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Anderson Township Chosen as 2021 HOMEARAMA® Site

Southwest Ohio showcase to feature six luxury homes this fall.



Parkside Estates in Coldstream hosts the HOMEARAMA® this fall.

Six decorated and landscaped homes in Anderson Township will be the feature attraction in the fall 2021 HOMEARAMA® event, September 18 through October 3 in the Coldstream area.

"It has been over 40 years since HOMEARAMA® has been hosted in Anderson Township," said Trustee Chair Josh Gerth. "We could not be more excited to welcome back the premier home show in southwest Ohio for 2021."

Produced by the Home Builders Association of Greater Cincinnati, the showcase features houses in the Parkside Estates development off Hopper Road that will include half-acre lots along a wooded hamlet. Homes start in the \$1 million range.

Gerth noted that Anderson Township has taken steps in recent years to market and strengthen its amenities in order to take advantage of opportunities like this. "Over the past few years, we have made a concerted effort through thoughtful engagement and planning to redevelop our riverfront, Downtown Anderson, Beechmont Avenue, and our neighborhood infrastructure," he said. The fact that the "Home Builders Association has chosen Anderson Township this

year proves that we are doing the right things and remain one of the most desirable places to call home," he said.

"Parkside Estates at Coldstream is the perfect location for our show, HOMEARAMA® 2021," echoes Dan Dressman, executive director of the Home Builders Association of Greater Cincinnati. "Show attendees will love touring the brand new luxury homes with outstanding design and decor, plus they'll experience all that Anderson Township has to offer."



HOMEARAMA® 2021 site

Developing new alternative living options for all ages has been high on the priority list for Anderson's volunteer Economic Development Committee, Gerth said. "Our goal is to create sustainable and responsible growth, while protecting the great things in our community like our schools, parks, Greenspace and trails."

Paul Kitzmiller, chair of the economic development committee, noted that Anderson has been chosen three times as a HOMEARAMA® site in the show's history. "Anderson today can boast some of the most exclusive and expensive homes in Cincinnati," he said. To take advantage of all the opportunities that come with the exposure through the showcase, the committee is focusing this year on supporting the event.

Zicka Homes President Julie Zicka noted, "We can't wait to welcome visitors to Parkside Estates. The community is surrounded by 100 acres of conservation area, so it's peaceful and beautiful, but also close to everything. Families will appreciate the Forest Hills schools, as well."

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Big Cleanup: Anderson Lake Dredging This Summer

Sediment buildup has affected lake’s detention capacity; access restricted for several months.



Anderson Lake at Anderson Center on Five Mile Road

Beginning in June, Anderson Lake at Anderson Center on Five Mile Road will be dredged to restore the original capacity of the lake.

The dredging process will take four to five months to eliminate buildup of sediment accumulated in the last 14 years. Over time, township officials estimate the lake has lost nearly 25 percent of its holding capacity.

During the cleaning process, lake access will be restricted and the road between Anderson Center and Anderson Center Station will be closed. Outdoor events at the center will also be suspended, but this will also coincide with planned construction at Anderson Center Station for the

Clough Traffic Signal Timing Project Coming Soon

Clough Pike commuters could soon enjoy a smoother and quicker ride down the corridor, thanks to a new signal timing project.

Five signalized intersections will be studied starting this spring, with a goal of reducing time delays experienced at each intersection.

The intersections to be examined include Clough’s connections with Nagel Road, Eight Mile Road, Wolfangel Road, Bruns Lane and Five Mile Road.

According to P.J. Ginty, planner, the study and the resulting adjustments will be complete by the end of the year. Traffic experts predict some areas could see a nearly 30 percent reduction in travel delays.

This project is an outgrowth of the township’s planned improvements on the Clough corridor, a project that began in 2019 when the township started studying ways to make the heavily-used artery safer and more efficient. The community overwhelmingly supported upgrading the corridor, evidenced by more than 800 individuals who responded to a survey that solicited ideas for change on Clough Pike.

Vantage at Anderson Towne Center development. Disruptions will only occur for one season, said Mark Magna, facilities manager.

Steve Sievers, assistant administrator for operations, said the lake serves an important role in the township’s stormwater control efforts.

Built in 2007, Anderson Lake was designed to mitigate downstream flooding and overflows of sanitary sewage into Clough Creek. Sievers noted the lake handles a 1,000-acre watershed and has become an intricate part of the stormwater system in Anderson Township.

Much neighborhood and business development upstream of the lake was built prior to stormwater detention requirements. As such, it is a holding area for thousands of gallons of water during storm events. The lake fills up, then slowly recedes to a pool effect as water slowly drains into a stream that ultimately leads to Clough Creek.

Since it was built, this structure has had a dramatic impact reducing downstream flooding and has mitigated water issues with private property through the Sherwood Forest area and along Paddison and Berkshire roads.

“When Anderson Center was built, the trustees and staff made a commitment to make this site a visual and social centerpiece for the township, while also being sensitive to nature,” said Trustee Andrew Pappas. “Anderson Lake and its role in controlling and cleaning stormwater was a key part of that effort, addressing a number of issues in the Clough Watershed.

The dredging work is planned to conclude in the fall.

Anderson Township, consultant Stantec and the Hamilton County Engineer’s Office are collaborating on the project. These signal change improvements were identified as providing the biggest benefit for the least amount of money, along with the lowest inconvenience to drivers.

Along with intersection timing signal changes, expect improved crosswalks and pavement markings throughout the corridor, Ginty said.

To learn more about the Clough Pike improvement project, go to AndersonTownship.org.



Clough Pike and Eight Mile Road intersection



Luxury Apartment Project Slated for Five Mile Road

Park and Ride site’s redevelopment fits into township’s long-term plan for housing diversification.

A dramatic high-end apartment community, complete with luxury interior amenities and spacious outdoor courtyards, is planned for the three-acre property now hosting the Anderson Center Station park and ride facility. If all goes according to schedule, work on the site could start this year. Due to the complexity of the site, it will take several years to complete.

The planned Five Mile Road Vantage at Anderson Towne Center will include two four-story buildings above a three-story parking garage that tapers with the hillside as it slopes from Towne Center Way toward the north. Anderson Township currently owns the property and has been seeking a private-public partnership to further enhance the Anderson Towne Center.

The Vantage project will not only add multi-family housing, but one level of the parking garage will replace the park and ride METRO lot and allow shared parking for events at Anderson Center. The parking area will be covered for park and riders and be a closer walk to Anderson Center for overflow parking, according to Paul Drury, director of the Planning and Zoning Department. The site will also be maintained by Vantage, as opposed to township taxpayers.

Brandon Guttman, vice president of development and construction of Vantage at Anderson Towne Center, said the public-private partnership project was an excellent match for both parties, who determined “we need to build the top luxury apartment in the region at a minimum, and (expanding our vision) to be a top in the Midwest.”

The target audience for the development is both millennials and the “lock and leave crowd,” which he describes as “another form of empty nester.”

“These are the people who have raised their families in Anderson, and they don’t want to leave family and friends, but don’t want the big house and big yard,” he said. “But they do want all the bells and whistles that came with their single family detached home.”

The chair of Anderson’s volunteer-led Economic Development Committee, Paul Kitzmiller, said the redevelopment of this property fits into the long-term housing goals established by the committee about a decade ago, and reinforced in the township’s Comprehensive Plan. The committee identified Anderson was lacking in senior living and multi-family housing stock, with “no new product offerings in more than three decades,” he said. “We quickly realized if we could not accommodate the Gen X and seniors, our population would eventually decline. We identified key sites and built a strategy to overcome,” he said.

Currently, many new options exist for township residents’ housing needs, Kitzmiller said. “Today Anderson is thriving. We have substantially increased both housing stock offerings with wonderful options for our population,” he noted. “This new product will not only bring younger demographics to our community, but it also provides options for our empty nesters and will keep our seniors from searching for other options in neighboring communities.”

Drury said this Vantage development will be served by convenient amenities within walking distance, plus quick access to the Five Mile Trail and Mercy Health-Anderson Hospital. “Infrastructure is in place for the property and the Comprehensive Plan encourages higher density development which will compliment surrounding uses and support businesses in the area,” he said.



