street.



Ford Model T, Ohio 1915 license plate, with Johnson sisters and friends. They are parked along today's Beechmont near the intersection with Collinsdale Avenue. Today the fields in the distance are the busy commercial area at Beechmont and Five Mile.



Douglas Sheldon's International delivery vehicle in use in 1922 with Theodore Hawkins (1871-1957), who worked with Sheldon for many years. The license plate reads "T34010, Ohio 1922."

Learn How to Build an Emergency Kit

To assemble your kit, store items in airtight plastic bags and put your entire disaster supplies kit in one or two easy-to-carry containers such as plastic bins or a duffel bag.

A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:

- **Water** - one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- **Food** - at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- **Battery-powered or hand crank radio** and a **NOAA Weather Radio** with an audible tone alert
- **Flashlight**
- **First aid kit**
- **Extra batteries**
- **Whistle** to signal for help
- **Dust mask** to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- **Moist towelettes, garbage bags** and **plastic ties** for personal sanitation
- **Wrench or pliers** to turn off utilities
- **Manual can opener** for food
- **Local maps**
- **Cell phone** with **chargers** and a backup battery
- **Prescription medications**
- **Non-prescription medications** such as pain relievers, anti-diarrhea medication, antacids or laxatives
- **Glasses** and **contact lens solution**
- **Infant formula, bottles, diapers, wipes, diaper rash cream**
- **Pet food** and extra water for your pet
- **Cash or traveler's checks**
- **Important family documents** such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records saved electronically or in a waterproof, portable container
- **Sleeping bag** or **warm blanket** for each person
- Complete **change of clothing** appropriate for your climate and sturdy shoes
- **Household chlorine bleach** and medicine dropper to disinfect water

- **Fire extinguisher**
- **Matches** in a waterproof container
- **Feminine supplies** and **personal hygiene items**
- **Mess kits, paper cups, plates, paper towels** and **plastic utensils**
- **Paper and pencil**
- **Books, games, puzzles** or other activities for children

To learn more, go to www.alerthc.org.



Stay Informed - Sign Up for Alert HC

In an emergency, quick access to current information is critical. Anderson Township previously used the CodeRED emergency alert system to keep residents informed of emergency-related news. The township is now moving to the countywide Alert HC program. The CodeRED program will phase out at the end of the year.

In order to opt-in to this emergency notification program, residents must sign up again, even if they're part of the CodeRED notification program. This new state-of-the-art system shares the latest information, based on a person's preferences, during emergencies. You can be notified via text, email, home phone, work phone or cell phone. To sign up, go to www.alerthc.org.



Are You Ready for an Emergency? Find Out Here

Ryan McEwan, assistant director of the Hamilton County Emergency Management & Homeland Security Agency, suggests residents start with making an emergency plan for their family. "One popular proverb that I like to share is, 'People don't plan to fail, they fail to plan.'" He said good disaster planning includes answering the following questions:

Where will my family meet if there is a disaster at home?

It's important to identify a meeting spot in the event of a fire or other disaster at home. Pick a stationary landmark that isn't going to move like a streetlamp or fire hydrant and have everyone meet there. This way, when first responders arrive, you can account for everyone in the family.

How will I receive alerts and notifications?

Outdoor warning sirens are only one method to receive notifications. However, their function is to alert people who are outdoors, notes Chief Rick Martin with Anderson Township Fire and Rescue. Other methods are Alert Hamilton County (www.alerthc.org) and through the use of a NOAA Weather Radio at home.

How will your family communicate during a disaster? What if cell phones go down?

Can everyone in your family remember important numbers if they can't access their cell phone? Has your family identified an out-of-area contact if local lines are down but calls out of the region are still working?

What do I do with my pet if we have to evacuate?

Pets are important family members and many people won't evacuate during a disaster without them! Has your family arranged for your pet in the event of a disaster? Talk to family and friends and see if they could take in your pet; make arrangements with local boarding facilities or identify hotels that will accommodate your pets.



Flooding of Ohio River

Photo: Henry Dolive

Disaster Preparedness (continued from page 1)

- 52.9 percent of Anderson Township respondents reported having a weather radio, compared with 43.6 percent of the rest of Hamilton County;
- When asked how citizens expect to receive alerts and information during an emergency, Anderson Township residents responded with "outdoor warning sirens" (74.6 percent) more than any other method, including local media apps (66.9 percent), radio (64.4 percent), or other local media (62.7 percent);

- 34 percent of Anderson Township respondents reported their pet would be a reason they would not leave their home if an evacuation order was given.
- 13.4 percent of Anderson Township respondents reported they did not know where they would live temporarily, or said they would stay in a shelter if displaced from their home by a disaster.

(Source: Ryan McEwan, assistant director Hamilton County Emergency Management & Homeland Security Agency.)

Top FAQs About:

Anderson Township Services, Rules and Regs

Q Who can be called regarding problems with deer, raccoons and other wild animals?

Contact the Division of Wildlife Xenia Ohio- District 5 Headquarters at (937) 372-9261.

Q Where can I dispose of latex paint? How about oil-based paint?

Latex paint is not hazardous and can be safely thrown away with your regular trash once it is solid. To solidify, leave the lid off and mix in sand, sawdust, or kitty litter to speed up the process. Once it is solid, place the can next to your trash with the lid off so your waste hauler can see that it is dry.

Regarding oil-based paint, check the label to see if any lead or hazardous materials are in it. Most old paints call for hazardous waste disposal. Check the site HamiltonCountyRecycles.org for oil-based paint recycling options.

Q Who should be called regarding curb repairs?

Anderson Township is responsible for all curbs on the township's dedicated and accepted secondary streets.

Hamilton County is responsible for county roads. ODOT maintains state roads: Beechmont, State Route 125, State Route 32 and US 52.

Q Is there a barking dog law?

Yes, the Board of Township Trustees has approved a regulation related to barking dogs. For more information, contact the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office District 5 at 474-5770 or nights and weekends at 825-2200.

Q Is there a "pooper-scooper" law?

No.

Q Does Anderson Township have a curfew law?

