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The Voice of Anderson Township

Anderson Township Celebrates 225th Anniversary with Special Fall Events

Remembering and celebrating Anderson Township's historic pioneer roots take center stage for a special day set aside this fall, through three events scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 16.

Dedication of Ohio Historical Marker at the James Clark Stone House. As part of its 225th anniversary celebration, Anderson Township dedicates an Ohio Historical Marker that will be placed at the James Clark Stone House. This is the township's fourth historical marker. The ceremony will be hosted at 2 p.m. at the pioneer homestead, 6840 Clough Pike (corner of Clough Pike and Hunley Road). One of the oldest stone homes in southern Ohio (built in around 1801), the house will be open for public tours after the ceremony. Volunteers from the Anderson Township Historical Society will be on hand to share stories about the Clark family, as well as discuss the unique features of this remarkable home.

Clough Pike History Walk. From 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 16, enjoy the Clough Historic Business District with a self-guided **History Walk** along Clough Pike between Bartels and Berkshire roads. Stop in the businesses and restaurants along Clough Pike, enjoy food truck offerings and entertainment in the area. The Miller-Leuser Log House, dating to 1796, and outbuildings and barn will be open for visitors. The historic Clough Crossings restaurant, once an Anderson Township school building, also will be open.

Explore the historic **Clough Baptist Church Cemetery** (off Bridges Road) during the afternoon. The path to the cemetery begins near the intersection of Clough and Berkshire. Grave markers include many of the families who called Anderson home in the early 1800s, including James Clark who built the stone house.

Parking for the Clough Pike History Walk is available at the Hunter Building, 6600 Clough Pike and the Moeller Knights of Columbus on Bartels Road.

Anniversary Celebration at Anderson Center. From 4 to 7:30 p.m. visit Anderson Center to enjoy live entertainment on the south plaza, food and historical displays during the township's official **225th Anniversary Celebration.**

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Artist's rendering of a permanent interpretive sign to be installed along Clough Pike for the township's 225th anniversary celebration. (See page 9 for details.)

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New Date: Curbside Textile Recycling Starts August 13

Recycling old clothes, linens, dishes and small household appliances soon will be easier, with the start of Anderson's new recycling program scheduled to roll out the week of August 13.

Through this free program, Anderson Township residents will have the option to place textiles, small toys, curtains, backpacks and more at the curb on their designated Rumpke trash and recycling pickup day.

Before August 13, the township's contracted recycling service supplier, Simple Recycling, will send out two mailings. The second will come with special orange bags and will explain the new service. Simple Recycling is a for-profit entity and is contracted by the township for curbside textile recycling collections.

According to Sonny Wilkins, vice president of Simple Recycling's municipal relations, there may be some households that do not receive the postcards and bags in the mail. If you have not received your bags by August 8, go to www.SimpleRecycling.com. Fill out a form and bags will be dropped off at your house. Or call the customer service line at 866-835-5068 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST on weekdays.

Township residents living in apartments or condominiums who do not have curbside trash pickup will find a designated container at the township's 24/7 Drop-Off Recycling Center at 7954 Beechmont Ave.

Simple Recycling accepts textiles in ripped or dirty condition. However, do not recycle clothing or fabric items that are moldy or wet.



Here's how the program will work:

- Fill your provided Simple Recycling bags
- Set the orange bags out with your trash on your Rumpke trash day
- Take care not to place orange recycling bags in with your regular trash, as the recycling is picked up separately
- Order more bags at SimpleRecycling.com

Recycle other items including plastics, glass, paper and more at the curb through the township's recycling program or call Rumpke at 800-828-8171 for details. Visit the largest drop-off recycling site in Greater Cincinnati at 7954 Beechmont Ave.

Adopt a Fire Hydrant and Paint It!

Looking for a unique service project for the summer? Help maintain the township's 2,700+ fire hydrants by providing them with a fresh coat of paint.

Your efforts help firefighters do their job as painting the hydrants helps increase visibility for firefighters who may need to access the hydrants during an emergency.

Anderson Township Fire and Rescue will provide volunteers with paint, a brush and instructions. Call the Newtown Fire Station (Station 22) at 688-8093 and talk to the station officer. Volunteers can request to paint

hydrants in their own neighborhood or in other parts of the community.

Assistant Chief Rick Martin notes that some hydrants that are located on busy streets or streets that are narrow or have blind spots via curves or hills cannot be painted by volunteers due to safety concerns. Additionally, some parts of the hydrant should not be painted. Only paint hydrants that have been assigned to you as some need special paint schemes or colors to denote information needed by firefighters.

Groups or individuals that wish to paint more than one hydrant as a community service are welcome.



It's a Bird... It's a Plane...No, It's a Drone!

New-fangled flying machines are loads of fun, but do have some restrictions

In recent years, a flood of flying machines has brought concepts once only thought of as science fiction into the world of common consumer goods and even into the realm of toys.

Routinely delivering goods to homes, drones are becoming commonplace.

However, residents may wonder as they see a drone flying overhead, what rules govern the use of drones in the township? Or even, is it legal for me to fly a drone here?

Assistant Administrator for Operations Steve Sievers said the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has a series of regulations that should be checked out if you plan to operate a drone for recreation or as a hobby. Basically, under recreational use guidelines, the FAA asks that users keep the drone within the line of sight. The story is different if the user is not in the line of sight, Sievers noted. An important note for Anderson users is that if you plan to fly within five miles of Lunken Field, clearance would need to be obtained from their control tower.