Current park and ride site to be under development

Drones Allow Bird's Eye View of Township Projects, Properties



High-flying drones, not just used for recreation or residential package delivery, are now employed in Anderson Township government's day-to-day needs.

From assisting first responders in expediting emergency response, to helping with inspections of township facilities or planning for a new transportation project, officials see the equipment has great potential for use in public service and education efforts.

"Governments have found drones to be a tremendous help to public safety, while also reducing tax dollars in the case of inspections or the management of public projects," said Assistant Administrator for Operations Steve Sievers. "We look forward to these and other benefits for our residents."

The township launched its drones for the first time this year, after the "Drone Team" (employees from each department) received technical training and certifications through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Planner Brad Bowers said he sees many uses in his planning work that could benefit from an aerial view. Uses include tracking progress on construction projects, inspecting infrastructure and trees, and examining sites proposed for development. "It's going to be an enormous help with our planning efforts by giving us updated information through aerial inspections," he said.

Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Chief Rick Martin owns a drone himself and has seen how the equipment can be used to give disaster and emergency responders important information. In a fire response, Martin said a "360° view available of a scene at all times would help us make decisions. We can't put someone on every side of a building so seeing all of the scene all of the time would help us make decisions using real-time information about a fire-where it is going where it is going and what it is doing."

"I applaud our staff for taking the lead in tapping into this tool for our community," noted Trustee Andrew Pappas, himself a drone user. "Anderson is one of the few governments in our region dipping into this opportunity. We anticipate numerous public safety, education, and efficiency benefits that will come from this."

OTHER USES IDENTIFIED IN THE TOWNSHIP'S DRONE POLICY:

- Search And Rescue
- Tactical Deployment in Emergency Situations
- Visual Perspective in Crowd Control, Traffic, Accident Scenes or During Events and Other Gatherings
- Community Education and Awareness, such as with Transportation Improvements or Other Public Projects
- Inspections of Greenspace and Township Facilities



Aerial view of snowy Anderson Towne Center

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New Clough Creek flood bypass pond

Clough Basin Ready to Tackle Spring Floods

A new bypass pond on Clough Creek could hold more than 2 million gallons of stormwater and lessen flooding and erosion downstream.

If you travel Clough Pike near the new Harmony Senior Living development, you'll see a large flood bypass pond built along Clough Creek. This recently-built basin is poised to play a valuable role in helping alleviate flooding along that area.

Starting in 2019, Anderson Township and the developers of Harmony at Anderson worked to install this large flood bypass pond that could hold more than 2 million gallons of stormwater. As much of the Clough Creek watershed was developed prior to stormwater regulations in the 1990s, streambank erosion has impacted the creek and downstream property over the years.

The property on which the basin is located was acquired by the township in the late 1980s and farmed until the early 2000s. Dirt removed from the site was used to raise the elevation for the adjacent Harmony development and eliminated their need to haul fill material to the site.

That basin is now complete, and Assistant Administrator for Operations Steve Sievers says the structure is a win-win for both residents and the senior living facility. "The basin, which will help to slow the speed and high water levels of

the creek during storm events, was built with no public funds," he said. "The natural process of revegetation has already started and we're excited to see the new vegetation and wildlife that will be attracted to this property."

The new basin has an overflow on the creek bank that will allow high waters from the creek to overflow into the pond. This pond holds water through a series of smaller basins, and slowly releases it downstream through small holes in the outlet weir wall. The end result is less water in the creek during a large storm event, which also reduces flooding effects further downstream, Sievers said.

"This creative project seeks to address stormwater issues, enhances the environmental attributes of this site, all the while being undertaken with no public cost," noted Trustee Dee Stone. "In fact, the soil removed from this site is a key township economic development piece of the Harmony development, which will result in other improvements along Clough Pike and Clough Creek," she added.

"This project is a perfect example of a public-private partnership that will benefit our community in a myriad of ways," Sievers said.

Historic Photo Archive Evolving into Digital Library



With thousands of Anderson Township-based historical items in its care to be enjoyed by the next generation, the Anderson Township Historical Society has taken a big step forward in safeguarding these important artifacts.

The effort to protect local information and artifacts has been ongoing since 1968. In those five decades since its inception, Anderson Township

Historical Society members have provided thousands of hours of effort preserving and indexing innumerable donated historical documents, photographs and genealogy records.

However, in recent years some members of the society recognized they were not current on the most updated preservation methods, thus making it difficult to find or share all the snippets of information and photos that flowed into the organization's possession.

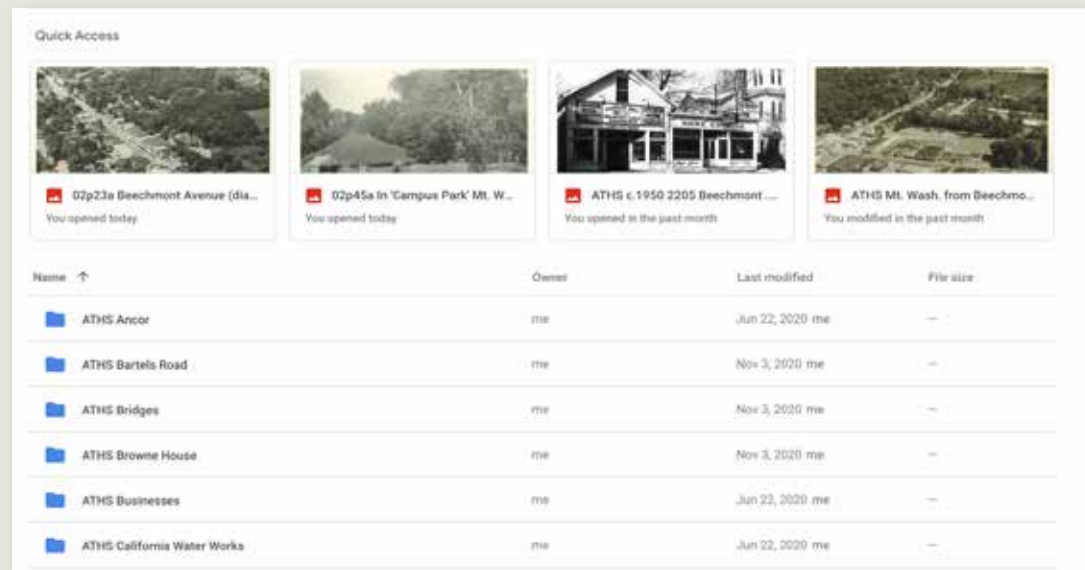
In early 2020, the society's research chair Janet Heywood met with board trustee Nick Gressle and Lesley Gressle to discuss organization of the images into a digital library. The idea was to create a searchable database that could be accessed from home computers and mobile devices.

According to Nick, it was important this digital library also easily cross references the actual images in the physical collection should researchers wish to access hard copies for the society's print and book projects and for other researchers to use.

In 2020, image binders were gathered for scanning at high resolution. In some cases, the images were digitally repaired, eliminating issues caused due to passage of time.

In the past 12 months, the historical society has organized more than 800 high resolution images into easily-searchable categories. He anticipates the library could be open mid-year for individuals to enjoy.

Organizers learned as they dug into the material available. While scanning and cataloguing all of the architectural structure images, it was evident that many of these structures of the past were gone today. Thus, organizers added an additional wing of the digital library with the help of Google Maps. Images that the society has on file with an



Categories page: This is an example of the categories that will be in the Anderson Township Digital Library. Everything from images of structures to early settlers of the area will be available to review and download.

