

# ANDERSON Insights

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The Voice of Anderson Township

## Township, Park District and Schools Work Together to Provide Community Facility

An improved Anderson Parks RecPlex could soon be a reality through the collaborative efforts of Anderson Township, the Anderson Park District and the Forest Hills School District.

Township Trustees are in the process of negotiating the terms of a purchase and sale agreement with the Beech Acres Parenting Center to acquire the RecPlex and approximately 6.8 acres of surrounding property. Trustees plan to purchase the property using existing Tax Increment Financing (TIF) dollars. Once acquired, the township will improve the facility and lease it to the Anderson Park District for the continued operation of its recreational programs.

"Acquiring an indoor recreational facility has been a long-term goal of the park district," said Park Commission President Angie Stocker. "The park district strives to provide quality parks, facilities and programs. We look forward to providing a better experience for the community in the modernized RecPlex."

During its September 24 meeting, the Forest Hills School District Board of Education

unanimously approved a resolution to contribute \$1 million toward the modernization of the RecPlex. To do this, the district will redirect

approximately 25 percent of its share of new revenue generated from a TIF on the Stonecrest Senior Living development, adjacent to the RecPlex. Forest Hills' contribution will be combined with approximately \$2 million from the township's portion of the Stonecrest TIF revenue to fund improvements to the RecPlex.

"We're excited to have this opportunity to work with the park commissioners to secure an indoor recreational facility for our community and the



Anderson Parks RecPlex

school board's collaboration is an integral part of the success of the project," said Township Trustee President Josh Gerth. "Collaboration with both the parks and schools has been a priority of the Board of Trustees and the RecPlex project provides the perfect opportunity for all three entities to bring their resources to the table."

"Many benefits may be derived from this type of development, especially for students who participate in park district programs," said Jim Frooman, Forest Hills Board president. "Without the TIF agreement, the

RecPlex renovation would not be possible and the district is proud to be a part of partnerships that enhance our community. Under this agreement, the property

can be developed to continue supporting local recreation programs. We are excited that our contribution will allow the Anderson Park District to continue providing much needed extracurricular programming and service for Forest Hills students."

"The community has been the benefactor of a long-standing relationship between the park district and Beech Acres Parenting Center. We are grateful for their partnership," noted Stocker.

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*-Trustee President Josh Gerth*

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## Resident Comments Sought on Future of Property on Nagel Road

Share your opinion regarding possible use of land before it is sold

Anderson Township Trustees are proceeding with selling a 3-acre parcel on Nagel Road, but before doing so, are seeking feedback on possible future uses for the site.

The property, on the west side of Nagel Road immediately south of Stonegate Drive, will be sold as a part of an ongoing effort to dispose of land that does not factor into the township's long-term plan, noted Steve Sievers, assistant administrator of operations.

Anderson has owned the property and adjacent land for several decades, with the original intent to expand its Operations Center campus and access from the site to Nagel Road. Those expansion plans have shifted due in large part to state budget cuts; thus, it has remained vacant. With nearby recreational and open space amenities, and as it no longer fits into the township's projected need for public services, the decision is being made to sell the property.

In recent years, the Mayerson Company, which owns Stonegate Apartments, indicated an interest in part of property to offer high-end rental housing, a need identified in the township's planning studies. Earlier this year, 5.7 acres of the original 15-acre site was approved for a multi-family housing development, and will be sold to the Mayerson Company for a third phase of their

development that will include 120 new units in two buildings.

Sievers notes that the township plans to sell the last almost three acres for a "use that is compatible with the surrounding area." Nearby development includes the Sea of Smiles Dentistry and Forestville Baptist Church. "We recognize the public's interest in the future use of this site and we encourage residents to weigh in on a positive direction for this parcel," Sievers said.

### Public Open House

Wednesday, Nov. 7  
4-5:30 p.m.  
Anderson Center

Township planners have indicated three conceptual options will be considered:

- Single family, a small subdivision of five or six single-family detached home sites;
- Single family "planned unit development" consisting of 10-12 homes (possibly some attached) with single story floor plans;
- A 5,000-7,000-square-foot single story office, likely for a medical or professional use.

### Township Property Sales

Anderson Township has completed numerous sales of township-owned properties in recent years. The goal is to get the parcels back on the tax rolls and to stretch existing tax levies.

Property sites that have sold include:

- State Road, Little Dry Run Road, Beechmont at Wolfangel, Kellogg Road next to Kellogg Park and Operations Center North- Stonegate Drive



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## \$723K in Grant Funds for Paddison Sidewalk



Construction of a Paddison Road sidewalk link is set for 2022.

A high-priority sidewalk project along Paddison Road has been awarded a \$723,000 grant, funding construction for another key north-south connection to the township's network of bike trails.

The OKI Regional Council of Governments recently announced the federal Transportation Alternatives Project Grant, one of the largest grants the township has received in the last 20 years. This proposed one-half mile link would connect Bluecrest Drive to Beechmont Avenue, including numerous subdivisions and more than 2,000 homes in an area that is often inaccessible for pedestrians.

The township has a very successful track record with these OKI grants, noted Steve Sievers, assistant administrator for operations. Over the past two decades, Anderson has benefitted from more than \$12 million in enhancement grants from the organization, including projects like the Five Mile, Ohio River, and Little Miami

trails; sidewalks on State, Nagel, Asbury, and Wolfangel roads; and the recently completed Downtown Anderson project located on Beechmont Avenue.

According to Planner Tom Caruso, construction of the link is estimated for 2022. In 2016, Anderson paid for preliminary design work and determined the cost was excessive for the township to undertake the project, except if spread over several years and if Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds were used. Paddison Road's hilly terrain requires expensive storm drainage improvements, grading and possible retaining walls.

"The cost of this project made it prohibitive without outside assistance," said Trustee President Josh Gerth. "Otherwise, this would have consumed the township's trail budget for several years, stalling projects and other key safety improvements in other parts of the community," he added.

The sidewalk will provide a non-motorized mode of transportation to numerous destinations in the township, including Sherwood Elementary School, the Five Mile Trail, the Anderson Branch Library, and the Anderson Towne Center, Caruso said. Anderson will pick up 20 percent of the cost of the project, plus associated costs for right-of-way procurement and design fees. This project has been the highest priority project in the Anderson Trails Plan for several years, a document last updated earlier this year by the township's volunteer members of the Transportation Advisory Committee.

"It is important that our staff and administrators try to make sure that they bring federal tax dollars back to Anderson Township," said Trustee Vice President Andrew Pappas. "This is a case where they have had another big success."

### Trail Grants Since 2005

Trail	Year Built	Amount of Grant
Little Miami Trail	2015	\$1,994,000
Ohio River Trail	2010	\$1,236,000
Five Mile Trail	2007	\$838,000
<b>Paddison Road Sidewalks</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>\$723,000</b>
Asbury Road Sidewalks	2013	\$611,600
Wolfangel Road Sidewalks	2016	\$436,000
State and Nagel Sidewalks	2005	\$280,000



The Five Mile Trail is just one of the many trails that received grant funding for its construction.

## FEMA Grant Funds Personal Fire Safety Equipment

A FEMA grant of \$347,500 will pick up most of the costs of the single most essential piece of fire safety equipment worn by firefighters working for the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department.

The recently announced grant provides funding for 52 self-contained breathing units for respiratory protection through the Assistance to Firefighters Grants program hosted by FEMA. The breathing units are part of the personal protective equipment worn by firefighters, shielding them from the effects of smoke and hazardous chemicals.

These backpacks provide breathable air in an atmosphere immediately dangerous to life or health and allow firefighters to extend their time working inside toxic atmospheres.

Battalion Chief Sean Smith said the township's breathing apparatus were set to expire next spring, as they only have a 15-year limited life cycle.

"The cost to replace the packs would have been a major expense for the township, so we are thankful for the grant," Smith said. Units cost about \$7,000 each, so this will be a tremendous savings to the township, he said. This is the second FEMA grant the township has received to fund this safety equipment, the first being in 2003.



Self-contained breathing units are essential safety equipment for firefighters.

## Three Join Team in Fire and Rescue Department

Anderson Township Fire and Rescue has hired three new recruits who have joined the ranks as firefighter-paramedics.

**Douglas Lilly-** Lilly earned his paramedic certification in 2008 from the University of Cincinnati. He comes to Anderson Township from the Dayton (Ohio) Fire Department.

**Christopher Hautman-** Hautman earned his Associate of Applied Science in Fire Science in 2010 and also is a certified fire instructor. He previously served with the Delhi Township Fire Department.

**Mitchell Cordell-** Mitchell Cordell earned his Associate of Applied Science in Fire Science in 2017 and is working on his bachelor's degree. He was previously employed as a firefighter-paramedic with the Blue Ash Fire Department.

