

# ANDERSON Insights

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## I-275 Construction Near Ohio River to Rehabilitate Key Overpasses

Unfortunately, motorists should plan for delays over next 24 months for 1.6-mile road preservation project



Five mainline twin bridges including the Combs-Hehl Bridge over the Ohio River into Kentucky are scheduled for rehabilitation along I-275 starting in May and ending in 2020.

Orange barrels will soon be appearing along I-275, between the Four Mile Road overpass, and then Kentucky side of the Ohio River, with the planned May beginning of a \$30+ million road rehabilitation project that will continue into summer 2020.

The Ohio Department of Transportation recently announced the construction timing for the 1.6-mile resurfacing and pavement repair project, which includes five mainline twin bridges including the Combs-Hehl Bridge over the Ohio River into Kentucky. The project will involve some short-term lane and ramp closures.

Bridge work scheduled for the two-year project includes overlays, joint replacement, painting, barrier upgrades and other minor rehabilitation items, according to Elizabeth Lyons, public information specialist with ODOT District 8.

One method to be used to keep traffic flowing during this project includes the introduction of contraflow lanes, which will help to minimize traffic impacts in this key corridor, according to Scott Kraus,

work zone traffic engineer for ODOT. Contraflow lanes shift one lane of traffic to the “opposite” side of roadway and eliminate long-term lane closures.

Assistant Administrator for Operations Steve Sievers noted that the phased construction plan was developed in consultation with the township, Hamilton County Engineer’s Office, and the major entertainment destinations in this area. While there will be road closures periodically during overnight hours and weekends, there will no lane closures before, during or after special high-traffic events planned at Coney Island, Riverbend and Belterra Park Gaming.

This summer, ODOT will be installing new electronic traffic signs, or Dynamic Message Signs, in the Ohio 32 and I-275 area. “These will publicize information about special events or emergency notifications and will be helpful with relating construction and traffic information,” Sievers said.

While some traffic challenges lie ahead, Trustee President Josh Gerth noted that, “We appreciate the  
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## Bauer Preserve Home to New Installation of Public Artwork

“SorryNotSorry,” modeled after a Victrola horn, encourages people to speak up

A piece of interactive artwork reminiscent of a Victrola horn, will soon be installed at Bicentennial Green at Bauer Preserve, at the corner of Clough Pike and Nagel Road as a part of the township’s 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration.

Created by artist Kelly Cave while a MFA student at the University of Cincinnati, “SorryNotSorry” welcomes “people to speak their mind out into the world,” Cave said in her introduction to the piece. People are invited to speak into one end of the metal piece of art and their voice will be amplified on the other end.

Trustee Dee Stone is one township resident interested in public art and looking for ways the township can incorporate artwork into developing community. “Studies show public art has a positive impact on economic development and a community’s desirability—it gives a community an identity and can add to

a sense of attachment,” said Stone, a member of the township’s Betterment and Beautification Committee. “In short, public art inspires people in their daily journeys,” she said.

Anderson Township already displays a few pieces of public art—mostly in the form of memorials—including the Firefighters Memorial at Beech Acres Park and the new Veterans Memorial at Anderson Center, Stone noted. Three other pieces of artwork are displayed at Anderson Center, including two decorative flying pigs that were created during the Big Pig Gig:

Do-Re-Wee event in 2012. The pig on the lower level of Anderson Center is owned by Summerfair, while the one by the front entrance was purchased by Anderson Township.

Additionally, the “Anderson Patterns of Nature” piece by Linda Leviton that adorns the elevator at Anderson Center is mixed media of wood and etched and painted copper.

**“Public art has a positive impact on economic development...”**

-Trustee Dee Stone



“SorryNotSorry” Victrola Horn

## Recycle Textiles at Curbside, Starting June 1

Latest township effort targeted at keeping recyclable items out of municipal waste stream

Have a bag of unneeded clothing, shoes or linens piling up in your closet that’s not fit for resale or donation? Starting June 1 in Anderson Township, residents will enjoy the convenient option of setting these products at the curbside for recycling, in conjunction with the Rumpke trash pickup day for their street.

Township trustees recently approved a contract with Simple Recycling, a for-profit company that will provide the new recycling service at no cost to residents or the township, according to Steve Sievers, assistant administrator for operations.

Items collected weekly by Simple Recycling will be graded and sorted based on quality and condition, with better materials sold to local thrift outlets. Lesser quality products are exported, according to information from Simple Recycling. Besides textiles, the company will also accept toys, dishes, tools and small appliances.

Anderson joins several other Cincinnati-area communities already providing no-cost at-the-curb textile recycling. Trustee Dee Stone said she was excited about the new service because it makes recycling easier for residents, while keeping recyclable items out of the municipal waste stream that are not appropriate for donation.

Some estimates say textiles thrown into the trash account for 10 percent of landfill space, she noted. “I was surprised to learn how much clothing actually ends up at the landfill, instead of being recycled,” she said. Products that can be placed in the orange bags can be ripped or stained but cannot be moldy or wet.

“Whatever day Rumpke picks up on your street, that is the day you will put out your recyclables,” noted Sievers, even if you don’t have Rumpke service or subscribe to your waste haulers curbside recycling program. For those without curbside recycling, such as apartment or condominium communities, the township is working with Simple Recycling to have a designated container at the township’s 24/7 Drop-Off Recycling Center, 7954 Beechmont Ave.

### Here’s how the new system will work:

Simple Recycling will provide residents with recycling bags before the first week that recycling begins. Residents set filled bags out on the day Rumpke services your street. Do not put textile recycling bags in your trash can as Simple Recycling will pick up bags separate from regular trash haulers.

When you need more orange bags, you can order online, and they will be dropped off to your home. For details, go to [simplerecycling.com](http://simplerecycling.com).

The township continues to urge residents to donate gently used clothing and other materials to local non-profits in the Anderson area, Sievers said.

Anderson Township offers free curbside recycling of plastics, glass, paper and more. Call Rumpke at 1-800-828-8171 for details. Additionally, the township operates the largest drop-off recycling site in Greater Cincinnati at 7954 Beechmont Ave.



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

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

## Plans for 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rolled Out This Month

Anderson Township staff and volunteers have created special effects and events to remember this year's 225<sup>th</sup> township anniversary.

### Here are the details:

Notice some familiar historic places or people in your daily rounds of the township? Anderson recently placed **dozens of banners with historical photos** in business districts around town. More information is available online for each historic photo at the web page [AndersonTownship.org/225](http://AndersonTownship.org/225). Or pick up a copy of the reference brochure at Anderson Center.

**Historic narratives** detailing unique aspects of Anderson Township's ancient times and pioneer past are available on the township's YouTube channel. Learn more in these bite size videos about historic buildings, early inhabitants, famous artifacts and more. Check back each month as more videos are added.

Although sometimes hidden or found on private property, Anderson at one point in its history had more than **20 cemeteries** within its borders. (Some are now part of Mt. Washington or Newtown.) A booklet detailing these historic

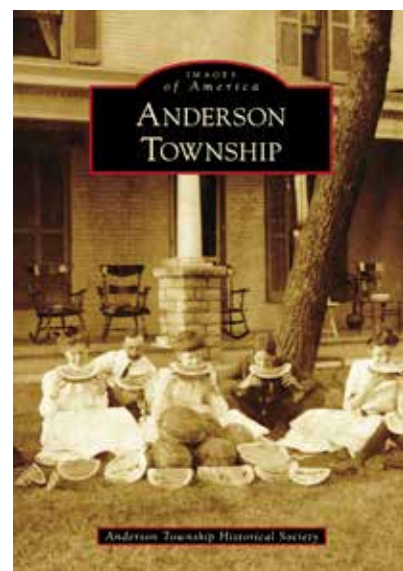
spots is now available, developed by Anderson Township using extensive research compiled by the Hamilton County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society. To learn more, pick up a booklet at Anderson Center or find it on the [AndersonTownship.org/225](http://AndersonTownship.org/225) web page.

Second-grade students from the Forest Hills School District and third-graders from Immaculate Heart of Mary School look forward to a day of immersion in all things Anderson during their visit to the **History to Schools program** at Anderson Center each spring. (See page 21 for full story.) Students converge on the Anderson Township History Room to discover objects from "then" and "now," and learn about what daily life for a student looked like in pioneer days, among other activities.

The dedication of a new **Ohio Historical Marker** for the James Clark Stone House on Clough Pike will be hosted this fall at the site. This is the fourth Ohio Historical Marker to be placed at locations in the township. Its unveiling takes place at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16 at 6840 Clough Pike.



## Glimpses of Days Past Depicted in New 'Anderson Township' Book



Farms and orchards, carts, horses and Model T Fords may not look like anyone's perception of the Anderson Township of today, but a new book dedicated to early township history tells stories in photographs of how these elements did factor into its early years.

The recently released "Anderson Township" book by the Anderson Township Historical Society is one of Arcadia Publishing's "Images of America" series. The book uses archival photos to present stories from the past that

shaped the character of the community today. Janet Heywood, the society's research chair, drew materials for the book from the extensive collections of the Historical Society. More than 200 images in the new book illustrate the farms, families, homes, churches, schools, businesses and events of the community from the late 1800s into the 1930s.

Enjoy views of early township events such as family gatherings, celebrations such as the Fourth of July, students at their local district schools, early floods and storms, World War I training and more.

"As we celebrate the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Anderson Township and the 50th anniversary of the Historical Society in 2018, the photographs in the book help us to appreciate the reminders of the past that still surround us today," Heywood said.