Yes. Individuals under the age of 18 are under curfew restrictions from 12:01 a.m. to 5 a.m. Restrictions do not apply to individuals who are coming from a school or work function. For more information, contact the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office District 5 at 474-5770.

Q Who should be called to pick up dead animals?

For animals in the street, contact Anderson Township Public Works at 688-8400 ext. 1187.

If the dead animal is in a yard, driveway or elsewhere, the homeowner is responsible and will need to call a local animal removal service or exterminator.

Q What are Anderson Township's regulations pertaining to hunting?

Neither Anderson Township nor Hamilton County have local regulations pertaining to hunting. Hunting is under the jurisdiction of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife. Answers to common hunting questions may be found at <http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov/stay-informed/frequently-asked-questions>, or by contacting the district office at (937) 372-9261.

Q Is there a construction noise law?

Yes. The township does not allow excavation, construction, exterior building repair or renovation, site maintenance (excluding the use of snow blowers or snowplows during inclement weather) between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. local time. For more information, contact the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office District 5 at 474-5770.

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

One junk (not licensed or operable) vehicle is permitted per property but is to be housed in a garage. If a property is not in compliance call the Planning and Zoning Department at 688-8400 and press 3.

RECYCLING

Anderson offers a single stream recycling option at its 24/7 Recycling Center at 7954 Beechmont Ave.

AVOID dumping these items in the bins:

- Construction debris
- Styrofoam
- Paints
- Hazardous waste
- Tires
- Greasy pizza boxes



Please note, do not put your recyclables in plastic bags before putting them in the recycling bins.

Here's what can be recycled at the Anderson Township 24/7 Recycling Center:

- Plastic bottles and jugs
- Glass bottles and jars
- Aluminum cans
- Steel cans and lids
- Paperboard (like cereal boxes)
- Cardboard
- Office paper
- Envelopes and junk mail
- Newspapers, magazines and inserts
- Telephone books and catalogs
- Cartons

Anderson Township recycles thousands of pounds of materials at its busy 24/7 recycling center off Beechmont Avenue. Last year alone it took in more than 363 tons of products.

But sometimes, items that can't be recycled end up at the center, when they should be discarded at the curbside on trash day or recycled elsewhere.

A look at Recycling Fails in September on just one Monday at the 24/7 Recycling Center revealed plenty of surplus trash that ended up being thrown in the township's regular trash dumpster. That extra works costs township residents for the cleanup involved in taking care of these recycling fails, noted Eric Luginbuhl, Public Works director. He estimates township crews spend eight to 10 hours a month cleaning up the recycling center. "It's a dumping ground for some people," he said, but "overall people do a good job following the guidelines."

NEWS AND NOTES

Home Check a Free Service through Sheriff's Office

Eliminate some of the worry of leaving your home for vacation through a free service offered by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

Setting up the service involves a quick form submission online at AndersonTownship.org and then a deputy will inspect your home's physical security while you are out of town. Click on the sheriff's office section of AndersonTownship.org and look for "Vacation/Vacant House Check." By phone, contact the sheriff's office at 474-5770 to request the vacant home check and to provide security information.

Lights out?

Now that it's getting dark earlier in the evening, do you see streetlights out in your neighborhood? Request a light repair on Duke Energy's upgraded tool which makes it easy to report malfunctioning lights. Go to: <https://www.duke-energy.com/customer-service/request-light-repair> or call Anderson Township at 688-8400.



Change Batteries as Daylight Savings Time Ends

Daylight saving time ends on Sunday, Nov. 3, which is also the official day to remember to change batteries in fire and carbon monoxide alarms.

When you go around your house on Sunday, you'll want to replace the batteries in each detector, notes Assistant Chief Bob Herrlinger with Anderson Township Fire and Rescue. Doing it now will also prevent the annoying "chirping" reminder later on.



Here's how to complete the task:

Lift, twist, or remove the cover. (In some cases, the whole alarm will come off from a base.)

1. **Replace the battery with a brand-new one.**
Most machines use 9-volt batteries.
2. **Close and snap the detector back into place.**
3. **Press the test button to make sure it's working.**
You should hear a beep or chirp sound.

Herrlinger also notes that smoke alarms do have a shelf life, so keep an eye out for the date of manufacture stamped on the device. Smoke detectors lose their effectiveness after 10 years and require replacement, just like carbon monoxide alarms.

If you have upgraded to the newer lithium battery smoke detectors, they will not require battery replacement at all for up to 10 years.



Yard Waste Recycling Center Hours Change

A free yard waste recycling site in Anderson Township maintains weekend hours through November 24 then moves to weekday only availability.

Bzak Landscaping at 3295 Turpin Lane (corner of Ohio 32 and Turpin Lane at the west end of Newtown) is the location for the closest Hamilton County Yard Waste Recycling center. Current hours are 7:30 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

After November 24, the center will be open weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The center is for Hamilton County residents only. Please trim brush and tree branches into lengths of 4 feet or less and brush must be no larger than 12 inches in diameter. No commercial establishments accepted or trucks larger than pickups or trailers.



Traveling Chalkboard Available for Your Event

Planning a special event this fall for your community group or church? Inject a novel element into your experience with a traveling chalkboard that encourages people to share their thoughts about why Anderson Township is beautiful.

The board, now stationed in Anderson Center, was received from Keep Cincinnati Beautiful as part of the organization's 40th anniversary. Look for it this fall as it makes its way around Anderson Township venues.

To learn more or set up a delivery, contact Sarah Donovan at 688-8400 ext. 1101 or email sdonovan@AndersonTownship.org.



Township Employee Awards, Retirements and More

Deputy Robert Goettke Named Officer of the Year



Robert Goettke

The Anderson Township School Resource Officer, **Robert Goettke**, is the American Legion Post 318 Officer of the Year.

Deputy Goettke began his career with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office in 1990 and worked as a patrol officer in Sycamore and Columbia townships. He moved to the Anderson Township District 5 substation in 2000 and has served as the school resource officer since then.

According to his nomination, Goettke has served as a law enforcement officer, role model, mentor and informal counselor. He is passionate about helping students and teaching them to become good citizens. He also has coordinated numerous active shooting training sessions for businesses and the Forest Hills School District, and was recognized by the Transportation Security Administration for his work.

