

# ANDERSON Insights

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## CFI Goes Online Within Weeks

Construction-related traffic delays at Beechmont and Five Mile soon to be eliminated as intersection project nears completion.



*Intersection of Beechmont Avenue and Five Mile Road*

A warmer winter that allowed construction work to proceed on the Continuous Flow Intersection (CFI) now means that the project will be completed within weeks.

Local officials anticipate the final stages of work at the Beechmont Avenue and Five Mile Road intersection will be wrapped up in May, with the relocated travel and left turn lanes soon to be in operation.

The CFI, a \$3.5 million ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation) project, has been in planning and design for nearly a decade. This time period has allowed for engineering on this innovative road design concept, the acquisition of additional right of way for the roadway changes, and construction of access roads to connect private properties to nearby traffic lights.

Why a CFI? The project grew out of a need to reduce crashes in this, one of the most heavily travelled and most dangerous, intersections in Greater Cincinnati. Research indicates the innovative design will not only help reduce traffic delays, but would also

cut down the potential for the most serious types of accidents caused by left turning vehicles.

Construction began late last spring and work on the right turn lane next to IHOP is one of the last aspects of the project to be completed, as crews finish up the retaining wall, pave, and add additional striping and signage.

Some residents have expressed concern with understanding the revised traffic flow created by the revamped intersection, noted Assistant Administrator for Operations Steve Sievers.

As with any traffic change, it is critical that motorists follow traffic signs and pavement markings, he added. "Fortunately, the change only entails a shift in the left turn lane from Five Mile to Beechmont, as in the future that turn occurs a few hundred feet ahead of the current intersection," he noted. "The modification is far less drastic than a roundabout or interchange ramp relocation such as the I-275 /state Route 32 upgrades in Eastgate a couple of years ago," he said.

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Another benefit of the CFI is its accommodation of pedestrians accessing the former configuration, as trying to cross five lanes at this busy spot was a precarious venture, and in fact prohibited on three sides of the intersection.

A series of medians with traffic signals have been installed with the CFI, enabling walkers to cross Beechmont and Five Mile. Sidewalks on the south side of Beechmont leading to this intersection from Forest Road to the east, and those coming later this year from Shangrila Road to the west, will help fully connect the many destinations in this area to hundreds of homes.

The CFI “not only addresses longstanding traffic, safety and pedestrian issues, but it provides the infrastructure for the continued growth and

travel of this area, while also having the least cost and impact on surrounding properties,” Sievers said.

Hamilton County Engineer Ted Hubbard noted, “The County Engineer’s Office is very pleased to be part of this innovative project with Anderson Township and ODOT. Completion of the CFI improvements at the Five Mile-Beechmont intersection will deliver improved safety, efficiency and connectivity to the local community and region.”

Anderson Township has developed a series of videos, maps and written materials that will help you understand the changes coming at Beechmont and Five Mile. Go to [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org) and surf the “News” section for these helpful updates.

## Orange Barrel Alert: What to Look for in 2017



### Towne Center Way

(Kroger to Five Mile) – Anderson Township received a loan to reconstruct much of Towne Center Way (formerly known as Ring Road during the Beechmont Mall days) between the rear of Kroger and Five Mile Road. Slated to begin this year and run into 2018, the project will remove dips in the road, improve drainage and lighting, and will add sidewalks, thereby increasing safety between Wolfangel and Five Mile Road. Also, improvements will allow for an easier point of access to the Anderson Towne Center, Anderson Center and nearby developments.

### Downtown Anderson Streetscape

Roadway and streetscape upgrades are planned in 2017 for Beechmont Avenue between Anderson

Towne Center and Asbury Road. Improvements include new lighting, traffic signals, sidewalks and a roadway narrowing consistent with the Downtown Anderson Plan.

### ODOT Safety Improvements

More than 20 curb cuts or driveways along Beechmont, which contribute to crashes and slow traffic flow, will be eliminated starting this summer. The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) plans to complete safety improvements along the corridor from Asbury Road to Hopper Hill Road. A new travel lane heading westbound at Eight Mile will be narrowed to allow for a new right turn lane heading north onto Eight Mile, and a small section of sidewalk will be built in this area, where the wide shoulder is removed.

## With New Program Onboard, More Households Now Recycling



More than 1,600 new Anderson Township households have elected to start recycling as part of Rumpke’s new promotion in the township.

Beginning April 1, residents started paying one rate for both trash and recycling—less than their previous trash portion of their bill.

“We are optimistic that the number of households recycling will continue to grow,” said Dean Ferrier, municipal representative, Rumpke.

“We previously identified that 60 percent of Anderson Township households already recycled. With the addition of the new sign-ups (as of March 15) participation is now more than 70 percent.” In addition to adding new recyclers, Rumpke is also seeing an

increase in the number of current recyclers upgrading their recycling container from the 18-gallon red bin to the larger 65-gallon green “toter” cart. More than 700 households have already upgraded and Ferrier says he anticipates more to join in.

