

# ANDERSON Insights

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THE VOICE OF ANDERSON TOWNSHIP

## Lower Rates Approved for Electricity Aggregation Program

*Eligible Anderson residents will receive “opt-out” information before new rates go into effect in July.*

Good news for Anderson Township residents enrolled in the voter-approved electricity aggregation program; your rate will drop starting with your July Duke Energy bill.



Anderson Township Trustees recently approved a rate contract renewal retaining Dynegy Energy Solutions as the continued provider in the township’s electricity aggregation program. Rates approved are \$0.0498/kWh for regular energy and \$0.0508/kWh for 100 percent renewable energy.

These rates will begin with the July 2020 meter read and continue for

three years. Residents who are eligible for the program will receive information in the mail about opting out of the township’s aggregation program, like the mailer that was sent at the beginning of the program.

**Participants in the Anderson Electricity Aggregation Program saved four percent over regular Duke Energy customers in the last three years.**

“By entering into a group commitment, residents have enjoyed lower prices these past three years,” noted Township Trustee Chairman Josh Gerth. “Our aggregation program has eliminated some of the fluctuations in the price of electricity and so residents in the program have enjoyed greater saving by locking in a fixed rate.”

Dynegy reports from 2019 show that residents in the program saved 4 percent over regular Duke customers. As of September 2019, that equals more than \$783,000 in collective savings during the lifetime of the program.

Duke’s rate through the first half of 2019 averaged \$.0575/kWh without the benefit of aggregation program savings, according to information supplied by Dynegy.

More than 10,000 Anderson households are enrolled in the electricity aggregation program. Anderson Township does not receive any revenue from this program.

### Here are a few commonly asked questions about the program:

**If I am a current member of the township’s aggregation program, do I need to do anything to stay in the program?** Due to the rate change, all eligible residents will be receiving an opt-out notice like the one sent at the program’s inception.

### Eligible residents residing within the township are those who:

- » Currently participate in the township aggregation program;
- » Have not signed up on Public Utilities Commission of Ohio “do not aggregate” list;
- » Are currently not under contract with another third-party provider;
- » Are not in the Percentage of Income Payment Program;
- » Have not previously opted-out of the township aggregation program;
- » Are currently receiving the Duke Energy standard offer;
- » Are businesses with usage less than 700,000 kWh per year.

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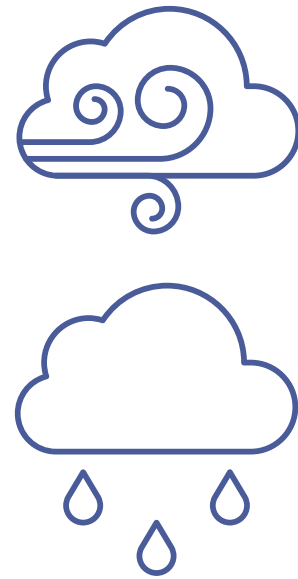


# TOWNSHIP NEWS

Beautiful vistas in Anderson are often accompanied by hillsides and streams leading to the Ohio or Little Miami rivers. Storm water detention basins hold water during heavy rain, then release it into creeks as the water levels drop.



At left, efficiency of basins is compromised with overgrown vegetation and trash; at right is a basin in good repair.



## Township Moves to Educate, Encourage Repairs

**Basins on private property surveyed in 2019; basin owners encouraged to make them more effective.**

Last year, Anderson Township staff members made “house calls” to more than 125 storm water detention basins, those sites that help collect stormwater to reduce erosion and deter flooding. Now that each above-ground site has been checked out and documented, the township is creating a plan to better ensure these are functioning correctly.

“It’s a tricky process,” said Assistant Administrator for Operations Steve Sievers.

“Nearly all of these detention basins lie on private property, and ongoing maintenance of basins is not regulated by any government entity.” Of course, it is advantageous these basins function correctly to enhance public safety, he noted. “The common goal is to reduce the intensity of runoff that can turn streams into raging waterways,” he added.

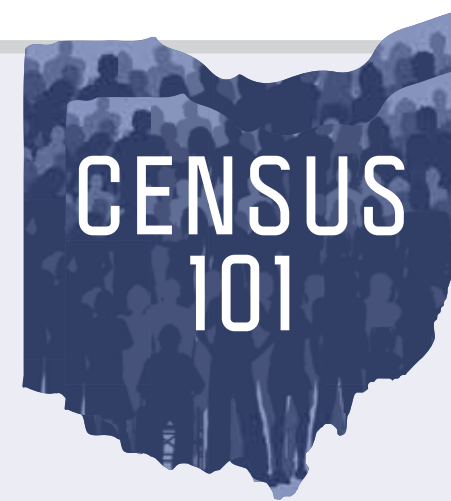
“Our beautiful vistas throughout Anderson are often accompanied by hillsides and streams that drain to the Ohio or Little Miami rivers,” Sievers said. The basins serve to hold stormwater during heavy rainfall events, then slowly release water into creeks as water levels drop, reducing the possibility of flooding and erosion that comes from our hilly terrain, he said.

Management of stormwater is an important factor in enhancing public safety, Sievers added. “The use of these private infrastructure basins, which have been required by Hamilton County since the mid-1990s with new construction or with redevelopment, have been one of the most effective tools to use in managing stormwater.”

On site basin visits last year uncovered the fact that one of five structures may be compromised in some way. Many were overgrown with honeysuckle or other vegetation.

Sievers said the township has developed materials to educate property and business owners, and homeowners associations as to suggested maintenance steps. The information also seeks to remind owners of the storm basins’ importance to the waterways in our community. “This outreach also is intended to help reduce their legal liability if the facility is not working correctly,” Sievers said. Additionally, as part of the process, Anderson also has reported problem basins to Hamilton County for a more detailed assessment. The county then notified owners of suggested corrective actions.

“In recent years, there has been a growing concern among our residents about the impacts from stormwater runoff of the streams in our community,” said Trustee Vice Chair Dee Stone. “Although these stormwater storage facilities aren’t regulated by the township, we believe that by working hand-in-hand with basin owners, we can make sure these facilities are being used in the best way to help address erosion, flooding and the quality of water in our streams.”



## WHY IT MATTERS, HOW OUR COMMUNITY BENEFITS

LOCAL LEADERS URGE ANDERSON RESIDENTS TO DO THEIR PART BY COMPLETING THEIR 2020 CENSUS FORM.

**Every member of U.S. households is counted once a decade, as mandated by the U.S. Constitution.**

During the census, both the population and households are counted, providing the basis for reapportioning congressional seats, redistricting and distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds.

“Doing your part to help the Cincinnati region provide accurate census information is of vital importance,” said Hamilton County Commissioner Denise Driehaus. She’s the co-chair of the Complete Count Committee of Cincinnati-Hamilton County, a group working to achieve the most accurate census in our region. (Anderson Township is also a participant.)

“Each person not counted in Greater Cincinnati represents a loss of \$1,800 in federal funds per year,” she said.

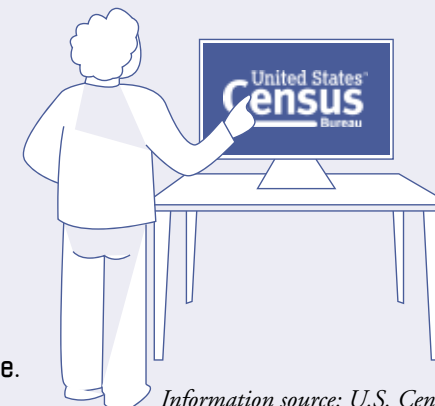
While the official 2020 Census Day is April 1, almost all households will receive their nine-question census invitation in the mail in mid-March. This year, responding to the census will be easier than ever with an online option, as well as a mail and phone option. This is the first time Americans can respond to the census online.

Why is responding to the census request important? For one, the distribution of \$675 billion in federal funds, grants and financial support to states, counties and communities is based on census data, according to Steve Sievers, assistant administrator of operations. In Anderson, this support has assisted with funds for housing, education, transportation, employment, public policy and health care. Since 2010, the township has received more than \$15.3 million in grants and funds for projects.

### Importance of the Data

Another key reason the census is important relates to fair representation. Census results are used to reapportion the national and Ohio House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets. State officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts.

**2020 WILL BE EASIER THAN EVER.**  
In 2020, you will be able to respond to the census online.



Information source: U.S. Census Bureau

“People sometimes wonder about the safety of sharing data with the Census Bureau,” said Trustee Vice Chair Dee Stone. “While you are required by law to participate, and it’s a fundamental civic duty, the Census Bureau also has a legal responsibility to protect your answers. No personal information is disclosed,” she said.

**Note:** If you do not respond to the census by late April the U.S. Census Bureau will follow up with you in person to collect your response. “This not only increases that cost, it can be more inconvenient to residents as census workers attempt to visit missing housing units, and may impact the reliability of our census count,” said Township Planner 1 PJ Ginty.

In addition to the importance of the census for representation, funding allocation, and as a civic duty, census information provides the building block for data that is used for key public policy and planning decisions, as well as private investment, Ginty added.

## YOUR PRIVACY IS PROTECTED

By law, your responses cannot be used against you and can only be used to produce statistics.



### Uses of Census Data

According to the Census Bureau, **local government officials** use the census to ensure public safety and plan for future land use and infrastructure.

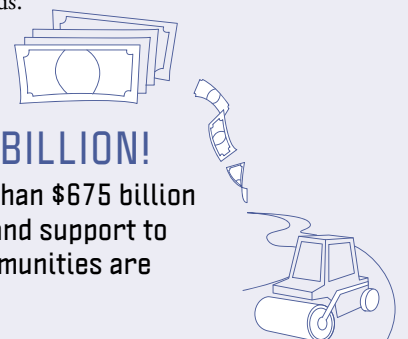
**Businesses** use the data to decide where to build new stores, offices, and other developments, which create new jobs and strengthen our tax base.

**Residents** use the information to support community initiatives involving legislation, consumer advocacy and quality of life projects.

**Real estate developers and city planners** use the census to plan new homes and improve neighborhoods.

## IT’S ABOUT \$675 BILLION!

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## Future Fun: RecPlex Renovations Underway

### Improvements to park district facility to add new life to 50-year-old multi-purpose building.

A local indoor recreation facility is now undergoing a giant face lift to be ready for the future.

Upgrades to Anderson's popular indoor recreational facility, the Anderson Parks RecPlex, began in January, with a completion date not yet announced.

**The township-owned facility, purchased last year from Beech Acres, is the main park district facility for programs and sports leagues.** Built in 1970, the facility has been closed for upgrades since January 6.

Anderson Township leases the facility to the Anderson Park District and does not participate in any day-to-day operations or programming at the site.

Improvements include updated utilities, plumbing, gym air conditioning, painting, an expanded reception area including conference room, upgraded restrooms with handicap accessibility, energy efficient lighting and new acoustical ceilings.



Renovation of the Anderson Parks Recplex includes many upgrades including handicap accessibility.

Anderson Park District Director Ken Kushner said renovations to the facility will create an efficient space that will be more welcoming to residents and be easier to maintain. For an update on current summer parks programming opportunities, check on [AndersonParks.com](http://AndersonParks.com).

Former Anderson Park Commissioner Josh Gerth now serves as Township Trustee Chair. Years ago, he promised park district leadership that he would work to advance the relationship between the township and park district. "If possible, I said I would try to secure additional resources that could help the Anderson Park District support their mission," he said.