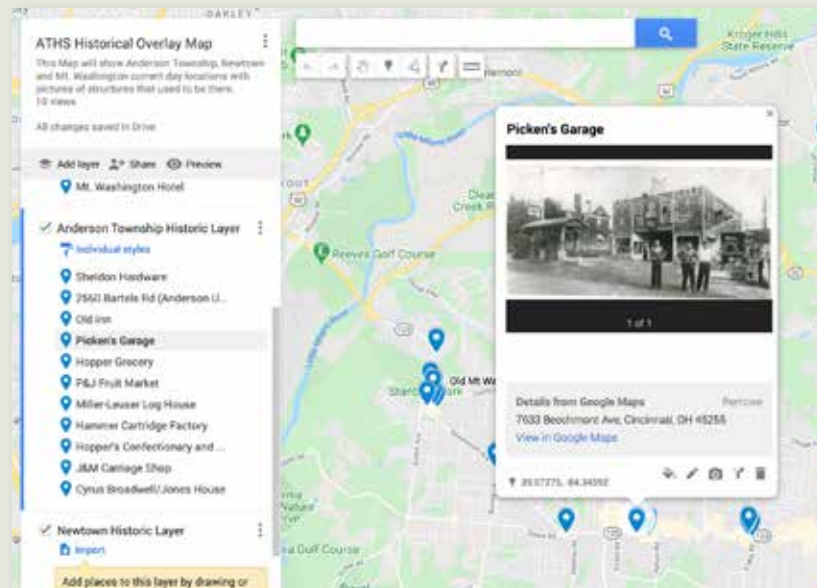


Wedding 1912: Users can also zoom in to see the detail in the images from the Anderson Township Historical Society. This one is from a 1912 wedding.

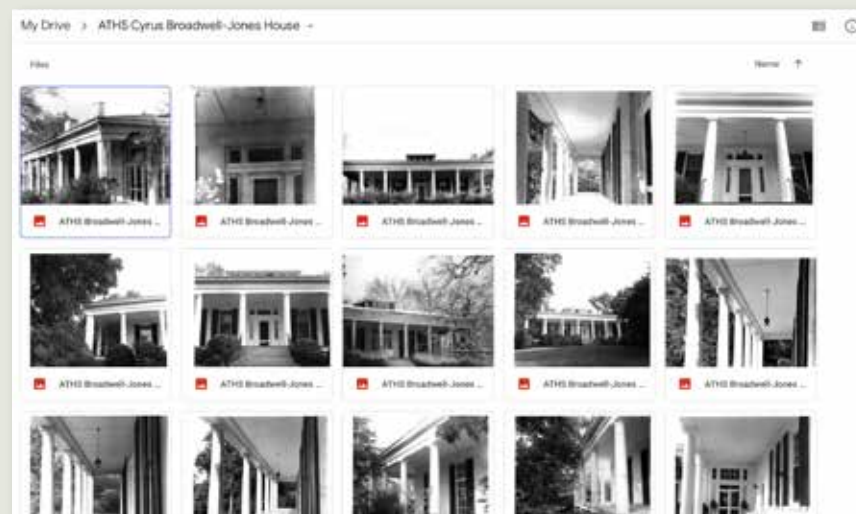
address are now being overlaid on a current day digital map. This will show users where a building was and what is now in its place.

Janet Heywood, who began this project, passed away in January of 2021 after a brief illness. (See sidebar information on Janet Heywood.) "The project she started is still in progress and will be a wonderful tool for future students and historians alike," noted President Don Perry.

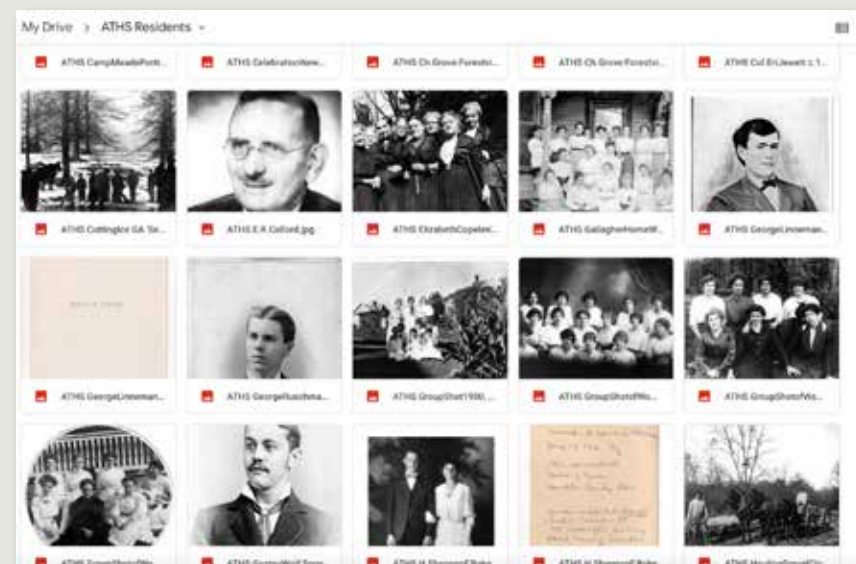
The digital library will be available for use for members-only at first. A current membership to the Anderson Township Historical Society is \$10 a year, which would provide digital library access. For more information go to AndersonTownshipHistoricalSociety.org.



Map overlay: The library also will include a Google Maps feature where images of properties long gone can be overlaid onto the current day map of the area.



Broadwell House: Once a user enters a category, they will find high-resolution images. This is an example of the historic Cyrus Broadwell Jones Home.



Residents category: The residents category has images of some of the early settlers of the area dating back to the 1800s.

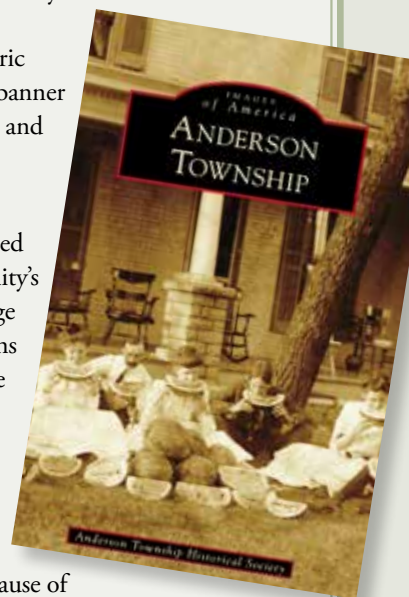
Remembering 'History Notes' Author



JANET HEYWOOD, the longtime author and researcher who made Anderson Township history come to life on the pages of this newsletter, died January 16, 2021.

For the last six years she shared historic photos from the Anderson Township Historical Society's collection and little-known information with *Anderson Insights* readers about important places, interesting culture and long-lost families who called this area home. She also was the writer for the township's Facebook page "Throw Back Thursday" stories each week since its debut in 2015. As part of her work with the historical society, Heywood also organized and wrote the Images of America "Anderson Township" book just in time for the community's 225th celebration. She supplied historic expertise on local banner commemorations, and other 225th event observations.

"Janet simply helped keep our community's history and heritage alive for generations to come," said Dee Stone, township trustee vice chair, and "our community is stronger and more cohesive because of her efforts."



Kasperczyk Named Firefighter of the Year



Chris Kasperczyk

Anderson’s American Legion Post 318 has named Battalion Chief Chris Kasperczyk as the American Legion Firefighter of the Year for 2021. Kasperczyk has served as chief of the EMS Division of the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department since 2018. The department serves 3,800 patients a year and nominator Chief Rick Martin praised his efforts to keep firefighter-paramedics on top of training and equipment needed to do the job.

During the complexities of COVID-19, Kasperczyk established protocols and provided leadership as the situation changed, Martin said. He also engaged the department in a nationwide program to improve cardiac quality of care and improve survival rates. His efforts led to automated external defibrillators (AEDs) being installed in each sheriff’s office cruiser in the township.

Kasperczyk also has been recognized at the Hamilton County Council of American Legions level as the firefighter of the year.

Officer Caddell Named Law Enforcement Officer of the Year



Andrew Caddell

The Hamilton County Sheriff’s nomination for the American Legion Post 318 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year for 2021 is Enforcement Officer Andrew Caddell. Caddell graduated from Great Oaks Police Academy in 2013; in 2015 he joined the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office. He came to Anderson Township’s District 5 substation in 2017. He served in the Ohio National Guard for six years.

Throughout his career with the Sheriff’s Office, Caddell has demonstrated dedication, courage, good judgement, enthusiasm, and good instincts, according to nominator Lt. Dan McElroy. He has handled himself professionally in several dangerous situations, deescalating the circumstances, and has prepared himself for police work through taking extra courses and further firearm training, according to nominator McElroy.

Caddell also has been recognized on the county level at the Hamilton County Council of American Legions level as the officer of the year.