The three new employees completed training and started their rotations in early September.



From left to right, Douglas Lilly, Mitchel Cordell and Christopher Hautman are three new recruits hired by Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department.

## New EMS Technology Helps Save Money... and Lives

Local first responders have two new technologies to help them do their jobs more efficiently and effectively

### External chest compression machine

Anderson Township residents soon will have another layer of medical protection added to the tool box of first responders, with the grant acquisition of four Lucas devices to be located on four of the township's ambulances. These external chest compression



The Lucas device is an external chest compression machine.

machines help first responders by providing uninterrupted chest compressions on sudden cardiac arrest victims.

By using a machine providing an automated and uninterrupted chest compression system, patients benefit when an extra set of hands is then freed up to focus on other medical life-saving tasks such as ventilation, medication and defibrillation.

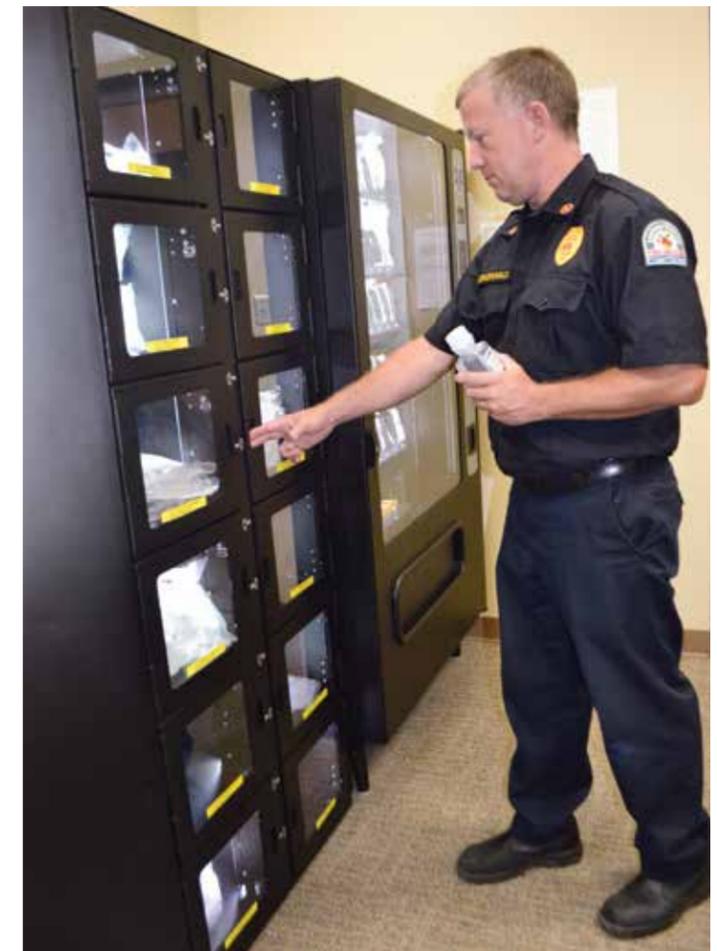
Assistant Chief Bob Herrlinger noted that the Lucas Device continues to provide consistent, deep compressions during CPR, whereas an individual provider may become fatigued over time.

Anderson received funding for the devices through an Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation grant of \$40,000. "While being fiscally responsible, we are committed to keeping pace with the current medical technology that benefits our residents," Herrlinger said.

### Controlling pharmaceutical inventory

All four Anderson fire stations now use a controlled access pharmaceutical and inventory control dispensing system called UCapIt. The UCapIt system provides 100 percent accountability in knowing who signs out inventory and it also gives the Fire and Rescue Department the ability to keep a tighter control on inventory, according to Chief Rick Martin of the Fire and Rescue Department.

Multiple forms of ID are used in dispensing medicines, Martin noted. Also, as a money saver, inventory is under tight controls via computer information. "Now, there is no over-ordering for medicines that then expire before their use because of lack of effective inventory controls or human error," Martin said. Although hard numbers are not available yet regarding cost savings, Herrlinger said the department already sees evidence the system is saving the department money.



The UCapIt system helps firefighter-paramedics keep better control on their medical supply inventory.

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- Assistant Chief Bob Herrlinger

# Anderson Township Departments Bolster Leadership Teams from Within

Two longstanding Anderson Township department heads retired this summer. Now, Anderson Township government is working with a new group of leaders providing services to residents from the Fire and Rescue and Public Works departments.

“We were extremely fortunate that we didn’t have to look far to find knowledgeable, dedicated professionals to fill each of the positions that were open this summer,” said Township Administrator Vicky Earhart. “Highly trained experienced people were already in our midst, which speaks to the quality of Anderson Township personnel as a whole.”

Here are the employees who were recently promoted:

## Public Works



Eric Luginbuhl

**Director Eric Luginbuhl**- Eric Luginbuhl was recently named director of the Public Works Department. He started in 1999 as a maintenance worker, was promoted to leadman and then recently earned the job as foreman before he became director. “Eric is known for keeping a ‘cool head’ in stressful situations and for his professional and compassionate demeanor when interacting with township residents,” noted Earhart.



Jamie Bender

**Leadman Jamie Bender**- For the past 13 years, Bender served as a maintenance worker before being promoted to leadman. He is currently working on his associate degree. “Jamie is a creative thinker and has suggested a number of innovative ideas which ultimately saved the township money while continuing to deliver high-quality services to our residents,” Earhart said.



## Fire and Rescue



From left: Assistant Chief Bob Herrlinger, Battalion Chief Chris Kasperczyk, Chief Rick Martin and Retired Chief Mark Ober.

**Chief Rick Martin**- The 33-year veteran of the department served as assistant chief since 2017 after stints as firefighter-paramedic, lieutenant and battalion chief for the training division. He was Firefighter of the Year in 2011 and received a Commendation of Valor in 1995. Martin holds his J.D. from the Chase College of Law and has also earned numerous certifications in a variety of fire service specialties, including completion of the Ohio Fire Executive program.

**Assistant Chief Bob Herrlinger**-Assistant Chief Bob Herrlinger is a 23-year veteran of Anderson Township Fire and Rescue who has worked his way through the ranks from his starting position as a firefighter-paramedic. Previous leadership positions include lieutenant and battalion chief where he oversaw all EMS and operations within the township. He is a graduate of the Bethesda School of Nursing and earned his degree in Fire and Safety Engineer Technology from University of Cincinnati.

**Battalion Chief Chris Kasperczyk**- Battalion Chief Chris Kasperczyk started with the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department in 1995 and earned the rank of lieutenant in 2006. His bachelor’s degree is in Fire and Safety Engineering Technology from University of Cincinnati. He also holds two master’s degrees-one in Science in Emergency Management and the other in Organizational Leadership.

# Interpretive Displays a Permanent Legacy of Our History

View a historical snapshot of three township areas through new commemorative signs

Photos of the once dusty rural road now known as Beechmont Avenue and the Clough Pike toll road are among the scenes from Anderson’s early history that will soon be unveiled in a series of permanent display signs now in the works.

Three large outdoor legacy signs, detailing both more current history and photos from our early past, have been designed and are scheduled for late fall installation. This legacy project is funded by the non-profit Anderson Township Betterment Commission as a commemorative initiative honoring Anderson Township’s 225th anniversary.