Tom Caruso Retires After Planning Career



Tom Caruso

Planner **Tom Caruso** has retired after serving Anderson Township both as an active volunteer and later as an employee in the Planning and Zoning Department. For the past 19 years, he served on the township's Transportation Advisory Committee, working on projects that led to the construction of more than 21 miles of sidewalks and trails and other transportation initiatives. Caruso was the township's first property maintenance inspector and also served as a leader in initiating the WeTHRIVE! Anderson Committee.

Marv Conley Retires After 25-Year Career



Marv Conley

Firefighter-paramedic **Marv Conley** has retired after a 25-year career in the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department. Conley started with the department in 1994.

During his career Conley became a CPR and first aid instructor, a life and fire safety educator, a fire apparatus operator and was the Clown Safety Brigade co-coordinator for Community Life and Best Safety Practices. He also served as the public education specialist manager.

In 2016 he was awarded the local, district, regional and state American Legion Public Educator awards for recognition of outstanding community service.

Township Invests for Future with Local Government Leadership Training



Eric Luginbuhl

Anderson Township is identifying future leaders in its organization and getting them ready to serve through specialized training.

Local governments are going through a transition period as Baby Boomers retire and staff levels are reduced, so the need to prepare future leadership becomes greater, said Vicky Earhart, township administrator. The Center for Local Government Leadership Academy was designed to help local governments prepare for upcoming changes.

Leadership Academy participants take a six-class curriculum. Topics covered include "Local Government 101," "Managing Different Leadership Styles," "Land Use and Economic Development," "Finance and Budgeting," "Human Resources Management," and "Effective Communication Skills."

Since 2014, Five Anderson Township employees have graduated from the Center for Local Leadership Academy: Mark Magna, Betty Cowan, Sarah Donovan and Brad Bowers. The most recent graduate this summer is **Eric Luginbuhl**, the Public Works director.

New Employees for Fire and Rescue Department

Three new firefighter-paramedics have been hired and have started as fulltime fire and rescue team members.

Drew Stigall has been a paramedic since 2016. The Anderson High School graduate came from the Union Fire Protection District.

Tony Robertson was previously employed with the Hamilton Fire Department. He's been a paramedic since 2011.

Greg Bernhardt has served as a paramedic since 2009. He previously worked at the Stonelick Township Fire and Rescue Department.



New firefighter-paramedics for the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department include (left to right) Drew Stigall, Greg Bernhardt, Tony Robertson.



Stormwater Basins Under Review to Help Deter Flooding

More than 100 stormwater detention basins scattered throughout Anderson garner little attention.

But innocuous as they are, these facilities are important in a community's overall ability to control rainwater and to reduce erosion, especially during heavy rainfall.

To check the health of these basins, Anderson Township staff visited each site in recent months to inventory and assess the health and usefulness of each site, said Assistant Administrator for Operations Steve Sievers. The goal of the exercise was to gain a "broad brush" look at what basins appeared to be working, and those that may need maintenance or repair, Sievers said.

Here's how the detention basins work: These structures are designed to temporarily capture and hold storm water runoff during periods of heavy rain. Over time, the water is released back into streams or creeks, thus minimizing flooding downstream and providing sediment removal, which helps reduce waterway pollution.

Most above ground detention basins in Anderson are located on private property, often in subdivisions where they would be maintained by a homeowner's association. (Some stormwater facilities are designed to hold water in pipes underground.) The more common basins are small and mostly serve individual neighborhoods or properties, Sievers said. While most only are designed to hold water during rain events, such as Anderson Lake are retention facilities. These facilities hold water and the levels rise with rainfall.

The inventory showed about 15 percent of the basins were "compromised" and referred to the county for possible action.

"This is the first inventory ever taken of all Anderson's stormwater basins," Sievers said. The township has no regulatory authority over these facilities but aims to assist the county in educating residents and property owners regarding how these work and the responsibilities of private parties.

As much of Anderson Township was developed prior to the late 1980s when stormwater requirements were first required in Hamilton County, redevelopment also provides a chance to reduce stormwater runoff. Such is often the case along Beechmont Avenue, said Trustee President Josh Gerth. "Of course, with new growth and additional impervious surfaces such as buildings and parking lots, it is important to use the tools a community has to reduce flooding, so that the running water gets safely to its final destination, a designated body of water."



Compromised detention pond

New Clough Detention Basin Studied

Anderson Township continues to study the option of creating a water diversion system on the township-owned property located along the south side of Clough Pike, between Newtown Road and Copperleaf Drive.

In conjunction with development of the Harmony Senior Living site, the proposal involves construction of a bypass channel on a portion of the township-owned 10-acre site. Engineers suggest this channel could divert a portion of Clough Creek during storm events to a rain garden detention area, said Steve Sievers, assistant administrator for operations. Construction will be undertaken by Harmony Senior Living, and the area would be designed for minimal

future maintenance. Harmony Senior Living is still required to construct detention basins to serve their development on their site, he noted.

Sievers said the new facility could help reduce the flow and velocity of water in Clough Creek and lessen downstream erosion by holding water on the Greenspace site.

"Much of the development in the Clough Creek watershed, which spans as far east as Summit Estates and south to Maddux Elementary, occurred without any stormwater detention basins or controls. Thus, this is intended to help provide another regional approach to managing stormwater," he added.

Community Benefits When You Give Locally

Charitable giving to local organizations doubles your impact! Three township nonprofits work to provide extra services and amenities for Anderson Township residents.

Consider these organizations for your end-of-year giving. All gifts are tax deductible.



The Anderson Township Betterment Commission promotes efforts to enhance the quality of life for Anderson Township residents, business owners and institutions, by providing support to community organizations, events and other activities. Projects or services in

which the Betterment Commission has or continues to be involved include the Anderson Township Senior Center, Anderson Township Veterans Memorial, Anderson Independence Day Parade, and Anderson Township's safety services.

For more information contact Steve Sievers at 688-8400 ext. 1178 or ssievers@AndersonTownship.org.