### How to Buy the Images of America Book "Anderson Township"

Copies are available for \$21.99 on the Arcadia website: [www.arcadiapublishing.com](http://www.arcadiapublishing.com).

Visit the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce in Anderson Center during weekday business hours, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and purchase a book there for \$20.

The Anderson Township Historical Society sells books (\$20) at the Anderson Township History Room, open in Anderson Center. Hours are Sunday and Wednesday 1 to 4 p.m., and on Tuesday 6-8:30 p.m.

Organizations wishing to sell or provide copies of the book to members or in bulk can contact Leigh Scott at Arcadia at (843) 853-2070 ext. 207 or [lscott@arcadiapublishing.com](mailto:lscott@arcadiapublishing.com).

## Calendar of Events for Anderson Township's 225<sup>th</sup> Celebration

### MAY

- 2** Anderson Township Historical Society Monthly Meeting- **Anderson Center** 7:30 p.m.
- 12** Anderson Township Historical Society Plant Sale- **Miller-Leuser Log House, 6550 Clough Pike** 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 28** American Legion Post 318 Cemetery Events at local cemeteries starting at 8:40 a.m.

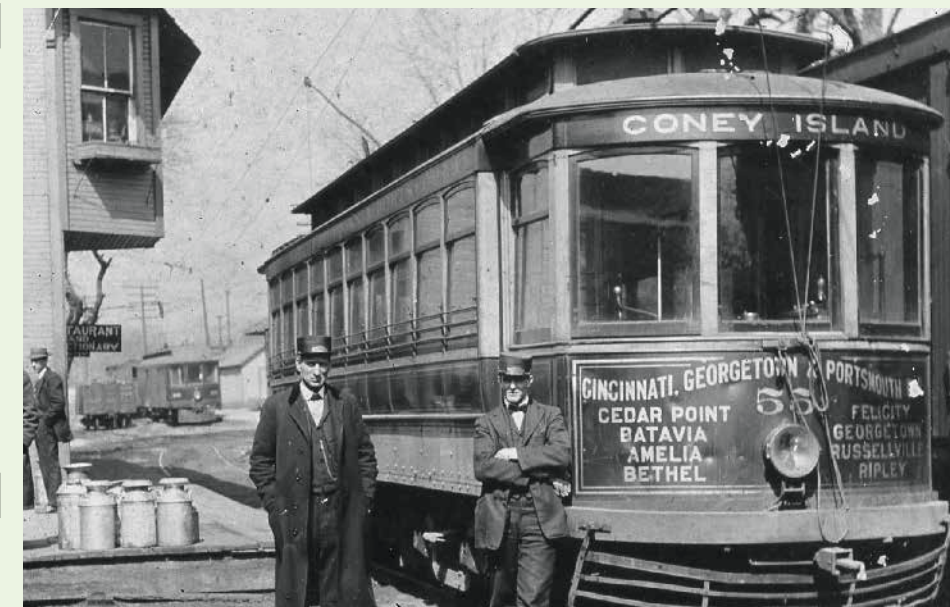
### JUNE

- 3** Anderson Garden Tour **Miller-Leuser Log House: 6550 Clough Pike, and James Clark Stone House (Greenfield Plant Farm), 6840 Clough Pike, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.**
- 6** Anderson Township Historical Society Monthly Meeting- **Anderson Center** 7:30 p.m.



### JULY

- 4** Anderson Independence Day Parade **Beechmont Avenue, 10 a.m.** (Theme is *Anderson Township: 225 Years in the Making!*)
- 27-29** Greater Anderson Days, **Beech Acres Park, 6910 Salem Road, Friday and Saturday, 5-11 p.m., Sunday 5-10 p.m.**



### SEPTEMBER

- 5** Anderson Township Historical Society Monthly Meeting- **Anderson Center** 7:30 p.m.

- 16** Dedication of Ohio Historical Marker at James Clark Stone House **6840 Clough Pike, 2 p.m.** Celebration of 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of township **Anderson Center 4-7:30 p.m.**

- 29-30** Anderson Township Historical Society Country Store **6550 Clough Pike, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday**

- 30** Passport to Anderson's Past-Tour various historic sites around Anderson, Newtown and Mt. Washington. **1-4 p.m.**

### OCTOBER

- 3** Anderson Township Historical Society Monthly Meeting- **Anderson Center** 7:30 p.m.
- 27** Jack-O-Lantern Walk- **Anderson Center 7-9 p.m.**

### NOVEMBER

- 7** Anderson Township Historical Society Monthly Meeting- **Anderson Center** 7:30 p.m.

### DECEMBER

- 1** Holiday Tree Lighting- **Anderson Towne Center 4-6:30 p.m.**
- 5** Anderson Township Historical Society Monthly Meeting- **Anderson Center** 7:30 p.m.
- 8** Christmas Carol Sing, Five Mile Chapel **6975 Five Mile Road, 2:30- 4 p.m.**



The Anderson Township Historical Society hosts **free open house tours** of the historic Miller-Leuser Log House from 1-4 p.m. the first and third Sunday of the month from May through October. The home is located at 6550 Clough Pike.

## New Chief Named for Anderson Township Fire and Rescue



After almost 42 years of service with the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department, the last 16 as its department chief, Chief Mark Ober announced he will retire August 3, 2018.

Replacing him is Assistant Chief Rick Martin, a 33-year veteran of the department.

Martin has served as assistant chief since 2017, rising from the ranks as a firefighter-paramedic, lieutenant and battalion chief, a position he held for 17 years. He received a Commendation of Valor in 1995 from the Fire and Rescue Department and was named the American Legion Post 318 Firefighter of the Year in 2003. Besides numerous certifications in fire service, he also holds his J.D. from the Chase College of Law.

Martin also studied advanced firefighting tactics, basic and intermediate rope rescue, and hazardous materials training as a first responder. As assistant chief, he oversees all fire prevention and life safety activities within the township including plan review and building inspections. As second in command, Martin also plays a key

role in managing the department's personnel.

Ober has served as Anderson Township's chief longer than any other fire chief in the fire department's 77-year history. Through his leadership, the township secured and retained its favorable "3" Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating, a fire service classification system used to evaluate all aspects of U.S. fire departments. Most recently, Ober implemented a joint agreement between Anderson Township and the Village of Newtown for fire and EMS services.

"Chief Ober empowered his staff which led to a cohesive team that routinely delivers outstanding customer service to residents and businesses in Anderson and the Village of Newtown," noted Township Administrator Vicky Earhart. "Firefighters are encouraged to innovate and have done so with projects ranging from public education to the redesign of ambulances and fire engines" she said. "Chief Ober's legacy is best defined by the professional staff that he groomed to lead the township in his stead," she added.

"As I have gotten to know Rick over the last few years it has become very apparent that he is a well-respected member of our team and our community," noted Trustee President Josh Gerth. "He will be a phenomenal chief and continue to be a leader in our township."

## Traffic Calming Efforts Enhanced with Portable Speed Signs



Seven portable signs used by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office serve as daily reminders to drivers to be aware how fast they are driving (versus how fast they think they are driving!)

These portable speed devices are placed in speed-prone areas to alert drivers. However, these speed devices also gather data, which provides valuable insight into driving habits, speeds, and time of days, among other factors. By understanding these patterns, law enforcement can better determine when additional enforcement is needed.

Deputy Matt Rusk of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office says the speed signs are useful as a traffic calming tool because "they do slow traffic down and bring public awareness to a given location."

Although in use locally since about 2000, the trailers have been updated with new technology to allow the sheriff's office more up-to-date information. "Upgraded technology means now we can produce a data survey which keeps track of data in both directions," he said. "Reducing speed and improving road safety is one of the biggest ways to reduce crashes and save lives," he said.

Besides the portable signs, two permanent signs on Beechmont Avenue are also in use. As an additional feature, some signs can be used to display important messages to motorists.

Neighborhoods concerned about speed or traffic problems can contact the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office District 5 substation at 474-5770. Portable signs are just one part of the township's overall traffic safety program and the Sheriff's Office will work with neighborhoods to address speed concerns.

## Outdoor Warning Sirens 101 - What You Should Know



There are four basic criteria that the Hamilton County Emergency Management & Homeland Security Agency uses to activate the sirens.

- 1 The National Weather Service issues a Tornado Warning for Hamilton County.
- 2 A trained and certified Weather Spotter reports a tornado to the National Weather Services or to Hamilton County Emergency Management & Homeland Security Agency.
- 3 A tornado is reported by a local public safety official (police, firefighter) to the National Weather Service or to the Hamilton County Emergency Management & Homeland Security Agency.
- 4 A dangerous situation occurs which requires citizens to seek shelter immediately.

For more information on the Outdoor Warning Siren System, visit [www.hamiltoncountyohioema.org/](http://www.hamiltoncountyohioema.org/).

Information supplied by the Hamilton County Emergency Management & Homeland Security Agency.



### 12 Outdoor Sirens Ready for Severe Weather Notification Here

Anderson's 12 outdoor warning sirens are all in working order as the township enters the severe weather season. Some of the sirens were upgraded last year by the Hamilton County Emergency Management & Homeland Security Agency, to provide the area with better emergency coverage.

Sirens are designed to provide warning for people who are outside and may not know severe weather or an emergency is coming.

## False Alarm Fees to Take Effect in July

To protect emergency responder efficiency and save township resources, trustees changed current policy

With an eye on providing timely and efficient emergency services to the community, Anderson Township Trustees have changed their policy on charging for false alarms.