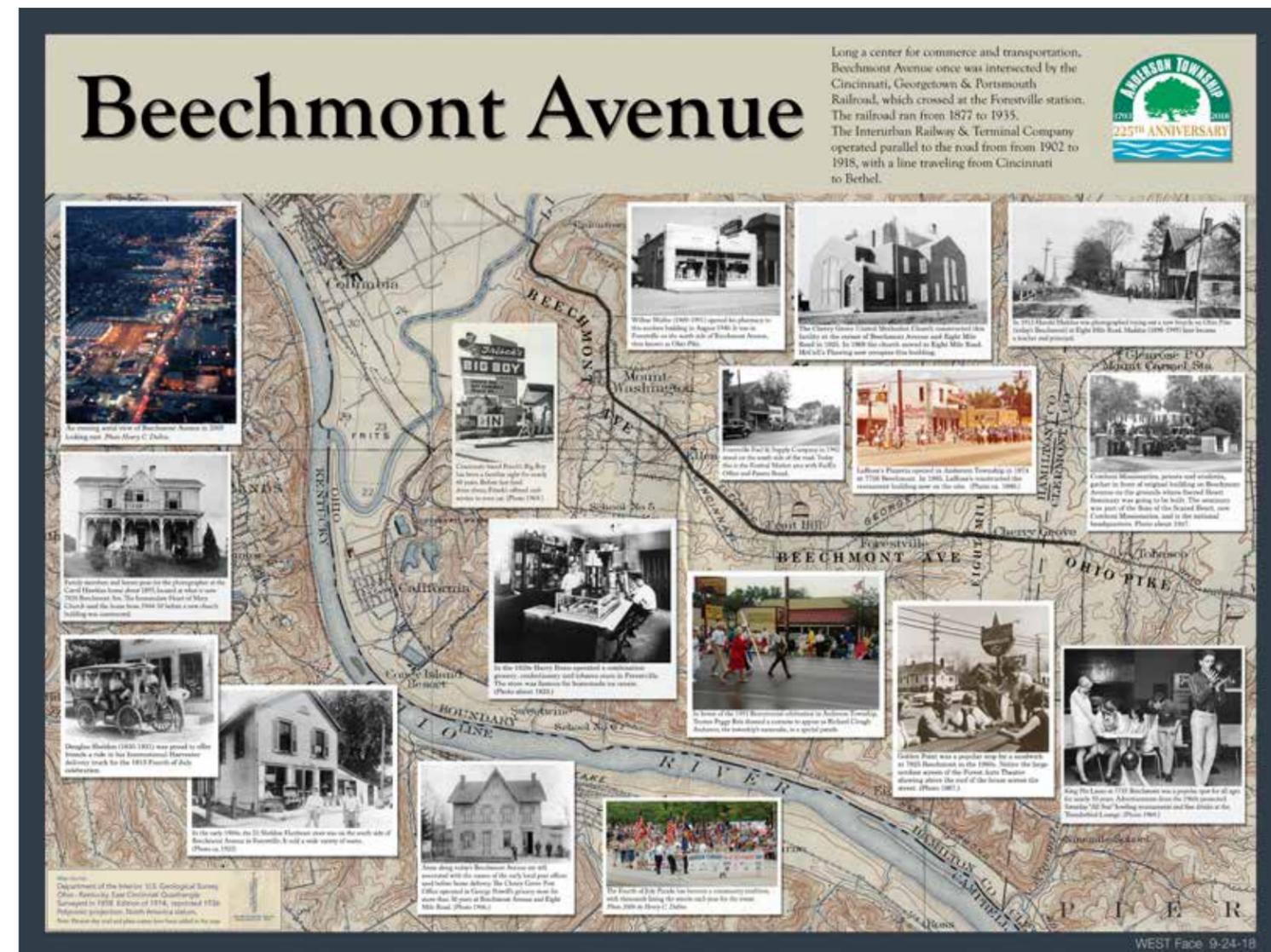
The permanent displays are organized as a collage of photos with text on early township maps. Areas of the township explored on these signs include the history of the Clough valley, Beechmont Avenue and the Ohio Riverfront along Kellogg Avenue.

To be installed in the heart of the Clough Historic Business District, the Clough and Hunley outdoor sign includes early photos of township public schools, the two pioneer homes along Clough Pike and agricultural-themed photos from Anderson’s early history.

Plans to set the Beechmont Avenue display in a very visible location near the Anderson Towne Center have not yet been finalized. The sign will detail development and history along Beechmont Avenue.

The Kellogg Avenue sign will be installed at Kellogg Park. The colorful and memorable Coney Island- Parker’s Grove history is the topic of many of these photos focused around the Ohio River area.

“We’re very excited about sharing the story of Anderson Township for years to come. These interpretive display signs provide a longstanding way to remind residents of their rich heritage, and to give visitors a sense of our roots,” said Trustee Dee Stone.



## History Room's Reminder Echoes Anderson's Fertile Past

Turpin corn crib from ca. 1840 preserved in reconstructed display

Today we may enjoy corn-on-the-cob or our daily frosted flakes without ever thinking about the many decades that corn was a major crop in Anderson Township. The crop supplied food for people and livestock, was distilled into alcohol, and provided a major revenue source for local residents.

A dramatic reminder of the township's agricultural past is the reconstructed portion of a historical corn crib in the History Room at Anderson Center. One of the largest land owners of the early settlement days was Philip Turpin (1775-1834) from Virginia, who owned a 1,000-acre tract along the Little Miami River. He moved west in 1797 and first lived in Kentucky, coming over to the township to manage his fields that were planted with corn by 1800. He then built a large brick home on his land here, overlooking the Little Miami River on north side of what is today's Ohio Route 32 just east of Clough Pike.

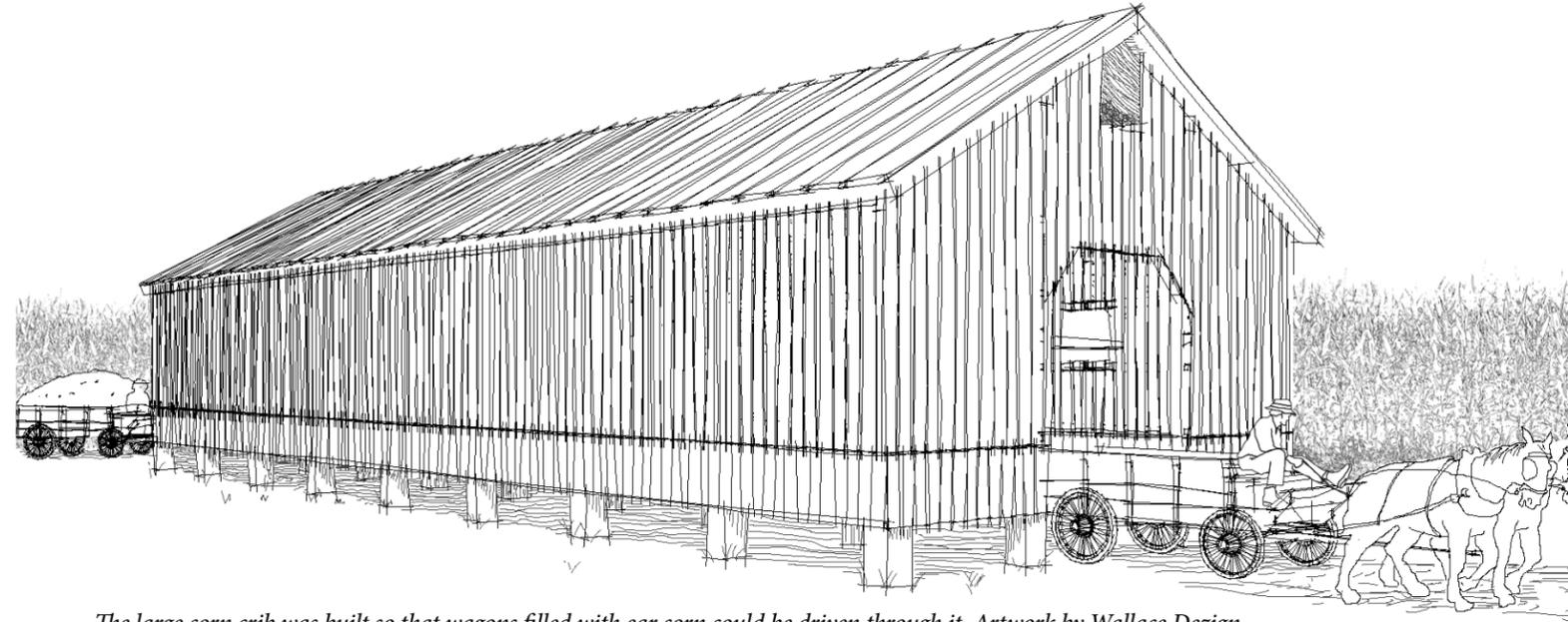
Philip Turpin's sons Ebenezer S. (1808-1879), Edward J. (1814-1886) and Aaron F. (1827-1851) and their descendants continued to farm the Turpin land. Corn was a crop that grew well in the bottom land along the river. The Turpins operated a mill along the Little Miami and a distillery on Clough Pike. In about 1840 the Turpins built at least two large corn cribs of sawn sycamore from nearby large old trees. The cribs were built to dry and store ear corn, which is corn left on the cob after the husks have been removed. The corn could be stored until used to feed livestock, ground into cornmeal or sold when corn prices were high.

Agricultural census schedules from 1850, 1860 and 1870 show us the amounts of corn grown here in the mid-19th century. The 1850 census recorded 194,430 bushels produced on 228 Anderson farms; 1860 recorded 213,965 bushels on 308 farms and 1870 recorded 174,505 bushels on 336 farms. Although almost every farm raised some corn, the Turpin farms were the large producers: 30,000 bushels of corn in 1850; 25,000 bushels in 1860 and 8,000 bushels in 1870. Yields of corn at that time were about 25 bushels per acre.