The Anderson Foundation for Parks and Recreation is the fundraising arm of the Anderson Park District. Its mission is to provide a direct and positive impact on the community by perpetuating parks and recreation through philanthropy, volunteer engagement and advocacy.



The Anderson Foundation for Parks and Recreation has a long history of adding play features to the Anderson Parks including picnic pods, tennis courts, a renovated basketball court and family swings at Juilfs Park; pickleball courts at Clear Creek Park; and playground improvements at Beech Acres, Juilfs, Laverty and Veterans parks. Current fundraising efforts are in support of the MariMac Outdoor Classroom at W. M. Johnson Hills Park. To learn more, visit FoundationforParks.org.



FOREST HILLS FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATION

The Forest Hills Foundation for Education raises funds to support programs and create opportunities that enrich the educational experience at all nine Forest Hills Schools. Programs include Nagel after-school tutoring, college and career prep classes for high school students, workforce development, Destination Imagination, teacher grants, robotics and Hope Squad, a peer-to peer program to prevent teen suicides. The Forest Hills 5K is sponsored by the foundation. For details go to: www.fhfe.org.

View a Sample Ballot for November Election

Unsure about what's on the ballot for you and other township voters on November 5? The Hamilton County Board of Elections provides a simple way to see a sample ballot of exactly what issues will be up for consideration.

Go to <http://boe.hamilton-co.org/voting-on-election-day/where-do-i-vote.aspx>. Then click on "View a Sample Ballot," to look at the races and issues that will be voted upon next month.



Mental Health Collaborative Continues Educational Focus

Speaker series: Learn the warning signs of a suicide crisis

Following three simple steps of questioning, persuading and referring (QPR) can be a key component in helping save someone from suicide.

Learn more about the QPR approach at the Anderson Mental Health Collaborative seminar set for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12 at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road. The speaker is Melanie Palmer, the Child Focus director of training.

With QPR training, participants will learn how to recognize the signs of a mental health emergency and what to do in a crisis.



Do Your Part: Recycle Unwanted Textiles at the Curb

Community's partnership with Simple Recycling has kept 71,000 pounds of products out of the landfill in past 12 months

One year into a free curbside textile recycling program, township residents have stepped up to recycle some 71,000 pounds of textiles and other items that might have ended up in the landfill.

Anderson Township's contract with Simple Recycling started in mid-2018, with residents placing more than 11,000 pounds of recyclables out at the curb in special orange bags during the first month of the program. Since that time, residents have recycled about 5,000 pounds of goods per month through the free plan.

Statistically, most clothing ends up in the landfill at the end of its life cycle, noted Assistant Administrator for Operations Steve Sievers. Data indicates some 85 percent of clothes are not recycled or reused, he said.

"Many people may not consider trying to recycle their old clothing because the items may not be wearable. However, these items can find a second life as a dishrag or insulation through recycling through programs such as Simple Recycling," Sievers said.

"Simple Recycling will accept usable clothing for reuse, but they also accept ripped, stained, or other unwearable clothing in the special orange bag. These materials will become other recycled products," said Michelle Balz, solid waste manager of the Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District. She said a survey showed textiles make up 3.8 percent of the waste going to the landfill from residents in Hamilton County.

"The Simple Recycling program is about the easiest way to recycle your textiles," Sievers said, "without even leaving your home." Residents can simply put out their orange Simple Recycling bags on the day Rumpke provides trash service to their street. Please note the recycling is not collected by Rumpke, and the service is open to all residents, not just Rumpke customers, he said.

"The most important thing for residents to remember is to not place clothing in a curbside recycling cart. You must use the orange Simple Recycling bag in order to participate," said Balz. "Clothing becomes contamination and wraps around the recycling equipment if you send it with your regular recyclables."

Simple Recycling has three options for the discarded clothing it collects. Forty-five percent of it is reused and repurposed, then exported as second-hand clothing. Thirty percent is recycled and converted for uses such as wiping rags for industrial and residential absorbents. Twenty percent is recycled into post-consumer fiber used in carpet pads or raw material for the automotive industry. Only five percent of the donations end up as waste. (Source: Simple Recycling.)

To request bags, ask questions about your pick-up or learn more about the program, go to SimpleRecycling.com.



Items that can be placed in your Simple Recycling bag include:

- Men, women and children's clothing 
- Coats and jackets 
- Shoes 
- Purses 
- Hats 
- Blankets 
- Drapes/curtains 
- Pillows 
- Sleeping Bags, backpacks, toys 
- Dishes 

Committees Search for New Volunteers in 2020

Interested in working on topics related to transportation, community health, economic development or street trees? Make 2020 a year to get involved in one of the many township-driven volunteer committees.

Volunteers are being sought for township committees through October 31.

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

- **Anderson Township Senior Center Advisory Committee** - ensures the Senior Center continues to foster a creative and intellectually stimulating environment that enhances the lives of Anderson seniors.
- **WeTHRIVE! Anderson Committee**- This committee works to create a healthier Anderson Township, where safety, health and vitality is promoted throughout the community. Topics of concern to the committee include health issues in Anderson Township such as substance use/abuse, social health, injury prevention, environmental health, emergency preparedness, chronic disease, community art and community involvement.
- **Economic Development Committee**—reviews the township's economic development strategy and makes recommendations to trustees on policy or project decisions regarding the township's business environment.
- **Tree Committee**—promotes and manages healthy, safe, and appropriate trees along streets and on public grounds or roadways and makes recommendations to the township's tree planting program.
- **Greater Anderson Township Betterment Committee**-non-profit organization working behind the scenes to facilitate community-wide improvements and projects.
- **Transportation Advisory Committee**—provides recommendations on transportation matters and projects to trustees and assists with implementation of the Anderson Trails plan.

Two committees operate on a five-year term, with one-year alternates:

- **Zoning Commission**—hears cases that involve modifying the Anderson Township Zoning Map or the Anderson Township Zoning Resolution.
- **Board of Zoning Appeals**—reviews appeals to the township's Zoning Resolution, as well as other development-related applications.