Lt. Matt Guy with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office District 5 noted that his office has received only a few complaints related to drone usage in the township.

Local parks have their own rules on drone usage. The Anderson Park District is a no-drone zone. Guidance from their website notes that, "In the Anderson Parks, no person can use or operate any radio-controlled or other remotely-controlled aircraft, including drones and other unmanned aerial vehicles, or any other similar device in any park or facility."

In Great Parks of Hamilton County (Woodland Mound), users are required to complete an application process before flying a drone in the parks.



A view of the work of Anderson Township Fire and Rescue from a drone

FAA Laws and Regulations

As a prospective recreational drone owner, you might be asking "Do I need to register my drone?"

The FAA has outlined a series of guidelines at https://www.faa.gov/uas/getting_started/ related to drone operation.

Additionally, a Smartphone app is available from the FAA to help unmanned aircraft operators determine whether there are any restrictions or requirements in effect at the location where they want to fly. Check out B4UFLY at the App Store for IOS or Google Play Store for Android.



Orange Barrel Fatigue? Some Projects Already Complete

Construction season is in full swing, with many projects complete or scheduled for completion this year

COMPLETED PROJECTS

Downtown Anderson-

West of Wolfangel Road to East of Asbury Road. After months of work and minor delays, it's smooth sailing down the section of Beechmont Avenue known as "Downtown Anderson," with many safety and aesthetic enhancements now in place. Only a few minor items remain to be completed. An improved Wolfangel-Beechmont intersection provides quicker access and safety, plus pedestrian upgrades.

ODOT safety improvements-

Improvements run from Five Mile Road into Clermont County. More than 25 Beechmont Avenue driveways have been eliminated in a safety upgrade undertaken by the Ohio Department of Transportation. Fewer curb cuts have improved traffic flow and enhanced safety. In addition, a new right turn lane has been created for westbound Beechmont to northbound Eight Mile Road to ease congestion in that area. Roadways striping remains and this project is slated to be complete by summer's end.

Kroger accessway to Wolfangel Road- The opening of businesses at the Shoppes at Anderson Towne Center, on the corner of Wolfangel and Beechmont in front of Kroger's has enabled roadway connections in that area to reopen. Two points of access from Kroger and the Anderson Towne Center to Wolfangel Road will be in place in August.



Eight Mile Road resurfacing- Your ride is noticeably smoother on the resurfaced portion of Eight Mile Road, which was completed in June. The Hamilton County Engineer's Office hopes to pave additional roadways in Anderson Township this fall. Stayed tuned to AndersonTownship.org or the Facebook page, "Anderson Township, Ohio" for future updates.

Kellogg Avenue resurfacing- This project between US 52/Five Mile Road and Kellogg Avenue was completed in early May, just before the summer entertainment season kicked off along the banks of the Ohio River.

CONTINUING CONSTRUCTION

Towne Center Way upgrade- Phase 2

Completion of roadway reconstruction from the rear of Kroger to Five Mile Road is scheduled to begin within the month. Upgrades include storm sewer improvements, roadway leveling, sidewalks, roadway lighting, fencing and landscaping to help bring this former service drive up to public roadway standards. It will result in a safer, smoother ride and new gateway to the northern part of the Anderson Towne Center and Anderson Center. The project is expected to be complete by winter.

I-275 road rehab project- A \$30 million road rehabilitation project along I-275 started this spring, repairing and resurfacing pavement, plus work on five mainline bridges from the Four Mile Road overpass to the Kentucky side of the Ohio River. Projections indicate the project will be complete in summer 2020. Sign up for email construction updates at AndersonTownship.org.



I-275 road rehab project will continue through mid-2020

Grab a 225 Frisbee, Your Camera Phone and Have Some Fun!

Celebrate Anderson Township's 225th anniversary with a free commemorative Frisbee! These Frisbees made their first appearance at the township's Independence Day parade. However, if you missed the celebration, it's not too late to get your own.

Visit the front desk at Anderson Center to pick up a commemorative flying disc for vacations, park visits, grill outs and other summer activities. They also will be available at other township events this year, including Greater Anderson Days.

Take photos of you and your family using the Frisbee and send the digital images to: 225frisbee@AndersonTownship.org to be displayed on a photo wall during September events at Anderson Center. By submitting your photo you could be featured in the fall edition of *Anderson Insights*.



Anderson Trustees Study Options for Property's Future

Four proposals on table for Anderson Center Station development

The future use of a very visible piece of township-owned property is a topic of discussion this summer by Anderson Township Trustees.

Changes could be coming for the 5.6-acre site sitting along Five Mile Road which includes the Metro Park and Ride lot. To meet development demand and maximize the use of the property, trustees issued a request for proposals for the site earlier this year and received four options. While all proposals include a park and ride facility, each proposal utilizes the property in a different fashion, according to Steve Sievers, assistant administrator for operations.

"We're very excited to see this positive response by the business community, and the interest to continue to invest in the center of our community," he said.

While internal discussion will continue this summer, Sievers said after Labor Day the public will be invited to an open house and online commentary opportunity explaining the proposals. (Look for future updates at www.AndersonTownship.org.) Public commentary is important in the process, Sievers noted.

"Our goal is to take a valuable piece of property that is currently being underutilized and create something exciting for the downtown Anderson area and the community at large," said Trustee President Josh Gerth. "This is true economic development in every sense of the term and therefore we need to be mindful of what we allow to happen, its sustainability, the impact on the immediate area and who our partner will be going forward."