After a major flood in 1883, the Turpins moved one corn crib to higher ground south of Route 32 (Batavia Road) into the triangular intersection with Clough Pike. It was assembled on creek rock piers and massive beams. This corn crib remained dry even during the 1937 flood and was in use for many decades. In 1994, the Anderson Township Greenspace program purchased 104 acres including this corn crib from a Turpin descendant. Although the crib was in disrepair, it was a fascinating reminder of past farming practices. Anderson Township Trustees encouraged salvaging parts of the structure for display in the History Room.

Today the corn crib's sycamore wood that was likely growing when George Washington was president frames the History Room. The designers of the room, Charlie Wallace and Tom Brown, created an illustrated display that shows how the corn crib was used.

*Images from the Anderson Center History Room and collections of the Anderson Township Historical Society. Text by Janet Heywood, research chair, Anderson Township Historical Society.*



The large corn crib was built so that wagons filled with ear corn could be driven through it. Artwork by Wallace DeZign.



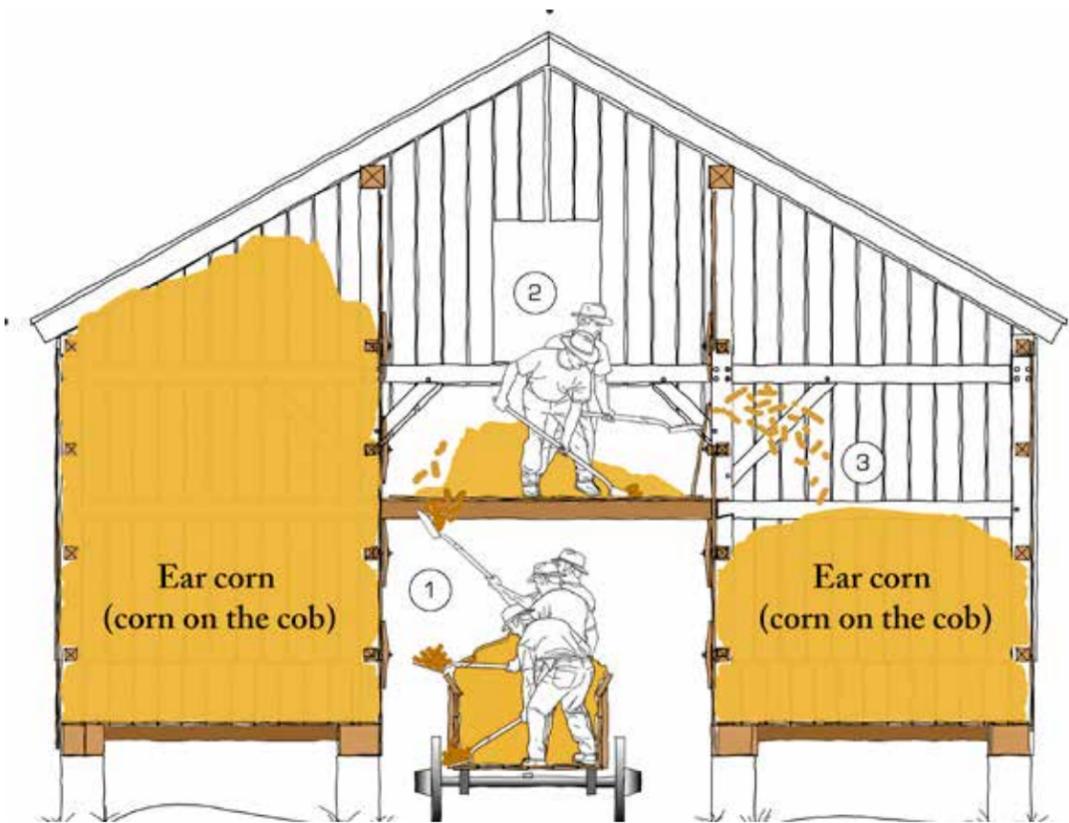
View of the corn crib in September 2007. When in use, it held about 7,000-9,000 bushels of ear corn. About 25 percent of the crib was salvaged for use in the History Room.



This interior photo from 2007 shows the post-and-beam structure of the crib, using one-inch in diameter hand-carved pegs.



The construction details of the original crib are on display in the History Room.



In the corn crib, the ear corn was shoveled out of the wagons and up into two floors of drying and storage spaces. Artwork by Wallace DeZign.

## Feedback from Facebook- Leaf Pickup in Anderson

**Q** Why doesn't Anderson Township offer leaf removal services like those offered in other communities?

Over the years, the township has discussed the feasibility of offering curbside leaf and brush collection, as it would be a great service. Several factors, highlighted by the expense of providing a seasonal service, the fees or land needed to dump such material, and the immense size and roadway miles (including many higher speed areas) of the township have been factors influencing the decision not to collect leaves curbside.



## Open Burning: It's Not OK in Anderson Township

Wait a minute.... Don't burn those leaves. Due to local, state and EPA regulations, leaves cannot be burned in Anderson without a permit.

For many years, most open burning scenarios in Anderson Township have been prohibited. While it was acceptable to burn leaves years ago in many communities, these kinds of activities in a suburban neighborhood are now prohibited under numerous fire codes.

However, cooking fires, such as a barbecue grill, are not prohibited under the open burning regulations and are considered

Looking solely at cost, this service was estimated at approximately \$350-\$400,000 per year. This is based on a "per road mile" cost figure from other communities, and includes the disposal, labor, and equipment necessary for this service over our 31 square miles. Our research determined that nearly all communities that offer this service have a land area that is a fraction of Anderson's size.

This added expense would come from the General Fund, an account already facing significant annual deficits based on state cuts which began in 2011.

Would voters support a tax to provide for leaf removal services? That's a good question, especially as many residents currently use a variety of free approaches to leaf treatment including curbside trash collection (collected by haulers at no extra cost), composting or mowing into lawn areas, or allowing leaves to remain in wooded areas. Others hire private contractors for leaf removal.

Are you willing to pay more for curbside leaf service? Based on prior and recent research, this service would require a new funding source.

Leaf removal will likely remain a topic the township periodically revisits in the coming years.

### A Look at the General Fund

The General Fund essentially "runs" the township, including:

- Building and Grounds Maintenance;
- Staffing Costs of Administration and Legal Services;
- Planning and Zoning;
- the Anderson Township Senior Center, Fiscal Office and Events;
- Community Events, Public Education such as *Anderson Insights* and Recycling.

In 2018, the projected revenue in the General Fund for its collection of services is \$3,036,100, and expenses are \$4,254,000. Of your property tax bill, only \$3.50 per \$100,000 in valuation, or .1 percent is allocated to cover these costs. Thus, a tax increase would likely be needed to cover such an expense. Funds used for infrastructure improvements (i.e. capital construction projects such as street paving) cannot be used for operating expenses such as this.

a recreational fire. Residents may legally use chimineas and other outdoor fireplaces. However, keep these controlled fires away from combustible materials such as wood decking or siding.

If you own a large parcel, there is a chance open burning could be permitted. Check out information online at [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org) to learn more.

For other details about open burning and a downloadable permit, go to [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org) and search keywords: open burning. Call 688-8400 if questions.

## Township Rental Spaces May Be a Perfect Choice

Hosting an event? Anderson Township rents out several multi-purpose facilities that can meet your varied facility needs. Spaces range from small, intimate gathering spaces to larger rooms for receptions or banquets.

**Options include:**

**Anderson Center**, the township's largest and most versatile facility on Five Mile Road, includes both large and small spaces, an atrium and plaza, and a 223-seat theater. Facilities are affordable and elegant, ready to serve residents organizing a family, business or non-profit event. Anderson Township residents and businesses receive a reduced rate when renting the facility.

**Anderson's Senior Center** provides a great space for dances, small wedding receptions, parties, family dinners, meetings and special occasions. Available on weekends from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. and weekdays after 4 p.m., the center is affordable and convenient. Setup of chairs and tables is provided. There is no kitchen, but patrons may bring food or use a caterer.

**The Anderson Township Heritage Center** is a favorite special occasion gathering place. It features a large indoor living area, spacious grounds, gazebo and lush lawn. Purchased by Anderson Township Trustees in 1991, the 200-year old home retains many of its original elements and serves as a charming reminder of early life in Anderson Township.

Having a business meeting and need a meeting room? Rent the **CoWorks Conference Room** for gatherings up to 10 people. It's located in lower level of Anderson Center and includes a whiteboard and a projection screen.

Call 688-8400 for rental details. Anderson Township residents receive a special rate. Visit [AndersonCenterEvents.org](http://AndersonCenterEvents.org) for information related to Anderson Township facility rental and to view photos.



## Flag Disposal Made Easy at Post 318 in Anderson



If your flag is looking frayed or dingy and is ready for retirement, Anderson Township's American Legion Post 318 offers a simple disposal method.