As more than 13 percent of the total number of security alarms are classified as "false alarms," offending businesses and residences will be fined starting July 1 after they have reached four false alarm calls in a year.

In 2017, 13.7 percent, or 2,258 alarms out of the 16,494 calls for service in Anderson Township were alarm-related. More than 95 percent of these alarm-related calls were classified as being "false" in nature, according to the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office District 5.

While false alarms can possibly delay emergency response times at other locations in the township, each false alarm also costs Anderson Township around \$19 per call. That fee can be doubled on the occasion that dispatches are made both for the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department.

To address properties with repeated false alarm calls, the township recently acted to introduce a fine for businesses and residences that have four or more false alarm calls in a year.

Trustee President Josh Gerth said the board's action is intended to spur corrective activity such as repairs to an alarm system and ensuring employees correctly set alarm systems. "False alarms impact our ability to provide service elsewhere in the community, whether by reducing community policing or fire protection, or by delaying response times due to the reposition of equipment or staff," Gerth said. "We believe this measure will help utilize scarce resources in the most efficient manner possible."

The new policy takes effect July 1, and fines will start with a \$50 charge for the fourth false alarm in a calendar year. This fee would increase to \$100 for the fifth alarm, and \$150 for the sixth and subsequent false alarms in a calendar year. (Alarms prior to July 1, 2018, will not apply.)



# HISTORY

## Gatherings and Celebrations Bring Us Together Through Time

Gatherings and celebrations-what brings people together? Looking at photos collected over the decades is a reminder of what brought groups together in the past.

One of the early images in the Anderson Township Historical Society's collections is a gathering for the birthday of W. Forrest Hopper on July 24, 1890. Cincinnati weather records mention a high temperature of 84 degrees that day; the folks in the photo look comfortable sitting on lumber at the family farm on Markley Road. It is likely that a photographer was hired for the event.

Taking photographs required an investment in equipment and training to use it.

Some of the most common images in the society's collections are those of school classes. Students knew in advance a photographer was coming and the classes usually posed formally in front of the school. In 1912, students at the Fruit Hill District School, once located on Beechmont across from Salem, chose to walk down the hill from the school and sit in the grass. School photos were saved by parents, children and grandchildren and became such sacred relics that few would discard them.

By 1920, interested people with a mind for technology were acquiring equipment for taking and developing photographs. Wallace Scott (1904-1957) of Mt. Washington took photos of the local July 4th parade that year. He also preserved them in an album.

We can enjoy the elaborate float of the Mother's Club and the sight of armed young women marching alongside a decorated car.

In June 1924, Children's Day at the Clough United Brethren Church, located in the triangular intersection of Clough Pike and State, was captured by a formal photograph of more than 50 children, beautifully dressed for the occasion, posed on the entrance steps.

Some of the largest annual gatherings in Anderson once took place on the first Sunday in September after Labor Day. The General Protestant Orphan Home moved out to Beechmont Avenue in 1950 and hosted its 101st Annual Orphan Feast on September 10. A parade started in Mt. Washington and marched along Beechmont for the opening ceremony at Beech Acres. So popular was the event that massive traffic jams resulted as an estimated 75,000 people attended the day-long event. *The Cincinnati Enquirer* reported that the day was a great success despite the long waits in traffic.

Think of the multitude of images of gatherings we record so easily today. How many will be left in a form that can be viewed a century from now? What will our descendants think of the images from today?

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



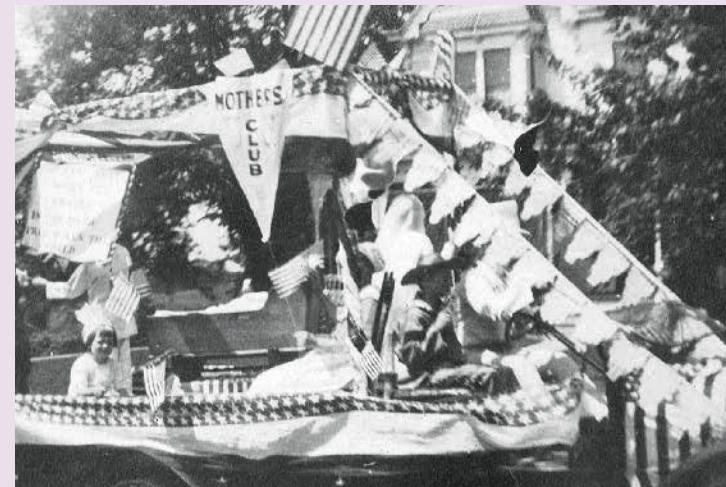
In 1912, classes from upper grades of the Fruit Hill District School, located on Beechmont across from Salem, posed for a photograph down the hill from the school.



In June 1924, the children attending the Clough United Brethren Church posed for a formal portrait on the steps of the church building, then located at the triangular intersection of Clough Pike and State.



In 1950, the General Protestant Orphan Home moved out to Beechmont Avenue, on today's Beech Acres Parenting Center site, and held its 101st Annual Orphan Feast on September 10. A parade started in Mt. Washington and marched along Beechmont for the opening ceremony at the site.



Two photographs taken by Wallace Scott at the July 4, 1920 parade in Mt. Washington illustrate the marchers and their elaborately decorated vehicles.



Family and friends gathered on July 24, 1890, for the birthday of young W. Forrest Hopper, son of Charles M. and Nancy Anna Hopper, at the family farm along Markley Road.

## Having Trouble Installing Your Child Safety Seat?

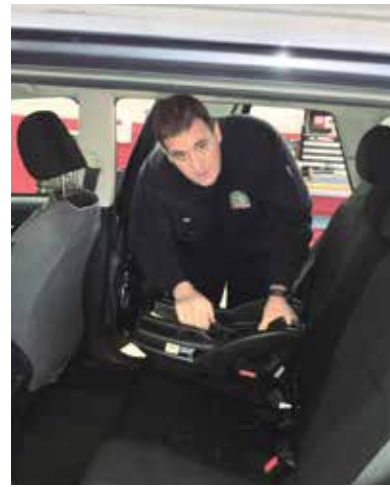
Get free help from local certified car seat inspectors through township program

Many parents can testify to the realities of child safety seat installation. Choosing and installing the safety seat for your child can require research and a fair amount of time. And at the end of the journey, many parents still feel insecure about whether they installed the car seat correctly.

Take the worry out of this process with help from trained car seat technicians who are available through the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department. The township-sponsored program, which has been operating for the last 15 years, provides specially trained personnel on duty most every day to help ensure your child's safety. Last year the program performed about 200 installations/inspections.

Inspections are performed daily by appointment between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. at one of the township's fire station. (The station varies daily due to staffing schedules.) Parents/caretakers will be taught how to install a child safety seat correctly every time, how to best maximize safety, and will make sure the seat is correctly installed in the vehicle when you leave. Most appointments take about 15-20 minutes per seat.

Schedule an appointment by calling Lisa Farrar at 688-8400 Monday through Friday or Station 22 at 688-8093 on Saturday or Sunday.



## Local RENU Officer Funding Helps Target Opioid Abuse

Anderson Township Trustees are continuing funding support of a specialized sheriff's officer who works on a team targeting the reduction of illegal drugs on the street.

The trustees are expected to extend their contract for the Regional Narcotics Unit (RENU) officer for a three-year period as part of their overall contract renewal with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

The specialized RENU officer works with the Sheriff's Office investigation of criminal organizations and individuals responsible for trafficking of controlled substances. This unit also assists local, state and federal law enforcement agencies when requested. The township has funded the position since mid-2013.

"I think this is the best money we can spend and another tool to battle this horrible opioid problem sweeping the nation," noted Trustee Vice President Andrew Pappas.

"It's important that we continue as one of only two townships that fund RENU officers. We get a really good return on that money and it is amazing how they do their work," he said.

Cost of the RENU officer is approximately \$110,000 per year. However, since the township receives a percentage of the assets seized, the cost of funding the officer is offset, according to Administrator Vicky Earhart. More than \$38,000 was recouped by the township last year, she said.

"Participating in RENU is one way that the township can help reduce the economic and social impacts of the opioid crisis which has been called the largest drug epidemic in U.S. history," said Earhart. Locally, Anderson's Fire and Rescue Department responded to 121 overdoses in 2017 (101 adults, 11 minors) and administered 79 doses of Narcan.

**IN 2017, THE RENU TEAM MADE 130 ARRESTS AND ISSUED 152 SEARCH WARRANTS. SIXTY-EIGHT GUNS WERE SEIZED AS WELL AS 22 CARS. DRUGS SEIZED BY RENU IN 2017 INCLUDED:**

**MARIJUANA**  
476,622 GRAMS

**COCAINE**  
41,283 GRAMS

**HEROIN**  
11,001 GRAMS

**MDMA (ECSTASY)**  
5,215 GRAMS

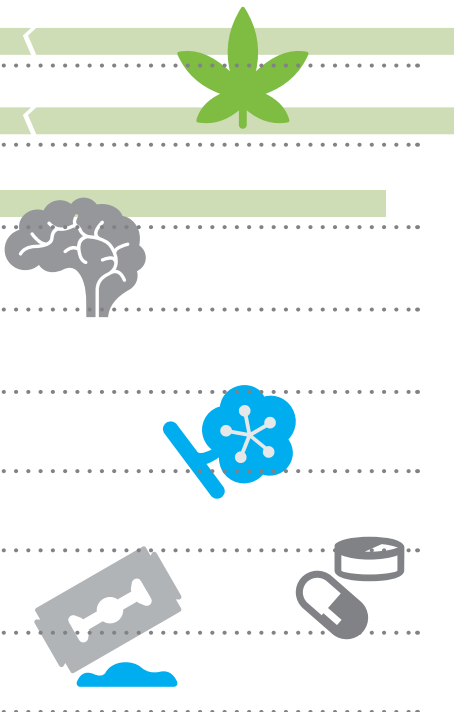
**HASH**  
3,507 GRAMS

**METH**  
2,784 GRAMS

**FENTANYL**  
2,344 GRAMS

**CRACK COCAINE**  
272 GRAMS

**LSD**  
107 GRAMS



## CoWorks Room is Ready for Rental



Looking for convenient and inexpensive conference room space for your next business presentation? Try CoWorks, a shared office space facility in the lower level of Anderson Center.