"We have very high expectations for what is likely to be one of the most important projects we've seen the last five years," Gerth said.



Community Television to Operate at Anderson Center Through 2018

Anderson's community television station, ACTV, will operate at Anderson Center through the end of the year, per a contract with Anderson Township Trustees. After December 31, 2018, the direction of the station is uncertain.

Mark Macomber who serves as executive director for ACTV and as chair of the ACTV Board of Directors, noted that 2019 will bring many "new and exciting changes to the face of ACTV with a move to a new location, yet to be announced" and an expansion of their media and production services.

The station, funded by Anderson Township, has operated in Anderson Center since 2008 and was downsized several years ago. It currently has one full-time employee who produces government and school district meetings, manages the station and airs submitted local shows. Run by a non-profit board, Anderson Community Television operates independently of Anderson Township.

This year in conjunction with the 225th anniversary celebration of Anderson Township, the station has completed a series of historical narratives sharing details about local historic sites and

residents from years gone by. To view, go online to ac-tv.org and check out the video archives section. If you are a Time Warner Cable subscriber, go to Channels 8, 15 or 18 for local programs.

The television station is open weekdays during the following hours: Monday 10:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Tuesday 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Wednesday 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 10:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. and Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.



HISTORY - 225 YEARS

An Anderson Township Treasure - the Clark Stone House

Still standing after all these years, Clark home is unique in many ways

In the early 1970s, almost 50 years ago, local historian Stephen Smalley (1900-1977) prepared an article about the remarkable stone house at the corner of Clough Pike and Hunley Road. Smalley wrote "Of all of the remaining pioneer homes in Anderson Township this one is, without a doubt, the most interesting. It was built by James Clark Sr. in the year 1801. Clark arrived in the township before the turn of the last century and although there were several families who had settled here before he did, there were very few homes in this neighborhood before this one. None of these homes was as substantially built. The beautiful job of masonry from field stone stands as a monument to the man who built it." In the 1970s, the Joseph Messmer family lived in the house and Mrs. Genevieve Messmer asked Smalley not to publish the article for fear of vandalism.

Today the Clark Stone House is no less remarkable. In 1995 when the Messmer heirs wished to sell the property, it was purchased by Anderson Township. The township has preserved the house and outbuildings. Since 2004, the grounds have been rented to Greenfield Plant Farm. The house has recently been awarded an Ohio Historical Marker that will be dedicated at a celebration on September 16, 2018.

Historian Stephen Smalley speculated that James Clark (1765-1852) was not interested in living in a log cabin but wanted his home to remind him always of the home he left in Virginia. The fireplaces are massive and the mantels primitive. In the 1970s, Smalley was fascinated by the beautiful wooden door hinges that were long enough to cover the entire width of the door and swing on hand-fashioned wooden pivots. In the basement there is a log of enormous size which is a main support of the house. Stone steps still lead to the outside from the basement. The Eastlake-style porch on the east side was added in the late 1800s; and a one-story frame addition was constructed on the north side.



Joseph (1865-1915) and Matilda (1866-1941) Leuser posed with their children Lawrence (1889-1964), Antoinette (1892-1970), Genevieve (1894-1978) and baby Lorena (1903-1935) in front of the house in about 1905.

Adam Leuser purchased the property from the Clark heirs in 1864. Leuser family history suggests that they had been renting the house from the Clark family since the mid-1850s. Adam Leuser's son Joseph became the next owner in 1896 and in 1923 his daughter Genevieve (1894-1978) and her husband Joseph Messmer became the owners. The Messmer family lived in the house and raised their family of five children there. Joseph Messmer (1891-1984) operated a florist shop and greenhouse at the property for many decades. (See page 7 for story about James Clark.)

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



Matilda Leuser was photographed with her three daughters, daughter-in-law and first grandchild on the steps at the west side of the house in 1912. Left to right: Antoinette, Emma Kuntz Leuser (1889-1969), baby Clara Leuser (1912-2007), Matilda, young Lorena and Genevieve. Emma Leuser was the wife of Lawrence Leuser.



A view of the house in 1982 surrounded by outbuildings.

Early Township Resident James Clark Made His Mark Here

The entrepreneur and state legislator built his home on Clough Pike after adventure-filled move from Virginia with his family

The life of little-known pioneer James Clark may not have been a subject found in history books, but he made his mark here in Anderson Township. Still standing proudly after more than 200 years is the formidable eight-room stone house he built in around 1801, which was inhabited until the 1990s.

James Clark (1765-1852) came to the Anderson Township wilderness, traveling by flatboat and wagon with four children under age nine, and a wife who was six months into a pregnancy. His journey to Anderson was a two-month 700-mile odyssey. During his travels, he was robbed, lost his horse, endured sickness, dealt with a broken wagon and traversed mountains and rivers.

After spending several years building his home along the peaceful setting of Clough Creek, he lived the rest of his life here with his wife, Susannah, and 10 children.

During his lifetime, Clark became a contributor to the Anderson community and the larger Ohio region, serving as a justice of the peace, a state legislator and as a judge. As part of his service as a state legislator, he traveled by horseback to Chillicothe (the state capitol at the time) to meet with other legislators. He also helped found a church, a grist mill and an orchard, and served as a teacher.