At the front of the Post 318 facility (6660 Clough Pike) is a bin designated for flags that are no longer in use. All flags are disposed of properly through a special flag disposal ceremony conducted several times a year by the American Legion. For more information, go to <http://www.post318.org>.

## Know Before You Go-A Guide to Winter Weather

During severe winter weather, tune in to local media outlets to learn if Hamilton County is under a snow emergency.

Learn what each snow emergency classification means, so that you are prepared before you head out on the road this winter. Anderson Township's Facebook page, Anderson Township, Ohio, is a timely spot for winter updates.

Township residents are asked to voluntarily move their vehicles off the street to facilitate clearing, notes Public Works Director Eric Luginbuhl. If a "snow emergency" has been issued, residents must move all vehicles off the street. A snow emergency will be declared when conditions are such that vehicles on the streets will hamper clean-up efforts. These emergencies will be announced through many local media outlets to allow time for residents to respond.

### Snow Emergency Classifications:

- LEVEL 1:** Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Roads may also be icy. Motorists are urged to drive very cautiously.
- LEVEL 2:** Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Roads may also be very icy. Only those who feel it is necessary to drive should be out on the roads. Contact your employer to see if you should report to work. Motorists should use extreme caution.
- LEVEL 3:** All roadways are closed to non-emergency personnel. No one should be driving during these conditions unless it is absolutely necessary to travel or a personal emergency exists. All employees should contact their employer to see if they should report to work. Those traveling on the roads may subject themselves to arrest.

# RECYCLING

## Take it to the Curb!

Have you noticed? In recent years, there are more and more ways for you to recycle your excess goods, home or yard waste within the confines of your own community.

Just to encourage people to do their part in recycling, Anderson Township has created this primer. Learn more about the do's and don'ts of your curbside recycling. (Did you know yogurt cups are not recyclable at the curb? But did you know you can now recycle toasters through a new program?) Also, we've searched out some of the top recycling needs (think electronics, bulbs and batteries) and listed local recycling options (if available) on page 14.

Finally, ever seen some of the crazy items that end up at the Rumpke Material Recycling Facility? Hopefully you don't recognize any of these recycling "fails" below as your stuff!



## FAQs About Township's Textile Recycling Program

Are you participating? You still can! The Simple Recycling company now picks up your unwanted textiles and small useable household items at the curbside for free each week.

If you do not have the Simple Recycling orange bags used for pickup, contact the company at [www.SimpleRecycling.com/supplies](http://www.SimpleRecycling.com/supplies).

Here are the most commonly asked questions about the new textile recycling program.

**Q: How much does the program cost?**

**A: The cost is zero, both to you and to Anderson Township.**

**Q: What happens to the collected clothing?**

**A: All materials are graded and sorted locally and/or regionally based on quality and condition. The top-quality materials will be resold to local thrift outlets. Mid-grade products are exported to international markets and "unusable" items are processed for raw materials.**

**Q: Is Simple Recycling a non-profit organization?**

**A: No, Simple Recycling is a for-profit recycler that is committed to offering residents the most simple and easy way to keep usable materials from the landfill.**

**Q: What do you accept?**

**A: The primary focus of Simple Recycling is on clothing and accessories, although also acceptable for donation are small usable household discards. There is no limit to the number of items accepted as long as they qualify as the type of items taken by Simple Recycling.**

**Q: If I have more stuff than can fit in a Simple Recycling orange bag, what do I do?**

**A: Additional bags can be provided. Complete the form at [www.SimpleRecycling.com/supplies](http://www.SimpleRecycling.com/supplies) to receive more bags.**

**Q: Can I put the clothing and other items in the recycling bin with my other recycling?**

**A: No, the clothing and household discards will need to be set separately and alongside your trash and recycling bins.**

**Q: What day will you pick up my stuff?**

**A: Simple Recycling follows the same pickup schedule as your current trash and recycling pickup.**

**Q: Is the trash truck going to pick up my stuff?**

**A: No, a separate Simple Recycling truck picks up your designated bags/items.**

For more information, go to [www.simplerecycling.com](http://www.simplerecycling.com).



## RECYCLE RIGHT IN YOUR RECYCLING CART



✓ **GLASS JARS & BOTTLES**  
BOTTLES • JARS



✓ **METAL CANS & LIDS**  
AEROSOL • ALUMINUM  
STEEL



✓ **PAPER PRODUCTS**  
MILK/JUICE CARTONS • BOXES • ENVELOPES  
PAPER • MAGAZINES • NEWSPAPER  
CLEAN PIZZA BOXES • CARDBOARD



✓ **PLASTIC BOTTLES & JUGS**  
WATER/SODA • SHAMPOO • LOTION  
KETCHUP/MUSTARD • MILK/JUICE • DETERGENT  
LIDS OKAY IF LEFT ON EMPTY BOTTLE/JUG



PLASTIC BAGS



POLYSTYRENE FOAM



BATTERIES



ALUMINUM FOIL/  
PIE PANS



CUPS



PLASTIC TUBS



AUDIO/VIDEO TAPES



METAL/PLASTIC HANGERS



TOYS

## RECYCLING TIPS

- Mix all items together-no separation required
- Keep items loose: Do not bag your recyclables
- Empty all bottles, jugs and cans
- No need to remove labels
- For plastic bottles, empty, crush and reattach lids
- For cartons, remove plastic caps and straws



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# GOING GREEN... IT JUST TAKES A LITTLE EXTRA EFFORT

Local recycling and reuse sites provide options for specialized recycling needs

## Televisions

**Best Buy**  
650 Eastgate South Dr.  
(closest option)

## Latex Paint (full or partially full)

No outlet in Anderson Township.  
**Check out link for other disposal options:**  
[http://www.hamiltoncountyrecycles.org/residents/household\\_chemicals\\_and\\_pharmaceuticals/paint\\_disposal](http://www.hamiltoncountyrecycles.org/residents/household_chemicals_and_pharmaceuticals/paint_disposal)

**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 Avenue, Cincinnati.  
**Midwest Environmental**  
3118 Spring Grove Avenue, Cincinnati.

## Antifreeze

**Monroe Muffler & Brake**  
7955 Beechmont Ave.  
No charge. Call prior to confirm acceptance.

## Motor Oil

**Auto Zone**  
*(Accepts up to five gallons per day at no charge)*  
8500 Beechmont Ave.  
Call prior to confirm acceptance. Also accepts car batteries.

## Tires

**Tire Discounters**  
*(Charges a fee.)*  
8600 Beechmont Ave.

## Propane Tanks

**Auxier Gas**  
2698 Old State Route 32  
Accepts propane tanks at no charge. Contract prior to confirm acceptance.

## Cardboard

**Anderson Township 24/7 Recycling Center**  
7954 Beechmont Ave.

## Batteries (single use)

**Batteries Plus Bulbs**  
7850 Beechmont Ave.  
Also accepts lithium-ion, nickel cadmium, button/coin cell, and nickel metal hydride for a small fee.

**Cohen Recycling**  
4538 Kellogg Ave.  
Also accepts lithium-ion, nickel cadmium, and button/coin cell for a small fee. Some Lowe's locations accept single use batteries at no charge.

## Electronics and Computers

**Cohen Recycling**  
4538 Kellogg Ave.  
Fee charged.

**Goodwill**  
4051 Commercial Blvd.  
Accepts usable electronics less than three years old, flat screen TVs only; no CRT or projection.

**St. Vincent de Paul**  
2300 Beechmont Ave.  
Accepts usable electronics no more than 10 years old and usable flat screen TVs less than 10 years old (no CRT or projection).

**Staples**  
8666 Beechmont Ave.  
Accepts printers.

## Fluorescent Bulbs (CFLs)

**Batteries Plus Bulbs**  
7850 Beechmont Ave.  
May be a small charge. (Also accepts compact fluorescent lights.)

**The Home Depot**  
520 Beechmont Ave.  
No charge.

## Fluorescent Tube

**Batteries Plus Bulbs**  
7850 Beechmont Ave.  
May be a small charge. (Also accepts compact fluorescent lights.)



clip and save



# VOLUNTEER

## Help Change the Future of Anderson Township-Join a Committee

Ready to try something new in 2019? How about applying for a volunteer position on one of the township's committees?