Available for rental needs of mobile workers, or those who just need space for a group presentation, the CoWorks Conference Room seats 10 and includes a whiteboard and projector for presentations. Office space is also available for rental. Anderson's events coordinator Amy Meyer can give you details and make arrangements at 688-8400. Via email contact her at [ameyer@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:ameyer@AndersonTownship.org).

Also, CoWorks Junior Office opportunities are available. Contact Molly Mohrfield at 688-8400 or [mmohrfield@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:mmohrfield@AndersonTownship.org).

## Headed Out of Town? Enjoy Free House Check from Sheriff's Office

Enjoy greater peace of mind when you leave your home for vacation through a free service offered by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

While you are absent, a sheriff's deputy will inspect your home's perimeter.

It's simple to set up this service. Submit a form online at [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org). Click on the Sheriff's Office and look for "Vacation/Vacant House Check." By phone, contact the Sheriff's Office at 474-5770 to request the vacant home check and to provide further security details.



## Active FB Pages Keep You in the News Loop

Two active Facebook pages connected to Anderson Township can help you plan your day, learn more about community news and alert you to criminal activity in the township.

The Anderson Township, Ohio Facebook page, active since 2014, stays on top of road closings, township events, interesting historic tidbits and safety issues with almost daily postings. Don't miss your dose of local news on this popular site. And FYI: Anderson Township government has only one official Facebook page, the Anderson Township, Ohio, Facebook address. The township's official website is [www.AndersonTownship.org](http://www.AndersonTownship.org).

For information specifically related to Anderson Township's law enforcement topics, visit and sign up for notifications from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, Anderson Twp. District 5 Facebook page. Topics include advice on avoiding scams and identify theft, local road conditions, home and community safety tips and more.

## Vote for Your Favorite Beautiful Space

Know an Anderson Township business, residential or neighborhood common area that has a beautiful landscape? Nominate it for the township's annual beautification awards program!

Anderson's volunteer-driven Betterment and Beautification Committee recognizes exceptional landscape design, gardens, commercial property and neighborhood common areas in its annual presentation of awards.

Nominations are due Thursday, June 7, with awards announced in late July.

Award winners will be recognized by a small property sign designating the business, subdivision or residence as a winner.

Categories are:

- **Nonresidential Garden/Landscape Design**-Properties with an outstanding garden/landscape design that enhances the visual quality of our community.
- **Nonresidential, Site Improvement**-A nonresidential property on which a substantial site improvement (new construction, redevelopment, etc.) has been made that has greatly improved the appearance on the property. This award is open to properties on which an improvement has been made in the last two years.
- **Residential Garden/Landscape Design**-Residential neighborhoods and their efforts beautifying their entryways or common areas of the subdivision.
- **Private Residential Garden/Landscape Design**-Individual private residences and their efforts in beautifying the curb appeal (front areas) of the property.

Awards are sponsored by Anderson Township. Submit your nominations by mail, email or by phone. Mail to Anderson Township Beautification Awards, 7850 Five Mile Road, Anderson Township, OH 45255. Contact Sarah Donovan at 688-8400 or [sdonovan@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:sdonovan@AndersonTownship.org).



Valvoline Site Improvement winner

## 28 Streets on Rehab List for Summer Upgrades This Year

Anderson Township begins its planned street rehabilitation projects soon. Streets listed below are scheduled for replacing curbing, repair and arresting inlets, and repair of sidewalk blocks where necessary. This work should all be complete by fall of 2108. Next year these same streets are slated for removal of the existing asphalt and new paving.

Hidden Hills	Deaconsbench
Hidden Point	Flaxen
Luwista	Cobblestone
Dunwoodie	Candlemaker
Woodesdge	Hidden Glen
Donnington	Hawkstone
Rudgate	Sebright
Bretton	Strathburn
Kennebel	Longbow
Goldengate	Kingsway
Cablecar	Fossway
Presidio	Stutley
Telegraph	Finsbury
Lamplite	Flintshire



## County Roadways Scheduled for Construction

Pavement resurfacing is also planned this season along several other county roadways

These include:

- Kellogg Avenue – Between US 52/Five Mile Road and Kellogg Avenue
- Eight Mile Road – 150' north of Beechmont to Woodruff Road

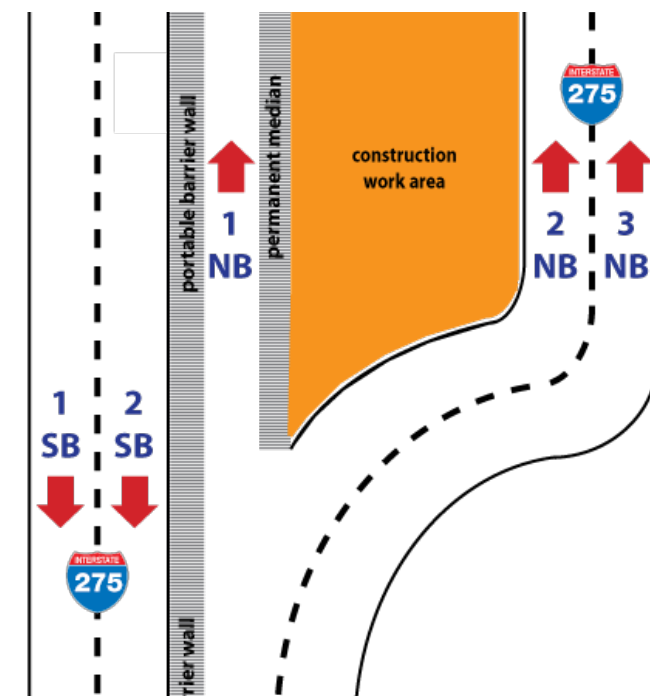
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investment that ODOT is making in this key infrastructure in our community and engaging our community in identifying strategies to minimize the travel impacts due to construction.”

### What is a contraflow lane?

A contraflow lane is a lane in which traffic flows in the opposite direction (against the flow) of the surrounding lanes.

For example, some lanes traveling south I-275 would use part or partial width lanes of north I-275 (created by temporary pavement, an existing shoulder or lane width reduction), or vice-versa. A contraflow lane changes the normal flow of traffic, typically on a controlled-access highway (such as a freeway), as part of maintenance of traffic activities, to facilitate widening or reconstruction of the highway.



Contraflow lane

## Floods, Hurricanes, Tragedies Happen-But Township Has a Plan

Government contingencies constantly updated to provide best response to emergencies here

Floods happen. So do tornadoes and hurricanes. And Anderson Township has experienced its share of these emergencies, plus more, over the past 10 years.

To help move residents back into normalcy after disruptive or life-altering situations, Anderson Township continues its update of the organization's planned response to extraordinary circumstances that affect the lives and property of township residents. This plan addresses all hazards including technological accidents, human-caused incidents, natural disasters and more. It served as a guide in recent floods, which cut off roads, displaced people and pets, and damaged property in Anderson.

Chief Mark Ober with Anderson Township Fire and Rescue said his department's planning capacities have grown in recent years, and thus he believes the township is better prepared to help in short-term recovery operations here.

“As no township is an island, our planning also helps us think out and strategize multi-agency and multi-jurisdictional coordination, particularly among local, state, and federal agencies in emergency management. We use our planning in quieter times to help us establish a framework for an effective system of comprehensive emergency management,” he said.

Ober acknowledges it is difficult to prepare for some of the large-scale demands on the department, such as the high winds from Hurricane Ike in 2008 which resulted in more than 700 calls from residents, or the tornado from March 2017 which resulted in damage to many homes and properties in the Salem area. But a strategic response thought out in advance helps the township's employees, along with all other assisting agencies, to return life and property to normalcy after a demanding incident.



Flooding in February 2018 sent emergency rescuers out on boats in Anderson Township

## Shredding and Recycling Days on Hiatus this Year

There will not be a Shredding and Recycling Days event this May in Anderson, but local officials do not rule out the event's return sometime in the future.

For about the past 10 years, the township has provided the opportunity for residents to clean out their personal spaces and offload unneeded items at the annual event, which also included a shredding service for sensitive documents.

Public Works Director Richard Shelley noted that over time, use of the two-day free drop-off service has waned significantly, while the overall opportunity to recycle items such as batteries, tires, electronics and more has increased in the area.

In early years of the event, up to 1,500 residents would come through the line with loads of debris, filling up 18-30 giant dumpsters, with 100 boxes of paint and household chemicals dropped off by the public. Last year's event drew fewer than 500 cars, while receiving less than six dumpsters of debris.

"We were pleased to provide this service in the past, but at this juncture we are unable to justify the cost per car for this event going

forward," Shelley said. "The best news of all is the household items of can be recycled almost all-year round and no need to collect for two just days in May."

Anderson Township will continue to promote recycling opportunities in our area, Shelley noted, including the 24/7 Recycling Center, textile recycling at the curb (new) and an expanded Rumpke recycling option.