Dedication of James Clark Stone House Ohio Historical Marker set for Sunday, Sept. 16, at 2 p.m.

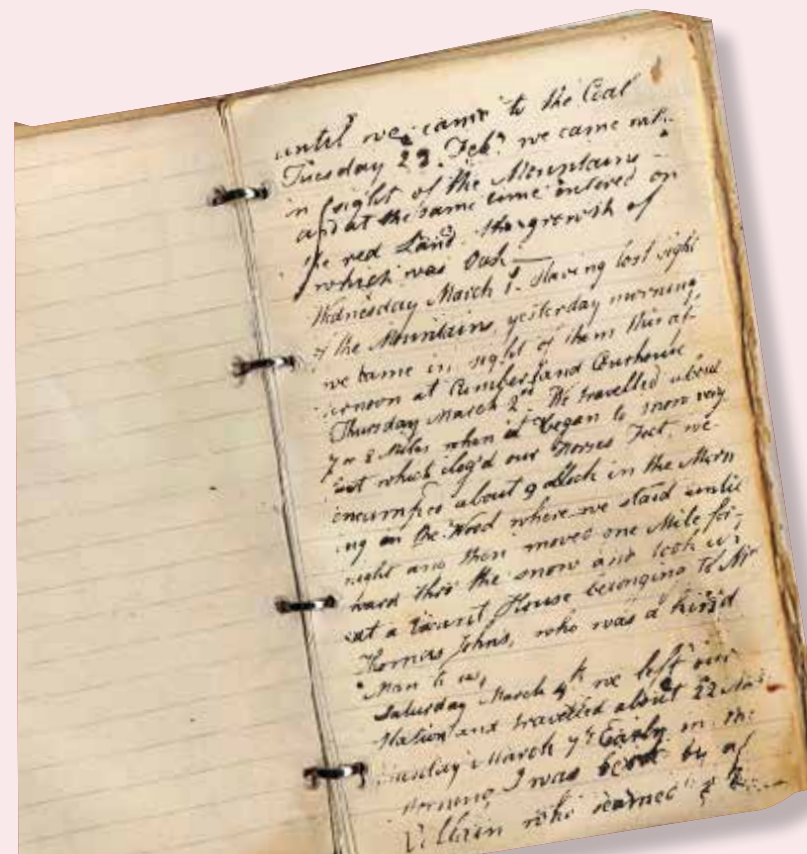


Don Perry from the Anderson Township Historical Society is a descendant of pioneer James Clark. He stands at Clark's gravestone at the Clough Baptist Church Cemetery off Bridges Road.

The current vice president of the Anderson Township Historical Society, Don Perry, is a descendant of the James Clark family. "James Clark was one of the many early Anderson Township settlers who made incredible sacrifices and took risks to establish a new life and community here," Perry noted. "Like many others, he faced many obstacles and through hard work and intelligence helped make Anderson what it is today." James Clark is Perry's paternal fourth great-grandfather.

A journal of Clark's family adventure has been preserved and is housed at the Cincinnati History Library and the Museum Center. Anderson Township has a printout of the text of the diary online. Go to AndersonTownship.org and type in the key word: diary.

Enjoy a brief video created by Anderson Township about the James Clark Stone House and its owner by going to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oTNHa98O8SI>.



Three Trees Cited for Beauty in Township Program

Anderson Township loves its trees, and it shows. This year, three “Great Trees” were named in a local program that recognizes impressive trees within our borders.

Anderson also continues its work preserving and maintaining the tree canopy through its volunteer Anderson Township Tree Committee which undertakes many projects on behalf of trees located in the right-of-way.

Nominate your favorite tree for the Great Trees Awards for 2019 by sending your suggestions to the Anderson Township Tree Committee c/o Joshua Eastlake at joshua.eastlake@gmail.com.



Ornamental Tree: Red Horse Chestnut (*Aesculus x carnea*)
Landowner: Richard Bailey and Ruth Grant
Location: 7365 Lawyer Road



Evergreen Tree: Weeping Eastern White Pine (*Pinus strobus*)
Landowner: Michael Roberts
Location: 406 Sunny Acres Dr.



Shade Tree: European Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*)
Landowner: James Andrews
Location: 6781 High Meadows Dr.

Upgraded Outdoor Spaces Awards Given by Township

Check out these winners of the annual beautification awards, sponsored by the Beautification and Betterment Committee of Anderson Township:



Outstanding private residential garden/landscape:
 1274 Collinsdale Ave.



Site improvement: Skyline



Outstanding residential garden/landscape design: Estates of Forest Hills



Outstanding nonresidential garden/landscape design: El Coyote

Bicentennial Quilt Retrieved from Archives For Display

Noted features and places that define the unique character of Anderson Township became the topic of a fabric portrait of the community during the 1993 Bicentennial celebration. Now, 25 years later during the 225th township anniversary, the colorful quilt that depicted Anderson living will be hung in public for the first time in decades.

The Anderson Township Bicentennial Quilt was a labor of love for 30 local quilters from the Ohio Valley Quilters' Guild who created it in the early 1990s. Colorful muslin blocks were sewn, appliqued or embroidered to depict a loose map of the township, running from the Little Miami River at the top, with Beechmont Avenue in the middle, to features and entertainment on the Ohio River at the bottom.

Bound by green sashing that ties all the parts together, each quilt block has a different feel and style. That lack of uniformity was part of the fun, so participants worked without a guideline or structure, according to Jane Goodrich, now 91, who remembers assigning the women the squares and wondering how it would all turn out. Goodrich orchestrated the work on the quilt from 1990-1992.