Opportunities to serve are sought in the following areas:

**Standing Committees-** a township standing committee is a group of members appointed for a specific purpose—one-year term

- **WeThrive Anderson! Committee**—Starting in 2019, this new committee will work to create a healthier Anderson Township, where safety, health and vitality is promoted throughout the community. The focus of this committee will include topics that address health concerns in Anderson Township such as substance use/abuse, social health, injury prevention, environmental health, emergency preparedness, chronic disease, community art and community involvement.
- **Economic Development Committee**—reviews the township's economic development strategy and makes recommendations to trustees on policy or project decisions regarding the township's business environment.
- **Tree Committee**—promotes and manages healthy, safe, and appropriate trees along streets and on public grounds or roadways and makes recommendations to the township's tree planting program.
- **Greater Anderson Township Betterment Committee**—non-profit organization working behind the scenes to facilitate community-wide improvements and projects.
- **Senior Center Advisory Committee**—provides guidance on many critical services for older adults, plus programs, trips and fundraising to enhance the Anderson Township Senior Center.
- **Transportation Advisory Committee**—provides recommendations on transportation matters and projects to trustees and assists with implementation of the Anderson Trails plan.

Two statutory committees operate according to Ohio law, with a five-year term, and one-year alternates:

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

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

Explain your interests and provide a brief overview of your experience which would make you a valuable member of the committee. Send letters by October 31.

Economic Development



Transportation Advisory



Senior Center Advisory



# COMMUNITY PARTNERS

## Anderson Area Chamber Advises Why Shopping Local is Important

*Shop Local!*

Consumers have many options when it comes to shopping today. The convenience of online shopping has made it almost a secondary thought to drive to a local store to purchase goods. While online shopping may save time, consumers are missing out on several benefits of shopping local.

First and foremost, shopping local improves the local economy. When you shop local, significantly more of that money stays in the community, which in turn creates more businesses and more jobs.

Local businesses tend to support other local businesses, so it creates a community of commerce.

Shopping local can also be a more enjoyable experience because local businesses tend to have more unique products that are sometimes tailored to your community. In addition, if you have an issue, customer service is better at a local shop because you can stop in and talk to someone face-to-face to get your situation resolved. Packaging waste is also reduced when you shop near your home, removing the need for all those shipping boxes and packing peanuts.

Join Anderson Township's local businesses and the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce to shop where you live. Your patronage helps support the businesses, families and residents that provide products and services to our community.

## Anderson Senior Center Helps You Invest in Your Health

Stop by the Anderson Township Senior Center this fall for a community Health and Wellness Fair set for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2.

Fifteen local health care professionals and vendors will provide information and screenings to keep older community members healthy and active. The event is sponsored by the Anderson Township Senior Center and Acute Hearing Solutions. Musical entertainment, snacks and door prizes will be available.

Health and Wellness Fair  
Friday, Nov. 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"The senior center has teamed up with community providers to host a fun and informative event," said Claire O'Connell, activity manager. "We're excited to offer this opportunity to the community. And a reminder: you are never too old to start taking care of yourself."

Services and screenings include a visit from Acute Hearing, which will provide hearing screenings, testing and cleaning. Clarkson Vision Care offers eyeglass cleaning and repairs as well as vision testing. Other participants will be the M.E. Lyons YMCA, Melanoma No More, Walgreens skin care and Buckeye Running Company, which will offer gait assessment and shoe fitting. All are welcome to attend.

The Anderson Township Senior Center is at 7970 Beechmont Ave.

### Senior Center Membership Renewal Opens Soon

Beginning in November, the Anderson Township Senior Center will accept membership renewal for 2019.

Renewal forms can be found online at [AndersonTownship.org/senior](http://AndersonTownship.org/senior) or at the senior center.

### Costs of membership remain the same for 2019.

- Resident - \$30 single, \$45 per couple
- Nonresident - \$40 single, \$65 per couple



## Book Association Becomes Lost and Found for Family Photos

Anderson Branch Library creates display of hidden treasures found in donated books.

Longtime Anderson Township Library Association volunteer Jackie Weist has another lifelong passion-collecting bookmarks. "I have always collected bookmarks; they make great souvenirs when traveling as they don't take up much room in a suitcase," she said.

So, when library association volunteers discover forgotten bookmarks, many of them family photographs, they turn them over to Weist who makes a display of them every June for the association's annual summer book sale. This year, however, she did something different.

"Sometimes, the other things that we found in books were such awkward shapes and sizes that I stuck them in a box for later. This year was 'later,'" said Weist. She posted the family photos for people to reclaim at the Anderson Branch Library. That's when she was approached by Megan Fullen, a library association volunteer and experienced genealogist.

"She asked if she could search for some answers and I said go for it. And she did with amazing results," said Weist. "I hated to simply throw it all away, especially the family photos. We think it is wonderful that Megan has found some family members to claim the pictures."

To date, Fullen has helped return a photo of Emma Davezac to her great-granddaughter and namesake Emilie Davezac Slater-Godfrey, who resides in Los Angeles; a family Bible from 1877; and the "Mother" and "Son" photos taken of Edwin and Ida Bertha (Jordan) Alvin to one of Edwin's daughters.

"There is nothing more rewarding than reuniting families with lost treasures," said Fullen, who is currently tracking a photo with an address as well as a birth announcement connected to a Canadian family.

To see the found family photos, go to <https://cinlib.org/2MSYvRB>. To claim a photo, contact the Anderson Branch Library at 369-6030.



Items found in donated books provide a fascinating look at families.

## Anderson Parks Youth League Signup Opens November 5

Registration opens November 5 for winter youth sports leagues, hosted by the Anderson Park District. Recreational youth leagues include boys basketball grades 3-6 and girls volleyball grades 2-6. Leagues include uniforms, practices and eight scheduled games. The registration deadline is December 10. Anderson Parks teams are coached by volunteers; parents and dedicated sports enthusiasts encouraged.

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

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



# Five Tips for Proper Fall Tree Management

Planting trees when they are dormant helps assure good root establishment

Anderson Township has suffered the loss of many trees due to invasive insects and storms. If you are replacing a tree that has died, or just adding some new interest and shade to your landscaping, consider planting this fall so your tree's roots can get established while the tree is dormant in winter.

Anderson Township hosts a committee, the Anderson Township Tree Committee, focused on protecting township trees and tree maintenance. They offer the following tips for homeowners.

- 1. Plant the right tree in the right place.** Do you have room for a large shade tree (oaks are best for many reasons), need a small flowering tree or want privacy or wind protection? Understand how big a tree will grow and consider the space where you are planting it.
- 2. The smaller a tree is when planted, the faster it will establish and grow.** A smaller tree will have less transplant shock and a higher survival rate. Smaller trees are more economical, easier to move and plant. Local nurseries have a good selection. Avoid the temptation to plant the biggest tree you can. A 5-gallon container tree will catch up to a 15-gallon container tree within three to five years or less.
- 3. Mulch is good but avoid "volcano mulch" around the trunk of a tree of any size or age.** Provide a three-foot diameter ring of mulch around trees, but do not mulch against the trunk.

**4. Water a newly planted tree carefully, especially for the first three years as the roots get established.** With good rains locally over the past two summers, drought has not been a big issue. However, even mature trees should be watered slowly and deeply, especially during droughts. Sprinklers used for grass typically do not provide enough deep, soaking water for trees.

**5. Protect your existing trees or newly planted trees from deer damage by using plastic mesh deer tree guards available at local tree nurseries or wire fencing with metal posts.** Corrugated pipe is not recommended or should be removed in the spring and summer.

**General tree-related resources can be researched at:**

Arbor Day Foundation: [www.arborday.org/trees/index-planting.cfm](http://www.arborday.org/trees/index-planting.cfm)

Ohio Division of Forestry; Ohio Common Trees:

[www.forestry.ohiodnr.gov/trees](http://www.forestry.ohiodnr.gov/trees)

Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens:

[cincinnati.zoo.org/horticulture/trees-shrubs/](http://cincinnati.zoo.org/horticulture/trees-shrubs/)

## Free Site Accepts Fall Yard Waste

Cleaning up your yard before winter? Anderson Township is home to one of Hamilton County's free yard waste recycling sites. Located at Bzak Landscaping, 3295 Turpin Lane, the site is currently conveniently open seven days a week, with new hours starting November 26.

Hamilton County residents can recycle brush, leaves, twigs, grass clippings and branches from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays. After November 25 during the winter, the hours are weekdays only from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Some restrictions apply. The site does not accept yard waste in commercial vehicles or from commercial establishments. Special Saturday hours in January allow for Christmas tree recycling.

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



## Workshop Shows How to Reduce Your Energy Footprint

Concerned about rising energy costs? Learn more about home energy efficiency at a free "Get Efficient" workshop scheduled in January.

The workshop, sponsored by Anderson Township through its partnership with Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance, helps residents make their homes more energy efficient. It is scheduled for 7-8 p.m. January 15 at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road.

The Get Efficient program offers homeowners a free online home energy assessment that can identify where money is being wasted to poor energy efficiency issues and provide estimated savings associated with specific energy efficiency upgrades.