Many years later the township was able to purchase the building and fund its renovation through collaboration with the Forest Hills School District. Now an "innovative and sustaining funding source for the RecPlex" is in place due to monies made available through Tax Increment Financing, at no added tax burden to the public, Gerth said. "This project is a wonderful example of how government working together can produce results for the greater good."

"With a team effort from the parks, township and schools, we are pleased to be updating an important community resource that is the center of many activities year-round," said Vicky Earhart, township administrator. "Our community and our community's future will be stronger for this effort."



Erosion continues to plague this portion of Clough Creek.

## Basin on Township Property Will Help Reduce Downstream Erosion and Flooding on Clough Creek

### Private developer Harmony Senior Living to create bypass channel on adjacent township land.

Given the increasing frequency of heavy rainstorms in recent years, it is not uncommon for Clough Pike drivers to observe the raging waters of Clough Creek. This has raised some concerns in Anderson Township.

However, a new regional floodwater diversion project on Clough Creek is projected to help some of these problems. Steve Sievers, assistant administrator for operations in Anderson Township, said as private developer Harmony Senior Living begins construction on their new senior housing facility on Clough Pike (west of Newtown Road), they have agreed to fund and build a bypass channel. The channel is located on an adjacent, downstream, 10-acre township-owned site.

The water diversion system will address pre-existing conditions on Clough Creek, Sievers said. It is not replacing the on-site stormwater controls that will be required and constructed on the Harmony site.

Clough Creek, the "funnel" of the Clough watershed, is tightly constrained in many areas, which exacerbates this situation, Sievers noted. "The Clough watershed is one of 10 in our community. More than 90 percent of the land draining into Clough Creek is developed, which results in added pressure on the stream. The vast majority of development occurred prior to the implementation of storm water controls in Hamilton County in the late 1980s and early 1990s," Sievers noted.

As Clough Creek rises, the new basin is designed to absorb some of the flow of the creek, where it will pass through a series of mini-basins, separated by weirs. Water will then be held in the bypass basin until the creek waters drop and will then be released slowly back into the stream channel.

Sievers noted that nearly 20 acres will be impacted by construction in this area. A little less than half will be related to developing the regional stormwater basin. Once the project is completed, plans call for reestablishment of the acreage with native species, a "green infrastructure" project that will greatly benefit the long-term health and stability of Clough Creek, Sievers said. "What residents will see in the coming months is not all related to the Harmony development, but instead represents a sizable off-site improvement by Harmony to address a pre-existing situation," he said.

"This project will go a long way to keeping this area green for future generations," noted Trustee Chair Josh Gerth. The township has agreed that this parcel, which is not Greenspace, will be maintained by the township as open space moving forward, he added. "We appreciate the developer working with the township to address these concerns, above and beyond what they are required to do," he said.

The work also sets the stage for a future sidewalk connection between the Clough Business District and Turpin Hills. Gerth noted. "By helping to reduce downstream erosion, we will hopefully reduce the amount of land being consumed into the creek moving forward," Sievers noted.



Flooding on Clough Creek during heavy rain

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## Restriping Plan for Beechmont Avenue on Track for This Year

*As part of this year's resurfacing of Beechmont, an ODOT project includes bicycle lane identification, bus stops and handicap accommodations.*

While 2020 looks like a lighter year in terms of road-related projects in Anderson Township, one larger project is scheduled for this summer. This plan includes resurfacing of Beechmont Avenue within the township, adding a new striping pattern that will better accommodate all forms of transportation.

The project stems from recommendations in the township's consolidated Beechmont Corridor Plan, updated in 2018.

Handicap-accessible ramps will be reworked in some areas, while bicycle-specific lanes will be identified on Beechmont through pavement striping. These improvements are planned in conjunction with work the Ohio Department of Transportation is undertaking to modify traffic signals operations. Signal changes will allow pedestrians advance time to begin crossing Beechmont Avenue (like the Five Mile Trail crosswalk at Clough Pike).

"Anderson Township, working with ODOT, has made great strides to improve traffic flow and safety along Beechmont," said Township Planner 1 Sarah Donovan. "However, throughout the corridor, we still have a 'no-man's land' along the shoulder, which are areas that could be used by bicyclists, but where the law actually prohibits them from riding."

To address that problem, the new striping pattern defines bicycle lanes, she said. "These upgrades will not only improve the safety of bicyclists but improve traffic flow and safety by separating riders from vehicles," Donovan added.

Trustee Andrew Pappas added the plan also provides for defined bus stops, making it safer for METRO riders as well. Between Salem Road and Birney Lane, delineated areas of on-street parking will be added.



*Beechmont Avenue improvements will include a designated bike lane.*

"Planned change here will help to enhance the single-family nature of this area," Pappas added, where limited off-street parking opportunities exist.

Like changes in the "Downtown Anderson" area (Wolfangel Road to Asbury Road) which grew out of the township's award-winning plan for that area, this upcoming project best utilizes the pavement and right of way for all forms of transportation. However, "The proposed changes still maintain five lanes of traffic through the entire corridor," added Steve Sievers, assistant administrator for operations.

"We envision this to be one more in a growing list of very successful joint projects with ODOT," said Donovan. "We are thrilled with ODOT's level of responsiveness to the needs and desires of Anderson businesses and residents," she added, "and to take into consideration the safety of motorists, pedestrians, transit users and cyclists as they resurface our 'Main Street.'"

## State Grant Helps Provide Upgrade for Asbury Road



*Asbury Road upgrades include repaving and repair of the degrading roadside.*

Anderson Township recently received approval from the Ohio Public Works Commission for a grant request providing funds for stormwater repairs and repaving for Asbury Road. Upgrades will be from US 52 to its southernmost intersection with Ayers Road.

The grant, provided through the commission's State Capital Improvement Program, was for \$614,550 of an estimated \$1.22 million cost. Anderson Township will provide 20 percent of the project cost using revenues from its Ohio Riverfront Tax Increment Financing District, with 30 percent of the project costs covered by the Hamilton County Engineer's Office.

"This is the latest example of the township's longstanding ability to partner with other levels of government to address infrastructure needs in our community," said Trustee Andrew Pappas.

Over the last 20 years, Anderson has been awarded more than \$25 million in grant funds, much targeted for transportation and infrastructure projects. The Asbury Road reconstruction project is planned for 2021.

## Clough Pike Study Underway Through June

*Public concerns about traffic flow, safety and potential development along Clough corridor result in study identifying numerous upgrades.*

Traffic concerns along Clough Pike, along with public discussion of potential impacts of additional development, were an impetus to Anderson Township undertaking a six-month in-depth examination of the entire seven-mile Clough corridor.

Unlike the much-studied Beechmont Avenue and State Route 32, Clough Pike has never had a comprehensive traffic study. "In order to understand public concerns about both short and long-term issues on Clough Pike, the township decided to pursue the services of an engineering consultant," said PJ Ginty, planner 1. The study started in January.

The consulting firm, Stantec, is undertaking study of traffic counts, traffic signal timing improvements options, capital improvement projects and understanding travel patterns along the corridor. Like their work on the nearby Eastern Corridor project, their analysis will include crash data, pedestrian safety issues, potential intersection reconfiguration projects and understanding of environmental concerns.

An extensive data collection process, including traffic counts along with signal and accident analysis, occurred in February and March, said Ginty. "This data will be critical to Stantec developing recommendations for future improvements," he added. The public will be invited to comment on these recommendations in May, both through a public open house and through the township's website. Look for further information in mid-April at [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org).



*Intersections along Clough Pike are being examined for possible improvements.*

A township-sponsored survey last year, which sought suggestions for possible Clough improvements, was a hot local topic, garnering more than 800 responses. "We certainly heard from our residents," said Administrator Vicky Earhart. "This feedback was categorized and documented by our staff to help shape the scope of the current study." Anderson Township and the Hamilton County Engineer's Office are working together on the project; Clough is a county-maintained roadway.

The last major improvements to Clough came in 2014, where upgrades in the Historic Business District reshaped the section of Clough between Newtown and Berkshire roads. More recently, Hamilton County completed road resurfacing and new striping in 2018, along with signage and other safety modifications.

## Confusing Turn at Eight Mile-Ohio 32 to Receive ODOT Help

A plan to address congestion and improve safety at the Eight Mile Road intersection with Ohio 32 is moving forward.

The spot is often the site of slowdowns and near accidents, resulting from indecision and confusion for drivers turning from or onto Eight Mile Road. Unfortunately, crashes have resulted as well, as from 2014-2017, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) reported eight crashes at the site. Four crashes involved injuries.



*Ohio 32 looking east to Eight Mile Road*

The project to be constructed in spring 2023 through fall 2023 calls for the installation of a "Green Tee" intersection. That is a three-way intersection allowing westbound Ohio SR 32 traffic (coming down the hill) to flow continuously, bypassing a new traffic signal, when traveling straight. A traffic signal will maintain traffic for all other traffic movements. The project also includes a center turn lane.

Construction costs are estimated at \$2 million to \$3.1 million, to be funded by the Ohio Department of Transportation through their safety grant program. The project also will include grade improvements approaching the intersection on Eight Mile Road.

Information from ODOT notes that delays at the intersection could be reduced by about 75 percent with project improvements.

Tom Arnold, district planning engineer for ODOT, said the new configuration will allow drivers turning left to and from Eight Mile Road to have a left turn arrow protected phase. Westbound traffic will not have to stop at the signal and will operate like the existing configuration.

However, eastbound traffic may have to stop at a traffic signal, "but the new configuration will allow trucks to get into the right lane before the signal, allowing trucks to better utilize the right lane as a climbing lane on the hill," Arnold said.



## Walker, Biker or Bus Rider? Township and Schools Survey How Elementary Kids Get to School

Survey results to be used to help improve sidewalk infrastructure around schools and for other pedestrian improvements.

How do students at each Forest Hills School District elementary school get to and from school each day? Response to the survey (over 700 participants) was particularly helpful in that is one question posed to parents in a recent survey that seeks to understand what methods parents choose and why.

Planner 1 Brad Bowers said the collaborative survey was undertaken as part of the township's involvement in the Ohio Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School Program. This program was established in 2008 and provides grant funding for projects which encourage students in kindergarten through eighth grade to walk (or bike) to school.

Response to the survey (more than 700 participants) was particularly helpful in thinking through how Anderson Township can improve its extensive trails and sidewalk network, Bowers said. The survey queried transportation methods, reasons why respondents chose that method, safety suggestions and detailed factors influencing decisions to allow or disallow a child to walk or ride to school.

Bowers said this was the first comprehensive survey specifically addressing elementary school travel methods and related issues. Early data compiled from the survey noted that Summit Elementary School and Sherwood Elementary School have the most walkers throughout the week, with Mercer Elementary School having the least.

In conjunction with the survey, the township's volunteer Transportation Advisory Committee walked routes within a half mile of each elementary school to audit what infrastructure obstacles and safety issues were specific to that school.

### HOW WALKING OR BIKING TO SCHOOL IS BENEFICIAL

- » Less traffic congestion from school drop offs/pick-ups by parents
- » Walking and exercise will lead to healthier children
- » Walking to school will create new interpersonal relationships
- » Increases interest in schools in a feature attractive to new residents

Volunteer Tom Browning, who recorded sidewalks and crosswalk gap information around the schools, said the committee "aims to make it easier, safer and more fun for kids in the Forest Hills School District to walk to and from school. Our mission was to visually identify and record the current gaps in sidewalk and crosswalk coverage within a half-mile radius of each of the elementary schools in the district."

Township staff and volunteers will review data to see what township streets could benefit from various safety upgrades.



In the last decade, Anderson has made many safety improvements around schools.