Of Rumpke’s nearly 6,000 households that formerly did not subscribe to curbside recycling, nearly 25 percent of these have now joined the program, noted Public Works Director Richard Shelley. “Our hope in working with Rumpke on this program was to increase the rate of curbside recycling, and we are very pleased by the initial response both for new subscribers and those who upgraded to the larger container,” he added.

Rumpke accepts a wide variety of common household items in its curbside recycling program. For details go to: [www.rumpke.com](http://www.rumpke.com).

## Scaled Down Version of Anderson Farmers’ Market Under Discussion



The market has been open since 2008 at the METRO Park and Ride facility, 7832 Five Mile Road, with about 20 vendors in attendance on Saturday mornings.

Anderson Township Trustees have indicated they are interested in trying to keep the market open this year for a late May-late September time frame, if enough agriculture-related vendors would sign up.

Under the suggested limited market idea, the township would assume oversight of the market for this year, with hopes organizations, partnership or donors would continue the market transition for 2018, said Steve Sievers, assistant administrator for operations.

“We are going to use this year to really focus on working with the community to see what opportunities or ideas arise for continuing to provide a farmer’s market for the Anderson community,” he said.

While this year’s market would likely not include entertainment or special events, Trustee Vice President Dee Stone said she hopes the township can find enough interested vendors to share their produce because the market is “beneficial to township residents.” Having a reduced market this year will “keep the market in our community” while other options continue to be explored, Stone said.

A modified version of the Anderson Farmers’ Market may operate this year, featuring farmers selling their products on the Anderson Center Station property.

It was recently announced the market would not be hosting a spring opening as in previous years, and its future was uncertain as to opening at all in 2017.



## Whose Road is it? The Answer is: It's Complicated



With 120 miles of inventory in its roadway system, the township works with a variety of sources to spend an average of \$1.2 million annually in needed repairs.

The condition of local roads is a source of confusion to residents when it comes to maintenance and repairs.

After salt and winter take their toll on area roads, residents know that pothole filling and spring repairs hopefully are ahead.

But many residents, some armed with GoPro cameras or their cell phone, deliver video and photos to Anderson Township officials, asking them to fix what's broken on local streets and byways.

According to Public Works Director Richard Shelley, herein lies the confusion. Anderson Township is responsible for maintaining about 120 miles of township roads, mainly subdivision streets and some connectors. So, residents ask, how can you identify if it is a township street? "A quick test is that all township roadways have a speed limit of 25 miles per hour," Shelley said.

With 120 miles of inventory in its roadway system, the township works with a variety of sources to spend an average of \$1.2 million annually in needed repairs to not only the pavement, but also the curbing and sidewalk on many of these roads.

"There is a lot of concern over the condition of several county roadways," Shelley said, but these are not under the jurisdiction of the township to repair, plow or maintain.

Hamilton County manages 73 miles of roadways in Anderson Township, with separate funding programs to maintain these thoroughfares, Shelley said. In previous years, Anderson has partnered with the county, or assumed the cost of past improvements along some county roads such as Five Mile (I-275 to Clough), Salem (Sutton to Beechmont), and Clough (Newtown Road to Berkshire.) "We hope our current partnering agreement can continue and grow to achieve more paving projects," Shelley said.

In addition to county-maintained roadways, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is responsible for state or U.S. highways in Anderson. These include state Route 32 (Batavia Road), state Route 125 (Beechmont Avenue), U.S. Route 52 and Interstate 275. They comprise nearly 20 miles.

"While Anderson looks for strategies to partner with the county and state of Ohio to improve key roadways in our community, at

the end of the day we have limited funds and each dollar spent on county or state infrastructure comes at the expense of township roadways," said Fiscal Officer Ken Dietz.

"We share the concerns that are expressed by our residents and businesses over the condition of key roadways in our community," said Trustee President Josh Gerth. "When these concerns are raised, township officials not only relay these to the appropriate agencies, but we have and will continue to look for strategies to make the necessary improvements."

### State Loan will Upgrade Subdivision Roads



The Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) has agreed to provide a \$427,000 loan to facilitate a subdivision roadway rehabilitation project for the Sanctuary of Ivy Hills. Anderson Township will repay the loan within five years at zero percent interest.

Construction could begin in August 2017, with the roadwork completed in November. Streets slated for improvement include Innsbrook Place, Killington Lane, Wolf Run Court, Crooked Stick Court and Castle Pines Lane.

Public Works Director Richard Shelley noted, "The Ohio Public Works Commission funding enables us to make the improvements in this area now, before further deterioration occurs. By repaying this over several years, we will still have other funds to continue to make roadway improvements in other neighborhoods across our community."

## Electric Aggregation Rates to be Announced Soon



Township residents soon will learn if Anderson's plan to offer community-wide discounted electric rates through an aggregation plan will come to fruition.

While residents voted to allow Township Trustees to enter an aggregate buying group through a ballot vote last November, trustees noted that they would not make a final decision until pricing became available. The goal of the program, they have said, is money savings for residents.