## False Alarm Fees Now in Effect

Anderson Township continues to work to maximize the delivery of safety services

Is your home or business alarm system on the fritz and sounding off when it should be silent? Please take note, the township is now issuing written warning notices, which may lead to future fines.

Starting in September, Anderson Township now provides written warnings each time a false alarm occurs, according to Steve Sievers, assistant administrator for operations. Notice slips detailing the township's new corrective action program are being left at the home or business. The notices share information about fines and provide insight as to corrective action that may be taken, he said.

"More than 13 percent of the alarms that are called in are considered 'false alarms,'" Sievers noted. "That is not only costly to the township and taxpayers, but it also could cause a delay elsewhere if our emergency responders have multiple calls coming in at once."

Sievers noted that the township seeks to work with property owners who are trying to solve their false alarm problems. "Our goal here is not to fine businesses and homeowners, but to solve the problem so that first response dollars and efforts are not diverted by the more than 2,250 false alarms that came in just last year alone."

In addition to delays associated with sending out first response personnel, the township also pays about \$19 per false alarm call to Hamilton County, a fee which could be doubled if both fire and sheriff's department personnel are dispatched.

"False alarms can be a drain on public services due the fact that two officers are required to respond to each and every alarm," noted Lt. Matt Guy of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office



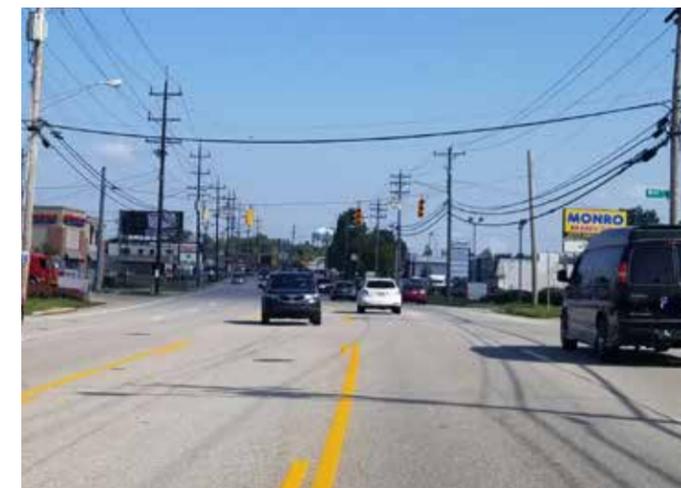
District 5 substation. "Our personnel can work with the homeowner or business owner, the communications center, and the alarm companies to assist in troubleshooting existing problems with the affected alarm, and work towards a remedy that will eliminate subsequent false alarms."

Following warning notices, fines start with a \$50 charge for the fourth false alarm in a calendar year. This fee increases to \$100 for the fifth alarm, and \$150 for the sixth and subsequent false alarm, again in a calendar year.

Residents and property owners seeking assistance with troubleshooting their alarm system are urged to refer to a guide with suggested corrective steps, which may be found at [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org), and look for the "News" story. For further assistance, contact the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office (District 5), Crime Prevention Officer, Corporal David S. Boiman, at 474-5770 or [dboiman@sheriff.hamilton-co.org](mailto:dboiman@sheriff.hamilton-co.org).

## Driving Q and A: Correct Use of Center Turn Lane Explained

**Question**  
*Driving in center turn lanes is confusing. What is the correct use of the center turn lane like those on Beechmont Avenue, and portions of Clough Pike, Salem Road and Kellogg Road?*



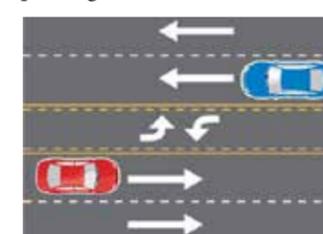
### Answer

Much local driving confusion relates to proper use of a center turn lane. The center lane only should be used for vehicles turning from a roadway onto a side street or driveway.

Unfortunately, this lane is often abused by motorists entering the roadway. Motorists often sit in this lane and wait for a break in traffic. Even worse, some motorists will turn into and begin driving in this lane to merge into traffic, often approaching the speed of adjacent traffic.

The center lane may only be used for traffic exiting a roadway. You may be cited if you use it in another manner. Try to use parking lot connections, which are becoming more common, to

get to a signalized intersection to make a left turn onto a roadway. Or, organize your destinations to avoid the need to turn left across major roadways.



## A letter to the members of the Anderson Township Historical Society:

In honor of the Anderson Township Historical Society's 50th Anniversary, we wish to express our gratitude for the invaluable contributions you have made to our community. For 50 years, you have carefully collected and painstakingly preserved the fragments of Anderson Township's past. More importantly, you have shared your knowledge and collections, bringing back cherished memories and teaching us the importance of the past.

Thank you for preserving Anderson's past for current and future generations and congratulations on the Society's 50th Anniversary.

Sincerely,

Joshua S. Gerth  
 Andrew S. Pappas  
 R. Dee Stone  
 Ken G. Dietz

### Some Contributions of the Anderson Township Historical Society

- Worked on preservation projects throughout township
- Participated in design and construction of the History Room at Anderson Center and served as docents
- Educated elementary school students through tours of Log House and History to Schools program
- Provided text and images for history section of Anderson Insights
- Published the archival photo book "Anderson Township" through Arcadia Publishing's Images of America series
- Served on Anderson Township's 225th Anniversary Committee



History to Schools program



Tours of the Miller-Leuser Log House

## Anderson Trustees Intervene in Suit to Prevent Water Rate Hike for Residents and Businesses



A 10-month fight regarding Cincinnati's proposed water rate hike for 88,000 residential customers in Hamilton County townships has provoked Anderson Township Trustees to action.

In June, Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley informed Hamilton County Commissioners that a rate hike of 14+ percent was set to begin September 1. The rate hike was controversial because customers outside the city proper were asked to pay a surcharge or multiplier to cover costs for additional equipment (more pumps and water tanks), plus pay higher costs due to accelerated costs to deliver water outside the city. All three Hamilton County Commissioners expressed their unhappiness over the proposed increase during a contentious few weeks earlier this year.

Shortly before rate hikes were scheduled to begin, commissioners sought and received a temporary restraining order which blocked the increase.

In response to the 14+ percent increase for Greater Cincinnati Water Works customers outside the city, Anderson Township acted in concert with Hamilton County Commissioners and other townships to seek an injunction which would prohibit the rate increase until a new contract can be finalized through negotiations or arbitration.

Township Administrator Vicky Earhart noted that on September 10, Anderson Township Trustees filed an application

in the Court of Common Pleas of Hamilton County seeking the right to intervene in the case. Judge Robert Ruehlman granted the trustees' motion during the initial hearing on September 12.

"While we have had conversations with several members of council who seem to be in favor of getting the task force back together and resolving this equitably; we are not going to sit on our hands and do nothing while Mayor John Cranley and other city leadership refuse to honor their agreement," said Trustee President Josh Gerth. "They are arbitrarily and unfairly proposing to gouge our residents and businesses. It is a shame that we've had to take legal action rather than continue to have conversations but at this point, legal action seems to be our only course of action to get their attention," he added.

The township has reached out to local businesses through the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce to let them know of the proposed rate. "It is important that business owners recognize the impact this could have on their respective budgets," Earhart said. "The rate increase will be particularly detrimental to Mercy Health-Anderson Hospital and other medical facilities which tend to have higher water usage."

Residents of cities, villages and townships outside of the city limits already pay 25 percent more for their water service than customers in Cincinnati. That rate would jump to 43 percent for townships, only if the city is successful in its attempt to increase rates, Earhart said. The trial is expected to continue until mid-to-late October.

## 'Church Watch' Joins List of Programs Offered by Sheriff's Office

Focus is on providing safe environment, creating plans for potential emergencies

With 23 physical facilities serving as houses of worship in Anderson Township, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office has expanded its popular watch initiative to include churches.

"Due to current nationwide concerns and the now unfortunate victimization of churches, a collaboration with congregational teams with local government and community partners was established modeling our other watch initiatives," said Cpl. Dave Boiman, crime prevention officer with the District 5 substation of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

Boiman noted that 19 Anderson churches are currently participating in the new Church Watch program, which started earlier this year. He reports that lines of communication have been opened with 29 members including clergy, board members, administrators or individuals serving in a safety team position.

The Sheriff's Office has made a variety of information and training opportunities available to participants including training active shooter situations, front desk and office security, mental health first aid, house of worship security and the "See Something Say Something" initiative.

Look for signage and window stickers on participating churches. "Through this development we can assist an important part of our community to plan for potential emergencies and create a balance between security and worship," Boiman said.





## Jack-O-Lanterns Light the Path at Center Event

A spooky trail, lit carved pumpkins and plenty of festive Halloween magic all add up to a good time during the 10th annual Jack-O-Lantern Walk, set for 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27.