Remembering Adam McMillan



Adam McMillan

CORPORAL ADAM MCMILLAN, a Hamilton County Sheriff’s officer at the District 5 substation, died October 23, 2020 as a result of a car accident suffered weeks earlier.

“Adam was a leader and a professional dedicated to providing outstanding service to his community,” said Lt. Dan McElroy, commander of the District 5 substation of the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office.” He wore his uniform and badge proudly. Adam had an endless desire to do his job to the best of his abilities and embodied what a law enforcement officer should be today.”

“Adam had impeccable annual ratings, exceeding performance expectations. In 2019, he investigated 218 cases and had 821 traffic contacts. During his time on patrol, he earned four sheriff’s commendations for heroic efforts in savings lives and taking drug dealers off the streets,” McElroy said.

“Adam McMillan is our hero not because he died making the ultimate sacrifice,” he said. “Adam became our hero the day he chose to serve our community and became a deputy sheriff. “

Township Personnel Changes



Brian Carlson

LT. BRIAN CARLSON, Carlson recently was promoted to battalion chief in the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department. He has served with the department since 2007.

Also promoted recently was Firefighter-Paramedic **DOUG EAGAN**, who is now a lieutenant in the department. He joined Anderson Township Fire and Rescue in 2014.



Doug Eagan



Sarah Donovan

Planner **SARAH DONOVAN**, a member of the Planning and Zoning Department, has been promoted to Planner II. She started with Anderson Township in 2015 as a co-op from the University of Cincinnati School of Planning. She was hired as a fulltime planner in 2017.

Anderson Township hired two new maintenance workers recently: **ADAM WEIGEL** and **RYAN GORTH**.

Retirements Announced



Brian Baldrige

Firefighter-paramedic **BRIAN BALDRIDGE** retired from Anderson Township Fire and Rescue in December after completing a 25-year career with the department.

Baldrige started with Anderson’s department in 1995 after working as a volunteer in Adams County and then as a fulltime firefighter-paramedic in Union Township.



Bob Goettke

DEPUTY BOB GOETTKE, the Anderson Township School Resource Officer, retires this year at the end of the school year. He has served as the resource officer for the past 21 years.

Goettke served through funding from the township’s safety services levy and contract with the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office.

In his role in the schools, Goettke served in many ways: counselor, role model, enforcement officer and mentor, covering nine school buildings and serving more than 7,000 students.

In his career Goettke coordinated many safety exercises related to the schools and community. His efforts on a 2018 full scale mass incident exercise earned him recognition by the Transportation Security Administration for planning the event. He also earned the 2019 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award, given annually by American Legion Post 318 in Anderson Township. Additionally, he received more than 30 letters of appreciation from residents during his career.



Don Tilley

Leadman **DON TILLEY** of the Public Works Department retired at the end of January 2021. He was hired in November 2000 as a maintenance worker, and then was promoted to equipment operator and then leadman.

Tilley served Anderson Township in many ways through upkeep of township property, snow removal and repair of township infrastructure. “He has been on duty to clean up after several natural disasters here in the township and he also assisted other communities in need, with the most recent being in Dayton, where he worked after a tornado,” said Eric Luginbuhl, director of Public Works. “There has never been a job too big for Don Tilley.”

AlertHC Program Offers Text Notifications for Emergencies

Want to stay on top of dangerous weather and emergency warnings? Anderson Township safety officials suggest signing up for a countywide mass alert system known as AlertHC.



The free Alert Hamilton County (AlertHC) system offered through the Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency (HCEMA) and Homeland Security provides more than 40 alert options. Included are notifications such as flooding, hazardous weather, evacuations, tornado warnings, heat watches and air quality alerts.

Alerts can be delivered via text message, or email, with phone call notification available for the following alerts: civil emergency message, civil danger warning, evacuation immediate, shelter in place, tornado warning, flash flood warning, flood warning, and municipal alerts.

AlertHC has paired with the emergency communication capability, Smart911, which allows users to share vital information with 911 call takers and first responders before an emergency happens.

Create a safety profile that includes information such as people living in the household, pictures of household members, pet information, medical information, and even home access information.

Information provided is completely private and secure. Smart911 is a nationwide system, ensuring a person’s safety profile is accessible to all 911 communications centers that subscribe to Smart911.

Sign up for both Alert HC and Smart911 at www.alerthc.org.

Fire Department Grant Adds PPE Supplies

Anderson Township’s Fire and Rescue Department recently received a \$23,236 grant from FEMA and the U.S. Homeland Security to purchase personal protection for employees used during the COVID-19 crisis.

According to Chief Rick Martin, the grant will cover the purchase price of respirators, gloves, coveralls and masks that could be needed for future COVID needs throughout Anderson Township and Newtown.

Martin noted that personnel currently use PPE daily and he expects that will continue for many months.



Township Cruisers Now Equipped with AEDS

Lifesaving devices have been added to sheriff's cruisers to provide fast medical assistance on the scene of a sudden cardiac arrest.

A generous grant from a former resident, Eileen Ayer, provided 28 automated external defibrillators (AEDs) that can assist in providing lifesaving measures on individuals who are not breathing and whose heart has stopped pumping. With the units, trained deputies from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office can now start the procedure when they are first on the scene.

"It might be a minute, or a couple minutes, but that time can make all the difference for us if a deputy gets there before we do," said Chris Kasperczyk, battalion chief for Anderson Township Fire and Rescue.

"Every minute someone's heart isn't pumping, and the patient is not breathing, the chance of survival decreases by seven to 10 percent. The sooner you can get the AED on someone, you then have the ability to still find them in a shockable rhythm to restore a normal heart rate," he said.

Kasperczyk said the department makes about 40 cardiac arrest calls a year. Each AED costs about \$2,200 and should last for eight years.



Deputy Brian Hayes

The Eileen Ayer Trust providing the funding was established by former resident Eileen Ayer who died in 2018. Another unit was donated by Comey & Shepherd Anderson Realtors in honor of Realtor Mark Burgess. Burgess passed away from sudden cardiac arrest last year.

"We are grateful for the donation received from the Ayer family," said Trustee Andrew Pappas. "I can't think of a more impactful way to give back to our township than potentially saving the lives of the very residents that make up our community."



Car Seat Checks Resume

Utilizing new pandemic safety guidelines, the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department has resumed child car seat checks for residents. Schedule a safety inspection by emailing Ben Meyer (bmeyer@AndersonTownship.org) or calling the Salem Fire Station, 6211 Salem Road at 688-8092. No walk-in appointments will be accepted.

Face masks are required. The driver must participate in a short screening process prior. No other people can accompany the driver at the inspection.