## 2020 Year of Preparation for Paddison Road Sidewalk Project

Scheduled to be built in 2021, this half-mile Anderson Trails sidewalk links neighborhoods and destinations located along hilly terrain.

The high-priority Paddison Road sidewalk project, which received one of the largest grants the township has received in 20 years (\$723,000) is still on track for completion in 2021.

Meanwhile this year during construction season, easement procurement and engineering will be undertaken for the half-mile project.

This key north-south connection to the township's network of bike trails received the grant from the OKI Regional Council of Governments in 2018. The proposed one-half mile link will connect Bluecrest Drive to Beechmont Avenue. Planners suggest more than 2,000 homes will be connected in an area that is often inaccessible for pedestrians due to the road's hilly terrain.

This link will connect destinations such as Sherwood Elementary School, the Five Mile Trail, the Anderson Branch Library and Anderson Towne Center through the Anderson Trails network of sidewalks and trails.

According to Planner 1 Brad Bowers, this project has been the No. 1 project in the Anderson Trails Plan for several years with preliminary work conducted by the volunteer Transportation Advisory Committee.



PROPOSED PADDISON ROAD SIDEWALK  
Beechmont Avenue to Bluecrest Drive

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## Q & A About Electricity Aggregation Program

**Are new residents automatically enrolled?** No, new residents will receive standard Duke Energy rates for electricity. Eligible new residents may join the township Aggregation Program after the initial 21 day opt-out and seven-day rescission period. The rate will be the same as the rate negotiated for the Aggregation Program.

**If I opted out earlier, can I reenroll?** Yes, reenrollment is permitted after the 21-day opt-out and seven-day rescission period.

**What is the process to enroll if you are in a contract with another provider?** Enrollment is permitted after the 21 day opt-out and seven-day rescission period. Check with your current provider for any early termination fees. For signup or opt-out questions, contact Dynegy Energy Services at (888) 682-2170 or Jaime Martin at Energy Alliance at 794-5555.

**Choosing an electric service carrier is confusing. Where can I find out more?** *Ohio.gov* offers a free website that helps you compare prices on energy suppliers. Go to <http://energychoice.ohio.gov/> to learn more about energy choice options.

### IS GOING GREEN POSSIBLE? Did you know Duke Energy offers a 100 percent renewable option for home electricity?

This "green" option is included in the Anderson Township Aggregation Program and costs slightly more than the cost of regular aggregation service.

The renewable energy option supports the use of renewable energy sources such as wind and solar. If you choose this option, the energy provider purchases renewable energy credits equaling the amount of energy being used.

Signing up for the 100 percent renewable option only takes a few minutes. Withdrawal from this program is permitted at any time with no penalty. The charge for the 100 percent renewable energy will show up on page 2 of Duke's bill under the heading: Generation Charge.

Contact Dynegy Energy Services at (888) 682-2170 or Jaime Martin at Energy Alliance at 794-5555.

# 30 YEARS OF GREENSPACE

## GREENSPACE: AN ANDERSON TOWNSHIP TREASURE

**Greenspace is one more reason Anderson Township is special. As the Greenspace program turns 30 years old, it becomes even more obvious what treasures it has protected.**

Greenspace treasures are the old trees that were here before the first settlers arrived and stunning spring wildflowers, some now seldom seen in most of Anderson Township. Nevertheless, spring wildflowers still cover the wooded hillsides and rocky outcroppings of some of our unique Greenspace properties. And sections of wooded streams that have been undisturbed for nearly 100 years and with time are recreating the clear life-filled streams that were here before development began.

Greenspace provides these treasures plus, cleaner air, cleaner water, natural areas for residents to enjoy, and habitat for pollinators and wildlife, which all comes together to make Anderson Township an outstanding community to live in.

## What's So Great About Greenspace?

**Anderson Township made a commitment 30 years ago to protect undeveloped land.**

### Why is that important?

#### ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

Greenspace helps to provide habitat for a variety of birds, fish, animals, insects, and other organisms, while its forests and meadows also prevent soil erosion and absorb rainwater, thereby improving drainage and protecting hillsides.

Greenspaces can reduce noise pollution with dense screens of trees and shrubs and these natural areas can even cleanse partially treated wastewater.

Ken Dietz, fiscal officer, noted that Greenspace raises property value as it promotes a healthy environment. "While Anderson Township has the highest level of property value of any community in Hamilton County (excluding the city of Cincinnati), more than 15 percent of our community is dedicated as public open space," he said.

#### HEALTH BENEFITS

Public green areas that were protected through resident support, tend to promote safer neighborhoods because when residents have more vested interests in a place, their participation in community vigilance increases, and they will watch to make sure it's not being misused, damaged, etc.

Greenspaces provide a refreshing contrast to the harsh shape, color, and texture of buildings, and stimulate the senses with simple color, sound, smell and motion that are all part of a natural area.

Suzanne Clingman, the township's Greenspace inspector, notes that "studies show that increased greenspace in a community can improve general mood, attitude and creativity, while also creating an environment where stress reduction and mental health are valued."

# 30 YEARS OF GREENSPACE

## Gateway Project to Strengthen Riverfront District

**A long expanse of Ohio riverfront, spanning today's Belterra Park site to Cincinnati's California business district, could undergo improvements through a city-township partnership.**

"The Ohio riverfront district has a great foundation of businesses and entertainment," noted Trustee Chair Josh Gerth. "Over the last four years we've welcomed new restaurants and housing, reinvestment into existing businesses, and continued infrastructure improvements." Gerth said the township wanted to support those improvements with expanded marketing and improvements on the Kellogg corridor.

**Anderson Township recently hired MSP Design to prepare a proposal for design and branding services in the area including:**

- » Gateway enhancements at the I-275 and Kellogg Avenue interchange
- » Streetscape improvements along the Kellogg corridor from approximately Renslar Avenue (city of Cincinnati) to Five Mile Road in Anderson
- » More cohesive branding of the area
- » Wayfinding improvements
- » Use of smart technologies, digital messages and more to help facilitate the flow of traffic during peak events

The goal in partnering is to create a stronger, cohesive vision to ultimately increase the economic potential of our riverfront," he said.

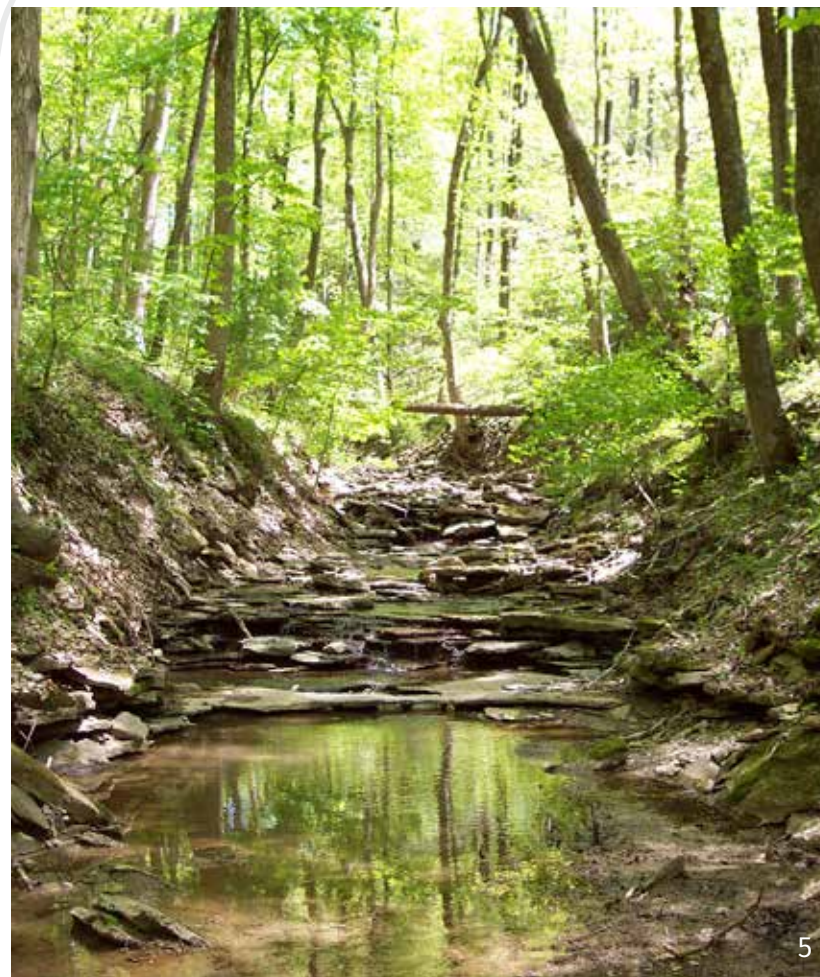
Planning and Zoning Director Paul Drury said the township's entertainment area, which hosts more than a million visitors each year, would benefit from real-time digital prompts during popular special events that can leave traffic congested and slow moving.

"We are looking for up-to-date technologies that could help solve some of the common issues experienced when people come and celebrate at our riverfront."

Drury said public engagement with business owners and residents is planned for later this spring. Recommendations for the area should be finalized by fall.

"Anderson Township is the first community you enter as you enter Ohio and Kellogg Avenue is our front door," said Gerth. "The look and feel of the area should reflect our community. With the unprecedented development in our township over the last few years, there is no better time than now to make this happen."

"We believe that the timing is right to focus our efforts in the Ohio riverfront district," Gerth said. "Just like we made the investment to the west to help complete the Ohio River Trail, we believe the city of Cincinnati and California neighborhood should be part of this vision."



1. Greenspace next to Moundview Park. 2. Dutchman's Breeches, Five Mile Road Greenspace below Tam O Shanter Court. 3. Wild Phlox, Greenspace next to Moundview Park. 4. Yellow Trout Lily, Greenspace at Eight Mile and Hopper. 5. Greenspace at Eight Mile and I-275.

# NEWS & NOTES

## 'Anderson Township 101' Offered in Collaborative March 24 Class

Explore the fundamentals of the organizations that make Anderson Township run in a one evening class called "Anderson Township 101." The presentation is set for 6 to 8:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road.

Representatives of Anderson Township government, the Forest Hills School District and the Anderson Park District will share information about their respective organizations.

Topics covered include township operations including trustee roles, emergency response (police and fire fundamentals), planning and zoning and volunteer opportunities. The park district will discuss the past, present and future of the parks and how volunteering with the parks system enhances the community.

Forest Hills School District administrators will discuss the importance of 21st-century learning and how the district is preparing students to be successful in a technology-driven world.

**TO REGISTER,** go to [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org) in the News section.



## 'History to Schools' Educates Younger Generation

*A day-long field trip to Anderson Center involves civics, safety and environmental education.*

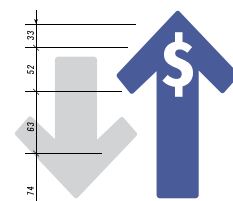
Sharing Anderson Township's rich heritage with a younger generation of residents makes for special memories each year during the History to Schools program.

Second graders from the Forest Hills School District and third grade students from Immaculate Heart of Mary School connect the past and their present during the annual event at Anderson Center. This year's events run for five weeks through April and May.

Several organizations collaborate to make History to Schools possible; Anderson Township, the Anderson Township Historical Society and the Forest Hills schools. They weave together lessons involving civics and safety, appreciation for the environment, and a history lesson to make the day memorable. Specific topics include pioneer school days, a bicycle rodeo and the rich outdoor environment surrounding Anderson Lake. Students take home a seedling to plant at the end of the day as part of a celebration of Arbor Day.