Children trick-or-treat in costumes through rows of carved, lit pumpkins in a spooky trail around Anderson Lake.

A Jack-O-Lantern Walk pumpkin carving contest offers prizes and ribbons to winners who compete for first or second place. Drop off carved entries from 2-7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26, or from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, in the lower atrium of Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road. Pumpkin pickup is the next day, Sunday, Oct. 28, at the same location from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Note to entrants: Only carved pumpkins are accepted (not decorated ones). Other restrictions apply; check out details on the entry form that can be downloaded on [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org). The township is not responsible for damage to pumpkins.



## Anderson Holiday Festival Brightens the Holiday Season

Holiday magic is in the air the first day of December at the 15th annual Anderson Holiday Festival (formerly called the Holiday Tree Lighting), hosted on the streetscape of the Anderson Towne Center on Saturday, Dec. 1.

Start your festivities at 4 p.m., with Santa arriving at 4:15 p.m. on his fire engine chariot. At 6 p.m. gather around the tree for the annual lighting ceremony.

Activities are found on the center's streetscape area from 4-6 p.m. Children will enjoy decorating cookies at the craft area along the streetscape.

Participating Towne Center businesses can stamp your Holiday Passport, which may be exchanged for a gift bag and entry for raffle prizes once completed. Other events include an outdoor wood carving and ice sculpting demonstrations and outdoor fire rings.

Anderson Towne Center businesses will provide refreshments during the evening. Don't forget your Mail to Santa at Macy's, or toy donations at Huff Realty.

Visit [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org) for more information after



## Annual Veterans Day Dinner Honors Veterans at Patriot Center on November 10

Anderson Township veterans are treated to the annual Veterans Day Dinner again this year, organized by the Anderson Township Veterans Memorial Committee on Saturday, Nov. 10.

The evening at the Patriot Center includes a complimentary dinner for veterans, courtesy of Belterra Park and Mt. Washington Care Center, a cash bar and a live performance by the VocalPalooza. The center is at 6660 Clough Pike, a venue owned and operated by Post 318 of the American Legion.

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

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

Reservations are requested by calling Anderson Township at 688-8400 or by signing up online at [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org).



## OCTOBER

### Beechmont Players- Widdershins

Anderson Center Theater- 7850 Five Mile Road  
Friday and Saturday, Oct. 19 and 20, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 21, 3 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 26, 8 p.m.

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

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

Info: 233-2468 or [www.BeechmontPlayers.org](http://www.BeechmontPlayers.org)

### Jack-O-Lantern Walk

Anderson Center Plaza, 7850 Five Mile Road

Saturday, Oct. 27, 7-9 p.m. Free

Info: 688-8400 or [mmohrfield@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:mmohrfield@AndersonTownship.org)

## NOVEMBER

### Matinee Musicale- Tessa Lark on Violin

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road

Thursday, Nov. 1, 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$25-\$30

### Holiday and Nearly New Used Book Sale

Anderson Branch Library, 7450 State Road

Thursday, Nov. 8, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 9, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 10, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Info: Anderson Branch Library: 369-6030 or [cincinnati.library.org/support/atla.html](http://cincinnati.library.org/support/atla.html)

### Clermont Northeastern Winter Show- Peter Pan JR.

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road

November 8-10, 7 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 10, 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$10; tickets at 625-1211 ext. 439 or

[CNEdrama.org](http://CNEdrama.org)

### Veterans Day Celebration

Patriot Center, 6660 Clough Pike

Saturday, Nov. 10, 5 p.m., 6 p.m. dinner

Free: Reservations required, seating limited to veterans and spouses/friends

Info: Visit [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org) or contact Molly at

688-8400 for reservations.

### Friends of the Groom Theater Company- The Rock of Ages Show

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road

Thursday and Friday, Nov. 15-16, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 17, 3 and 7 p.m.

Tickets: Adults \$18; students and children \$15;

groups of 10 or more \$15

Order tickets at 831-2859 or email [fog@fuse.net](mailto:fog@fuse.net)

### Anderson Area Pizza Showcase

Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road

Sunday, Nov. 18, 1-4 p.m.

Admission: \$7 adults, \$3 children 10 and under

Info: 474-4802 or [AndersonAreaChamber.org](http://AndersonAreaChamber.org)

### Anderson Community Band,

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road

Sunday, Nov. 18, 7 p.m.

Free

Info: John Fecker at 207-8506 or

[Andersoncommunityband.com](http://Andersoncommunityband.com)

### Merit Theatre- It's a Wonderful Life, a New Musical

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road

Friday, November 30, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 1, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 2, 3 p.m.

Tickets: Available at [merittheatre.org](http://merittheatre.org)

## DECEMBER

### Anderson Holiday Festival

Anderson Towne Center Streetscape

Saturday, Dec. 1, 4 p.m.

Santa arrives at 4:15 p.m.

Tree Lighting at 6 p.m.

Info: [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org) or [atcstores.com](http://atcstores.com)

### LeJeune Dance- The Nutcracker

Anderson Center Theatre, 7850 Five Mile Road

Thursday and Friday, Dec. 6 and 7, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec 8, 2 and 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 9, 2 p.m.

Tickets (reserved seating): \$20 adult, \$15 for children under 10 and seniors over 65

Info: 257-8083 or [LeJeuneDance.com/tickets](http://LeJeuneDance.com/tickets)

### Beechmont Players-

#### A Christmas Carol, a Live Radio Play

Anderson Center Theater- 7850 Five Mile Road

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13-15, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 15, 3 p.m.

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

Info: 233-2468 or [www.BeechmontPlayers.org](http://www.BeechmontPlayers.org)

### Performing Arts, Inc.

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road

Disney's Aladdin: Saturday and Sunday,

Dec. 15-16, 7 p.m.

Newsies: Thursday and Friday, Dec. 20-21, 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$10 online at [pai.seatyourself.biz](http://pai.seatyourself.biz). \$12 at door

Info: [performingartsinc.net](http://performingartsinc.net)

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



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**Public Meetings**

(Times and dates subject to change with notice)

**Board of Township Trustees**

**Interim Meeting**

Thursday, Nov. 1, 2:30 p.m.

**Regular Monthly Meeting**

Thursday, Nov. 15, 6 p.m.

**Anderson Township Senior Center Advisory Committee**

Thursday, Nov. 15, 2 p.m.  
 Meets at Senior Center,  
 7970 Beechmont Ave.

**Board of Zoning Appeals**

Thursday, Nov. 1, 5:30 p.m.

**Economic Development Committee**

Tuesday, Nov. 27, 3 p.m.

**Greenspace Advisory Committee**

Meets as needed

**Tree Committee**

Monday, Nov. 5, 7 p.m.

**Transportation Advisory Committee**

Thursday, Nov. 1, 5:30 p.m.

**Zoning Commission**

Monday, Nov. 26, 5:30 p.m.

**Give Local for Big Community Impact**

Three township 501(c)(3) organizations fund community projects including July 4th parade, tutoring, park improvements

Want to make a local impact with your charitable giving? Three township nonprofits work to provide extra services and amenities for Anderson Township residents. Consider these organizations for your end-of-year giving.

All three are 501(c)(3) organizations so all gifts are tax deductible.

**The Anderson Township Betterment**

**Commission** promotes efforts to enhance the quality of life for Anderson Township residents, business owners and institutions, by providing support to community organizations, events, and other activities. Projects in which the Betterment Commission has or continues to be involved include the Anderson Township Senior Center, Anderson Township Veterans Memorial, Anderson Independence Day Parade, Anderson Farmers' Market, Clark Stone House improvements and the Frederick O. Kiel Memorial Buckeye Grove. For more information contact Steve Sievers at 688-8400 or [ssievers@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:ssievers@AndersonTownship.org).

**The Anderson Foundation for Parks and Recreation**

, the fundraising arm of the Anderson Park District, provides resources to perpetuate parks and recreation in Anderson Township. The foundation has a long history of contributions to the park district, including the office addition and tennis courts at Juilfs Park, the Kellogg Park restroom building. It also serves as the event coordinator for Greater Anderson Days. Details at: [www.andersonparks.com](http://www.andersonparks.com)

**The Forest Hills Foundation for Education**

raises funds to support programs and create opportunities at all nine Forest Hills Schools. Programs include Nagel after-school tutoring, college and career prep classes for high school students, workforce development, Destination Imagination, teacher grants, robotics and Hope Squad, a peer-to-peer program to prevent teen suicides. For more information: [www.fhfe.org](http://www.fhfe.org).



The Anderson Township Betterment Commission helped fund the new Ohio Historical Marker at the James Clark Stone House which was installed in September.