"The thing I remember most is that I just gave blank pieces of cloth to the women and I told them the part of the township I wanted them to do. I did not make any design... I was so pleased with how it turned out," Goodrich said.

Bicentennial Commission Board Member Ron Edgerton, who created a map of local historic

homes during the Bicentennial, said he explored with the quilters the idea of using the geographic approach for the project, making it a potential companion to the historical map that was also created for the event. The idea stuck and a format was created.

Although many participants are gone, quilter Karen Boothe, who still lives in Anderson Township, remembers she quilted the River Downs section. "My husband, a self-taught artist, drew the horse and various items that I would be quilting. I proceeded to do the stitching," she said. "At that time, I was not an experienced quilter.

To the contrary, I was just learning. It was very kind of the ladies who were involved to allow me to take a chance and stitch one of the squares for this historic quilt."

Other significant elements of the quilt include squares depicting Anderson's agriculture history, industry, Mt. Washington, Anderson's Beechmont thoroughfare (Eat! Shop! Pray!), sports, the Five Mile Chapel and Miller-Leuser Log House, medical services and Anderson parks.

As part of the township's 225th anniversary celebration, the quilt will be displayed at Anderson Center on September 14-16 and at the Anderson Township Heritage Center on September 30 during the "Tour of Historic Anderson" event.

The quilt is owned by the Anderson Township Historical Society.



Bicentennial Quilt from 1993, owned by Anderson Township Historical Society



Famous elements of Beechmont Avenue as depicted on the 1993 Bicentennial Quilt.

Outdoor Signage, Anderson Center Display Planned

Look for new outdoor interpretive signs at historic spots, pioneer cemetery tour video, historic banner display at Anderson Center

Keep your eyes open for commemorative projects that launch in late summer and early fall this year.

Three **outdoor legacy signs** detailing both early and more recent times in the township are scheduled to be installed this fall. Funded by Anderson Township and the non-profit Greater Anderson Township Betterment Commission, the permanent interpretive display boards will share a collage of historic photos and text at the following locations:

Kellogg Avenue: Planned for Kellogg Park and Dog Field, this two part-display will touch on the topic of New Richmond Pike (now Kellogg Avenue) and the history of this area, including Parker's Grove (now Coney Island), the Jacob Markley farm at Five Mile Road, plus the Sweetwine farming community.

Wolfangel and Beechmont: Planned for the northwest corner of Wolfangel and Beechmont, this display will be installed in the plaza area at the Shoppes at Anderson Towne Center. The sign details the Forestville farming settlement and businesses on Beechmont during the mid-20th century.

Clough and Hunley: Planned for the heart of the Clough Historic Business District, this display sign will include information on schools, churches, the James Clark Stone House and Miller-Leuser Log House.

Steve Sievers, assistant administrator for operations, said the display signs will include scenes long-term residents may recognize from 25 years ago. "There will be a mix of information from generations gone past, and more recent days, that will help to tell

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The **Anderson Township History Room** in the lower atrium of Anderson Center will be open for visitors, with docents on hand to share information about artifacts and local history.

Local blacksmith **Jordan Graff** of Iron Belle Metal Design will demonstrate his craft during the outdoor celebration. While there, also enjoy a print display of replications of the 60+ historic banners that are hanging in business districts around the township. Background notes about each banner will be included with the displays.

Don't forget to view the **original artwork from Nagel Middle School** students created in honor of the 225th anniversary, which will be on display in the lower atrium. Also, check out the **Anderson Township Bicentennial Quilt**, crafted by quilters 25 years ago in honor of the community's bicentennial celebration. Local quilters also will be on hand with a variety of their handiwork. *(See page 8 for story.)*

Another guest for the event is **Bob Genheimer, curator of archeology** at the Cincinnati Museum Center, who will bring Anderson Township artifacts that have been uncovered in numerous digs over the decades. Bring your own treasures that



Jacob Markley gravestone at Five Mile Chapel Cemetery

the story of Anderson Township for years to come," he said.

Considering Anderson's current suburban/urban nature, it is difficult to imagine more than **20 pioneer cemeteries** once dotted its rolling hillsides. While not all sites are still in existence, the township has created an easy-to-understand booklet that notes which areas are accessible to the public.

Download the booklet at AndersonTownship.org/225 or stop by Anderson Center for a copy. Two descendants of some of the earliest

Anderson inhabitants share commentary on video about three of the cemeteries still in existence. For this video narrative, go to www.AndersonTownship.org/225.

Curious about photos on those **60+ historic banners** hanging in the township's business district? Get up close and personal with the images used in these banners when you visit Anderson Center during August and September downstairs in the lower atrium.

you have found here to learn about their origins. Genheimer will visit with the public from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

"It's pretty amazing that Anderson Township has been here for 225 years," said Township Trustee Vice President Andrew Pappas. "If you factor everything going on here today, Anderson Township has never been better."

Events are sponsored by Anderson Township and supported by the efforts of the Anderson Township Historical Society, which celebrates its 50th anniversary year this year.



Local blacksmith Jordan Graff will demonstrate his craft at the 225th anniversary celebration of Anderson Township on September 16.

Senior Center Receives High Marks: Survey

A recent survey of almost half of the Anderson Township Senior Center's members showed positive marks for the center, including wide acceptance and appreciation of the organization's activities, services, and social events.