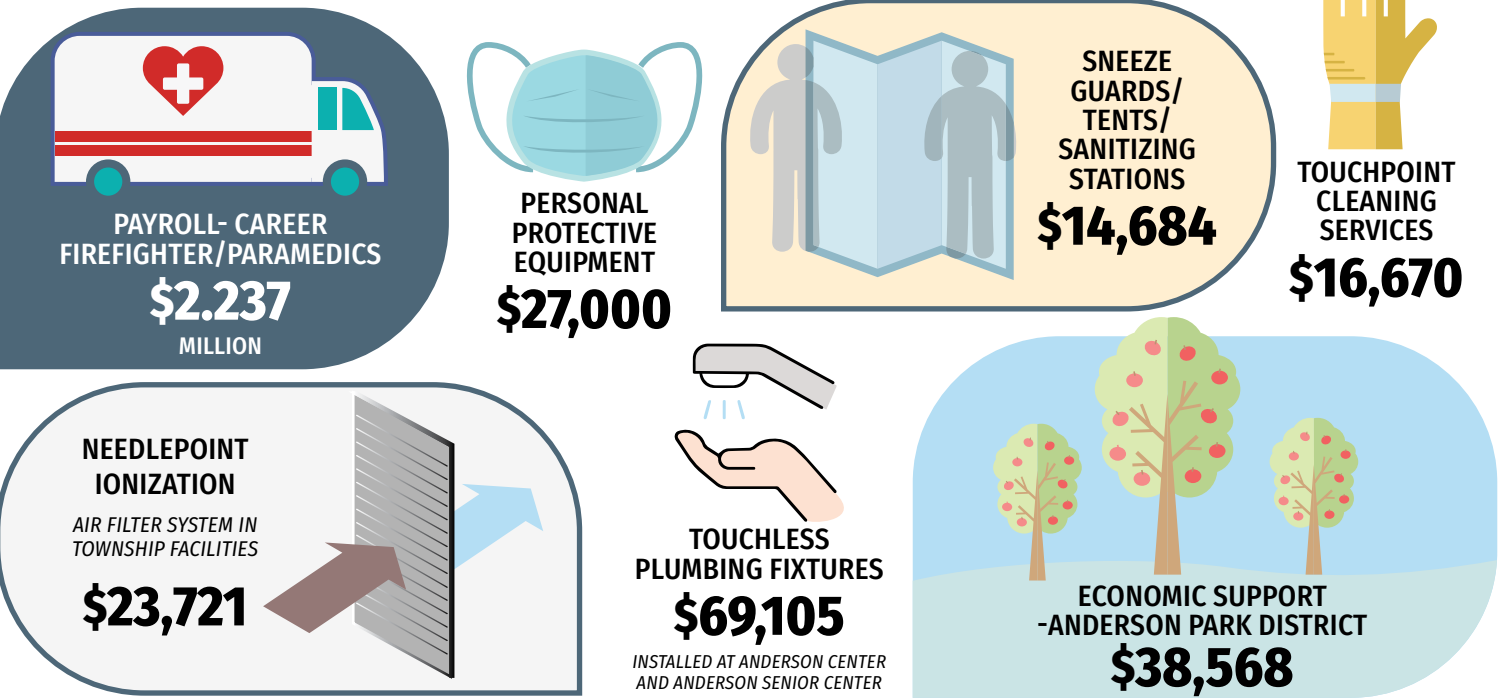
COVID-19 CARES Funds for Township Supported Fire Department, Expanded Sanitizing Measures

Like other communities, Anderson Township received CARES (Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security) Act funds to cover unexpected costs due to the onset of COVID-19.

In 2020, Anderson reported more than \$2 million in COVID-related government assistance.

The Anderson Park District did not receive a direct allocation of funds from federal, state or county funds. They were, however, eligible for reimbursement through a subgrant through the township. Funds were used mainly for PPE and also for extra law enforcement patrols during the closure of the parks.

HERE'S A GENERAL BREAKDOWN OF HOW THAT MONEY WAS SPENT:



Volunteers Announced for 2021 Committees

Anderson Township residents again stepped up to serve their community through participation on a township committee. Here is a list of volunteers working on projects this year:

- Greater Anderson Township Betterment Commission**
Katie Buchmann
Ron Edgerton
Clyde Dial
Karl Steinmanis
- Zoning Commission**
Brian Elliff
Jonathan Gothard
Ben Henson
Jay Lewis
Anne McBride
Michael Doenges-Alternate
Sara Jonas- Alternate
- Economic Development Committee**
Paul Kitzmiller, *Chair*
Julie Bissinger
Amy Broghamer
Chris Corrado
- Jeff Cowan
John Deeds
Mike Doenges
Stephen Feagins
Jake Fraiture
Nick Fucito
Derek Garrison
John Halpin
Nicole Hunter
Paige Jansen
Philip Kiley
Elizabeth Maier
Scott Miller
Matt Owen
Zach Peterson
Scot Prebles
Amy Richardson
Jeff Rosa
David Rose
Benjamin Smith
Marcus Thompson

- Greenspace Advisory Committee**
Ronald Edgerton, *Chair*
Paul Braasch
Russ Romme
Rick Voss
- Senior Center Advisory Committee**
Abbe Lackmeyer, *Chair*
Barbara Bodnarik
Sherry Burnside
Marcia Cole
Clyde Dial
Michelle LaPresto
Steven Long
Al Norwood
Susan Ward
- Tree Committee**
Bruce Berno, *Chair*
Ted Bergh
Scott Beuerlein
Jeff Caley
John Halpin

- Patty Good
Carol King
Tim Kloppenborg
Jim Rombke
Sonia Shively
Jason Stockslager
Piper Stone
Ron Trenkamp
Rick Voss
Joe Willging
- WeTHRIVE! Anderson Committee**
Katie Buchmann
Matt Chaffin
Erinn Cox
Brett Cunningham
Stephen Feagins
Andrea Granieri
Lindsey Griffiths
Pinky Kocoshis
Ken Kushner
Lexi Lausten
Mary Nicholson

- Karen Schwamberger
Trenny Selfridge
Sonia Shively
Karl Sieber
Kathleen Wagoner
Susan Wheatley
Jim Willis
Joseph Wicker
Maria Zigmunt
- Transportation Advisory Committee**
Trenny Selfridge, *Chair*
Thomas Browning
Jeni Berreth
Stephen Feagins
Peg Fenner
Brian Gay
Jamie Grubert
David Habegger
Joe Hice
Pinky Kocoshis
Ken Kushner
Jay Lewis

- Mike Niehaus
Richard Porter
Karen Schwamberger
Paul Scheckels
Paul Sian
Karl Sieber
Ken Vincent
Kurt Wells
Brandon Woodard
- Board of Zoning Appeals**
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John Halpin
Steve Haber
Paul Sheckels
Paul Sian
Scott Lawrence-alternate
Amy Richardson-alternate

Vaccine 'One-Stop Shop' System Established for County

Vaccine information for Hamilton County residents can be found here: www.testandprotectcincy.com.

Log onto this site to view locations, regional trends and locate providers within the county that have received COVID-19 doses.

The website will direct residents to the various providers; however, providers may have different systems for making appointments and individuals will have to work directly with the provider.

Statewide, the number of doses available remains extremely limited. Individuals that do not have access to a computer can call 211 for additional information.



Watch Out for COVID-19 Scams

Cincinnati may not have been hit hard yet, but yes, COVID-19 scams are a thing. As limited supplies of the vaccine roll out in coming weeks, imposters may seek to trick people for their own profit.

Consumer watchdogs are hearing reports of imposters claiming to be Social Security Administration workers. The scammer's goal is to extract sensitive personal information from people by promising a chance to sign up for the vaccine.

Counterfeit vaccines are even expected to be offered by criminals, officials note. Many dark networks continue to exploit the pandemic for illegal financial gains. Know the red flags to avoid and the websites to trust related to the vaccine.

Learn more here: [FBI.gov/coronavirus](https://www.fbi.gov/coronavirus)

More Plastic Items Accepted for Rumpke Recycling

Toss yogurt and fruit cups, sour cream containers, butter tubs in your bin.

RUMPKE CUSTOMERS CAN RECYCLE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:



- Plastic bottles, jugs and tubs (butter, sour cream, cottage cheese tubs as well as yogurt and fruit and yogurt cups)
- Cartons
- Glass bottles and jars (any color)
- Aluminum and steel cans
- Paper, paper board (cereal boxes, 12-pack containers, mail, etc.) and cardboard

All items should be clean, empty and placed in recycling containers loose to ensure they can be properly sorted and recycled. Please do not place recycling products on the ground around the bins.

More common plastic products have been approved for recycling by Rumpke Waste & Recycling.

Residents can now toss yogurt containers, fruit cups, butter tubs, sour cream tubs, cottage cheese tubs and whipped topping tubs in recycling carts with other bottles, cans, cardboard, cartons and paper. Also, recyclers can take advantage of this expanded option at the township’s 24/7 recycling center at 7954 Beechmont Ave. (behind the Beechmont Fire Station).

“As a leader in recycling, Rumpke recycles more than one billion pounds of material annually,” said Steve Sargent, Rumpke’s director of recycling.

“There has been a lot of recent innovations in plastic recycling that are allowing for this expansion of our acceptable items list.”

Rumpke has secured long-term contracts with stable regional end users for this material that will convert the material into new plastic containers. Currently, 95 percent of Rumpke’s collected recyclables go to domestic end users, with the vast majority in Ohio and the Midwest.

PLEASE KEEP IT CLEAN

Township officials continue to ask residents to break down boxes before putting them in the recycling bins at the 24/7 recycling center. Currently the township is at the maximum number of pickups available for the center and cannot schedule any more.