Since November, the township has followed a series of steps required by PUCO, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, which would allow the process to unfold. The program is set up to work through a deal negotiated by a contracted broker; in the township's case this is Energy Alliances.

## CodeRED Notification System Keeps You in the Loop

Want to stay on top of local emergency concerns? Sign up for the CodeRED notification system, which allows you to be contacted quickly during an urgent local event or critical community situation.

Residents can be notified of emergency updates via text, phone or email through the free CodeRED system. Township safety officials activate the system to deliver accurate and reliable information, and perhaps even directions, to residents who are signed up. According to Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Assistant Chief Rick Martin, emergency notices could include evacuation notices, traffic or flooding issues, boil water alerts, bio-terrorism alerts, missing child reports or other emergency situations.

To sign up or update your email, house phone or cell phone numbers, go to the main page of the township's website at [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org) and click on CodeRED on the bottom left portion of the front page. From there you can enter your information in the notification system.

To stay safe into spring's volatile weather, residents are

Here's what residents need to know regarding the aggregation program:

Duke customers will see no change in their electric services but will receive a negotiated price on their electric commodity. Duke will continue to carry, service and bill for the electric supply.

- Once township trustees choose a supplier, residents will receive a notification of the accepted price.
- Residents will have 21 days to opt-out of the program.
- If a resident does not opt out of the program in the 21 days, they will be automatically enrolled in the electric aggregation program.

Trustee Andrew Pappas said he believes most residents will save some money under the program and some could save a significant amount. "I'm really excited to be able to bring the buying power of the township to bear," he said.

More details and updates can be found in the "News" section at [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org). If trustees move ahead with the aggregation plan, eligible property owners will be contacted via U.S. Mail by Energy Alliances, the township's consultant for the aggregation project. (Note, no phone calls will be initiated from Energy Alliances.)

It is expected the Board of Trustees will learn about offered electricity rates by mid-April.

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encouraged to monitor local television and radio channels, obtain a weather radio or social media applications which can provide severe weather warnings on their phones. The township's 15 outdoor weather sirens provide an additional layer of emergency coverage for individuals who are outside during a severe weather event.

Each siren will sound a steady tone lasting three minutes during a tornado warning. Hamilton County sirens are tested the first Wednesday of the month at noon.

For more information, go to the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness website at: [www.weathersafety.ohio.gov](http://www.weathersafety.ohio.gov).



## World War I Troops Trained at Camp Procter in Anderson Township

On April 6, 1917, Congress formally declared war on Germany, bringing the U.S. into the European war. Ultimately more than 2 million American soldiers served on the battlefields during World War I. Some Ohio soldiers started their training here in Anderson at Camp Procter, once known as “the most beautiful private regimental parade grounds in America.”

William C. Procter, commanding officer of the local Ohio National Guard and president of Procter & Gamble Company, set up a training grounds for the troops on 60 acres in Anderson on a plateau overlooking the Ohio River. Formal dedication ceremonies were hosted on August 25, 1915, after the captain of the regiment’s machine gun company spent months directing extensive improvements of the area. Camp Procter, as it was called, was reached by a steep road up from Kellogg Road, west of Four Mile.

Local historian Stephen Smalley collected stories from those who trained at Camp Procter. In the first years of the camp, men of the National Guard spent their weekends at target practice and

drilling. They received a small stipend, most of which was spent on improving their camp meals. Men remembered having feasts and fine times at these training exercises. Many recruited by the Ohio National Guard were outstanding high school and college athletes; athletic contests were part of their activities.

In 1917, anticipating a war on the horizon, men hastened to enlist in the local guard. By May 1917, there were about 350 men in intensive training at Camp Procter. Many became Company K of the First Ohio Infantry, while some remained part of the specialized machine gun company. Most became federalized and went to France as part of the American Expeditionary Force.

In 1918 and 1919, Camp Procter became a training camp for the Cincinnati Home Guard. Recruits engaged in extensive training, including target practice, guard duty and other military functions. After the war, W. C. Procter gave the Miami Valley Council of Girl Scouts use of the site and helped raise funds for the group to purchase the property.

In 1923, *The Cincinnati Enquirer* reported that “bands of girl scouts have made the hills and hollows resound with the echoes of their happy shouts as they gathered there for training in the outdoor phases of scouting.” After the Scouts sold the property in the late 1920s, the area was used for agriculture until the mid-1950s when it was developed as the subdivision Riverview Heights.



These photos, collected by Stephen Smalley, were taken in 1917 by Ed Collord (1897-1971) of Mt. Washington who trained at Camp Procter. He served in the Army in the battles in France until his honorable discharge in April 1919.



Throughout 1917, reports of training at Camp Procter appeared in Cincinnati papers. On Sundays, visitors came to the camp. Bayonet drills, exhibitions of military maneuvers and practical demonstrations of the use of rifles were shown to spectators.



One newspaper report described how the men in training found every minute between reveille and taps occupied. During their recreation periods, they were urged to study army regulations and instruction books.