[HamiltonCountyRecycles.org](http://HamiltonCountyRecycles.org) maintains a comprehensive list of locations that explain ways to recycle of a wide variety of household items.



## Storm Drains Not Meant for Your Debris and Leaves

Those pipes hidden beneath metal grates on your street corner might be what you consider convenient receptacles for your yard waste, but that's not their purpose.

The function of these storm drains is to send water underground. These drains are made for rain and snow runoff and should be kept clean by keeping pollution (i.e. yard waste, leaves, branches etc.) out of them.

"Never dump anything into a storm drain," notes Richard Shelley, director of Public Works. "Many residents may not realize that these drains are usually connected to a nearby river or creek and it is important to keep them clean to benefit the environment. Your leaves and yard debris can contribute to water pollution if you misuse these drains," he said. "Unlike water that flows in your homes, the storm drains waters receive no filtering or treatment. That means any pollution in this water gets into our creeks and rivers."



## Waste Site Offers Free Yard Waste Drop-off

Recycle your leaves, branches and brush through the free yard waste drop-off site sponsored by Hamilton County. Open seven days a week, the site at Bzak Landscaping (3295 Turpin Lane off State Route 32) accepts tree branches and other yard waste weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

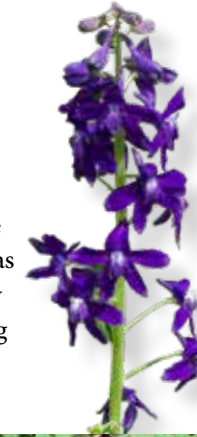
Please, no bagged leaves or dirt. Call Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District at call 946-7766 or go to [hamiltoncountyrecycles.org](http://hamiltoncountyrecycles.org) for further details.



## Dwarf Larkspur: A Visual Feast on New Greenspace Property

This is just the second spring since the township acquired the 100-acre wooded Greenspace property at the corner of Eight Mile Road and Hopper Road. According to Anderson's Greenspace Inspector Suzanne Clingman, new Greenspace properties sometimes hide surprises.

On a visit last spring, the discovery of an impressive population of Dwarf Larkspur (*Delphinium tricorne*) was unexpected by Clingman. This showy wildflower usually bursts into bloom in April and like all other native spring wildflowers, their display is quick but often stunning.



Dwarf Larkspur is unique because it blooms in a variety of colors. It usually blooms in deep purple, but may also be found in white, pink, lavender and blue. The flower stalk, called a raceme, can have six to 24 (or more) individual flowers. It blooms from bottom to top, so is in flower longer than most spring natives.

"Late in April, plants can be found with seed pods forming at the bottom while most of the raceme still has flowers," said Clingman. "Wooded areas of Anderson Township provide perfect habitat for this flower. Take a walk on Greenspace, or in your own woods, to search for Dwarf Larkspur and enjoy all our native spring wildflowers."



## Take Time for a Conversation: Duke Energy and Tree Trimming

Residents often ask Anderson Township officials questions about Duke Energy's vegetation management procedures, especially after trees are cut or trimmed on their property or along roadways.

"It is absolutely essential that residents have a conversation with a Duke representative before trimming work begins if they have any concerns about the process," said Suzanne Clingman, Anderson Township's Greenspace inspector. "If they don't like what the contractors are telling them about what will be cut, they need to contact Duke before the contracted tree company begins work."

It's Duke Energy's job is to keep the lights on by supplying a reliable power source, she noted. "We know residents realize that trees near the power lines must be trimmed and sometimes removed. However, if residents contact Duke's contractor, they may be able to save the low bushes in a wooded area or have a tree removed completely rather than having the top or side cut off," Clingman said.



Trees near Duke power lines may often need to be trimmed.

Debris removal is sometimes a question for homeowners. Duke will chip all limbs and brush that is removed in landscaped settings. Larger pieces of wood are cut into usable lengths and left for the use of homeowners or removal by the homeowner. On non-landscaped sites, wood debris and brush are left to biodegrade unless arrangements are made ahead of time to cut and stack useable wood. During an emergency, debris resulting from a hurricane, high wind, ice storm or other situation is the property owner's responsibility.

What can residents expect when Duke is trimming in their neighborhood? First, Duke customers are given notification and information. Duke tree trimming contractors are asked to have a face-to-face conversation with homeowners before work begins, so residents will understand the process. If you're not home a door hanger packet with the contracted company's name, contact person and phone number is placed on the front door. If you haven't received a visit or door hanger and you see trimming in your area, call Duke and ask for information.

If you don't agree with removal or trimming plans, call the customer service number on your electric bill to resolve the issue (800) 544-6900. If unresolved, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio number on your Duke bill (800) 686-PUCO (7826) can be used to file a complaint. The PUCO docketing division at (614) 466-4095 can also provide information.

For more details on common Duke-related concerns, go to [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org) and click Quick Links (top right corner) then click Duke Tree Trimming and scroll to bottom for links.



# COMMUNITY PARTNERS

## Kids-Spend Your Summer at Anderson Parks Camps

Registration is open for Anderson Park District's summer camps! Anderson Parks offers a variety of options for children ages 3½-12 to spend their summer vacation. Camp counselors are carefully selected to provide fun, safe and meaningful camp experiences.



**Summer Day Camp:** Available for 5-12-year-olds, these weekly camp sessions include daily swimming at Coney Island's Sunlite Pool, games, crafts and a weekly field trip. Camp takes place Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Anderson Parks RecPlex. Extended camp is available from 7-9 a.m. and 4-6 p.m.

Campers must be 5 years old by January 1, 2018 and have completed kindergarten.

**Mini Camp:** These half-day camps designed for 3½-6-year-olds take place Monday-Thursday at Johnson Hills Park and Veterans Park. Campers enjoy crafts, games, snacks and special theme days. All campers must be potty trained and meet the age requirement by the start of each camp.

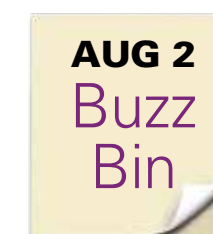
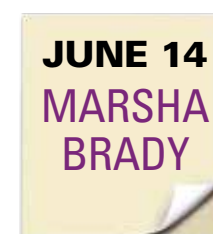
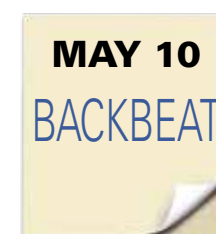
**Travel Camp:** Available for 10½-12 year-olds, this one-week camp includes a different field trip each day, and ends with a "camp-out" at the RecPlex on Thursday night! Campers must be 10 years old by January 1, 2018.

Visit [AndersonParks.com](http://AndersonParks.com) for field trip listings, registration details and camp availability. Camps are first-come, first-served.

## Party Time This Summer on Six Thursdays During Chamber's Concert Series

The Party on the Plaza concert series returns to Anderson Center this year for six evening events, starting Thursday, May 10.

Family-friendly concerts are free and open to the public. Each event that mixes businesses and the Anderson area community runs from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. All concessions are \$5 or less and are available from the following vendors: Anderson Pub & Grill, LaRosa's Pizzeria, I Love Juice Bar, Freddy's Frozen Custard and Sweets & Meats. For event details, go to [www.PartyonthePlaza.com](http://www.PartyonthePlaza.com).



## Much More than Latest Bestsellers at Summer Library Sale

When first entering the Anderson Township Library Association's summer sale at Nagel Middle School, the mounded tables of books can be overwhelming. Not to fear, though. Volunteers have grouped everything together in manageable genres-nonfiction, children's, military, cookbooks and bestsellers. However, there might be some areas unknown to even loyal shoppers who head straight to their favorite sections.

For example, there's one whole table devoted to gift items. The type of gift items change every year, but organizers note that if you have an occasion coming up, it's worth checking this table out. Nearby is the autographed book table as well as the collectible books table with rare and old treasures.

Have a series of books that's missing a copy or two? Stop by the collections table and see if you can find it. Or introduce young readers to old favorites in the Nancy Drew and Hardy Boys series.



### ANDERSON TOWNSHIP LIBRARY ASSOCIATION SALE



FRIDAY,  
JUNE 22  
10 a.m.-8 p.m.



SATURDAY,  
JUNE 23  
10 a.m.-5 p.m.



SUNDAY,  
JUNE 24  
noon-3 p.m.

Nagel Middle School, 1500 Nagel Road

Additionally, there are tables filled with games and puzzles for all ages to enjoy. Teens and comic collectors can also find a section for graphic novels and manga.

One thing to keep an eye out for this year is books in German. The library association received the entire personal library of a donor (15 boxes worth) of books entirely in German, and the subject matter spans philosophy, literature, history and grammar.

Proceeds from this sale go towards supporting adult and children's programs, and purchasing books, audiovisual materials, and special equipment for the Anderson Township and Mt. Washington branches of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. Used books, audiovisual materials and other items also can be donated at either branch.

For additional information about the Anderson Township Library Association, its book sales or types of donations accepted, call 369-6030 or visit [www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/support/atla.html](http://www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/support/atla.html).

## Anderson Senior Center Becoming a Venue for Art

The Anderson Township Senior Center is becoming a center for art—with new displays and multiple opportunities to learn the skills to create art in a variety of mediums.

Three walls at the center are dedicated to displaying fine art, which is shared on a rotating basis. One wall showcases a "featured artist" and the other displays are examples of work created by the participants in art and craft groups.