For more information on recycling, visit www.rumpke.com or AndersonTownship.org.



Here’s a bad day at Anderson’s 24/7 recycling center. In order to continue to keep the 24/7 recycling center open, residents are asked to break down cardboard boxes and refrain from placing products outside the bins.

RECYCLE OR SAFELY DISPOSE OF UNWANTED LATEX PAINT

What to do with unneeded latex paint? With your spring garage cleanout just around the corner, here are a few tips for disposal.

Latex paint can be safely thrown away with your regular trash pickup once it is solid. To solidify, leave the lid off and mix in sand, kitty litter or sawdust to speed up the drying process. Once dry, place it next to the trash with the lid off so the trash collector can see the paint is dry. (Garage collectors cannot pick up liquids.)

Two local outlets accept latex paint for recycling, as long as it has not been frozen and is at least one third full. Matthew 25 Ministries, 11060 Kenwood Road, accepts paint in the original container with labels. Stain is not accepted.

Call 593-6256 for details.



The Cincinnati ReUse Center, 1530 Tremont St., accepts latex paint for \$2 a gallon and sells the rebled paint at a discount.

For oil-based paint, check the label to determine if paint contains any lead or hazardous materials. Most old oil-based paints call for hazardous waste disposal, and information on those options may be found on the Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste website under oil-based paint disposal.

Go to HamiltonCountyRecycles.org to search for the nearest location.

Paddison Road Sidewalk Plan Altered

North-south sidewalk project area reduced; project starts this fall.



Paddison Road sidewalk project

Construction plans for a key north-south half-mile sidewalk connection in the Anderson Trails plan have been modified.

The high-priority Paddison Road sidewalk project now is scheduled for a quarter mile stretch, instead of a half-mile link. A change in

plans was necessary after the township could not resolve stormwater issues in the time frame and budget constraints necessary to meet grant requirements.

Initial projections announced last year indicated about 2,000 homes would be connected by the sidewalk. “While the modified project scope may not connect as many households to the sidewalk network as the initial scope, we are still very encouraged about completing a portion of the project,” said Planner Brad Bowers. Paddison Road is in hilly terrain that is often inaccessible for pedestrians, he noted.

Grant funds provided through the OKI Regional Council of Governments are financing most of the project; Anderson Township also will contribute a 25 percent match of the amended project cost.

The Paddison sidewalk now will be constructed from Beechmont Avenue to Woodridge Drive.

The completion of a Paddison Road sidewalk has been the No. 1 project rated in the Anderson Trails plan for several years, Bowers said. Township officials are working with OKI to revise cost estimates.

“We are still looking to fill the sidewalk gap on Paddison Road, from Woodridge to Bluecrest at some point in the future,” he said. The township also is evaluating other alternatives for a north-south sidewalk option in the area. Construction on the project is expected to start in the fall 2021.

Committee to Update Roadmap for the Future

Public invited to April meeting discussion on housing, economic development and more.

With 2020 behind us, a strange season that seemed to stand still and limit progress, a group of Anderson Township residents, businesses and stakeholders now are focused on the township’s future.

As part of the five-year review on the township’s planning document known as The Anderson Plan, the Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee is currently engaged in discussing both visionary and practical plans to maintain the township’s high quality of life.

Some accomplishments from the prior plan include:

- Downtown Anderson construction
- New apartment communities and senior living facilities
- Clough stormwater detention basin
- Beechmont Plan adoption

Part of the process includes information provided by consultants planning NEXT and McBride Dale Clarion who gather concrete demographic data and identify trends in the township.

Anderson first created its comprehensive plan document in 2005, with updates in 2011 and 2016. “The comprehensive plan is something that is very valuable to our community,” noted Planner P.J. Ginty. “By updating our plan so frequently we are able to stay up to date with current trends.”

The committee has met several times in 2021 and plans three virtual April public open house opportunities:

- Tuesday, April 20 from 7-8 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 21 from 4-5 p.m.
- Thursday, April 22 from 7-8 p.m.

Go to AndersonTownship.org for details.

Opportunities to provide ideas will be expanded this year to allow for online and smaller in-person gatherings, due to ongoing health restrictions and to reach some previously less-engaged populations such as students or senior adults, said Ginty.

The committee steering team will include community partners such as the Anderson Park District, representatives from the Forest Hills School District, Anderson’s volunteer committees members and business owners, Ginty said.

“Ideas provided during the five-year comprehensive plan update are very valuable to us as we do our job,” noted Ginty. “These goals help staff make decisions based on community feedback, and the process allows residents to share projects or ideas that are important to them. This helps the township set up priorities for the next five years.”

Can't Stop Progress: Anderson Projects Keep on Rolling



COMPLETED PROJECTS

Salon Concepts 7185 Beechmont Ave. – façade changes and addition	Tropical Smoothie Café 8467 Beechmont Ave. – former Gold Star	SEM Manor 1348-1350 Pebble Court – interior and exterior renovations along with parking lot expansion	7 Hills Church at Anderson High School 7560 Forest Road – audio-visual enhancements
Kroger 7580 Beechmont Ave. – building addition	Leg Up Equestrian 3730 Mt. Carmel Road – tenant modification and new fencing	Anderson Township RecPlex 6915 Beechmont Ave. – interior renovation	Vein Center of Cincinnati Anderson Towne Center – former Cabinetry by Design
One 30 at Stonegate 7911 Stonegate Drive – new 120-unit apartment community	ERA Realtors 8404 Beechmont Ave. – former Podiatry Associates	Marcos Pizza 7755 Five Mile Road – interior remodeling in Five Mile Center	

PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT



Harmony Senior Living development

New Construction and Building Modifications

Bank of America 7765 Beechmont Ave. – former First Financial Bank	Harmony Senior Living 6201 and 6301 Clough Pike – south side west of Newtown Road new 119,000 sq. ft. two-story, 136-bed assisted living and memory care facility
Pappas Seafood and Spirits 7500 Beechmont Ave. – former Bar Louie	Wonderland Playground 8255 Beechmont Ave.–giant indoor playground
Inspiring Purpose Adult Day Program 7577 Forest Road – interior modifications to former Kingdom Hall Jehovah's Witness Church	

Subdivision Developments Under Construction

Clough Chase Clough Pike west of Wolfangel	Parkside Estates Hopper and Innisfree
Enclave at Woodruff Woodruff Road near Elderwood	Parke Place Ayers Road north side

Two Small Sidewalk Projects Set for 2021

Lawyer Road- Little Dry Run Road: Anderson Township is planning on constructing a small segment of sidewalk that will accommodate students walking from Wilson Elementary School to their neighborhood.

This Anderson Trails connection includes a sidewalk from the existing path on Little Dry Run all the way to Heatherwood Lane on Lawyer Road. Exact parameters are yet to be determined. The township also is evaluating a link that could be constructed this summer that would connect the Lawyer's Pointe and Turnkey subdivisions to the Five Mile Trail.

Bondick Court- The Anderson Township Public Works Department will replace sidewalk on the west side of the Bondick Court this year. This is an in-house repair project on the street off Salem Road.



Floodwall with mural



'Art in Public Places' Plan to Map Out Township Goals

Envisioning ways art can be used to shape our community is the goal of a new effort from one of Anderson's volunteer committees.

The WeTHRIVE! Anderson Committee will hire a consultant to map out an initial plan to add art-based projects to the fabric of Anderson Township.

While the township has undertaken modest projects on an irregular basis over the years, Planner Sarah Donovan said the committee believed artwork should be more central to community planning and development. Once this new plan is in place, Donovan said Anderson Township could then apply for grant funding to launch creative work.

"The township is known for its strong planning efforts and this is just looking at the township from a different scope," Donovan noted. "We want to envision creative ways to incorporate art in everything we do, from installing bike racks to soliciting large sculptures and artwork for our facilities," she said.

"Some communities even incorporate artwork into their crosswalks," she added. "The community art plan could inspire existing developments to rethink their blank walls, as well as new developments to incorporate pieces for the community."

"Sharing artwork in a community stirs feelings and inspires us to look beyond our circumstances and imagine a richer future," she said.