The exact date this photo was taken in 1917 is not known, but reports show there were frequent ceremonies hosted at the camp. The *Enquirer* of Aug. 20, 1917, reported “nearly a thousand visitors flocked to Camp Procter yesterday. A dress parade was held by the Machine Gun Company and men of K Company.”



Men of the Ohio National Guard from Camp Procter march along Kellogg on their way to Coney Island to board a boat to downtown Cincinnati. From there they travelled by the Cincinnati, Milford and Blanchester traction trolley to Blanchester where they were federalized into the regular army.



## Veterans Memorial Construction to Start in June at Anderson Center

A several-year grassroots effort to build a veteran's memorial in Anderson Township has reached its fundraising goal of \$85,000, with construction now planned to start in early June.

The Anderson Township Veterans Memorial will be located on the south plaza of Anderson Center, overlooking Anderson Lake. Five monuments will soon surround three flags already stationed on the plaza, with the pillars representing each branch of the United States military.

The concept for the veteran's memorial involved numerous entities including Anderson Township, the Forest Hills School District, the Anderson Township Park District and American Legion Post 318. Fundraising kicked off in 2014, when Pinnacle Entertainment, owner of the Belterra Park Gaming & Entertainment Center, donated \$50,000. Kroger donated \$10,000 the same year.

"This project was truly a community effort," said Commander Don Bishop of Anderson Township American Legion Post 318. He noted more than 50 people had some role in its completion. "It was envisioned by the Veterans Memorial Steering Committee, designed by Anderson High School students, funded by large and small donors throughout the community, and is being constructed by local businesses under the direction of the township."

Former Township Trustee Russ Jackson noted that he and current township Administrator Vicky Earhart had the idea for a veteran's memorial more than 15 years ago. "It is personally satisfying to see an idea come to fruition...The hope has always been to erect a memorial honoring Anderson's veterans before it was too



late for our WWII vets to see how much our community appreciates their service."

He credited current trustees Josh Gerth and Andrew Pappas for picking up a "languishing project" and moving it to completion.

Currently, Anderson Township hosts its annual Memorial Day Remembrance and Bell Ringing service at this site overlooking Anderson Lake.

## Memorial Day of Remembrance Ceremony Set for May 29

Remember heroes of America's armed forces history and the country's fallen veterans during the Memorial Day Remembrance and Bell Ringing service on the outdoor plaza at Anderson Center overlooking Anderson Lake. The annual event starts at 11:45 a.m., rain or shine.

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

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

The event is sponsored by the Anderson Township Veterans Memorial Committee. Contact Molly Mohrfield at 688-8400 or [mmohrfield@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:mmohrfield@AndersonTownship.org) with questions.



## Tornadoes Happen Be Ready for Severe Ohio Weather this Season

As many Anderson Township residents found out last month, severe weather can bring incredible damage, frightening storms and flooding in just a few short minutes.

From first-hand experience, local residents can testify to the severity of a quick weather event and its outcome. An EF 0 tornado blew through Anderson Township in the early morning of March 1 and damaged at least 50 homes. Anderson Township's safety services personnel responded quickly to the calls that were placed within minutes of the storm.

"As the first reports of storm damage came in, we immediately activated our Emergency Operations Center to provide emergency and cleanup services, and began using social media to provide updates to our community," said Administrator Vicky Earhart. "We were amazed by the community response to the storm, especially the positive attitude and neighbor-helping-neighbor response in those areas hardest hit," she said.

She said some residents expressed concern via conversations and social media that although they received severe weather notifications and flooding alerts on their cell phones earlier in the morning, no sirens were sounded to warn residents of the tornado.

A report from the Hamilton County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency noted no tornado warnings or watches were issued for Hamilton County during the overnight or early morning hours of March 1. Nor was there any indication of tornado activity from trained weather spotters, according to Nick Crossley, director of the agency.

In a report Crossley noted that, "The decision to activate the outdoor warning sirens is one we take very seriously, and we will err on the side of caution if we feel there is a potential threat to life safety."

"The issue to keep in mind is that a tornado can happen without a tornado watch or warning being issued," he said. During severe thunderstorms and tornado watches, all citizens should be aware of and prepared for more severe weather to develop at any time. Sirens are used for outdoor alerts, said Mark Ober, Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department chief.

"Meteorology is not an exact science," said Ober. "In fact, a 1990 study indicated that 70 percent of tornadoes occur when there is no 'warning' issued and 90 percent occur under a tornado 'watch.'"

"As always, we encourage our residents to stay tuned to local radio and television stations for weather alerts," Earhart said.



### Township on Top of Tornado Response

Anderson Township emergency personnel and staff members spent a busy 24-period responding to the severe weather on the morning of March 1, including:

- Responded to 75 incidents in a 24-hour period from March 1-March 2
- Updated communications to the public five times during the day on the township's website and Facebook page
- Assessed nearly 650 structures for damage, with 50 homes sustaining damage
- Worked with over a half dozen county, state, and federal agencies, as well as utility providers, to help affected township residents
- Filed damage assessment forms and related paperwork with Hamilton County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency



## Next Up for Expansion: Ohio River Trail

Biking the scenic roadway next to the Ohio River will be easier and safer in future years, through a plan to extend the Ohio River Trail.