The watercolor group meets every Thursday at 9 a.m. and works on a monthly assignment which is later critiqued by members. Instruction is offered by the more advanced artists and is supplemented with Instructional DVDs. "Members of this group periodically travel to fine art exhibits in the Cincinnati area so that their understanding of art continually grows as their skills improve," said Senior Center Activity Manager Claire O'Connell.

The oil painting group paints on Monday at 9:30 a.m., with instruction shared by the participants.

People who love to quilt gather on Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. They share both traditional and innovative techniques for creating useable items and art quilts designed to focus on a variety of textures and threads.

Woodcarvers bring their tools to make hand-carved items such as birds, statues and decorative items, on Wednesday at 9 a.m. Other forms of expression are offered, like the card-making class which is provided monthly and taught by professional Beth Klaine. For more information, contact the Senior Center at 474-3100.



## Employee Updates and Awards

### Bower Earns Firefighter of the Year Award



Cory Bower

Firefighter-paramedic Cory Bower has been awarded the American Legion Post 318 Firefighter of the Year Award for 2018.

He's worked with Anderson Township Fire and Rescue since 2011 and has distinguished himself as a mentor to newly hired firefighter-paramedics assigned to the Beechmont Fire Station (Station 6).

Bower also has assisted as coordinator with the department's physical fitness program and is actively involved with the health and safety committee.

### Hovekamp Named Officer of the Year



Jason Hovekamp

Cpl. Jason Hovekamp of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office District 5 has been named as the 2018 American Legion Post 318 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

His career with Hamilton County began in 2001 and he has served in Anderson Township for 13 years. In his numerous roles within the sheriff's office he has undertaken the job as of squad corporal and has performed on numerous other support roles including Bike Patrol, Patrol Rifle Unit, as a firearms instructor and as part of the Hamilton County Police Associations Special Weapons and Tactic (SWAT) team. Hovekamp was recently reassigned to the Criminal Investigative Section.

### New Township Employees Announced



David Brown

David Brown is a new firefighter-paramedic hired by the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department. Brown joins the department with an associate degree in Fire Science and has served as a state certified firefighter and paramedic since 2007.



Rachel Macalusco

Rachel Macalusco is also a new firefighter-paramedic hired by the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department. She holds an associate degree in applied science for EMS and has been a state certified firefighter-paramedic since 2014.



Michele Hobbs

Also hired recently is Michele Hobbs, who is a part-time receptionist at Anderson Center. Hobbs has a background in administration.

## Sidewalk Projects Lined Up to Start this Spring-Summer

Sidewalk projects planned for this construction season will not only include the completion of the Beechmont Avenue "DowntownAnderson" link, but also include sidewalks in several newer subdivisions.

### Here's what's planned:

- **Construction is expected to be complete this year on the Beechmont Avenue, Shangrila to Five Mile intersection.**

This link completes the sidewalk on the south side of Beechmont from Salem Road to Forest and through the "Downtown Anderson" area, past Asbury to Witt Road.

- **The new planned housing development on the south side of Woodruff will receive sidewalks up to Elderwood Drive.** It will connect the new housing development called Woodruff Crossings on the south side of Woodruff and will be built once work on the development starts.



Sidewalk construction on Beechmont Avenue



- **A link on the east side of Nordyke Road to Konzo Drive is scheduled for completion,** across from a new housing development on Nordyke. Construction is scheduled for later this year.

- **Anderson Trails Plan updates:** A link identified in the 2013 Anderson Trails Plan Update is the Markley Road sidewalk from James Hill to Woodcroft. This sidewalk segment connects that neighborhood and homes along Markley to the Beechmont Business Corridor and other neighborhoods and destinations.

- **Another trails update plan link is the Paddison sidewalk project.** This project connects a sidewalk built in 2008 to homes along Paddison to Beechmont Avenue. "As our preliminary estimates forecast this project to potentially be very expensive, Anderson Township is investigating grant opportunities to pay for this project," said Planner Tom Caruso.

- **On a regional outlook, Anderson Township continues its efforts to keep the Ohio River Trail project on track for a 2020 construction date.** The next segment could be from Salem Avenue to Sutton Avenue in the city of Cincinnati, connecting the Ohio River Trail's Anderson Township link to destinations to the west, including downtown Cincinnati.

- **Township planners also are working on preliminary efforts on a Five Mile Trail connection to the Little Miami Scenic Trail.** One possibility is to connect the Five Mile Trail to the Little Miami River using a side path along Newtown Road. Another connection would entail using township streets and a 1,500 ft. off-road trail. "This project is being studied at this time and we hope to conduct a preliminary engineering study later this year," noted Caruso.

## Before you Build, Check Out Permit Requirements

Planning and executing a home improvement plan can be challenging and fun. But don't forget, before you start that project, check whether your plan needs approval from either Anderson Township or the Hamilton County Planning + Development Department.

Several categories of improvements need a permit including building a fence, pool or storage shed. The process for approval only takes a couple days. Get your questions answered at Anderson Township's Planning and Zoning Department by calling 688-8400 or dropping by the department at 7850 Five Mile Road. Costs for zoning certificates vary. For questions, go to [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org), and navigate to Planning and Zoning and look for "Reference Guides." Hamilton County Planning + Development can be reached at 946-4550.



## Upgrades Planned this Summer for Final Section of Towne Center Way

The final section of the ring road around the Anderson Towne Center, called Towne Center Way, will be under construction soon, with the total reconstruction project set for completion this year. The project is being financed by a \$1.4 million loan from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC). The southern portion of the road was upgraded by Kroger in 2016.

**The project will provide significant impacts to this portion of the roadway including:**

- **Storm water system upgrades including roadway leveling**

- **Improved turning space at key intersections**
- **Addition of a sidewalk to connect Wolfangel Road to the Five Mile Trail**
- **New pedestrian and roadway lighting**

"Improvements to Towne Center Way will help establish this roadway as a 'front door' to the Towne Center and Anderson Center," said Trustee President Josh Gerth. "The upgrades also provide key vehicular and pedestrian connections to improve traffic flow and safety in this area."

# Ancient Turpin Stone Frog Pipe an Amphibian of Distinction

A cast of the noted frog pipe is housed at the Anderson Township History Room

An interesting and unusual reminder of Anderson's prehistoric history is on display in the History Room at Anderson Center.

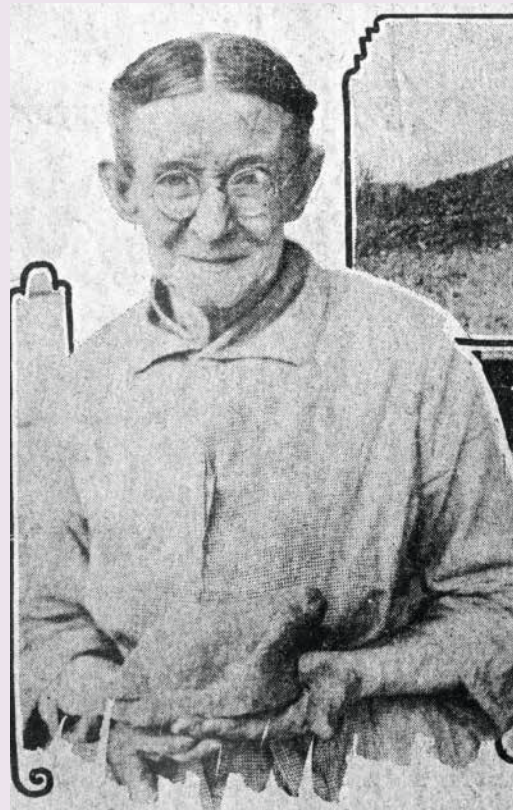
Early in the 1800s, the Turpin family discovered a large stone pipe in a prehistoric mound built by Native peoples. The mound was once between the first Turpin brick house along the Little Miami River and Ohio 32. This impressive pipe was mentioned in Charles Metz's report on the "Prehistoric Monuments of Anderson Township," published in the *Journal of the Cincinnati Society of Natural History* in 1881.

The 3.5-pound sandstone pipe was sculpted to resemble an oversize American bullfrog. Because of its size and shape, this Turpin stone frog pipe achieved local fame, and Turpin family members displayed it proudly for many decades. In fact, in the early 1900s, an archaeological researcher photographed it and made plaster casts of the stone.

In the mid-1900s, the location of the original pipe was unclear as it left the Turpin family; researchers feared it was lost. In recent years, however, the original was found. Robert Genheimer, curator of archaeology at Cincinnati Museum Center, wrote about discovering it among a large private collection of artifacts in an article "Birds and Missing Frog" published in the winter 2007 issue of the *Ohio Valley History*.

Genheimer described the Turpin frog pipe as a stationary pipe; its base is flat. It would have remained on a surface while being smoked as part of a community-wide ritual. Origins can be traced to the middle Fort Ancient period, ca. A.D. 1200-1400. Other smoking pipes found at sites along the Little Miami River valley were shaped as birds, snakes, fish and other animals as well as human figures, but were much smaller.

The Cincinnati Museum Center generously donated one of the full-size plaster casts of the pipe to the History Room. Local historian Janet Heywood said having the replica is an interesting, albeit small glimpse at ancient history. "It is exciting to have this display in the History Room for all to see," she said. Although archaeology does not detail exactly how smoking pipes were used, she said they do reveal to



Photograph of Laura Edwards Turpin (1847-1931) proudly displaying the ancient stone frog pipe in a newspaper story published in 1925.



Ancient Turpin stone frog pipe, pictured in the Anderson Township History Room



Cast replica of the frog pipe, now on display at the History Room

21st century Americans important insights into the artistic ability and beliefs of those who made them.