Susan Wheatley, committee member believes Anderson is a perfect community in which to undertake an imaginative public art plan. "We have both places of natural beauty and ordinary suburban spaces that can be transformed," she said. "Anderson also has a broad base of talent and energy. I hope the people of Anderson will jump to participate in the planning process," she added.

Donovan said the plan will include public comment, various ideas, funding and a timetable for implementation. A report is expected to be completed and adopted by the end of 2021.

Check out Anderson Township's webpage: AndersonTownship.org for updates and learn more about how to get involved later in the year.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Anderson Branch Library Offers New Study Pod, Spring Donate Day

Need a quiet place to study, work, or just read a book away from distraction? The Anderson Branch Library is now home to a new study pod that is available for use on a first-come, first-serve basis for a time limit of two hours.

The study pod is found in the southeast section of the library, and lights and ventilation turn on automatically upon entering. Located inside are a table and two chairs, a white board, and electric outlets for charging devices. The sliding glass door allows for a quiet location.



DROP BY DONATIONS

Good news for those of you who missed the first Donate Day for the Anderson Township Library Association or have cleaned out even more items to give away over the winter. The second Donate Day is scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 24, at the Anderson Township Branch, 7450 State Road.

The first Donate Day last year included almost 100 cars, with residents handing in all kinds of books, as well as CDs, DVDs, games, and puzzles. After each Donate Day, the items are quarantined before being sorted by volunteers at the library association warehouse for future book sales.

UPDATE ON SUMMER SALE



Volunteers from the Anderson Township Library Association also are working on securing a location for this year's summer sale. Last year, due to COVID-19 concerns, the sale was moved from Nagel Middle School to Burger Farm & Garden Center.

For updates about the sale, Donate Days, and library association news, follow Anderson Township Library Association on Facebook. Contact the Anderson Branch at 369-6030 or visit cincinnati.library.org.



Juilfs Park - A Crown Jewel in Township's Park District

The Anderson Park District has been promoting healthy lifestyles and activities in the community since 1975. This past year, the COVID-19 health emergency shined a light on the importance of public parks for residents' physical, emotional and mental health.

As our community has waded through the pandemic, people have not ventured too far from home. Parks were one of the few places people were actually encouraged to go during the pandemic.

Even without the usual organized activities this past year, park visitation was stronger than ever for all the other reasons people go to their parks: exercise, walk the dog, reduce stress, enjoy time with the people in their "bubble," enjoy time away from the people in their "bubble," etc.

Generations of Anderson residents are connected to the public parks they share with their neighbors because their parks are meaningful and special to them. This is most evident at Juilfs Park.

Juilfs Park is our community's original crown jewel. This park has had the most things to play on for the longest of all the Anderson Parks. This is because since 1978, the Juilfs Foundation has been very generous to the community through its continued funding gifts for Juilfs Park.

Contributions over the years have included a donation of a portion of the land and funding for various amenities such as the tennis courts, playground, water play area, basketball court renovation, picnic pods, family swing, and most recently, the first COVID Meeting Circle.



The COVID Meeting Circle at Juilfs Park, made possible by the Juilfs Foundation.

The Juilfs Foundation's continued support of Juilfs Park enabled the quick response for the COVID Meeting Circle. Each contribution from supporters has enhanced the community's beloved parks, helping to make Anderson Township a great place to live, learn, work, and play... especially during a pandemic.

Senior Center Comes Back Strong After COVID-19 Shutdown

Anderson Township's Senior Center reopened its doors on November 4 after being closed for nearly eight months due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Following the Ohio Department of Health Director's Order allowing senior centers to open, protocols were developed for the health and safety of the members, volunteers and staff. For more information about the reopening plan visit: www.AndersonTownship.org/seniorcenter.

During the shutdown, staff and volunteers maintained contact with members through wellness checks and continued to provide virtual educational and social programs plus exercise classes utilizing Zoom. Cincinnati Area Senior Services (CASS) continued its meals-on-wheels program and transportation for seniors needing a lift to the grocery store or medical appointment.

Since reopening, staff and volunteers are offering a blend of both in-person and online Zoom activities and continue wellness checks for members that have not returned. The center provides weekday lunches, exercise and art classes, a coffee hour, a book group and more each week. Operating hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Also, as part of a pilot partnership, members can now access programs and services of 55North, (formerly known as Hyde Park Center for Older Adults). For information visit: www.55North.org.

Coming soon! Audio-visual system improvements will allow in-person and remote members the opportunity to participate in the programs. Also, staff is planning to increase the number of virtual programs offered to members, a takeaway learned from the center's closure.

Oversight of the senior center includes guidance from the Senior Center Advisory Committee, a volunteer board that meets monthly.



To become a member or renew for 2021, download the membership form found at www.AndersonTownship.org/seniorcenter/membership. Completed forms with payment may be mailed to the Senior Center (7970 Beechmont Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45255) or dropped off at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road. Membership cards are provided to all members.

Membership costs for 2021 remain the same for Anderson Township resident and non-resident adults 55 and over.

- Resident -\$15 single, \$25 per couple
- Nonresident- \$40 single, \$65 per couple

For more information, call 474-3100 or by email: jschaeffer@AndersonTownship.org or Claire O'Connell, coconnell@AndersonTownship.org.

Public Meetings - The public is invited to participate in public meetings. For current information about whether the meeting is in person or virtual, go to AndersonTownship.org and check out meeting information. Anderson continues to encourage public comment, whether virtual or in-person.

Board of Township Trustees *(Times and dates subject to change with notice)*
Interim Meeting: Thursday, April 1, 2 p.m. • **Regular Monthly Meeting:** Thursday, April 15, 5 p.m.

Board of Zoning Appeals Thursday, April 1, 5:30 p.m.	Senior Center Advisory Committee Thursday, April 15, 2 p.m.	Tree Committee Monday, May 10, 7 p.m.
Economic Development Committee Tuesday, March 23, 3 p.m.	Transportation Advisory Committee Tuesday, May 4, 7 p.m.	WeTHRIVE! Wednesday, April 21, 6 p.m.
		Zoning Commission Monday, March 22, 5:30 p.m.

Anderson Township Mission Statement -To provide services which protect and enhance the quality of life in our community.
Government Services at Anderson Center - 7850 Five Mile Road • Anderson Township, Ohio 45230
688-8400 • info@AndersonTownship.org

Heritage Center ‘Oasis’ Designated as Arboretum

Besides serving as a charming venue enjoyed by residents, the Anderson Township Heritage Center on Eight Mile Road is now a certified Arboretum.

This neighborhood oasis sports a wide variety of trees, shrubs and flowers with 48 plants labeled and cataloged as the official arboretum collection.

“Come walk the grounds and identify them yourself,” notes Greenspace Inspector Suzanne Clingman. Plants included in the official collection are identified with a QR code that linking to a sign that contains a website with a map and more information about each plant. Visit arcg.is/1fSPH40 to preview the collection. The collection can also be accessed through the township website at AndersonTownship.org.

Planning for the arboretum began in the fall of 2019. The volunteer-led Anderson Township Tree Committee and its arboretum subcommittee headed by Tim Kloppenborg aided in obtaining the certification. These Tree Committee volunteers measured and cataloged information on each tree in the collection and planted new trees and shrubs to add to the variety that was already there.

Future plans for the arboretum include the addition of more woody plants to enhance beauty and variety, particularly with native plants. Also, special



Anderson Township Heritage Center Arboretum

educational events including this being a stop on the Anderson Township Garden and History Tour.

Level I Accreditation was awarded by the ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program and the Morton Arboretum in December of 2020 for achieving particular standards of professional practices deemed important for arboreta. To see the new Heritage Center Arboretum listing visit the Morton Register of Arboreta database at www.arbnet.org.



Local False Alarm Numbers Decline During COVID

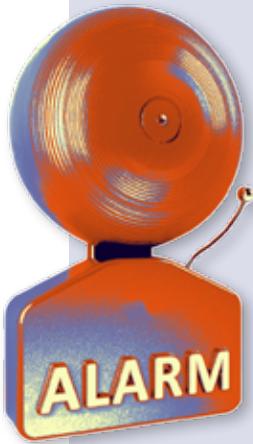
The number of false alarms reported in Anderson Township dropped about 7 percent last year, saving Anderson both money and time invested by emergency responders who are called to check on these alarms.