Township officials are working with other communities and organizations on a project to extend the multi-purpose trail along the Ohio River from Lunken Airport in Cincinnati, through Anderson and Pierce townships, ending in New Richmond.

A 1.5-mile portion of the trail was opened in 2011, allowing users to ride or walk from the Cincinnati-Anderson border at Sutton Road to Five Mile Road. The next portion under development is a 4.3-mile segment. "While the funding has not been determined at this time, we hope to obtain grants from state and federal sources along with possible private contributions for the engineering and construction of the trail," Planner Tom Caruso said.

It's been more than 15 years since the OKI Regional Council of Governments and other groups, including Anderson Township, conducted initial planning work, Caruso said. The concept involves multiple entities including park districts, townships, villages and cities who he said are working in tandem to play their part in completing the next 14 miles. On a larger scale, the Ohio River Trail is part of trail system starting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and ending in Cairo, Illinois.

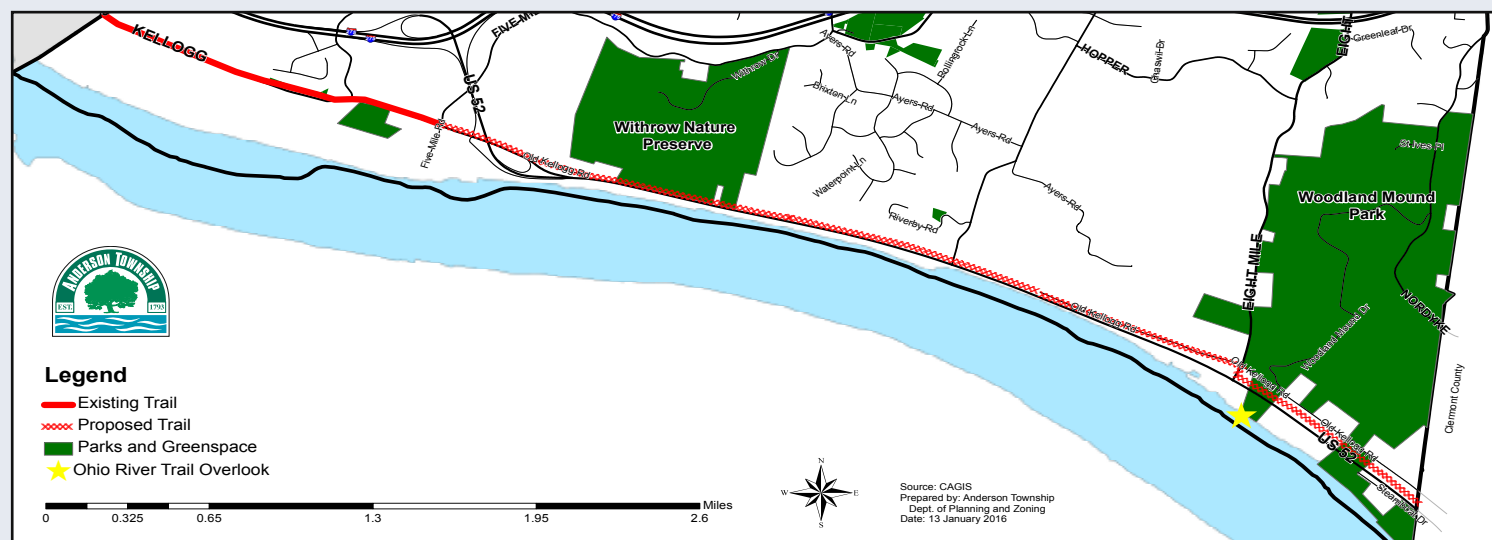
A \$30,000 grant from Interact for Health allowed Anderson to conduct preliminary engineering; now the township plans to use the preliminary engineering to work on next steps with various stakeholders including communities and parks along the proposed trail corridor.

Completion of Anderson's portion of the Ohio River Trail is something that will not happen all at once, said Planning and Zoning Director Paul Drury. Instead, he envisions several rounds of grant applications and funding cycles over the next few years to make the project a reality.

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Ohio River Trail near Belterra Park & Gaming and Entertainment Center



Ohio River Trail in Anderson Township

## Reminder: Anderson Township has a Youth Curfew

Individuals under the age of 18 are under curfew restrictions from 12:01 a.m. to 5 a.m. Restrictions do not apply to individuals who are coming from a school function or work function. For more information, contact the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office District 5 at 474-5770.

You can view the resolution by searching [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org), keyword: curfew.

## Transient Vendor Regulations have Changed

Residents sometimes ask about township regulations governing door-to-door solicitations and non-profit solicitations in residential areas.

Anderson Township formerly prohibited "for profit" door-to-door vendors. However, since a ruling from the United States Supreme Court altered the landscape on this issue, Anderson cannot prohibit transient vendors in residential areas.

If residents do not wish to be contacted by door-to-door salespeople or non-profit organizations, they can post a "No Soliciting" sign on their front door or near their driveway.