## Zoning Fees Adjusted for 2020

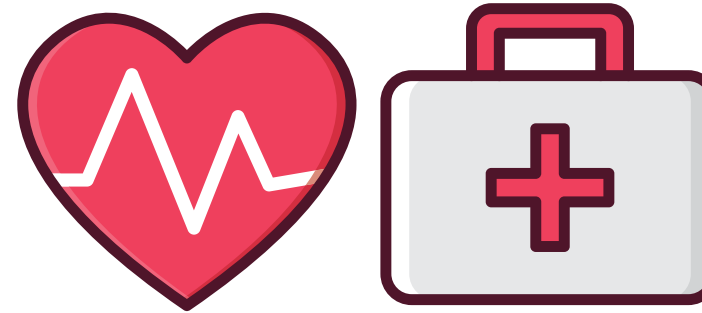
Anderson Township's fee schedule for the Planning and Zoning Department was adjusted at the beginning of the year. This is the first rate change the zoning department has undertaken since 2006.



The new fee scheduled can be seen online at [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org).

Zoning certificate applications must be accompanied with their fee when submitted.

**For questions contact Betty Cowan** at 688-8600 ext. 1175 or [bcowan@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:bcowan@AndersonTownship.org).



## Township-sponsored CPR and First Aid Classes Scheduled

Sharpen your CPR and first aid skills! Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department offers cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR-lay rescuer) and basic first aid classes at the Beechmont Fire Station, 7954 Beechmont Ave. Classes are scheduled on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon. Instruction includes a book and a two-year certification card upon completion.

HeartSaver Classes CPR/AED (lay rescue) are offered in the following months: March, May, July, September and November. Classes geared toward the health care professional are scheduled in the following months: April, June, August, October and December.

The fee for the Healthcare Provider/BLS, and HeartSaver with First Aid, course is \$50, and the HeartSaver (Lay Rescuer) course is \$40.

To learn more, or to **REGISTER**, contact Lisa Farrar at 688-8400, ext. 1195 or [lfarrar@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:lfarrar@AndersonTownship.org).

## Firefighters of Year Award

**TWO ANDERSON TOWNSHIP FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDICS**



*Doug Eagan*



*Mike Montique*

have been awarded the Firefighter of the Year Award for their work on the fire department's outreach program.

**DOUG EAGAN** and **MIKE MONTIQUE** are sharing the annual American Legion Post 318 Firefighter of the Year Award which is presented annually to a member or members of the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department.

Eagan and Montique are co-managers of the department's outreach program within the Life Safety Division. In 2019 the two elevated the department's outreach programs and created and organized the department's first toy drive undertaken at Christmastime, which netted more than 800 toys. They also revamped the department's Emergency Services Day program, which is hosted in the fall. Eagan has been with Anderson Fire and Rescue since 2014. Montique joined the department in 2016.

## McGourty Named Officer of the Year



*Deputy Matthew McGourty*

**DEPUTY MATTHEW MCGOURTY** has been named the American Legion Post 318 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year for 2020. He has worked with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office since 2012 and has served as a traffic safety officer since 2019 for Anderson Township's District 5.

McGourty is heavily involved in the Hamilton County Sheriff's Explorers program, a program connected to the Boy Scouts of America. He has continued his education through FEMA courses which allow him to improve his knowledge for response to large scale events. Also, he has completed higher level work in traffic investigation and reconstruction.

## Corporal Dave Boiman Retiring



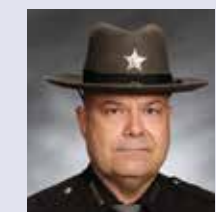
*Cpl. Dave Boiman*

**CPL. DAVE BOIMAN** of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office retires this month after serving Anderson Township since 1992, stationed at District 5. His career focused on a variety of crime prevention efforts as well as development of more than 110 Neighborhood Watch groups as the township-financed Crime Prevention Officer.

Boiman started with the Sheriff's Office in 1990. Through an interest in community policing and crime prevention he initiated community programs including the township's highly successful Real Estate Watch, Business Watch, Church Watch and Project LOOK (Local Officers Observing Kids) programs.

He worked to incorporate technology into crime prevention efforts through a crime database which allows residents to search for incidents and crime "hotspots." He also initiated *NextDoor.com* and the Sheriff's Office, District 5, Facebook page. Additionally, he developed and managed the Hamilton County Sheriff's Citizens Academy and the township's Citizen Patrol. Under his leadership the ALICE (active shooter) training and preparedness program for organizations and businesses was presented in Anderson.

Boiman was the recipient of the 2005 Innovator Award from the Greater Cincinnati Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration for safety programs. He received numerous accolades as officer of the year from several American Legion posts, including one statewide award. He won the 2013 Award of Excellence from the Ohio Crime Prevention Association and was instrumental in Anderson receiving the National Award for Excellence in Neighborhood Watch programs from the National Sheriffs' Association and the U.S. Department of Justice.



*Deputy Brian Hayes*

**DEPUTY BRIAN HAYES**, the current Anderson Park District Resource Officer, is the township's new Crime Prevention Officer. He starts April 1.

## County RENU Stats Show Continued Heroin Epidemic, Upswing in Cocaine

Anderson continues funding specialized officer who investigates drug-related crimes.



Anderson Township funds a specialized sheriff's officer who works on a team targeting the reduction of illegal drugs on the street. This officer for the Regional Narcotics Unit (RENU) is part of Anderson's contract with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

RENU officers investigate criminal organizations and individuals responsible for trafficking of controlled substances. The unit also assists local, state and federal law enforcement agencies when requested.

Anderson has funded the position since mid-2013.

Lt. Matt Guy with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Organized Crime Division, said the heroin epidemic/opioid crisis continues,

supported by the fact that the Hamilton County Heroin Coalition Task Force investigated 224 overdose deaths in 2019.

"It should be noted that what the opioid abusers on the street are calling heroin, is actually heroin mixed with fentanyl, or just straight fentanyl," he said. Heroin, fentanyl, or a mixture of the two are translating synonymous with each other right now in the eyes of the dealers and the users, Guy said.

Officers at RENU have seen a "dramatic rise in the seizure of cocaine and methamphetamine. Methamphetamine prices have dropped significantly as the market and accessibility to product in the region have increased."

### RENU DRUG AND FORFEITURE 2019 TOTALS

COCAINE .....	54.623 pounds
HEROIN .....	721.06 grams
FENTANYL .....	202.0261 grams
MARIJUANA .....	1,051.502 pounds
METHAMPHETAMINE .....	15,678.31 grams
MDMA (Ecstasy) .....	1,443.9 grams
PSILOCYBIN MUSHROOMS .....	34.19 GRAMS
SEIZED ASSETS .....	\$2,077,727.26

## Township Pursuing Donation of 2-Acre Parcel on Clough Near Wolfangel

A 2.2-acre hillside parcel comprised of mature woods and a stream may soon be the newest donation to Anderson's portfolio of public open space. Although not initially included in the Anderson Township Greenspace program, the property would be protected from development and may ultimately become part of the township's Greenspace program.

The property is on the southwest corner of the Clough and Wolfangel intersection, across from the new Clough Chase subdivision.

"We are hoping the township's protection of this property will help preserve the mature woods along more than 700 feet of Clough Pike, and reduce any erosion or issues along the tributary to Clough Creek that runs through a portion of the site," said Assistant Administrator for Operations Steve Sievers.

"We appreciate private property owners who continue to work with Anderson Township to leave a lasting legacy of open space for the benefit of the community," said Trustee Andrew Pappas. "If you add up all the township Greenspace and open space, plus township and county parks, our community has one of the highest protected areas per capita that I know of."



Anderson Township is pursuing the donation of a 2.2-acre open space property that would help preserve mature woods along Clough.

## Collaborative Looks for Ways to Address Mental Health Crisis Here

The group began in 2018 to reduce the stigma and promote discussions surrounding mental health in our community.

The group's mission is to develop a positive mental health environment in Anderson and be a leader in mental health education in Greater Cincinnati.

This collaborative includes Anderson Township, Forest Hills Schools, the Anderson Park District, Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce, Forest Hills Foundation for Education, Beech Acres Parenting Center, Lindner Center of HOPE, Mercy Health-Anderson, M.E. Lyons YMCA, 1N5, Step Up Anderson, Grant Us Hope, and Parkside Christian Church. Meeting every other month, the group coordinates efforts to provide mental health opportunities to learn and grow together as a community.

The first year, the organization focused on its Mental Wellness Speaker Series, which continues this year. In summer 2019, the collaborative surveyed Anderson residents and businesses to discover the community's understanding of mental health and to find out opportunities available for Anderson to take a step forward as a mental health leader.

Developed by Anderson resident Mike Glen from Lindner Center of HOPE, Nikki Zellen of Beech Acres Parenting Center and Dr. Navdeep Kang, formerly of Mercy Health, the survey was distributed via email and social media. Participation in the survey was high, with more than 1,000 people responding, predominantly women and parents of Forest Hills School District students.

For questions regarding the survey results, suggestions for mental health presentations as part of the "Mental Wellness Speaker Series," or if you would like to share concerns or ideas to make Anderson's mental health stronger, email the collaborative at [AndersonMHCollab@gmail.com](mailto:AndersonMHCollab@gmail.com).



### RESOURCES

**The National Suicide Prevention Line** • A 24-hour, toll-free, confidential suicide prevention hotline available to anyone in suicidal crisis or emotional distress. 1-800-273-8255 • [www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org)

**Crisis Text Line** • An organization that provides support to people through text. Text START to 741-741 • [www.crisistextline.org](http://www.crisistextline.org)

**Forest Hills Resources Page** • [www.foresthills.edu/content/documents/](http://www.foresthills.edu/content/documents/)

**Talbert House Crisis Hotline** • 281-CARE (2273) or text Talbert to 839863 [www.talberthouse.org](http://www.talberthouse.org) This 24-hour suicide and crisis hotline offers crisis intervention and information and referral services to individuals of any age.

**Children's Hospital-Psychiatric Intake Response Center** • Provides intakes and referrals for services. 636-4124 [www.cincinnatichildrens.org/service/p/psychiatry/contact/intake-response](http://www.cincinnatichildrens.org/service/p/psychiatry/contact/intake-response)

**MHAP (Mental Health Access Point)** • MHAP provides a standardized entry to a managed system of care that ensures appropriate services are available, accessible, and of high quality. A 24-hour clinician is available. • 558-8888 [www.mentalhealthaccesspoint.org](http://www.mentalhealthaccesspoint.org)

**UC Psychiatric Emergency Services/Mobile Crisis** • 584-8577

## Township Receives Highest Bond Rating from Moody's

Moody's Investors Service, Inc., a leading provider of credit ratings and risk analysis, recently assigned the Aaa rating on Anderson's outstanding bonds, the highest possible rating given.



The rating was given for the township's Recreational Facility Improvement Bonds to be issued for improvements and renovation to the Anderson Parks RecPlex.

"This is an incredible accomplishment and puts Anderson Township in very rare company when it comes to governments who share this

same rating," said Township Trustee Chair Josh Gerth. "Despite the constraints and limited revenue sources placed on our township, we have found ways to prosper," he said.

"Our focus is proactively working to adapt to the change, reducing overhead and cutting where we can, combined with incredible economic development," Gerth said.

Moody's noted the township's strong credit profile is characterized by healthy operating reserves and a stable tax base with modest debt burden although exposure to two underfunded state pension plans was noted as a credit challenge.