Volunteers are sought for service on the **Anderson Board of Park Commissioners**. The board oversees the Anderson Park District, composed of five township residents. The board is a volunteer policy-making entity and provides direction the Anderson Park District management staff.

For consideration, send a letter of interest to "Committees," Anderson Township, Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road, Anderson Township, OH 45230. Via email, send a response to Steve Sievers at ssievers@AndersonTownship.org.

Please explain your interests and provide a brief overview of your experience which would make you a valuable member of the committee.

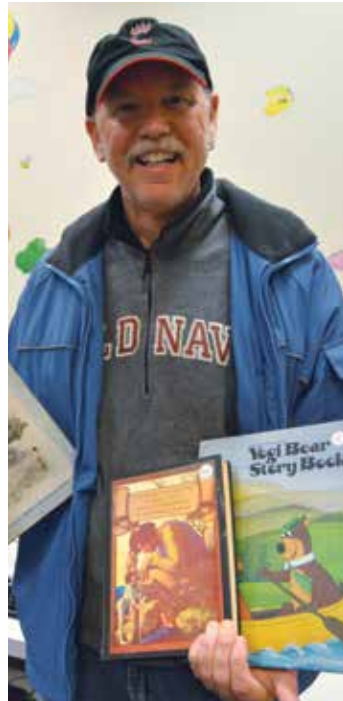


Transportation Advisory Committee



Economic Development Committee

Book Buyer Digs Out Literary Treasures at Library Association Sales



Gary Overmann

Gary Overmann may have grown up in Northern Kentucky and moved to Batavia 33 years ago, but twice a year he returns to Anderson Township for his annual book buying trips. A collector since his college days at Thomas More University, Overmann never knows what rare books await him at the Anderson Township Library Association used book sales.

"I started out as a collector in college, mostly illustrated classics. So, I would go to lots of book sales and then sell to book dealers. Eventually I thought I could sell on my own, cutting out the middleman," Overmann said. "I probably started going to the book sale in the mid-1970s, back when it was at Beechmont

Mall. I think the best book I ever bought at the sale was a first edition of "Charlotte's Web."

His book buying was just a side hustle while he worked full time as a research biologist, first for the government and then Proctor & Gamble. After retiring seven years ago, he's been able spend more time purchasing books, especially illustrated children's books, to resell at book fairs and antique malls.

Some of his "found" books even end up in university collections, such as the University of Michigan Ann Arbor, the University of Minnesota, Ohio University, and Ohio State University.

"I always feel it's really cool that the books I'm finding are going to be in a permanent collection," Overmann said. "For me it's the hunt and the chase. I also enjoy seeing people coming to my booth and buying books that they're so excited and enthusiastic about because they had them as a child and want to pass them on to their grandkids."

He's found some books he just couldn't part with though, including a set of vintage Babar books in French. However, Overmann is a collector first and plans to be at the November Anderson Township Library Association Sale looking for more collectible books.

"The volunteers pick the best books for the fall sale," he said. "The quality is really good."



Use SaferOH Tip Line to Share Student Safety Information



The 2019-2020 academic year will mark four years of the SaferOH tip line in the Forest Hills School District. The tip line allows students and adults to easily report information related to student safety 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The SaferOH tip line is a crucial resource to proactively promote safety community-wide.

Each Forest Hills school was registered for the tip line in 2015. Information provided to the tip line is quickly followed up on by school officials or the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

By calling 1-844-SAFEROH, students and adults can share information regarding threats to the school or student safety such as bullying, suicides or violence. Callers may remain anonymous or

share their contact information for possible follow-up. The tip line phone number is shared with all students and promoted in all nine Forest Hills schools, as well as throughout the community.

The tip line is made possible through partnerships with the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Public Safety.



Seniors Stay Connected Through Senior Center Activities

November 2 Open House displays services, social and learning opportunities



Whether it is taking up a new hobby or getting back to an old one, Anderson Township Senior Center offers many options for learning and aging well.

Learn more about their classes at an open house set for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2 at the center, 7970 Beechmont Ave. Also attending the open house is a representative of the Cincinnati Area Senior Services Program

(CASS) which contracts with Anderson Township to provide daily meals and transportation services.

The center offers a wide variety of programs and activities, including exercise classes, opportunities for creative expression, health services like screenings, as well as vital information about health and aging. Many social and learning opportunities are scheduled each week, both of which can help improve mental health and keep your mind sharp.

Claire O'Connell, activities manager, said she looks forward to meeting new seniors in the area. "You are never too old try some new things and to start taking care of yourself," she said.

The event includes light bites and opportunity to meet the staff.

Resident Membership Rates Reduced! Sign Up Now and Save

Some great news for your budget! Membership rates for Anderson residents who join the Anderson Township Senior Center in 2020 have been significantly reduced! Also, those who join the senior center in November will receive two bonus months in 2019 for one price.

Here are the new 2020 membership prices:

Anderson Township resident: **\$15 single, \$25 couple**

Anderson Township non-resident: **\$45 single, \$60 couple**

(A couple is defined as two adults living in the same household.)

To sign up, fill out a form and pay at the senior center.



Anderson Township Senior Center

Anderson Parks Youth Leagues Signup Opens November 1

Registration opens November 1 for the Anderson Park District winter youth recreational leagues. Recreational youth leagues include boys basketball grades 3-6 and girls volleyball grades 2-6.

The leagues are instructional and are designed for beginners. Recreational leagues include uniforms, practices and eight scheduled games (guaranteed to play seven). The registration deadline is December 2. Teams are coached by volunteers; parents and dedicated sports enthusiasts are encouraged.

Anderson Parks youth league scholarships are available through the Jim Grabowski Memorial Fund for Fun. Established by friends and family of the late Jim Grabowski, this scholarship offers kids a chance to get in the game! Requesting a scholarship is easy and the support provided is for the total cost of the league.

To learn more about Anderson Parks youth leagues, the Jim Grabowski Memorial Fund for Fun and how to become a volunteer coach, visit AndersonParks.com or call 388-4514.





Beautification Award Winners Brighten Community with Their Spaces

Exceptional outdoor spaces have been named through Anderson Township's annual beautification awards program.