Cpl. Dave Boiman with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office District 5 noted that residents now must advise solicitors to cease their activity and leave their private property if they do not wish to be contacted. "If they refuse or return (after being advised), the homeowner now has the right to file criminal trespassing charges and can contact law enforcement for assistance," he said.

"While there is no violation for anyone to be on a public roadway or to solicit as a private business, we (the Sheriff's Office) can still investigate to make sure that they are conducting legitimate business," Boiman said. "That is why we recommend reporting this activity to the Sheriff's Office non-emergency number at 825-2280 if a resident has concerns, so we can evaluate and/or retain appropriate information (if needed)."

"Some solicitations are legitimate and innocent," Boiman said, but "others are scams or may lead to future criminal activity."



## RAIDS Online Crime Map Announces Name Change

RAIDS Online, the free community crime map tool, has changed its name. The tool is now called the LexisNexis Community Crime Map.

This crime mapping platform provides transparent data sharing to support community policing efforts, aiding communication between law enforcement and citizens. Included are basic mapping, data grid and analytics.

To easily access the tool, go to [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org) and click the logo at the top of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office webpage. Crime statistics are now posted twice a month through NextDoor and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office District 5 Facebook page.



## Anderson's Facebook Page Keeps You Up-To-Date

Don't miss Anderson Township's very active Facebook page, which has more than 4,500 likes! It's one of the most convenient and current places to learn about all things Anderson Township.

If you haven't stopped by yet, visit [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org) and click the Facebook icon to receive reminders about upcoming events, road closures, emergency information, news tips about Anderson and plenty of historical tidbits.

For a direct link to our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/AndersonTownshipOhio/](http://www.facebook.com/AndersonTownshipOhio/).



## Hike Township's Unique Preserved Spaces

Did you know that Anderson Township has acquired 67 Greenspace parcels since the Greenspace program's inception 1990? Those acquisitions came through funding from a 1990 voter-approved Greenspace levy, which was renewed in 1995 and ran through 2000.

Including Greenspace donations and purchases, the program consists of 75 parcels totaling more than 788 acres, to remain in their natural condition, protected through the Greenspace program.

### How about a hike on one of these interesting community-owned properties?

The largest Greenspace protects 109 acres of riparian habitat along the Little Miami River and protects Prehistoric Indian archaeological sites. It's a hot spot for birds and other wildlife. Located near the intersection of state Route 32 and Clough, it is adjacent to the bike trail along state Route 32.

The newest Greenspace contains 101 acres of hillside and creeks at the intersection of Eight Mile and Hopper. This beautiful forested property contains a nice diversity of tree species.

An 8.3-acre parcel on Newtown Road has impressive limestone rock outcroppings. During spring, it is lush with wildflowers. Plants such as Columbine and Walking Fern, not commonly seen in Hamilton County, are present on this property. Also found here is the Missouri Gooseberry which is so unusual that it is on the Ohio Rare Plant List. This list is compiled by botanists working with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and contains plants in Ohio that need special protection.

The Greenspace property below Saddleback Drive provides protection for 22.9 acres of old forest that is vital for stabilizing the hillside. This Greenspace also contributes to the beautiful hills surrounding the Turpin valley.



## Enter Your Favorite Beautiful Place in Annual Contest



What beautiful space in Anderson Township have you noticed lately? Each year, Anderson Township's Betterment and Beautification Committee recognizes places and spaces that have either been improved or represent an outstanding landscape or garden design. The following categories of nominees are sought this year. Nominations open June 5.

Each winner will receive a plaque and a yard sign for display. Go online to [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org) to download a nomination form. Call Sarah Donovan for questions at 688-8400 or [sdonovan@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:sdonovan@AndersonTownship.org).

Awards will be presented in July to businesses, residents or neighborhood groups in the following categories:

### 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 commercial 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 the 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.

## Homeowners: Outside Improvements Might Need Permit

Don't take a short cut: Check with township's Planning and Zoning Department first.

If your spring daydreaming included planning a new shed, deck or pool, don't forget to check with Anderson Township before you pull out the toolbox.

Township zoning regulations require that some exterior home upgrades may need a zoning review. The process is quick and easy.

Here's how to proceed: Supply two copies of a drawing showing where the improvement is located in relation to the property lines and the size of the project. Most zoning certificate fees run \$20 to \$50. Check out the Planning and Zoning Department page at [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org) for a complete fee schedule and related improvements information.

Visit the Planning and Zoning Department at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road, or call 688-8400.



### Q: How high can I build a fence on my property?

In front and side yards, residents can build fences up to four feet high, but they need to be 75 percent open style. In the rear yard, a six-foot high fence is permitted and can be of solid or privacy style construction. Remember, however, that you need to obtain a zoning certificate before proceeding with construction.

### Q: How do I obtain more information?

The township has created brochures that may answer questions about zoning requirements for your spring building project. Information also may be accessed online at [www.AndersonTownship.org](http://www.AndersonTownship.org), under the Planning and Zoning Department, or by calling 688-8400. Some improvements may require a building permit from the Hamilton County Planning + Development Department (946-4550).