Moody's report also said the township's financial position is likely to remain stable given proactive management and conservative budgeting practices. The report indicated that the township's strong financial position is supported by strong management and the use of multiyear budget and capital planning.



# How Well Do You Recycle?

It's important to avoid contamination in the recycling process by carefully separating your trash from your recycling. Test your waste and recycling knowledge... you might be shocked by some of the answers!

## MARK THE ITEMS THAT CANNOT BE RECYCLED →



**ANSWERS // Glass** Residents cannot recycle broken glass, drinking glasses, glass from windows or glass bulbs. Glass jars and glass bottles of all colors can be recycled. **Paper** Paper can be recycled as long as it not soiled with food. Paper cups, such as coffee cups, cannot be recycled because they have a thin plastic liner. Ice cream cartons also have a thin layer of plastic in them. **Metal** Steel and aluminum cans are recyclable. Empty aerosol cans, with the tips and lids removed, can be recycled locally. All other items are not able to be recycled at curbside. **Plastic** Plastic items that can be recycled are more narrow at the top than the bottom, shaped like a jug. Many plastics used in homes are not able to be recycled at the curbside such as margarine bins, yogurt cups, clamshell food containers and plastic egg cartons. Packing materials such as Styrofoam are not recyclable. **Cartons** All products on the list can be recycled at the curbside or at the Anderson Township 24/7 Recycling Center.

## Did You Know?

### CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Anderson Township and Rumpke are working together to increase recycling at the curbside for Anderson Township residents.

Three years ago, the township and the trash hauler worked on an agreement to provide trash/recycling services at one low

rate for all township customers. Under the program, curbside recycling increased overall. Early in the program, the number of households that recycled grew from 60 to more than 70 percent, according to information supplied by Rumpke.

### RECYCLE SPRING YARD DEBRIS

Bzak Landscaping recycling site takes your debris at no charge. (3295 Turpin Lane).

#### Starting March 28

**HOURS** • Weekdays • 7:30 a.m.–6 p.m.  
Saturday • 7:30 a.m.–6 p.m.  
Sunday • 11:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

All materials collected are composted. The site does not accept yard waste in commercial vehicles or from commercial establishments.

For more information, call 271-0900 or check out [HamiltonCountyRecycles.org](http://HamiltonCountyRecycles.org).

### GLASS

- Windows
- Glass wine bottle
- Glass drinking glass
- Jam-style glass jar
- Light bulb

### PAPER

- Greasy pizza box
- Newspaper
- Magazine
- Paper cup
- Amazon box
- Junk mail
- Cardboard egg cartons
- Chip bag

### METAL

- Soup cans
- Aluminum can like pop cans
- Pots and pans
- Aerosol can (with tip and lids removed)
- Scrap metal like pieces of cars or refrigerators
- Empty paint cans
- Propane gas tanks

### PLASTIC

- Styrofoam
- Plastic peanuts
- Plastic bags
- Cottage cheese & yogurt tubs
- Margarine tubs
- Plastic jugs for detergent, any jug that has a smaller mouth than the bottom
- Shampoo, water, milk cartons
- Clamshell food containers
- Plastic egg cartons

### CARTONS

- Orange juice
- Soy milk
- Juice boxes
- Beef broth carton

TURN UPSIDE DOWN FOR ANSWERS UNDER SCENE

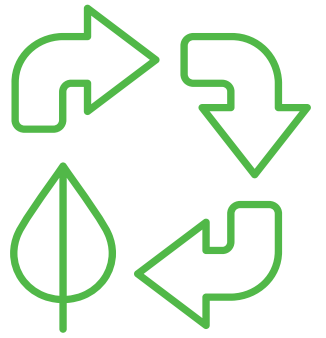
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# RECYCLING LOCALLY

## DROP-OFF SITES AROUND ANDERSON HELP YOU STAY GREEN

Curbside recycling takes many common household items. However, it takes a bit more time to locate a recycling spot for those not-so-common items like electronics, batteries, propane tanks and fertilizers. Learn more about local businesses or area recycling or reuse drop-offs sites that may be useful in your efforts to stay green.

**THE HAMILTON COUNTY RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE DISTRICT** provides a comprehensive drop-off outlet list. This list of items includes some of the top items searched for and more at [HamiltonCountyRecycles.org](http://HamiltonCountyRecycles.org).



### Televisions

**Best Buy in Eastgate** is the closest option. They accept iPod, cell phones, computers, and ink & toner cartridges. Televisions accepted for a fee.

650 Eastgate South Drive  
888-237-8289

### Electronics & Computers

**Goodwill** accepts usable electronics less than three years old, flat screen TVs only; no CRT or projection.

4051 Commercial Blvd.  
771-4800

**St. Vincent de Paul** accepts usable electronics no more than 10 years old and usable flat screen TVs less than 10 years old (no CRT or projection).

2300 Beechmont Ave.  
562-8841

**Staples** accepts printers.  
8666 Beechmont Ave.  
474-4321

### Pesticides, Garden Chemicals, Fertilizers, Oil-based Paint (full or partially full), Solvent, Gas, Household Cleaner

No outlet in Anderson Township. Two companies in Cincinnati accept hazardous waste for a fee:

**Environmental Enterprises, Inc.**  
4600 Spring Grove Ave.  
Cincinnati • 541-1823

**Midwest Environmental**  
3118 Spring Grove Ave.  
Cincinnati • 681-9990

### Propane Tank

**Auxier Gas** accepts propane tanks at no charge. Drop them off at the cage outside.

2698 Old State Route 32  
724-7700

### Motor Oil

**Auto Zone** accepts up to five gallons per day at no charge. Also accepts car batteries. Call prior to confirm acceptance.

8500 Beechmont Ave.  
800-288-6966

### Batteries—single use



**Batteries Plus Bulbs** accepts lithium-ion, nickel cadmium, button/coin cell, and nickel metal hydride for a small fee.

7850 Beechmont Ave.  
Some **Lowe's** locations accept single use batteries at no charge.

### Tires

**Tire Discounters** accepts residential tires for a fee.

7771 Five Mile Road  
618-1613

8600 Beechmont Ave.  
619-5197

### Antifreeze

**Monroe Muffler & Brake** accepts motor oil, antifreeze, and car, boat, motorcycle batteries. Call prior to dropping off.

7955 Beechmont Ave.  
800-876-6676

### Fluorescent Tube

**Batteries Plus Bulbs**—may be a small charge. (Also accepts compact fluorescent lights.)

7850 Beechmont Ave.  
474-0895

### Refrigerators & Air Conditioners

**Round Bottom Recycling** accepts freon-containing appliances for \$10 per item. Also accepts microwaves, car batteries, lawnmowers, motorcycles and other metal at no charge.

5100 River Valley Road  
(Milford) 248-4435

### Fluorescent Bulbs (CFLs)

**Batteries Plus Bulbs** May be a small charge. (Also accepts compact fluorescent lights.)

7850 Beechmont Ave.  
474-0895

### The Home Depot—no charge.

520 Ohio Pike  
688-1654

### Cardboard

**Anderson Township 24/7 Recycling Center**

7954 Beechmont Ave.

think green DON'T TRASH OUR FUTURE. RECYCLE



GOLDENRAIN TREE



BUR OAK



EASTERN RED CEDAR

## ‘Great Tree Award’ Winners Announced by Committee

*Did you know? Our tree-loving community hosts a yearly award program recognizing “Great Trees” in the community.*

The Tree Committee, which runs the program, announces the tree awards every January.

### Winners for 2020 are:

#### SHADE TREE

Bur Oak at 7249 Lawyer Road  
(Award includes medium to large trees that lose their leaves each year.)

#### EVERGREEN TREE

Eastern Red Cedar at 6840 Clough Pike  
(Award includes medium to large evergreen trees.)

#### ORNAMENTAL TREE

Goldenrain Tree at 919 Rosetree Lane  
(Award includes small to medium deciduous or evergreen trees with some sort of ornamental characteristic such as showy flowers and/or fruit weeping habit, vibrant fall color, etc.)

Property owners receive a commemorative plaque and public recognition by Anderson Township trustees.

If you know of a great tree and would like to nominate it for the Great Tree Awards program, email a photo and the address of the tree to Josh Eastlake [joshua.eastlake@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.eastlake@gmail.com) or PJ Ginty at [pginty@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:pginty@AndersonTownship.org).

## Public Safety Scenarios: Don’t Be Caught Unaware



Anderson Township sees its fair share of severe spring weather, including flash floods, heavy rains with wind damage, and the occasional tornado touchdown.

### Severe Thunderstorms

When thunder roars, go indoors! Remember, if you hear thunder, you are close enough to the storm to be struck by lightning.

Immediately take shelter in an enclosed building or hard top vehicle if you are caught outdoors during a thunderstorm.

### Anderson’s Outdoor Sirens

Twelve outdoor sirens in Anderson Township are ready to alert people who may be outside during a severe weather event that they should take shelter indoors. However, these sirens should not be relied upon to provide warning for individuals indoors or in a noisy area.

The bottom line is: When you hear an outdoor siren, seek shelter indoors and find out more information.

### Turn Around- Don’t Drown

When you approach a flooded road, follow the slogan: Turn Around-Don’t Drown! A six-inch flood will reach the bottom of most passenger cars, causing loss of control and potential stalling. Driving into floodwaters of unknown depth is a dangerous decision. Just turn around.

### Avoid Wading Through Floodwater

Wading through floodwater can have disastrous consequences, especially for babies and small children. If floodwater is powerful enough to float and/or trap your vehicle, wading through it could be harmful or fatal. It only takes six inches of flowing water to knock you off your feet. If you slip and fall face first, you might drown before you come to.

### Shelter in Place

Shelter in place means finding a safe location indoors and staying there until given an “all clear” notification or told to evacuate.

### Get Notified Through Alert Hamilton County

Want to stay current on emergencies and severe weather notifications? Hamilton County offers a free mass notification and warning system called Alert HC which provides 40 notification options for a variety of situations.

Anderson Township recently moved to this alert system to better serve residents and to deepen the pool of information released. News can be accessed via voice call, text, email, or all three, depending on your choice.

Non-emergency notifications may be issued directly by Anderson Township. However, these non-emergency notifications will only be sent for the topics chosen in an opt-in user profile.

Go to [www.alerthc.org](http://www.alerthc.org) to register for Alert Hamilton County.