The survey was taken over a six-week period at the site and included responses from 191 members, about 50 percent of the membership.

Here's what was learned from the survey results: Three of four members lived in Anderson Township and about two of three are women. The average age of participants is 79 years old.

The most popular activities include presentations, trips, musical entertainment, parties and tours. Almost all members drive themselves to the center, with just one in 10 using alternative transportation. Members indicated they were well-informed about activities, programs and events.

More than 80 percent of members indicated the current Senior Center hours, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. are appropriate.

Suggestions for improvement included a new approach to registration for center activities.

Some comments from members included:

- **Thank you for the much-improved cleanliness and maintenance of the center.**
- **Thanks for saving this valuable community resource.**
- **The changes since the township took over are great!**
- **I have been privileged to hear interesting speakers that I otherwise would not have had the opportunity. I love coming to ATSC!**



Anderson Library Offers Passport Services at New Station

Whether you have an expired passport that needs renewal, or you've never had a passport before, the Anderson Township Branch Library is ready to help with its new Passport Station.

Through this new service, the library provides copies of any needed passport forms, or forms can be found on the U.S. Department of State website. Then call and make an appointment for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for any Saturday. A library staff member will help you submit your forms, and even take your passport photo, which costs \$10.

"It's exciting to offer passport service to the residents of Anderson Township and our neighboring communities," said Branch Manager Denise Sretchen. "Having staff members trained as passport agents provides an added benefit to the community, as making a trip to their nearby branch cuts down on travel time to other passport facilities. There is always free parking here at the branch as well as plenty of materials to check out before or after the passport application has been completed."

Items applicants will need to obtain a passport:

- **A completed DS-11 application for a U.S. passport (black pen only)**
- **Proof of U.S. citizenship**
- **Proof of identity**
- **Social Security number**
- **Passport photo**

Two separate payments are required for a new passport: the passport fee for the U.S. Department of State and the execution fee for the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County.

Official information about U.S. Passports is available from the State Department website and from the National Passport Information Center (877-487-2778). The U.S. Department of State has the sole responsibility for examining applications and issuing passports.

Call 369-6030 to make an appointment. Allow 30 minutes per person for the passport application process. For more information, go to www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/Services/Passport.html.



Ober Hangs Up Chief's Hat After Long Career



Mark Ober

After almost 42 years of service with the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department, the last 16 as chief of the department, Chief Mark Ober will retire August 3, 2018. Ober has served as Anderson Township's chief longer than any other fire chief in the department's 78-year history.

Early in his career, he completed his paramedic certification at the University of Cincinnati and numerous certifications in fire service. He also completed the Executive Leadership Course at the National Fire Academy and the Ohio Fire Executive Training Course before returning to U.C. where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Fire and Safety Engineering Technology. He later attained a Master of Public Administration degree from Northern Kentucky University.

Under his leadership, the township secured and retained its favorable "3" Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating, a fire service classification system used to evaluate all aspects of U.S. fire departments. Most recently, Ober implemented a joint agreement between Anderson Township and the village of Newtown for fire and EMS services.

During his tenure as chief, Ober empowered his staff which led to a cohesive team that routinely delivers outstanding customer service to residents and businesses in Anderson and the village of Newtown. Firefighters were encouraged to innovate and have done so with projects ranging from extensive public education programs to the redesign of ambulances to improve patient care and provide additional safety for the paramedics delivering that care.

Ober also serves as incident command instructor for National Incident Management Systems, as a member of the Hamilton County Heroin Coalition and is the Southwest District director of the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association.

Shelley Retires After 15 Years in Public Works



Richard Shelley

After 15 years managing the township's road work, large capital improvement projects and township venues, Richard Shelley has retired as director of Public Works.

He began his career with Anderson Township in 2003 after stints with Dearborn County, Indiana, and the city of Cincinnati.

During his tenure, Shelley established a cost-effective, preventive maintenance program for the upkeep of township roads and sidewalks. He and his team also worked to ensure that the more than 120 miles of township roads were cleared quickly and efficiently after every snowfall.

During his years with the township, Shelley was charged with overseeing some of the largest capital improvement projects the township had ever undertaken including construction of the award-winning Five Mile Trail, Anderson Center Station, and Anderson Center. With the completion of these projects, his role as public works director expanded to include events management. Currently, township properties can now accommodate more than 1,800 weddings, parties, seminars, and theatrical performances every year.

When the township assumed management and operation of the Anderson Township Senior Center in 2016, Shelley's duties grew as he provided oversight for that program.

He also served as the president of the Hamilton County Road Superintendents and represented Anderson on the Hamilton County Storm Water Management committee.

Learn How to Save Cash on Utilities Through 'Get Efficient Program'

High summer utility bills got you down? Check out a new resource available to Anderson Township residents.

Anderson Township is now partnering with the Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance to offer a free energy-efficiency online assessment tool that can help you save money.

The non-profit Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance has created *GetEfficient.org* GCEA, which helps homeowners identify ways to make

their home more energy efficient, plus connects homeowners with program-approved contractors, and provides unbiased feedback about the financial feasibility of the recommended improvements.

In addition, for those who choose to implement energy efficiency improvements, the agency can provide access to long-term, fixed rate, unsecured financing that makes the investment affordable.

For your free home energy assessment visit: *GetEfficient.org*.