## Turn Your Yard Waste into Compost in Anderson

Interested in recycling your yard waste this year instead of tossing it into the landfill? Bring it to Bzak Landscaping (3295 Turpin Lane) in Anderson Township where your yard waste is composted for free.

This composting site, sponsored by the Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District, allows township residents to drop off leaves, brush and tree branches for recycling. Cut brush and tree trunks into lengths of 4 feet or less and no larger than 12 inches in diameter.

Please note: Commercial vehicles are not accepted. No bricks, stones, fencing, nails or wire taken at the site. The site is open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 11:30 to 5 p.m. on weekends.



## Do You Love a Parade? Join in the Fun!



Anderson continues its 13-year tradition of celebrating our country's independence with a community-wide parade down Beechmont Avenue on Tuesday, July 4.

This year applications for parade entries open on Tuesday, April 25. They are due on Monday, June 12. Organizers are looking for entrants displaying creativity, enthusiasm and noise!

The 10 a.m. parade follows the same path as in previous years, starting at the Anderson Township

Operations Center, 7954 Beechmont Ave., and running to the Anderson Towne Center.

Registration is simple: Sign up with a registration form found on [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). Info: 688-8400 or email Steve Sievers at [ssievers@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:ssievers@AndersonTownship.org).



## Tips for Tree Care Aren't They Worth Your Investment of Time?

Any nice day this spring is a good time to get a jump on your garden and tree care. Trees are the cornerstone of any landscape and they're definitely worth a little thought, consideration, and care.

Take care of last minute pruning before buds begin to break, the sooner the better. Be sure to check qualified resources for how to make proper pruning cuts. Poor work can lead to trouble down the road. Do not top your trees. This makes dangerous trees out of healthy ones.

Despite what you see in most commercial landscapes, do not pile mulch onto the trunks of your trees. This will lead to root problems and death over time. Two to three inches of mulch is all any plant ever needs. Wider mulched areas, not deeper, are the key to good plant health, and always keep mulch away from the trunk.

As weather moves into drier times, be sure to be cognizant of soil conditions. If the ground is hard and dry, give your trees a drink. An inch of irrigation every five days during drought should get them through. Not sure how to measure an inch of irrigation? Put a tuna can in the sprinkler zone. When it's full, you're done.

Minimize lawn chemicals and fertilizers within your tree's root zone, which is roughly twice as wide as the leaf canopy. Trees do not require high fertilization and they definitely don't like the taste of herbicides.

*Tips provided by the volunteers of the Anderson Township Street Tree Committee.*



## Submit Great Trees Photos for Contest

Love to photograph the great outdoors? Anderson Township is hosting a Great Trees Photography Contest. The township's Street Tree Committee sponsors this contest to call attention to the beautiful trees in the community. Submissions must be entered by October 30. Find details on [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org) and search for key words: great trees.

## Anderson Named 'Tree City USA' Community Again



For its ongoing commitment to urban forestry, Anderson Township has been named a Tree City USA for the eighth year in a row.

To meet the criteria of the award, the township met requirements assigned by the Arbor Day Foundation program related to the township's Street Tree Committee,

including hosting an Arbor Day celebration, development of an active Street Committee and the implementation of a comprehensive community forestry program.

Anderson Township's Street Tree Committee provides ongoing effort to care for the community's trees in the township's right of way.

## Shredding and Recycling Days Returns for 2017

Anderson Township's annual Shredding and Recycling Days event will be hosted as usual this May, but will take a hiatus in 2018.

This year's event, set for Friday, May 12 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and Saturday, May 13 (8 a.m. to 1 p.m.) at the Anderson Township Operations Center, allows township residents to recycle a variety of unneeded items, plus shred sensitive documents for free.

Richard Shelley, director of Public Works, noted the township has decided to host the shredding and recycling days event this year, but suspend it in 2018 for several reasons. "Most items we take can be either thrown away or recycled through regular trash pickup or curbside service, or other locations will take these items for a small fee for recycling," he said.

Additionally, Shelley noted that participation in the recycling and shredding event had fallen in recent years, while costs have risen.

"We are trying to be good stewards of our tax dollars," he noted. "The whole event needs to be reviewed since participation has declined by 50 percent or more since its inception.