## Volunteers Drive Good Works in Anderson

*Anderson volunteers give thousands of hours working toward the betterment of our community.*

Thanks to the following individuals who have volunteered to serve in 2020:

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| <p><b>Anderson Township Betterment Commission</b><br/>Ronald Edgerton, president<br/>Karl Steinmanis, vice president<br/>Katie Buchmann<br/>Clyde Dial<br/>Dee Stone</p> <p><b>Board of Zoning Appeals</b><br/>Steve Haber<br/>John Halpin<br/>Jeff Nye<br/>Paul Sheckels</p> | <p>Paul Sian<br/>Earl Corell, first alternate<br/>Scott Lawrence, second alternate</p> <p><b>Economic Development Committee</b><br/>Paul Kitzmiller, chair<br/>Bill Abramovitz<br/>Elizabeth Barber<br/>Julie Bissinger<br/>Amy Broghamer<br/>Chris Corrado<br/>Jeff Cowan<br/>Matt Davie<br/>John Deeds</p> | <p>Joe Dold<br/>Steve Feagins<br/>John Halpin<br/>Nicole Hunter<br/>Philip Kiley<br/>Mark Malinowski<br/>Eric Miller<br/>Scott Miller<br/>Donald Nickerson<br/>Brad Nixa<br/>Zach Peterson<br/>Scot Prebles<br/>Amy Richardson<br/>Jeff Rosa<br/>Ian Smith</p> | <p><b>Greenspace Advisory Committee</b><br/>Ronald Edgerton, chair<br/>Paul Braasch<br/>Russ Romme<br/>Rick Voss</p> <p><b>Senior Center Advisory Committee</b><br/>Abbe Lackmeyer, chair<br/>Sherry Burnside<br/>Clyde Dial<br/>Christine Corcoran<br/>Marcia Cole<br/>Susan Ward<br/>Michelle La Presto</p> | <p>Alfred Norwood<br/>Kelsey Bihlman<br/>Steven Long</p> <p><b>Tree Committee</b><br/>Bruce Berno, chair<br/>Lori Beer<br/>Scott Beuerlein<br/>Sandra Coleman<br/>Josh Eastlake<br/>Patty Good<br/>John Halpin<br/>James Hansel<br/>Carol King<br/>Tim Kloppenberg<br/>Tom Pruess</p> | <p>Jim Rombke<br/>Sonia Shively<br/>Jason Stockslager<br/>Bill Wais<br/>Rick Voss<br/>Joe Wilging</p> <p><b>WeTHRIVE! Anderson Committee</b><br/>Katie Buchmann, chair<br/>Jeni Berreth<br/>Samantha Cook<br/>Beth Davis<br/>Stephen Feagins<br/>Austin Greiwe<br/>Paige Janson</p> | <p>Pinky Kocoshis<br/>Ken Kushner<br/>Lexi Lausten<br/>Julie Martina<br/>Sarah McManaway<br/>Mary Nicholson<br/>Jenny Sarver<br/>Karen Schwamberger<br/>Trenny Selfridge<br/>Sonia Shively<br/>Karl Sieber<br/>Marcus Thompson<br/>Kathleen Wagoner<br/>Susan Wheatley<br/>Joseph Wicker<br/>Gary Yuratovac</p> | <p><b>Transportation Advisory Committee</b><br/>Trenny Selfridge, chair<br/>Thomas Browning<br/>John Cissell<br/>Adrienne Eastlake<br/>Richard Erbacher<br/>Stephen Feagins<br/>Peg Fenner<br/>Brian Gay<br/>Dave Habegger<br/>Joe Hice<br/>Pinky Kocoshis<br/>Ken Kushner<br/>Jay Lewis<br/>Mike Niehaus<br/>Richard Porter</p> | <p>Karen Schwamberger<br/>Paul Sheckels<br/>Paul Sian<br/>Karl Siever<br/>Ken Vincent<br/>Kurt Wells<br/>Brandon Woodard</p> <p><b>Zoning Commission</b><br/>Brian Eliff<br/>Jonathan Gothard<br/>Ben Henson<br/>Jay Lewis<br/>Anne McBride<br/>Michael Doenges, first alternate<br/>Chuck Denning, second alternate</p> |
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# Anderson School : 'One of the Best Schools ...'



The school buses, privately owned, and their drivers from the 1931 yearbook.



The faculty of the Anderson Township School serving classes from first to 12th grade from the 1931 yearbook.



Staff of the 1931 yearbook published by the senior class with superintendent Robert Wright and principal Florence Bath (seated center first row).

**Ninety years ago, in the school year 1929–30**, the Anderson Township School opened in a new two-story brick building located at what is today the southeast corner of Beechmont and Forest. This building brought the children of the township together in one large facility. It opened with 525 pupils, from first to 11th grade. Nine school buses, privately owned, picked up students. The faculty included a staff of 16 teachers. The school was a major step forward for education in the township.

In 1826 the trustees of Anderson Township organized the local schools into 12 school districts. Over the years some district schools closed and others opened, depending on the neighborhood population of children. These local schoolhouses with one or two teachers offered classes from the first to eighth grade. Today the Clough Crossing Restaurant (6892 Clough Pike) occupies the District 7 School and is a reminder of these early schools. Anderson families who wanted an education beyond the eighth grade for their children had to decide for them to attend high school in Cincinnati or elsewhere.

### Eight schools consolidate

In November 1926, a resolution was passed by the voters of the township to consolidate eight Anderson district schools. In 1927, a bond issue worth \$165,000 (equivalent to more than \$2.433 million today) was passed to build a central school offering classes through high school. The school board purchased nine acres from the Markley estate on Ohio Pike for about \$1,000.

Walker & Norwick, Architects, Dayton, Ohio was chosen to design and supervise the construction of the new school building. *The Dayton Daily News* (April 17, 1927) highlighted the experience of architects George R. Walker and Henry O. Norwick, praising their firm as having designed more than 60 fine modern school buildings, more than any other living Ohio architects. The article pointed out that the little schoolhouse “has had its day and the large two-story, well-arranged building has taken its place.” New buildings were designed to accommodate present use and to provide for future extensions. The article mentioned how community life in rural districts found splendid meeting places in these modern school buildings.

The W. H. Howard Construction Company was selected to build the school. By June 1929, the Board of Education posted notifications calling for proposals for furnishing and installing equipment. The lists included desks for students and teachers, tablet armchairs, office furniture, science and vocational furniture, cafeteria equipment, auditorium chairs, window shades, auditorium and stage drapery, lockers and electric light fixtures.

### First yearbook created in 1930–31

The first senior class of 1930–31 produced the first yearbook, *The Andersonian*. This yearbook included photos of the 18 seniors along with class histories and group photos of the seventh to 11th grades. There were reports of sports including boys’ basketball and girls’ basketball, the student senate, Hi-Y Club, Girl Reserves, Thespian Dramatic Society, the school orchestra, Glee Club, and the monthly school newspaper, *The Lantern*. The first high school commencement was hosted Saturday, May 23, 1931.

Yearbooks, newspaper accounts and many personal stories tell of the decades that the central school at Beechmont and Forest played an important part in community life. The pride expressed by the first graduating class in attending one of the county’s best schools lives on.

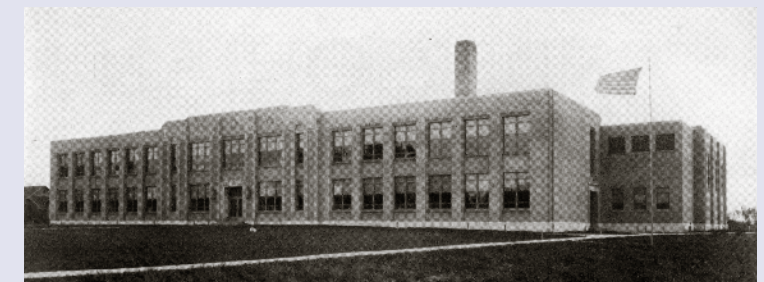
### After 1933

The school building served its purposes well. Additions were constructed: a new cafeteria in 1933, additional classrooms nearby in 1947, an adjacent building for the high school in 1949, a new gymnasium and additional facilities in 1950, more classrooms in 1951 and 1955, and a west wing in 1956. A new Anderson Senior High School was opened in fall 1961. In the 1950-1970s, satellite elementary schools were built in various parts of the township.

Turpin High School opened in 1976. In the 1970s the original Anderson School served as the Anderson Middle School. On September 23, 1979, a celebration honored the 50th anniversary of the building. June 1982 marked the closing of the building as a school. It was used as a community center until being sold in 1986 after which it was razed, and a commercial facility took its place.



The central entrance to Anderson Township School with the hallmark lanterns that became a symbol of the school. The high school newspaper for many years was known as The Lantern.



New school building from the 1931 Andersonian yearbook. The two-story building might look simple, but the interior had elaborate arrangements to promote health, comfort, utility and economy. Fresh air, good sanitation, easy facilities for access, along with good lighting and heating, were major features.



The school orchestra pictured in the spring of 1931. The orchestra was recognized as an important part of the school and other community meetings.

Images from the collections of the Anderson Township Historical Society.

Text by Janet Heywood, research chair, Anderson Township Historical Society

# COMMUNITY PARTNERS



## Anderson Branch Designated a 'Strategic Investment' by Library Plan

Earlier this year, the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County released all three parts of a Facilities Master Plan which outlines specifics of the long-term vision for all 41 library locations. The master plan identified a capital facility need in the range of \$300-350 million in today's dollars; however, the plan's recommendations limited project costs to funds available from the 2018 levy.

Every branch as well as the Downtown Main Library is receiving improvements over the next 10 years.

These projects include: \$120-130 million in Design Projects; \$20-25 million in Capital Maintenance Projects; as well as approximately \$2 million in Strategic Investments. The Anderson Township Branch is designated a "Strategic Investment," meaning it will receive small, but impactful, improvements such as laptop kiosks, maker equipment, and study pods. Other improvements could include carpeting, paint, and signage.

According to the plan, "As the recipient of a Strategic Investment, the Anderson Branch has the opportunity to improve its existing facility and enhance service. A process led by library staff with community input will identify how this investment should be made."

During community listening sessions, Anderson residents recommended developing flexible spaces, designated quiet and noisy spaces, improved parking and entry into the branch, and a better layout and wayfinding in the branch.

"What I'm most excited about is seeing how the input from our customers and stakeholders takes shape at the Anderson Branch," said Anderson Branch Manager Denise Scretchen. "It will be great to have fresh paint, way-finding signage and other upgrades, when the time comes to focus attention on our branch."

"I'm also looking forward to new ways branches in our planning zone will work together to serve customers, as so many of them frequent several locations," she said.

To read the full Facilities Master Plan or to stay up to date on the project, go to [CincinnatiLibrary.org/NextGenerationLibrary](http://CincinnatiLibrary.org/NextGenerationLibrary).



## Learn About Great Oaks Programs

**High school registration** | Registration continues for fall for students entering the 11th grade. Space is available in many programs for students who want to study a career, earn professional credentials, and prepare for college.

For information about how to apply and what career programs are available for high school students, go to [hs.greatoaks.com](http://hs.greatoaks.com) or contact Terri Rothfuss at Live Oaks Career Campus, 612-4914.

**Adult classes available** | Adults who are interested in becoming certified in a career field should start the process now for fall. Programs begin in August and end in June; adult students can be prepared for a career in one of 12 fields in less than a year.

The first step is to attend an information session. Go to [greatoaks.com/infosessions](http://greatoaks.com/infosessions) to learn more.



**Summer camps** | Career camps for students entering the ninth or 10th grade will be offered in June. Students spend a week in hands-on learning about culinary arts, health care, cosmetology, automotive technology, computer service, construction, and more.

For more information, go to [greatoaks.com/camp](http://greatoaks.com/camp).

SATURDAY, MAY 16 • 5-8PM



## 'Seed Bash' Celebration Welcomes in Spring at Anderson Urban Farm

*Interested in springtime planting and outdoor activity at the Anderson Urban Farm?*

Join the Seed Bash open house at the 10-acre site on Bartels Road from 5-8 p.m. on Saturday, May 16, for farm tours, entertainment, a live band and food.

Owned by the Anderson Township Historical Society, the Anderson Urban Farm is a throwback to Anderson's rural roots and offers interpretive learning experiences and space for community activities.

The site is located between Turpin High School on Bartels Road and the Miller Leuser Log House on Clough Pike.

Since 2018, volunteers have worked to clear the land of invasive plants and reclaim the property. Last year the organization started a community garden of 36 plots, with this year about 60 plots to be offered. Interested gardeners are invited to sign up for a \$75 plot at [andersonurbanfarm.com](http://andersonurbanfarm.com) or send their fee and information to Anderson Urban Farm, P.O. Box 30174, Cincinnati, Ohio 45230. The fee includes a one-year individual historical society membership.