Four awards sponsored annually by the WeTHRIVE! Anderson Committee recognize beautiful residential gardens, commercial properties and common areas in neighborhoods. Winners for 2019 include:

Outstanding non-residential garden/landscape design

Anderson Towne Center, 7500 Beechmont Ave.

Site Improvement

Graeter's Ice Cream, 8533 Beechmont Ave.

Outstanding residential garden/landscape design

Tidewater Creek subdivision, Eight Mile Road

Outstanding private residential garden/landscape design

1241 Leroy Road

Award winners receive a plaque for their garden. For more information, contact Sarah Donovan at 688-8400, ext. 1181 or email at sdonovan@AndersonTownship.org.



Graeter's Ice Cream

10 Years, 1,000 Trees Later, Anderson Still Committed to Green Community

Anderson Township continues its ongoing commitment to tree canopy preservation through its work as part of the Tree City USA program.

What has happened in the past decade? Here are the facts:

- Tree Committee planted more than 1,000 trees
- Distributed 6,130 seedlings
- Removed 634 trees that were in the wrong location, diseased, sustained storm damage, or had improper pruning

There are 4 core standards of Tree City USA members:

- Maintain a tree board or department
- Have a community tree ordinance
- Spend at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry
- Celebrate Arbor Day

Tree City USA Facts:

- 237 Tree City USA communities in Ohio
- 45.24 percent of Ohioans live in a Tree City USA community



Tidewater Creek subdivision



1241 Leroy Road



Anderson Towne Center

New Donation for Anderson Township's Greenspace Program

Three-acre parcel along Lawyer Road added to program, now totaling almost 700 acres

A very visible three-acre parcel of wooded property along Lawyer Road, between Royalwoods Court and Ravens Run Road, has been donated to Anderson Township's Greenspace program. The acquisition puts the total acreage of Greenspace just slightly below 700 acres dispersed in 68 parcels located around the township.

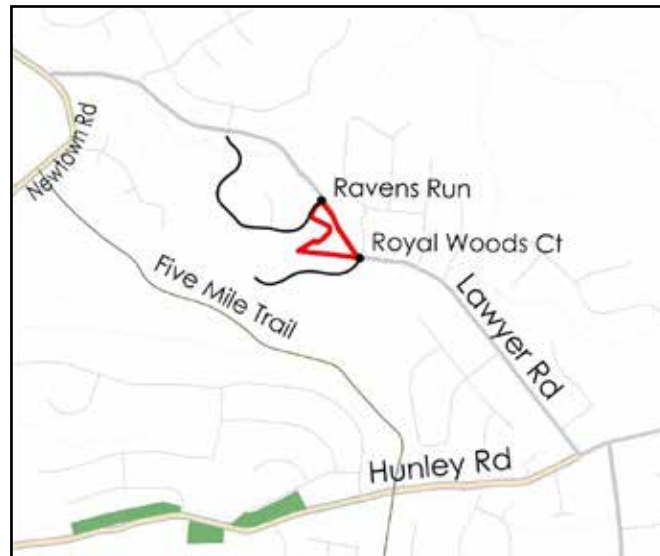
The newest donation was received from Anderson residents Jim and Jean Glass. The Glasses also donated a trail easement about 10 years ago on which the township built a connection to link Ravens Run and Treetops to the Five Mile Trail access drive off Lawyer Road. This linked several hundred homes to the popular trail.

Anderson Township's innovative and landmark Greenspace program protects designated land in a natural state. Greenspace properties in the program include parcels smaller than a quarter acre to a couple larger than 100 acres. The Greenspace program has been in existence since 1990 when Anderson Township leaders worked with the Ohio Legislature. The program they created permitted Ohio townships to acquire, without the power of eminent domain, ownership interests in land, water and wetlands, and to restore and maintain such areas for the purposes of preservation.

Soon thereafter in November of 1990, Anderson voters adopted a .9 mill five-year Greenspace levy by a nearly two to one margin to fund such acquisition efforts. Voters renewed this in 1995 and it expired in 2000.

A citizen-led Greenspace Advisory Committee was formed in 1991, which has and continues to serve as the key policy and advisory group to the elected officials regarding Anderson Township's Greenspace.

"Our Greenspace program over these many years has been very successful with bargain rate acquisitions and some donations," said longtime Chairman of the Greenspace Advisory Committee Ron Edgerton. "Since most of the voter-approved funds have been expended, future purchases will be very limited. The generosity of this landowner to 'donate' this 3-acre parcel whose qualities reflect the best of what our Greenspace has to offer is commendable and very much appreciated," Edgerton said.



Parcel donation outlined in red.

Suzanne Clingman, the township's Greenspace inspector, noted the township had been interested in pursuing this acquisition as it was important in helping keep the wooded character along Lawyer Road, also protecting the stream in this area.

The Greenspace program committee "continues to search for suitable parcels (especially donations) that meet stringent Greenspace criteria," Edgerton said. Protected Greenspace locations are dispersed all around the community and within one-half mile of approximately 90 percent of homes in the township. Properties in the program are identified with Greenspace signs.

Anderson's Greenspace efforts have served as a model for other communities, said Trustee Vice President Dee Stone, as Anderson has been named Ohio's First Greenspace Community.

"We are grateful for this donation as we continue to be dedicated to the program that was started decades ago," said Trustee President Josh Gerth. "As a leader in not only Greenspace but a community with over five times the national average of park and recreational space, this board and our staff are proud to be keeping it green."

E-Cigarettes Not a Quit-Smoking Aid, Can Be Dangerous



Current news clips around the country warn about the dangers of electronic cigarettes. Often referred to as "vaping," this method of nicotine delivery uses a device to vaporize a liquid, which is then inhaled.

The unfortunate reality of this disturbing trend is that vaping has increased tremendously among youth. One in five high school-aged students admit using vapor devices. Of even greater concern, these devices are often used to deliver illicit substances and are often acquired from unknown "street" sources.

"Vaping has been marketed as a safer alternative to combusting tobacco products. In fact, vaping is not safe," said Tim Ingram, health commissioner, Hamilton County Public Health.