Learn more about this unusual pipe that drew archaeologists' attention in a video found online at Anderson Township's YouTube channel. Genheimer discusses the Turpin frog smoking pipe at this link: [Andersontownship.org/225](https://www.andersontownship.org/225) and click on historical videos.

# History To Schools Program

Students discover life in the 'olden days' through collaborative program

What did telephones look like 50 years ago? How did students from pioneer days learn in the classroom? And who was Richard Clough Anderson?

These and other questions are sure to be a part of the lively topics of discussions for second and third graders during their annual visit to Anderson Center for the History to Schools program.

Forest Hills School District students along with third graders from Immaculate Heart of Mary School, explore local history, the natural world and civics at this collaborative all-day experience.

Participating instructors come from Anderson Township staff, the Anderson Township Historical Society, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, and the Village of Newtown. The event is scheduled each year for late April and early May.

During the day, students view emergency response vehicles, learn how to safely ride a bicycle, visit wetlands around Anderson Lake while looking for critters, discuss land use and mapping, and discover pioneer ways in the Anderson Township History Room at Anderson Center. At the end of the day, they take home a seedling in honor of Arbor Day.



# EVENTS

## Do Good-Clean Up-During Great American Cleanup

Anderson residents are invited to take their energy to the streets this spring to help clean up township roadways, Greenspace and parks.

Join your friends and neighbors during the annual Great American Cleanup set for 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 21.

Signup is hosted at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road. Scout your assigned area anytime that morning and return to Anderson Center for a complimentary lunch. Anderson Township provides all cleanup supplies.

Older children are welcome to attend with adult oversight; Scout and youth groups also are invited. To get your group preregistered or for more information, contact Sarah Donovan at 688-8400 or [sdonovan@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:sdonovan@AndersonTownship.org).



## Drug 'Take Back' Day Scheduled for April 21 at Anderson Center



Get unnecessary or expired prescription drugs out of your medicine cabinet during the annual Drug Take Back Day. Scheduled for Saturday, April 21, the event allows you to safely dispose of over-the-counter or unneeded prescription drugs instead of throwing them in the trash or flushing them down the toilet.

This year's event is hosted from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road and sponsored by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office District 5 and Anderson Township.

Not accepted at the site are liquids, aerosols, inhalers, needles or (plastic/glass) bottles. Due to incineration requirements, plastic pill bottles are not accepted. Please place all pills and tablets into a zip-lock type bag for disposal.

For more information contact Cpl. Dave Boiman at 688-8400 or [dboiman@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:dboiman@AndersonTownship.org).



## Drop Box Program Takes Unneeded Meds

A weekday drop-off site for unneeded expired prescription and over-the-counter medications is available at the Hamilton County District 5 Substation at 7954 Beechmont Ave. The program is part of the Ohio Prescription Drug Drop Box Program and is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Not accepted at the site are liquids, aerosols, inhalers, needles or (plastic/glass) bottles. Due to incineration requirements, plastic pill bottles are not accepted. Place all pills and tablets into a zip-lock type bag for disposal.

## Visit Anderson Center Station's Garage Sale on May 5

If spring Saturdays mean bargain shopping, mark your calendar for a morning of bargains at the annual Anderson Center Station Garage Sale.

Find a treasure at the sale, or become a vendor during the event, which runs from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 5, at 7832 Five Mile Road. The sale is open rain or shine.

Sellers must be Anderson Township residents. Cost is \$15 for an 18 x 19-foot space (two parking spaces). Bring your own tables and chairs. Set-up starts at 7 a.m. and all items must be removed by 2 p.m.

Contact Amy Meyer at 688-8400 ext. 1192 to reserve a space or email her at [ameyer@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:ameyer@AndersonTownship.org). Reservations also are accepted at Anderson Center during regular business hours. No refunds.



## May 5 is All-Community Garage Sale Day

Planning on hosting a garage sale this spring? In conjunction with the popular Anderson Center Station Garage Sale, Anderson Township hosts its community-wide yard/garage sale on Saturday, May 5. You can list your sale on the township's website

([AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org)). To submit a listing, email [bcowan@andersontownship.org](mailto:bcowan@andersontownship.org) with the address and time of the sale. The township's site will list all Anderson Township locations for the sale.



## Summerfair 2018 Showcases Work of 300+ Regional Artists

Enjoy a day of gourmet food, local entertainment and the eclectic offerings of more than 300 juried artists at the 2018 Summerfair, hosted on June 1, 2 and 3 at Coney Island. Artwork includes painting, jewelry, metal, sculpture, photograph, fiber, glass and more.

Tickets are \$10 for a day pass, or \$15 for three-day admission. Pre-purchase tickets online or plan the day's events at [www.summerfair.org](http://www.summerfair.org).

Summerfair offices are in Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road, with Summerfair merchandise, posters and other memorabilia from past shows available for purchase. For more information, visit their website.

Summerfair Cincinnati is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 arts organization dedicated to supporting young artists, individual artists and small and mid-sized community-based arts organizations through scholarships, awards and exhibitions.



## Public Meetings

(Times and dates subject to change with notice)

### Board of Township Trustees

#### Regular Monthly Meeting

Thursday, April 19, 6 p.m.

#### Annual Planning Meeting

Thursday - Friday, April 26-27, 8:30 a.m.

#### Interim Meeting

Thursday, May 3, 2 p.m.

#### Betterment and Beautification Committee

Thursday, June 14, 4 p.m.

#### Board of Zoning Appeals

Thursday, May 3, 5:30 p.m.

#### Economic Development Committee

Tuesday, May 22, 3 p.m.

#### Greenspace Advisory Committee

Meets as needed

#### Street Tree Committee

Monday, May 14, 7 p.m.

#### Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, May 1, 6:30 p.m.

#### Zoning Commission

Monday, May 21, 5:30 p.m.

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

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# EVENTS

## Anderson Farmers' Market Opens May 12 Under New Management

Anderson Farmers' Market kicks off its 11<sup>th</sup> season on Saturday, May 12, and will be open every Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon through October 27.

Now managed by vendors, the market is still hosted at the Anderson Center Station, 7832 Five Mile Road and is an Anderson-based non-profit independent organization.

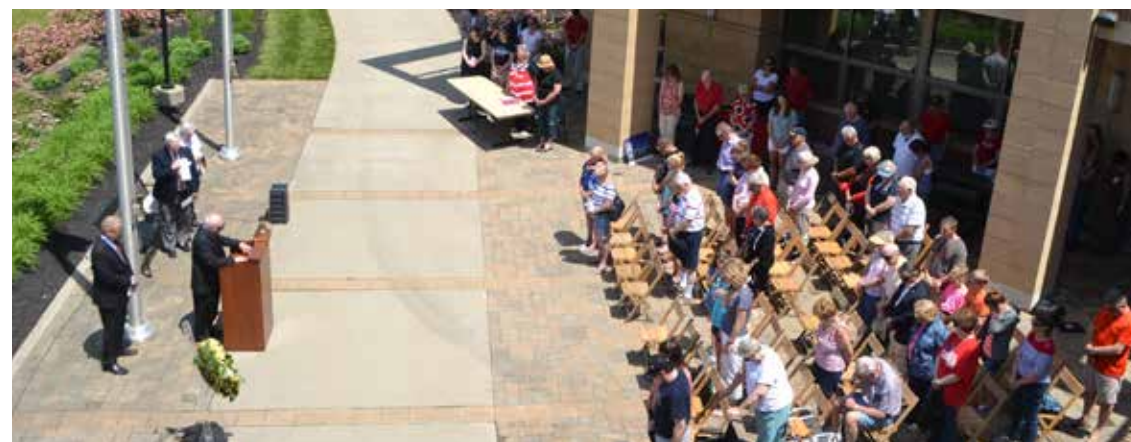
According to organizers, the market's principal emphasis is on education and supporting initiatives for local food production to help the community gain basic knowledge about why growing food is an important life skill.

Organizers plan more variety this year such as farmers, artisans, bakers and special guest vendors. The market will feature live musicians, food trucks and children's activities.

For more information, visit the market on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/AndersonTownshipFarmersMarket](http://www.facebook.com/AndersonTownshipFarmersMarket).



## Memorial Day Observance Set for May 28



The annual local remembrance of men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military is scheduled for Monday, May 28, at the outdoor plaza at Anderson Center.

Set for 11:45 a.m. on Memorial Day, the Memorial Day Remembrance and Bell Ringing Ceremony is hosted around the new Anderson Township Veterans Memorial which was completed in 2017. The Anderson Township Veterans Committee organizes the event.

Organizers include a solemn remembrance of

veterans by reading names of deceased members of the armed forces. If you wish to have your loved one's name read during the ceremony, sign in by 11:45 a.m. The official ceremony starts at noon.

A remembrance wreath will be placed at the base of the American flag and a three-volley rifle salute will be given over the lake, with "Taps" echoed from the overlook.

The event will be hosted rain or shine. Contact Molly Mohrfield at 688-8400 or email her at [mmohrfield@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:mmohrfield@AndersonTownship.org).

## Green-fingered Enthusiasts Welcome Blooms at Garden Tour

The handiwork of Anderson Township gardeners, with their carefully researched exotic groupings and bountiful seasonal foliage, is on display during the annual Anderson Garden Tour, scheduled for Sunday, June 3.

Visit Anderson Township home gardens and enjoy conversations with the gardeners who planned and executed their gardening strategies during this go-at-your-own-pace tour. The tour is free and open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In honor of the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Anderson Township, the historic Clark Stone House located at Greenfield Plant Farm, 6840 Clough Pike, and the Miller-Leuser Log House, 6550 Clough Pike, will be open for tours.