## Home Grown Plants for Sale at Historic Log House on May 9

A "Home Grown Plant Sale" comprised of donated plants is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at the Miller-Leuser Log House. Hosted annually by the Anderson Township Historical Society as a spring fundraiser, the proceeds help maintain the historic log house (6550 Clough Pike at Bartels Road) and other properties owned by the historical society.



### Miller-Leuser Log House Open Houses Start in May

Tour the Miller Leuser Log House on the first and third Sundays of the month from May through October each year.

**THE HISTORIC SPOT IS OPEN FROM 1-4 P.M.**

It is the oldest home in Anderson Township and one of the few remaining homes still standing that were built by pioneers who settled in the Ohio River valley in the late 1700s.

Tours are offered by volunteers from the Anderson Township Historical Society who share relevant information about the area and its pioneer past. Visit the barn, corncrib and outhouse to learn about Anderson's farming heritage.

For more information go to: [AndersonTownshipHistoricalSociety.org](http://AndersonTownshipHistoricalSociety.org)



SATURDAY, MAY 9 • 9AM-4PM

## Odds and Ends Boutique Helps Fund Fun for Anderson Township Senior Center

Have some quality household items that are not needed anymore? Consider donating them to the Odds and Ends Boutique of the Anderson Township Senior Center. Sales from the boutique support the programs and efforts of the township's senior facility. In recent months, funding from the boutique has helped:

- » Purchase of a blender and an aquarium
- » Sponsor a live penguin demonstration
- » Sponsor an on-site shark exhibit
- » Purchase outdoor fall décor

All donations are accepted for resale, except medical equipment. "We ask that items for resale be clean and ready to wear," noted Pat Tenney, senior center member. "We also accept household and other items."

"We are grateful for the energetic response from the senior center members," said Claire O'Connell, activities manager. "It is through their donations that the Odds and Ends Boutique remains successful. In addition, the continued participation at sales sponsored by the Odds and Ends Boutique assist helps provide financial support for the program."



WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY • 10AM-1PM

"We are grateful for the energetic response from the senior center members," said Claire O'Connell, activities manager. "It is through their donations that the Odds and Ends Boutique remains successful."



Anderson Township Senior Center

The three-year-old boutique is housed in the entrance of the Anderson Township Senior Center and is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Visit the center at 7970 Beechmont Ave.

## Anderson Area Job Fair Focused on Local Workforce Needs

Local organizations collaborate to connect employers with employees after 2019 survey shows spike in business owner workforce concerns.

Mirroring a national trend, Anderson area employers surveyed last year by Anderson Township and the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce indicate one of their main concerns entering the new decade is finding qualified candidates to do the job.

It's a problem being discussed by many business owners who say in this season of low unemployment, they just can't find enough quality candidates to fill their job openings.

To address this local concern, the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce, Anderson Township, the Forest Hills School District and the Forest Hills Foundation for Education are hosting a job fair, offering both students and local residents an opportunity to put their best foot forward in front of local and regional employers.

"One of the greatest obstacles mentioned by business owners in the area is the concern over workforce availability," said Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Eric Miller. "Last summer's workforce survey indicated 80 percent of respondents were dealing with this issue, up from just 20 percent surveyed in 2010. We plan to work with community partners to create opportunities for employers to find employees that fill their workforce needs."

### ANDERSON AREA JOB FAIR



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22 • 4-7PM

"We are excited to offer this opportunity to students looking for summer or long-term employment," said Trustee Vice Chair Dee Stone. "Before the fair, there will be interviewing skills training available at both Anderson and Turpin high schools for students that are interested."

The Anderson Area Job Fair is scheduled for 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road. The first hour is devoted to students looking for work and the remaining two hours are open to the public. As of press time, details about the job fair were still being developed.

Check back to the "News" section at [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org) for further information.



SATURDAY, MAY 9 • 8:30AM

## Register Now for Annual Forest Hills 5K

More than 2,000 expected to hit the pavement for the 11th Forest Hills Foundation for Education 5K race.

"The Forest Hills 5K is one of the largest, family-friendly events in Anderson Township," said Dee Stone, foundation executive director and Anderson Township Trustee Vice Chair. "People of all ages converge to not only support our students but to celebrate our strong and vibrant community. It's a wonderful event that has become a tradition for many families and local businesses."

More than 600 Forest Hills elementary school students will begin training in early March for the May 9 event; they also learn about healthy lifestyles and how important being active is to physical and mental health. Race organizers are hoping that others will be inspired to begin lacing up their sneakers now in preparation for May 9.

"There is no better day than today to begin exercising," said Aimee Heis, race co-chair. "We encourage community members to form walking and

running groups now to get ready for the 3.1-mile course, and we hope these groups continue to stay active together long after the event."

The race begins at 8:30 a.m. at Nagel Middle School, 1500 Nagel Road. After crossing the finish line, participants can enjoy the post-race festival that features more than 50 local businesses and community organizations.

Over the past decade, the event has raised more than \$350,000 for the Forest Hills Foundation for Education. **All proceeds directly support student programming in the Forest Hills School District.**

To register for the 11th annual FH5K, go to [foresthills5K.com](http://foresthills5K.com). For more information about the Forest Hills Foundation for Education, visit [fhfe.org](http://fhfe.org).

## Public Meetings

ALL MEETINGS ARE HOSTED AT ANDERSON CENTER 7850 FIVE MILE ROAD (688-8400) UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

Board of Township Trustees *(Times and dates subject to change with notice)*

**Interim Meeting:** Thursday, April 2 • 2 p.m. • **Regular Monthly Meeting:** Thursday, April 16 • 5:30 p.m.

**Board of Zoning Appeals**  
Thursday, April 2 • 5:30 p.m.

**WeTHRIVE!  
Anderson Committee**  
Wednesday, April 15 • 6 p.m.

**Zoning Commission**  
Monday, April 27 • 5:30 p.m.

**Tree Committee**  
Monday, May 11 • 7 p.m.

**Transportation  
Advisory Committee**  
Tuesday, May 5 • 6:30 p.m.

**Anderson Township Senior  
Center Advisory Committee**  
Thursday, April 16 • 2 p.m.  
Meets at Anderson Township  
Senior Center  
7970 Beechmont Ave.

**Greenspace Advisory**  
Meets as needed

**Greater Anderson  
Township Betterment  
Commission**  
Monday, April 27 • 3:30 p.m.

**Economic  
Development Committee**  
Tuesday, May 26 • 3 p.m.

# EVENTS

## Great American Cleanup Set for Saturday, April 25

### Event focuses on township litter removal

Anderson's Great American Cleanup, a day to spruce up the community, is set for Saturday, April 25 this year. Join your friends and neighbors in picking up litter and debris along township roads and green areas.

Take your volunteer spirit to the street starting at 8:30 a.m. Register at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile, to receive an assignment. Older children may participate with adult supervision. Supplies for the cleanup and lunch will be provided. Volunteers can work at their own pace.

For information or preregistration for large groups, or to pick up supplies in advance, contact Sarah Donovan at 688-8400 ext. 1181 or [sdonovan@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:sdonovan@AndersonTownship.org).



SATURDAY, APRIL 25 · 8:30-11:30AM

## Take Back Day Gets Unneeded Medicines Off the Street

Did you know? Anderson Township hosts an annual Take Back Day where residents can drop off all their unneeded medicines. It also has a drop box available for expired or unneeded prescription and over-the-counter medicines. Don't flush the medicine or throw it into the trash—dispose of it responsibly for free one of these two ways.

The next Drug Take Back Day is set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road. Please note: Not accepted at the site are liquids, aerosols, inhalers, needles or (plastic/glass) bottles. Also, due to incineration requirements, plastic pill bottles are not accepted. Place all pills and tablets into a zip-lock style bag for disposal.

Although pill bottles cannot be recycled in the township's curbside recycling, Matthew 25 Ministries in Blue Ash does accept the bottles for recycling.

If you wish to eliminate unneeded or expired medicines more than just once a year, conveniently and safely dispose of these items weekdays at a drop box in the front lobby of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office District 5 (Anderson Township) Headquarters at 7954 Beechmont Ave.



ADOPT A ROADWAY LOVES NEW VOLUNTEERS!

Keep Cincinnati Beautiful sponsors the Great American Cleanup. For regular roadway cleanup and litter removal, Anderson Township sponsors a year-round program. The Adopt A Roadway effort is modeled after the national Adopt a Highway program.

For details or to volunteer, contact Sarah Donovan at 688-8400 ext. 1181 or [sdonovan@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:sdonovan@AndersonTownship.org).

The program is part of the Ohio Prescription Drug Drop Box Program and is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. No liquids, aerosols or needles are accepted at the drop box. Please place all pills in plastic zip lock bags.

For information contact Deputy Brian Hayes at 688-8400 ext. 1191 or [bhayes@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:bhayes@AndersonTownship.org).



SATURDAY, APRIL 25 · 10AM-2PM



SUNDAY, MAY 17 · 10AM-4PM

## Tapestry of Color Found in Garden and History Tour

Annual May 17 event includes opportunities to view historic sites and flourishing local gardens.

The Anderson Garden and History Tour, a free annual self-guided event, returns this spring with a wide range of gardens open for viewing. Along with the garden tour, participants are invited to tour historic homes that will be open all day for a visit.

This year's Garden and History Tour is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 17. View details of the tour online at [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org) or grab a paper guide, both available after May 1 at Anderson Center.

"Anderson Township has some great master gardeners and budding novices who are so excited to invite their neighbors to view all of their hard work. If you have considered participating in the Garden Tour previously or have one you would like to showcase, now is your chance," said Sarah Donovan, Planner 1. The Garden and History Tour is hosted by the volunteer WeTHRIVE! Anderson Committee.

Have a garden you would like to share with the public?  
Call Sarah Donovan at 688-8400 ext. 1181 to discuss.



## Bargain Hunt at Anderson Center Station Yard Sale on May 2



SATURDAY,  
MAY 2 · 8AM-NOON

Buy or sell treasures at the annual Anderson Center Station Yard Sale, scheduled rain or shine from 8 a.m. to noon. Saturday, May 2. Anderson Center Station is at 7832 Five Mile Road.

Start your day search at 8 a.m. among the diverse sellers who have rented a space at the center. Sellers must be Anderson residents. A fee of \$15 per 18 x 19 space (two parking spaces) is charged and sellers must bring their own tables and chairs. Set up starts at 7 a.m. and all items must be removed by 1 p.m.

In conjunction with the Anderson Center Station Yard Sale, Anderson Township hosts its **community-wide yard/garage sale** on the same day, Saturday, May 2.

To have your garage sale listed on the township's website ([AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org)), email [bcowan@andersontownship.org](mailto:bcowan@andersontownship.org) with the address and time of the sale. There is no fee to participate and the sale listings are open to all Anderson residents.

## New Community Bike Ride Rolls on May 23

Enjoy the beautiful views of the Little Miami Scenic Trail during a new Community Bike Ride event, hosted during National Bike Month in May.

The 3.4-mile ride is set for 10 a.m. Saturday, May 23, starting at Clear Creek Park, with the trek taking riders to the trailhead of the Little Miami Scenic Trail near the Beechmont Levee and Speedway on Ohio 32. Promoters say the goal of the new event is to advocate bicycle safety and encourage trail use. Children are encouraged and welcome. This event is an initiative of the WeTHRIVE! Anderson Committee, in partnership with Great Parks of Hamilton County and the Anderson Park District.