The news reports of severe, life-threatening lung damage among youth are making headlines across the country. Besides nicotine, the aerosol that users breathe can contain cancer-causing chemicals; heavy metals such as nickel, tin and lead; ultrafine particles that can reach deep into lungs; and chemical flavorings that are linked to serious lung disease.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) advises that youth, young adults, pregnant women and adults who do not currently use tobacco products not use e-cigarettes. For those who are looking for smoking alternatives or smoking cessation programs, it is important to understand that the FDA has not approved e-cigarettes as a quit-smoking aid, Ingram said. The available science on these products is inconclusive as to their benefits for smoking cessation.

"If you vape and experience a breathing problem it is important to seek immediate medical treatment. It is also crucial that you not buy vaping products off the street. You don't know what is in them," said Township Trustee President Josh Gerth.

Adult smokers attempting to quit should use evidence-based treatments, including counseling and FDA-approved medications, Ingram said. A great place to begin a tobacco-free journey is through the Ohio Tobacco Quit Line, he added. Call 1-800-QUIT-NOW for free help and nicotine replacement therapy.

Some information provided by Hamilton County Public Health.

Keep Storm Drains Clean to Reduce Flooding Risk

Do you know how storm drains work? They relocate excess rainwater away from your property and into ditches and waterways. However, unlike the drains in your home, none of the water that runs off into the storm drains goes somewhere for treatment.

That means contaminants or pollutants that leach into the runoff go directly into rivers, lakes and streams around you. Tree limbs leaves and grass clippings that are dumped into a storm drain go directly into the streams and rivers. Thus, the only thing that should go down a storm drain is rainwater.

In the fall, it's easy to just allow harmful debris to fall into the storm drain. Public Works Director Eric Luginbuhl asks residents to keep an eye on their storm drains and keep them free of debris. "Please don't use the drains as a trash can for your leaves or yard debris," he said. "The result can be flooding in your neighborhood if your drains get clogged."



Public Meetings

(Times and dates subject to change with notice)

Board of Township Trustees

Regular Monthly Meeting
Thursday, Nov. 21, 6 p.m.

Interim Meeting
Thursday, Nov. 7, 2 p.m.

Board of Zoning Appeals
Thursday, Dec. 5, 5:30 p.m.

**WeTHRIVE!
Anderson Committee**
Wednesday, Dec. 11, 4 p.m.

Zoning Commission
Monday, Nov. 25, 5:30 p.m.

Transportation Advisory Committee
Tuesday, Nov. 12, 6:30 p.m.

Tree Committee
Monday, Nov. 11, 7 p.m.

Anderson Township Senior Center Advisory Committee
Thursday, Nov. 21, 2 p.m.
Meets at Senior Center,
7970 Beechmont Ave.

Economic Development Committee
Tuesday, Nov. 26, 3 p.m.

All meetings are held at
Anderson Center
7850 Five Mile Road
unless otherwise noted.
688-8400

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Trick or Treat Hosted at Towne Center

Jack-O-Lantern Walk replaced with late afternoon occasion

Anderson Towne Center becomes ground zero for two hours this fall for little ghosts and goblins who can visit shops and enjoy the festive atmosphere of the shopping center's streetscape lined with inflatables.

Anderson Towne Center Trick or Treat is set for 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26 on the streetscape.

The free event, which provides a safe, daytime trick or treat option for children, replaces the township-sponsored Jack-O-Lantern Walk which had been hosted at Anderson Center. Individual stores may offer special promotions for the event.



Township Venues Offer Variety for All Kinds of Events

Anderson Township has multiple venues for your event rental needs, from intimate gatherings to wedding receptions.

Anderson Center, the township's largest and most versatile facility on Five Mile Road, includes a large banquet room, a 223-seat theater and assorted smaller rooms. The facility is affordable, elegant and close to home.

Anderson Township's Senior Center, on Beechmont Avenue, is excellent for dances (includes a disco ball!), small wedding receptions, parties, family dinners, meetings and special occasions. It's available for rental on weekends and in the evenings during the week. While there is no access to the kitchen, patrons may bring in their own food or food from a caterer.

The Anderson Township Heritage Center, at the corner of Forest and Eight Mile, is a special occasion gathering place. It features a large indoor living area, spacious grounds, gazebo and lush lawn. The 200-year-old home retains many of its original elements and serves as a testament of early life in Anderson Township.



Local Veterans Celebrate at Dinner on November 11

Live stand-up comedy show hosted as the main event for free night out

The Patriot Center in Anderson Township once again is the place to be for a special free Veterans Day Dinner on Monday, Nov. 11.

Sponsored by the Anderson Township Veterans Memorial Committee, the evening includes a complimentary dinner for veterans, courtesy of Belterra Park and Mt. Washington Care Center, a cash bar and a live performance by "The Veterans of Comedy". The center is at 6660 Clough Pike, a venue owned and operated by Post 318 of the American Legion.

The dinner is open to Anderson Township veterans who may bring one other attendee for free. Reservations are first-come, first-served up to 200 attendees.

A cash bar is open between 5 and 6 p.m., with dinner served at 6 p.m. Entertainment follows the dinner.

Reservations are requested online at AndersonTownship.org under the "News" section or by calling Anderson Township at 688-8400, ext. 1101, or via email at mmohrfield@andersontownship.org.



Best of the Season Found at Anderson Holiday Festival

Save the first Saturday of December for family fun and holiday magic on the streetscape of Anderson Towne Center.

The Anderson Holiday Festival (formerly called the Holiday Tree Lighting) returns to the towne center from 4-6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7 to kick off the season.

Festivities begin at 4 p.m. and Santa arrives at 4:15 p.m. on a township fire engine; he'll be available for "consultation" during the evening. Gather around the holiday tree at 6 p.m. for the annual lighting ceremony. Activities for the children include crafts, games, and a holiday passport (involving small gifts from participating businesses).

Other events include wood carving and ice sculpting demonstrations, outdoor fire rings, and wagon rides through the center's streetscape area. Ring in the season with outdoor entertainment from local organizations on multiple stages.