Responding to false alarms costs the township an estimated \$50,000 in county fees each year, according to Assistant Chief Bob Herrlinger with Anderson Township Fire and Rescue. These fees are charged annually to the township based on the number of dispatches made by the Hamilton County Communications Center.

Assistant Administrator for Operations Steve Sievers said false alarm reports have generally diminished over the past five years in part due to the township’s educational and enforcement (fee assessment) efforts. During 2020 when people were home more and some businesses were closed or on reduced hours due to COVID-19, an even more dramatic reduction in false alarms was noted.

With help from the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office, Anderson has been tracking businesses and homeowners who register numerous false alarm calls. The sheriff’s office and the fire and rescue department work with owners and property representatives on a case-by-case basis in order to reduce calls.

The extra calls could potentially delay responses to true emergencies or overload the emergency response system, Sievers said.



Alarm Responses in Anderson Township

Originating from Anderson to the Hamilton County Communications Center



*Percent of all calls received

Emergency dispatch calls which ultimately turned out to be false alarms average just over 13 percent of all emergency calls routed from the Hamilton County Communications Center. As in prior years, false alarms continued to be the highest category of calls in 2020 in Anderson Township, equating to 1,804 false alarm calls or about 12.5 percent of all dispatches.

For help in troubleshooting other alarm matters, contact Deputy Brian Hayes with the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office at 688-8400 ext. 1191 or bhayes@AndersonTownship.org. For assistance with fire alarm service issues, contact Assistant Chief Bob Herrlinger at 688-8400, ext. 1470 or rherrlinger@AndersonTownship.org.

EVENTS

EVENTS LISTED MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. FOR STATUS UPDATES, CONTACT EVENT SPONSOR.

APRIL

Great American Cleanup

Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 8:30 A.M. - NOON

Info and signup: Sarah Donovan at 688-8400 ext. 1181 or sdonovan@AndersonTownship.org.

Drug Take Back Day

Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 10 A.M. - 2 P.M. FREE

Not accepted are liquids, aerosols, inhalers, needles or plastic/glass bottles. Place pills and tablets inside a zip-lock style bag for disposal.

Info: Brian Hayes 88-8400 ext. 1191 or bhayes@AndersonTownship.org.

Donation Day at Anderson Branch Library

7450 State Road

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 9 A.M. - NOON

Accepting books, CDs, DVDs, games, and puzzles.

Info: CincinnatiLibrary.org.

MAY

Communitywide Garage Sale

Various locations around township

SATURDAY, MAY 1, TIME VARIES

Call Betty Cowan at 688-8400 ext. 1175 or bocwan@AndersonTownship.org to list your sale on AndersonTownship.org.

Annual and Perennial Plant Sale

Anderson Township Urban Farm - 2250 Bartels Road

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, MAY 8-9, 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.

Sale benefits Anderson Township Historical Society and Anderson Township Urban Farm. Pre-order online at andersonurbanfarm.com.



Seed Bash at Anderson Township Urban Farm

2250 Bartels Road

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 11 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Entertainment, farm tours, live band and food. Check AndersonTownshipHistoricalSociety.org for updated event information.

Memorial Day Observance

MAY 31

Memorial Day is Monday, May 31. Anderson Township honors its veterans each year on Memorial Day with an in-person or virtual experience. To learn more about this year’s event, go to AndersonTownship.org.



Anderson Township Garden and History Tour

JUNE

54th Annual Summerfair 2021

Coney Island - I-275 at Kellogg Avenue

FRIDAY, JUNE 4, NOON - 7 P.M.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 10 A.M. - 7 P.M.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 10 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Summerfair will follow local health and safety guidelines in effect at that time. Ticket info: summerfair.org

Anderson Township Garden and History Tour

Variety of locations throughout township

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 10 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Free self-guided tour. Brochure available after June 1 at AndersonTownship.org.



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'Elstun Road Connector' Nets \$750,000 Federal Grant

Quarter-mile connection will link four regional trail systems.

A significant quarter-mile sidewalk connection near the Skytop Pavilion Shopping Center received a considerable boost last year with a federal grant of \$750,000.

This extension of the Little Miami Scenic Trail is a section running from the existing sidewalk on Beechmont Avenue near Elstun Road and the Skytop Pavilion Shopping Center, to the Little Miami Scenic Trail/Beechmont Bridge widening project, on which construction is slated to begin this year.

The "Elstun Road Connector" link will tie together "vital connection from the redeveloping Skytop site in Anderson and neighborhoods in Mt. Washington to several regional trails," according to Planner Brad Bowers.

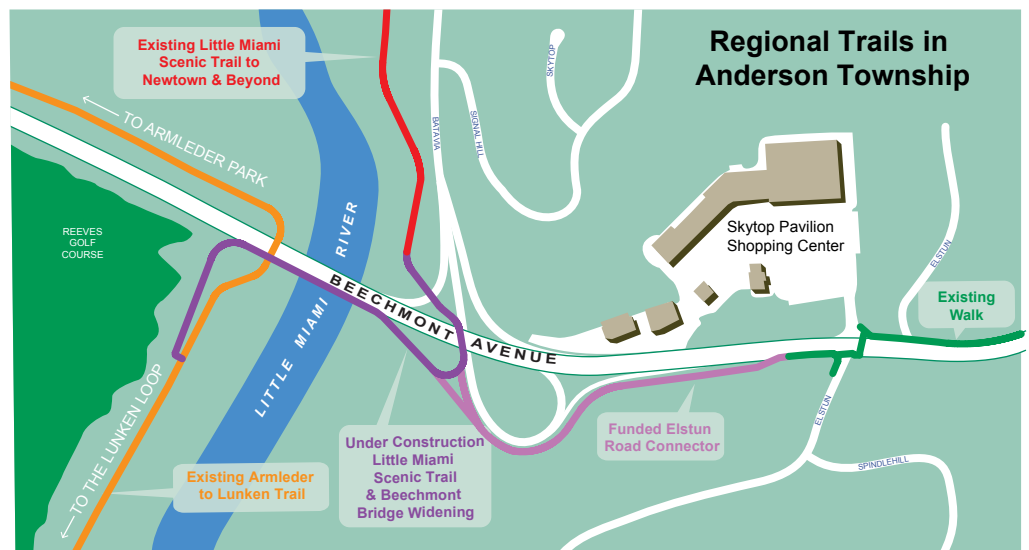
The project will link the Skytop site, those living along Elstun Road, and Mt. Washington neighborhoods to the Lunken Airport Trail, the Little Miami Scenic Trail, the Otto Armleder Trail, and the Ohio River Trail.

With an estimated project cost of \$1.6 million, Anderson Township will contribute \$636,675, The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is committed to add \$213,324 through engineering efforts that are ongoing, and the federal transportation award of \$750,000 would go towards construction of the trail. Grant funds were supplied through the Transportation Alternatives Grant from the OKI Regional Council of Governments.

"They say, 'All roads lead to Anderson Township' and now we can add 'bike trails' as well!" said Trustee Chair Josh Gerth. "Just like our contribution to the Ohio River Trail link between Salem and Sutton in the city of Cincinnati, these critical connections literally pave the way to a more vibrant and well-rounded economically-developed Anderson Area. Strong planning, solid vision, and some local funding and support can go a long way," he said. "I can't wait to see all of this come together over the next few years."

The Elstun Connector adds onto the pedestrian-cyclist upgrade being constructed in 2021 on the Beechmont Bridge over the Little Miami River.

By the end of 2022, the bridge will sport a new designated lane on the south side that separates pedestrians and cyclists from traffic by a concrete barrier, connecting the Little Miami Scenic Trail to Lunken Airport and the Otto Armleder Park. This will also link to the new Ohio River Trail sidewalk segment, running from Lunken/Salem Road to Sutton Road and Anderson's Entertainment District, which will open this spring.



Important Elstun connector to be built near Skytop Pavilion.

Bowers noted that the link will add an economic boost to the redeveloping Skytop Shopping Center, approved for mixed-use development. Several local businesses and about 425 households located within three-quarters of a mile of the project will benefit from the added bike and pedestrian access.

Design could start in 2022, with construction estimated in 2026.