EVENTS



Winning Parade Photo 2018
Lindsey Stelzer



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The Lounge
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Sponsored by Sports Clip Haircuts



Best Business
The Dance Realm Studios
Sponsored by Mt. Washington Care Center

Public Meetings

(Times and dates subject to change with notice)

Board of Township Trustees

Regular Monthly Meeting

Thursday, Aug. 16, 6 p.m.

Interim Meeting

Thursday, Aug. 2, 2 p.m.

Anderson Township Senior Center Advisory Committee

Thursday, Aug. 16, 2 p.m.
Meets at Senior Center,
7970 Beechmont Ave.

Betterment and Beautification Committee

Thursday, Sept. 13, 4 p.m.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Thursday, Aug. 2, 5:30 p.m.

Economic Development Committee

Tuesday, Sept. 25, 3 p.m.

Greenspace Advisory Committee

Meets as needed

Tree Committee

Monday, Sept. 10, 7 p.m.

Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, Sept. 4, 6:30 p.m.

Zoning Commission

Monday, Aug. 27, 5:30 p.m.

All meetings are held at
Anderson Center
7850 Five Mile Road
Anderson Township,
Ohio 45230
688-8400

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Bounty of the Season Found at Local Market



Enjoy the bounty of the season at Anderson Farmers' Market this year! Three special events are scheduled for the market throughout the rest of the summer and into the fall. Here's the lineup of events:

August 4- Zucchini Bread Bake-off
September 15- Pie Bake-off Competition
October 27- Fall Fest and last market

The market is open from 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday through October. Sign up for weekly vendor notifications at AndersonFarmersMarket.org. Anderson Farmers' Market is a non-profit entity that operates at Anderson Center Station, 7832 Five Mile Road.

Greater Anderson Days Set for July 27-29

Returning for its 20th year, Greater Anderson Days packs three evenings with food, fun and fireworks on July 27, 28 and 29 at Beech Acres Park.

Each year, thousands of people enjoy live music, a talent show, games, rides, food and an amazing fireworks show by Rozzi's Famous Fireworks, courtesy of the Beechmont Automotive Group. The fireworks display at 9:45 p.m. on Sunday, July 29, is a great finale to this community weekend.

Live music features The Kevin McCoy Band on July 27, The Company Band on July 28 and BackBeat on July 29. Businesses and groups also

promote their offerings through the many booths set up at the event.

Partners for the popular summer celebration include the Anderson Park District, Anderson Foundation for Parks and Recreation, Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce and Anderson Township. Proceeds from the event benefit the Anderson Foundation for Parks and Recreation.

The event runs 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, July 27 and 28, and 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Sunday, July 29.

For more information and stage schedule, visit AndersonParks.com/anderson-days.



Day of Fun Scheduled for Emergency Services Day

Expect educational experiences that teach kids while they play

Hands on learning, along with a dose of just plain family fun, is on the agenda for the October 6 Emergency Services Day this fall at the Beechmont Fire Station (Station 6), 7954 Beechmont Ave.

That's the day the station takes on a new look from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. when kids' activities become the focus of the day.

Emergency Services Day
Saturday, Oct. 6
7954 Beechmont Ave.
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

As part of the township's fourth Emergency Services Day, Anderson Township Fire and Rescue and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office team up to create activities that help children learn important messages "that can help keep them stay safe in an emergency," notes Firefighter-paramedic Marvin Conley, who works in the life safety division.

Pretend scenarios are used to teach, including a simulated fire situation that allows children to "knock down flames" at the Flame House, with water from a hose. Children take turns becoming patients in an ambulance, dress up like firefighters and interact with personnel from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office as they display their apparatus. Also, on site is a fire simulator trailer called the Smokehouse, which shares safety messages to practice such as

"crawl low under smoke," "get out stay out," and "close the door and go to your meeting place."

The event coincides with the annual Fire Prevention Week, which runs from October 7-13.



Enjoy a Visit to Log House During Country Store 2018

Silent auction, children's games, flea market and raffle highlight two-day event

The 49th annual Log House Country Store will be hosted at the historic Miller-Leuser Log House from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday Sept. 29, and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30. The Miller-Leuser Log House, one of the few structures remaining from pioneer days, is at 6550 Clough Pike, just east of Bartels Road.

Food is available both days of the event. Handmade stitchery, crafts, fresh produce and plants are available for sale, along with an assortment of pastries at the Bake Shop. A variety of children games, a raffle and flea market, and a silent auction featuring donated items round out activities.



The proceeds of the Log House Country Store help support the restoration, preservation and maintenance of the 222-year-old log house. For details go to AndersonTownshipHistoricalSociety.org.



CONNECT

JULY

Greater Anderson Days

Beech Acres Park, 6910 Salem Road

Friday, July 27 and Saturday, July 28, 5-11 p.m.;

Sunday, July 29, 5-10 p.m.

Info: AndersonParks.com or 388-5082

Beechmont Players-*The Canterville Ghost*

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road

Friday and Saturday, July 27-28, 8 p.m.

Sunday, July 29, 3 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 3, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 4, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Tickets: \$20; Students, seniors and active military: \$18

Info: 513-BEECHMT (233-2468)

AUGUST

Anderson Center 225th Anniversary Display in Lower Atrium

7850 Five Mile Road

Open regular Anderson Center hours

Free display showing replicas of historic banners and collaborative student artwork

Party on the Plaza-Buzz Bin

Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road

Thursday, Aug. 2 5:30-9:30 p.m.