Anderson Towne Center businesses will provide refreshments during the evening. Don't forget your mail to Santa at Macy's. Huff Realty will accept donations for a toy drive at their office.

Anderson Towne Center is at 7500 Beechmont Ave. For more details visit the "News" section at AndersonTownship.org.



CONNECT

OCTOBER

Anderson Towne Center Trick or Treat

Anderson Towne Center, 7500 Beechmont Ave.
Saturday, Oct. 26, 4-6 p.m.

Free
Trick or treat along the streetscape.

Performing Arts, Inc.

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road
Into the Woods

Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 29-30, at 7 p.m.

Cinderella Kids

Friday and Saturday, Nov. 1-2, at 7 p.m.

Disney Villains Showcase

Saturday, Nov. 2, 5 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 3, 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$10 online at pai.seatyourself.biz/; \$12 at door if still available

NOVEMBER

Anderson Township Senior Center Open House

7970 Beechmont Ave.

Saturday, Nov. 2, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Free



Miami Valley Christian Academy Theatre -

You're a Good Man Charlie Brown

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road

Friday, Nov. 8, 7 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 9 at 2 and 6 p.m.

Tickets: mvca-oh.com/theatre

Holiday and Nearly New Used Book Sale

Anderson Branch Library

7450 State Road

Thursday, Nov. 7, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 8, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 9, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Info: 369-6030



Veterans Day Celebration

Patriot Center, 6660 Clough Pike

Monday, Nov. 11, starts at 5 p.m.

Free dinner for veteran and one guest; reservations required.

Call 688-8400 ext. 1101 for reservations or

AndersonTownship.org under "News"

Anderson Area Chamber Pizza Showcase

Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road

Sunday, Nov. 17, 1-4 p.m., \$7

Clermont Northeast High School Drama - *The Lion King JR.*

The Lion King JR.

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road

Thursday and Friday, Nov. 21-22, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 23, 2 and 7 p.m.

Info: www.cnedrama.org

Anderson Community Band

Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road

Sunday, November 24, 7 p.m.

Free

Info: John Fecker at 207-8506 or andersoncommunityband.com

Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon

Anderson Township Senior Center, 7970 Beechmont Ave.

Monday, Nov. 25, 10:30 a.m.

Call 474-3100 for reservations.

Ongoing events

Anderson Township History Room

Open year-round: Wednesdays and Sundays, 1-4 p.m.

Sponsored by the Anderson Township Historical Society and Anderson Township. Closed holidays.

Info: 688-8400

DECEMBER

Beechmont Players - *Weekend Comedy*

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road

Thursday and Friday, Dec. 5-6, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 7, 3 and 8 p.m.

Tickets: \$20; Seniors 60 and up and active military: \$18

Info: 233-2468 or BeechmontPlayers.org

Anderson Holiday Festival

Anderson Towne Center, 7500 Beechmont Ave.

Saturday, Dec. 7, 4-6 p.m.

Free. Tree lighting at 6 p.m. and other activities throughout the event.



Performing Arts, Inc.

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road

Elf Jr.

Monday, Dec. 16 through Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m.

Les Misérables

Thursday, Dec. 19 through Saturday, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$12 online at pai.seatyourself.biz/; \$15 at door if still available

Le Jeune Dance and Paris Ballet and Dance

Presents *The Nutcracker*

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Rd.

Thursday and Friday, Dec. 12-13, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 14, 2 and 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 15, 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$20, \$15 for 10 and under and seniors over 65.

Info: <https://lejeunedance.com/tickets/>

McNicholas High School - *Cinderella*

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road

Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 30-Feb. 1, 7:30 p.m.

Info: www.mcnhs.org

Performing Arts, Inc.

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road

Willy Wonka

Monday, Feb. 3 and Tuesday, Feb. 4. Check

performingartsinc.net for times

Showcase

Wednesday, Feb. 5 and Thursday, Feb. 6. Check

performingartsinc.net for times

Beechmont Players-*Honk!*

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road

Friday and Saturday, Feb. 14-15, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 16, 3 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 21, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 22, 3 p.m.

Tickets: \$20; Seniors 60 and up and active military: \$18

Info: 233-2468 or BeechmontPlayers.org

Le Jeune Dance and Paris Ballet and Dance

Presents *Don Quixote and Other Works*

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Rd.

Friday, Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 29, 2 and 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 1, 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$20, \$15 for 10 and under and seniors over 65.

Tickets: <https://lejeunedance.com/tickets/>

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 474-3100

Safe Prescription Drug Removal: Your Options in Anderson

Did you know? Data from a national survey on drug usage and health notes that nearly one-third of people ages 12 and over who used drugs for the first time began by using a prescription drug for non-medical purposes. That means removal of non-used prescriptions from your home is important in the fight against drug abuse.

Removing unneeded prescription drugs safely out of your house used to involve flushing them down the toilet, but even despite treatment, these substances can pollute local waterways. The result is water tainted with anti-depressants, opioids and birth control pills, spelling a growing concern for water quality.

Today, health officials recommend using a take-back program or drop box option that safely deals with the unneeded drugs.

Anderson has a drop-box program in place, with a receptacle located at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office District 5 headquarters, 7954 Beechmont Ave. The lobby is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. No liquids, aerosols or needles are accepted. Please place all drugs in a clear plastic bag. Do not include the prescription bottle. The township and the sheriff's office also host a Take Back Day in the spring each year. For information contact the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office at 474-5770.



Medical Deactivation Bag



A new option in Ohio involves using a special bag that will shut down the unneeded drugs. These pouches make it safe and easy to dispose of unused prescription drugs at home.

Pouches are available for free at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office District 5 headquarters open on weekdays, and the Newtown Fire Station, 7036 Main Street, Newtown.

Dispose of pills, liquid medicines and patches in this pouch. These bags contain carbon that effectively deactivates pharmaceuticals, rendering them safe for the environment. The bag then can be put in the trash.

Also, obtain a bag that will be mailed to you for free by going to this website and signing up: <https://ohiorxdisposal.com/disposal-bag-request/>. Learn more about the process here: <https://preventionactionalliance.org/learn/resources/ohios-saferx-collaborative/>.