For more information, contact Brad Bowers at 688-8400 ext. 1177 or [bbowers@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:bbowers@AndersonTownship.org)



SATURDAY, MAY 23 • 10AM

Promoters say the goal of the new event is to advocate bicycle safety and encourage trail use. Children are encouraged and welcome.

## Memorial Day: We Remember on May 25 on Anderson Center Plaza

### Fallen veterans honored at solemn event.

The Anderson Township Veterans Memorial Committee returns to Anderson Center this year to observe the township's ceremony in tribute to fallen veterans.

**HOSTED RAIN OR SHINE, THE EVENT IS SET FOR MONDAY, MAY 25 AT 11:45 A.M.**

A remembrance wreath will be placed at the Anderson Township Veterans Memorial on the plaza. Members of the American Legion Post 318 will provide a three-volley salute over the lake, with "Taps" echoed from Anderson Center's overlook.

Included in the solemn remembrance is the reading of names of deceased members of the armed forces. Sign in by 11:45 a.m. to have a loved one's name read during the ceremony. The ceremony starts at noon.

For more information, contact Molly Mohrfield at 688-8400 ext. 1101 or [mmohrfield@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:mmohrfield@AndersonTownship.org).



MONDAY, MAY 25 • 11:45AM



MAY 29-31 MORE THAN 300 FINE ARTISTS AND CRAFTS PEOPLE

## Art Enthusiasts Return to Coney for Summerfair

One of the oldest continuous art fairs in the country returns each year to Coney Island, with "cream of the crop" artists exhibiting from across the nation.

Summerfair Cincinnati opens each year the weekend after Memorial Day. This year the event is set for May 29, 30 and 31, featuring more than 300 fine artists and craftspeople. Fine art for sale includes photography,

painting, drawing/printmaking, wood, metal, sculpture, glass, ceramics, fibers, leather, jewelry and 2D/3D mixed media.

Besides exhibitions, the event includes a children's area, a variety of gourmet arts and regional performers.

Tickets are \$10 per day; children 12 and under are admitted free. For details, go to [Summerfair.org](http://Summerfair.org).

## Plan for Summer Fun at Annual July 4 Parade

**Imagining a creative entry in the upcoming Anderson Township Independence Day Parade? Applications for the 2020 July 4th parade open on Monday, April 27!**

One of Anderson Township's favorite community events returns for its 16th year on Saturday, July 4.

The route of the 10 a.m. July 4th Parade follows the same path as in previous years, starting at the Anderson Township Operations Center, 7954 Beechmont Ave., and running to the Anderson Towne Center.

Registration forms for the parade will be available soon at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road, or on the township's website, [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org) (under the What's New section) or at the official parade site at [Anderson4thParade.com](http://Anderson4thParade.com).

To volunteer, contact Steve Sievers at 688-8400, ext. 1178 or [ssievers@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:ssievers@AndersonTownship.org).



SATURDAY, JULY 4 • 10AM

# CONNECT

## Mark your Calendar!

### MARCH

**Anderson Community Band**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 7PM**  
 Anderson Center Theater  
 7850 Five Mile Road  
 INFO • John Fecker at 207-8506 or [andersoncommunityband.org](http://andersoncommunityband.org)

**Township 101**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 6-8:15PM**  
 Anderson Center 7850 Five Mile Road  
 REGISTER • [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org)

### APRIL



**Summerfair Poster Debut**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 6-9PM**  
 Anderson Center Lower Atrium  
 7850 Five Mile Road  
 INFO • Free, open to the public  
[Summerfair.org](http://Summerfair.org)

**Miami Valley Christian Academy—Beauty and the Beast**  
**THURSDAY & FRIDAY**  
**APRIL 16-17, 7PM**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1 & 7PM**  
 Anderson Center Theater  
 7850 Five Mile Road  
 INFO • Tickets: \$12 adult, \$10 student  
[mvca-oh.com/beautyandthebeast](http://mvca-oh.com/beautyandthebeast)

**Anderson Area Job Fair**  
 Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 4-7PM**  
 INFO • [AndersonAreaChamber.org](http://AndersonAreaChamber.org)

**The Forest-Aires Women's Chorus ENCORE! 2020**  
**FRIDAY/SATURDAY,**  
**APRIL 24 & 25, 7:30PM**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 3PM**  
 Anderson Center Theater  
 7850 Five Mile Road  
 INFO • [theforestaires.com](http://theforestaires.com)

**Drug Take Back Day**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 10AM-2PM**  
 Anderson Center 7850 Five Mile Road  
 Not accepted at the site are liquids, aerosols, inhalers, needles or (plastic/glass) bottles. Place pills and tablets into a zip-lock style bag for disposal. INFO • 688-8400

**Great American Cleanup**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 25**  
**8:30AM-NOON**  
 Anderson Center 7850 Five Mile Road  
 INFO & SIGNUP • Sarah Donovan at 688-8400 ext. 1181 or [sdonovan@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:sdonovan@AndersonTownship.org)

### MAY

**Beechmont Players**  
**Wrong Window**  
 Anderson Center Theater  
 7850 Five Mile Road  
**FRIDAY & SATURDAY MAY 1 AND 2, 8PM**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 3, 3PM**  
**FRIDAY, MAY 8, 8PM**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 9, 3PM**  
 INFO • 233-2468. Tickets • \$20; Students, seniors (60+) and active military, \$18

**Anderson Center Station Garage Sale**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 2, 8AM-NOON**  
 Anderson Center Station  
 7932 Five Mile Road  
 INFO • Jennifer Sanders at 688-8444 or [jsanders@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:jsanders@AndersonTownship.org)



**Communitywide Garage Sales**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 2, TIME VARIES**  
 Various locations across township  
 INFO • Contact [bcowan@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:bcowan@AndersonTownship.org) to list your sale on [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org)

**Party on the Plaza**  
**Kevin McCoy Band**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 7, 5:30-9:30PM**  
 Anderson Center 7850 Five Mile Road  
 INFO • 474-4802 or [AndersonPartyonthePlaza.com](http://AndersonPartyonthePlaza.com)  
 Concessions \$5 or less.

**Forest Hills 5K**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 9, 8AM**  
 Nagel Middle School 500 Nagel Road  
 INFO • [Foresthills5K.com](http://Foresthills5K.com)

**Home Grown Plant Sale**  
**Anderson Township Historical Society**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 9, 9AM-4PM**  
 Miller-Leuser Log House  
 6550 Clough Pike at Bartels Road

**Performing Arts Inc.—Broadway Showcase, Bye Bye Birdie, Sound of Music**  
 Anderson Center Theater  
 7850 Five Mile Road  
**MAY 11-16**  
 INFO • For dates and times go to [performingartsinc.net/anderson](http://performingartsinc.net/anderson)  
 Tickets • \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door or [pai.seatyoursself.biz](http://pai.seatyoursself.biz).

**Seed Bash**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 16, 5-8PM**  
 Anderson Urban Farm  
 2550 Bartels Road

**Anderson Garden and History Tour**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 17, 10AM-4PM**  
 Variety of locations throughout township  
 INFO • Self-guided tour. Brochure online after May 1 at [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org).

**Anderson Community Bike Ride**  
 Clear Creek Park, 6200 Ohio 32  
**SATURDAY, MAY 23, 10AM**  
 INFO • [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org)



**Lejeune Dance Academy Cinderella**  
 Anderson Center 7850 Five Mile Road  
**FRIDAY & SATURDAY,**  
**MAY 22-23, 7:30PM**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2PM**  
 INFO • Tickets: \$20, \$15 seniors 65+ and children 10 and under.  
<https://lejeunedance.com/tickets/>

**Memorial Day Remembrance and Bell Ringing Ceremony**  
 Anderson Center South Plaza  
 7850 Five Mile Road  
**MONDAY, MAY 25, 11:45AM**  
 INFO • Molly Mohrfield at 688-8400 ext. 1101 or [mmohrfield@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:mmohrfield@AndersonTownship.org)



**Party on the Plaza Buzz Bin**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 28, 5:30-9:30PM**  
 Anderson Center 7850 Five Mile Road  
 INFO • 474-4802 or [AndersonPartyonthePlaza.com](http://AndersonPartyonthePlaza.com)  
 Concessions \$5 or less.

**Cincinnati Summerfair 2020**  
 Coney Island I-275 at Kellogg Ave.  
**FRIDAY, MAY 29, NOON-7PM**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 30, 10AM-7PM;**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 31, 10AM-5PM**  
 INFO • Tickets • \$10, children 12 and under free

**Anderson Community Band**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 31, 7PM**  
 Anderson Center Theater  
 7850 Five Mile Road  
 INFO • John Fecker at 207-8506 or [andersoncommunityband.org](http://andersoncommunityband.org)

### JUNE

**Performing Arts Inc. Oliver, Annie Kids**  
**JUNE 8-11**  
 Anderson Center Theater  
 7850 Five Mile Road  
 Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door or [pai.seatyoursself.biz](http://pai.seatyoursself.biz). Check online at [www.performingartsinc.net/anderson](http://www.performingartsinc.net/anderson) for dates and times.

**Party on the Plaza Backbeat**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 5:30-9:30PM**  
 Anderson Center 7850 Five Mile Road  
 INFO • 474-4802 or [AndersonPartyonthePlaza.com](http://AndersonPartyonthePlaza.com).  
 Concessions \$5 or less.

**Anderson Township Library Association—39th Annual Used Book Sale**  
 Nagel Middle School 1500 Nagel Road  
**FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 10AM-8PM**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 10AM-5PM**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 21, NOON-3PM**  
<https://www.cincinnati.library.org/support/atla.html>



### JULY

**Anderson Township Independence Day Parade**  
**SATURDAY, JULY 4, 10AM**  
 Beechmont Avenue, starting at Beechmont Fire Station, 7954 Beechmont Ave.  
 INFO • [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org)

**Party on the Plaza—3 Piece Revival**  
**THURSDAY, JULY 9, 5:30-9:30PM**  
 Anderson Center 7850 Five Mile Road  
 INFO • 474-4802 or [AndersonPartyonthePlaza.com](http://AndersonPartyonthePlaza.com).  
 Concessions \$5 or less.







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# 'Anderson Township Next 4 Exits'

**Series of new signs created to increase community visibility from interstate and on Five Mile Road offramp.**

Highly visible new signs on I-275 will soon direct motorists to Anderson Township exits.

Anderson will be installing a series of directional signs along I-275 and the exit ramps to Five Mile Road.

The interstate signs will read: "Anderson Township Next 3 Exits" northbound travelling from Kentucky, and "Anderson Township Next 4 Exits" southbound, coming from Milford and Eastgate.

At the exit from I-275 to Five Mile Road, drivers and visitors, will be directed towards amenities and destinations on Beechmont Avenue. "We have long heard concerns raised about lack of orientation towards folks looking for the Beechmont Corridor," noted Planner 1 PJ Ginty. While online mapping and other signage helps, "this would be one more measure to direct visiting motorists towards the heart of Anderson Township."

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Anderson Township is the 11th largest township in Ohio encompassing 31 square miles and about 44,000 residents," said Trustee Andrew Pappas. "More than 700 businesses call Anderson home. However, our community is lacking interstate visibility which would assist with wayfinding for visitors, residents, and provide support for local businesses," he said. "These signs will be a huge help to so many."

Ginty said the Ohio Department of Transportation only recently began to allow townships to place signs along the interstate, something Anderson and other communities have requested for years.



Rendering of a proposed signs heading south on I-275 towards the Beechmont Avenue exit.