Info: AndersonPartyonthePlaza.com

Concessions \$5 and under.

Performing Arts Inc.

Anderson Center Theater, 7950 Five Mile Road

Jungle Book Kids-Sunday, Aug. 5 and

Monday, Aug. 6, 7 p.m.

Mary Poppins Jr.-Tuesday, Aug. 7 and

Wednesday Aug. 8, 7 p.m.

Singin' in the Rain, Jr.-Thursday, Aug. 9, 7 p.m.

Singin' in the Rain, Jr.-Saturday, Aug. 11, 5 p.m.

Mary Poppins, Jr.-Sunday, Aug. 12, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Party on the Plaza-The Dan Varner Band

Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road

Thursday, Aug. 23, 5:30-9:30 p.m.

Info: AndersonPartyonthePlaza.com

Concessions \$5 and under

The township does not endorse the purposes and policies of any renter or user of facilities at Anderson Center, Anderson Center Station, Anderson Township Senior Center, the Anderson Township Heritage Center or any other township-owned facilities.

Merit Theater Company-*Horizons of Gold*

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road

Friday, Aug. 24, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 25, 2 and 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 26, 3 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 31, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 1, 2 and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, Sept. 2, 3 p.m.

Tickets: \$18 adults; \$16 seniors; children 12 and under, \$12

Tickets: Available online at nkyct.org

SEPTEMBER

Dedication of Ohio Historical Marker at James Clark Stone House

6840 Clough Pike

Sunday, Sept. 16, 2 p.m.

Fourth Ohio Historical Marker to be dedicated in Anderson Township

Clough Pike History Walk

Clough Pike Historic District

Sunday, Sept. 16, 1-4 p.m.

Free

Info: AndersonTownship.org/225

Anniversary Celebration at Anderson Center

Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road

Sunday, Sept. 16, 4-7:30 p.m.

Free concert and displays at Anderson Center to celebrate township's 225th anniversary

Log House Country Store- 50th Anniversary of Historical Society

Clough Pike at Bartels Road

Saturday, Sept. 29, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and

Sunday, Sept. 30, noon-5 p.m.

Free

Info: 231-2114 or AndersonTownshipHistoricalSociety.org

Soiree for Success- A Benefit for the Forest Hills Foundation for Education

Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road

Saturday, September 29, 7-11 p.m.

Registration and tickets: www.fhfe.org



Photo courtesy Mark Magna

Tour of Historic Anderson

Sunday, Sept. 30, 1-4 p.m. – Various locations

Free

Self-guided tour of many historic and noted places in and around Anderson

For a downloadable tour guide, go to

AndersonTownship.org

OCTOBER

Emergency Services Day

Beechmont Fire Station, 7954 Beechmont Ave.

Saturday, Oct. 6, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Free

Info: AndersonTownship.org

Performing Arts, Inc.-*Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella*

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road

Tuesday, Oct. 9 and Thursday, Oct. 11, 7 p.m.

Showcase Younger Children-Wednesday, Oct. 10 (time TBD)

Showcase Older Children-Friday, Oct. 12 (TBD)

Tickets: \$10, purchase online at pai.seatyourself.biz.

Info: 257-4482

Beechmont Players-Widdershins

Anderson Center Theater- 7850 Five Mile Road

Friday and Saturday, Oct. 19-20, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 21, 3 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 26, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 27, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Tickets: \$20; Students, seniors and active military: \$18

Info: 513-BEECHMT (233-2468)

Jack-O-Lantern Walk

Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road

Saturday, October 27, 7-9 p.m.

Free

Info: Molly Mohrfield at 688-8400 or mmohrfield@AndersonTownship.org

Ongoing events

Anderson Township Farmers' Market

Anderson Center Station, 7832 Five Mile Road

Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon

Info: AndersonFarmersMarket.org

Market runs through October

Anderson Township History Room

Open year-round: Tuesdays 6-8:45 p.m.,

Wednesdays and Sundays, 1-4 p.m.

Sponsored by the Anderson Township Historical Society and Anderson Township

Info: 688-8400





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Travel Through Past During 'Tour of Historic Anderson'
 Landmarks open for visit during self-guided tour on September 30

If you've seen Anderson's historic buildings but never visited some of them, take an afternoon to tour all these still-standing places of interest during a special event called, "Tour of Historic Anderson."

Scheduled for 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 30, the free go-at-your-own-pace tour features some of the places that have shaped Anderson's history. The tour includes a school that is now a restaurant, a 200+ year-old log cabin, one of the oldest stone houses still standing in southern Ohio, and the Johnson Hills Park home. The tour is part of the township's celebration of its 225th anniversary.

In addition, plans are being made for stops at historic sites in neighboring communities, including the neighborhoods of California, Mt. Washington and the Village of Newtown.

"One of the interesting things I have done since becoming a trustee is tour some of our historic buildings. I hope many residents will take advantage of this opportunity to see inside of these places and celebrate our heritage," said Trustee Dee Stone. For a downloadable link to the tour, go to <https://arcg.is/01Hqmi>.

Stops along the route include these venues:

Miller-Leuser Log Home
 James Clark Stone House
 Clough Crossings
 Johnson Hills Park Home
 Five Mile Chapel

Forest Hills School District
 Administration Office
 (Collage of school district history)
 Anderson Center History
 Room

Withrow Nature Preserve-
 Highwood Lodge
 Salem Community Church