Available online or at Anderson Center is a helpful garden tour guide which provides abundant descriptions of each garden.

The guide is available after May 1 and can be found on [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org). For questions, contact Sarah Donovan at 688-8400 or email her at [sdonovan@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:sdonovan@AndersonTownship.org).



## Love a Parade? Celebrate Township's 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in July!

Wear a pioneer outfit, create a history-themed float, or drum up a kazoo band, but whatever you do, don't miss your chance to be in Anderson's 14th annual Independent Day Parade, this year celebrating 225 years as a township.

Organizer Steve Sievers notes that this year his team will be looking for entries that connect to the theme of "Anderson Township: 225 Years in the Making."

"The parade is one of the largest in our region, and we are hoping this year, with our 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary, it will draw a record crowd to Beechmont Avenue," Sievers said.

Applications for parade entries open on April 24, and are due on June 11, though early registrations will be reviewed first.

The number of entrants will be limited and reviewed based on their incorporation of the 225<sup>th</sup> theme and overall creativity and crowd appeal, Sievers said.

The 10 a.m. parade starts once again at the Anderson Township Operations Center, 7954 Beechmont Ave., and ends at the Anderson Towne Center. A festival at the center follows the parade.

Registration can be completed online at [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org). Hard copies may also be obtained at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road. Completed forms can be dropped off at Anderson Center, mailed to the center in care of the Anderson Parade Committee, faxed to 231-2967 or emailed to [Anderson4th@hotmail.com](mailto:Anderson4th@hotmail.com).

Volunteers are always welcome! Contact Sievers at 688-8400 or email him at [ssievers@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:ssievers@AndersonTownship.org).



# CONNECT

## APRIL

### Drug Take Back Day

Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road  
Saturday, April 21, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Not accepted at the site are liquids, aerosols, inhalers, needles or (plastic/glass) bottles. Place pills and tablets into a zip-lock style bag for disposal.  
Info: 688-8400 or [dboiman@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:dboiman@AndersonTownship.org)

### Great American Cleanup

Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road  
Saturday, April 21, 8:30 a.m.-noon  
Info and signup: Sarah Donovan at 688-8400 or [sdonovan@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:sdonovan@AndersonTownship.org)

## MAY

### Performing Arts, Inc.

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road  
Disney High School Musical Jr.,  
Tuesday, May 1, 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, May 2, 7 p.m.  
"Oklahoma," Thursday-Friday, May 3 and 4, 7 p.m.  
Tickets: \$10.

All seating is reserved online at [pai.seatyourself.biz](http://pai.seatyourself.biz).

### Anderson Center Station Garage Sale

Anderson Center Station, 7932 Five Mile Road  
Saturday, May 5, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Info: Amy Meyer at 688-8400 or [ameyer@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:ameyer@AndersonTownship.org)

### Community-wide Garage Sales

Various locations across township  
Saturday, May 5, time varies  
Info: Betty Cowan at 688-8400 or [bcowan@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:bcowan@AndersonTownship.org)  
Sales listed on [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org)



### Party on the Plaza- Backbeat

Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road  
Thursday, May 10, 5:30-9:30 p.m.  
Concessions \$5 or less.  
Info: Anderson Area Chamber at 474-4802 or [AndersonPartyonthePlaza.com](http://AndersonPartyonthePlaza.com)

### Beechmont Players- "When We Are Married"

Anderson Center Theater, 7830 Five Mile Road  
Friday, May 11, 8 p.m.; Saturday, May 12, 3 and 8 p.m.  
Friday, May 18, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 19, 3 and 8 p.m.  
Tickets: \$20; Students, seniors (60+) and active military, \$18  
Info: 233-2468

### LeJeune Dance: "Snow White"

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road  
Friday and Saturday, May 25-26, 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, May 27, 2 p.m.  
Tickets: \$20  
Info: LeJeune Dance at 257-8083 or [www.lejeunedance.com/tickets](http://www.lejeunedance.com/tickets)

### Memorial Day Remembrance and Bell Ringing Ceremony

Anderson Center South Plaza, 7850 Five Mile Road  
Monday, May 28, 11:45 a.m.  
Info: Molly Mohrfield at 688-8400 or [mmohrfield@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:mmohrfield@AndersonTownship.org)

## JUNE

### Anderson Garden Tour

Variety of gardens throughout Anderson Township  
Sunday, June 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Info: Sarah Donovan at 688-8400 or [sdonovan@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:sdonovan@AndersonTownship.org)  
Brochure available on [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org) after May 1.

### Anderson Community Band

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road  
Sunday, June 3, 7 p.m.  
Free  
Info: John Fecker at 207-8506 or [andersoncommunityband.org](http://andersoncommunityband.org)

### Musical Arts Center- Young Artist's Preparatory Program

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road  
Thursday, June 7, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, June 9, 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, June 10, 2 p.m.  
Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door  
Info: 321-2766

### Party on the Plaza- Marsha Brady

Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road  
Thursday, June 14, 5:30-9:30 p.m.  
Concessions \$5 or less  
Info: Anderson Area Chamber at 474-4802 or [AndersonPartyonthePlaza.com](http://AndersonPartyonthePlaza.com)

### Performing Arts, Inc.

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road  
"Wizard of Oz," Tuesday, June 19, 7:30 p.m.  
"Broadway Showcase," Wednesday-Thursday,  
June 20 and 21, 7 p.m.  
"Magic Tree House: Pirates Past Noon, Kids,"  
Friday, June 22, 7 p.m.; Saturday, June 23, 6 p.m.  
Tickets: \$10.  
All seating is reserved online at [pai.seatyourself.biz](http://pai.seatyourself.biz).

### Anderson Township Library Association Annual Used Book Sale

Nagel Middle School, 1500 Nagel Road  
Friday, June 22, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Saturday, June 23, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Sunday, June 24, noon-3 p.m.  
Info: Anderson Branch Library at 369-6030

### Party on the Plaza-3 Piece Revival

Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road  
Thursday, June 28, 5:30-9:30 p.m.  
All concessions are \$5 or less.  
Info: Anderson Area Chamber at 474-4802 or [AndersonPartyonthePlaza.com](http://AndersonPartyonthePlaza.com)

## JULY

### Independence Day Parade

Beechmont Avenue, Operations Center to Anderson Towne Center  
Wednesday, July 4, 10 a.m.  
Info: Steve Sievers at 688-8400 or [ssievers@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:ssievers@AndersonTownship.org)  
Festival at Anderson Towne Center immediately after the parade.

### Party on the Plaza-Leroy Ellington Band

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road  
Thursday, July 19, 5:30-9:30 p.m.  
All concessions are \$5 or less.  
Info: Anderson Area Chamber at 474-4802 or [AndersonPartyonthePlaza.com](http://AndersonPartyonthePlaza.com)

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.

### Greater Anderson Days

Beech Acres Park, 6910 Salem Road  
Friday, July 28, 5-11 p.m.  
Saturday, July 29, 5-11 p.m.; Sunday, July 30, 5-10 p.m.  
Info: 388-4513 or [AndersonParks.com](http://AndersonParks.com)

### Beechmont Players- "The Canterville Ghost"

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road  
Friday-Saturday, July 27-28, and Friday and Saturday,  
Aug. 3-4, 8 p.m. Sunday, July 29, and  
Sunday, Aug. 4, 3 p.m.  
Tickets: \$20; Students, seniors (60+) and active military, \$18  
Info: 233-2468

## Ongoing events

### Anderson Township History Room

Open year-round: Tuesdays 6-8:45 p.m.,  
Wednesdays and Sundays, 1-4 p.m.  
Sponsored by the Anderson Township Historical Society and Anderson Township  
Info: 688-8400

### Miller-Leuser Log House Open Houses

6550 Clough Pike  
First and third Sunday of the month, 1-4 p.m.  
Free  
Info: Anderson Township Historical Society at 231-2114





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# 'Alert Hamilton County' Notifies Residents of Important Community News, Emergencies

Do you receive alerts on your cell phone for storm or flood warnings, lost children, natural disasters or other emergencies?

The township has used the CodeRED emergency notification system for more than 10 years to sign up residents for emergency alerts on the communication device of their choice. Township officials were responsible to initiate the CodeRED messages through that localized program.

This year, Anderson Township officials are urging residents to participate in a new free mass emergency notification program sponsored through Hamilton County which provides broader coverage. The Alert Hamilton County program is sponsored through the Hamilton County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency.

"The county-wide service will enable us to be better coordinated in the case of a widespread

emergency and allow us to draw on their resources and regional support should there be a localized situation in Anderson," said Trustee Vice President Andrew Pappas.

In the new program there are 40 different kinds of notification options. Opt-in choices include severe weather, flooding, a missing child, natural disasters and other important news. Information can be accessed via voice call, text, email, or all three, depending on your choice.

Alert Hamilton County will be used to send emergency notifications when there are imminent threats to life, health and safety for residents in Hamilton County. Users will only receive non-emergency notifications for the topics you opt-into in your user profile.

*Information supplied by the Hamilton County Emergency Management & Homeland Security Agency.*



## How can I sign up?

- 1** Go to [www.alerthc.org](http://www.alerthc.org) to register for Alert Hamilton County.
- 2** Enter personal information (name, address, contact information).
- 3** Select the alerts of your choice.
- 4** Fill out a secure "Safety Profile" that will allow 911 operators to relay important information to first responders when you call 911 during an emergency.