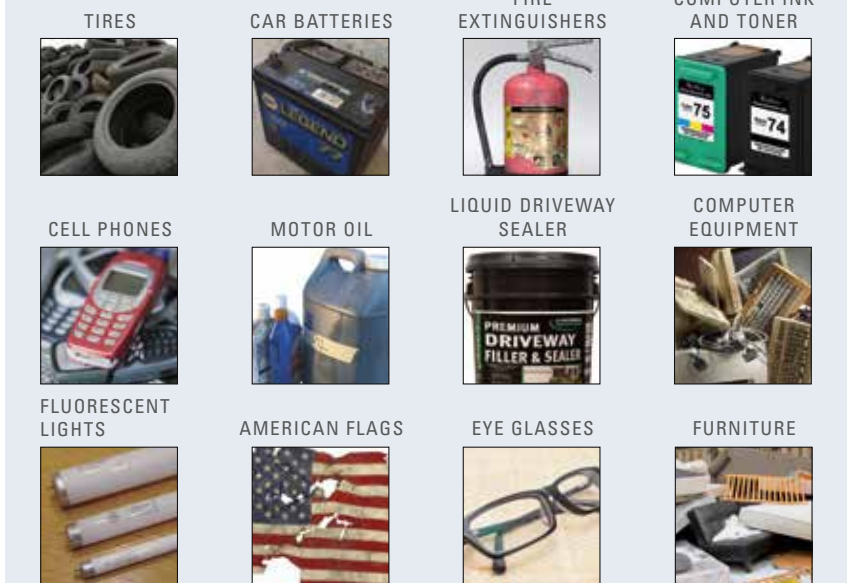
"While I understand that some look forward to this event, we need to prove that is worth the money and the effort that is put forth, and not something that we do because we did it the year before," Shelley said.

For 2017, residents may drop off unwanted items at the Anderson Operations Center (7954 Beechmont Ave.) behind the Beechmont Fire Station. Please note, no commercial vehicles are permitted. Proof of Anderson residency is required. TV sets are not longer accepted. As a reminder, oil-based paint is accepted but latex paint will not be accepted because it can be dried up and put in your curbside garbage pickup.

Residents also may bring sensitive documents for shredding. Please remove all paper clips, binders, and binder clips on items that will be shredded. The only thing that can be attached to the paper is a staple. Residents may want to note that due to time constraints on Saturday, once the two shredding trucks are full, the township will not take any more papers to be shredded. Please plan accordingly.



### WHAT TO BRING



### WHAT NOT TO BRING





# COMMUNITY PARTNERS

## Remembering Jackie O'Brien at Anderson Branch Library



There are some new old friends at the Anderson Branch Library waiting to greet visitors in the children's area. Thanks to donations made in memory of longtime Anderson Township resident Jackie O'Brien, library users of all ages will find themselves welcomed by classic favorites along the walls such as Winnie the Pooh, Cookie Monster, Curious George and Cat in the Hat.

These literary decorations were added to give customers a smile when they stop by to check out books or for story times, said Branch Manager Denise Scretchen.

Jackie O'Brien and her husband, John, were instrumental in forming the first Anderson Township Library Committee in 1980 and remained involved with the group, which was later renamed the Anderson Township Library Association.

She was a member of the Ohio House of Representatives from 1985-2001, after being appointed in 1985 to complete the unexpired term left by the death of her husband. Then she was elected to a full term in 1986 and served eight terms in the Ohio House of Representatives.

She also was appointed to a five-year term on the Ohio State Library Board in February of 2005 and retired in 2009. In 2001, she was named Anderson Township Citizen of the Year. O'Brien died in 2013.

The annual summer book sale is scheduled for June 16-18. For information about the association, call 369-6030 or visit [www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/support/atla.html](http://www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/support/atla.html).

## Schedule Ramps up for Chamber this Summer

As the weather warms, the event schedule of the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce ramps up! In April, the Chamber celebrates its Annual Awards, recognizing excellence in service to the Anderson area community. In May, the Party on the Plaza Summer Concert Series starts up and continues all summer. In June, the Chamber Golf Outing is hosted at Ivy Hills Country Club.

Visit [www.AndersonAreaChamber.org](http://www.AndersonAreaChamber.org) for details. Concerts run 5:30-9:30 p.m. Concessions are \$4 or under.

### 2017 Party on the Plaza Schedule

May 25	Two for Flinching
June 22	Nick Netherton Band
July 20	Leroy Ellington Band
August 10	The Dan Varner Band
August 24	TBD



## Anderson High School Renovation Project Moves Ahead

The Forest Hills Board of Education has approved the final of nine major site projects supported by a \$103 million bond issue passed in 2014.

The \$22.9 million Anderson High School project is underway.

In addition to the building's aesthetic upgrades, Anderson High School's project includes air conditioning, new science rooms, increased safety and security systems, and a more secure front entrance and office spaces. Also planned is a new multi-purpose space, while all student parking will relocate to the south side of the campus.

Completion of Mercer, Summit and Wilson elementaries is planned prior to the start of the 2017-18 school year with Maddux Elementary to be finalized in the spring of 2018. Turpin High

School also will undergo significant renovations this summer with a completion date during the 2018-19 school year.



Rendering of Anderson High School's new entrance

## The Ugly Duckling' Visits Beech Acres Amphitheater



Anderson Park District and TCT On Tour: A Division of the Children's Theatre of Cincinnati, present an hour-long production of *The Ugly Duckling* this spring.

The play is based on Hans Christian Andersen's classic tale of a downtrodden duckling who believes he is ugly and worthless because of his distinct appearance. Through his family and friends, he realizes his self-worth as he transforms into a beautiful swan. This timeless story offers a lesson in overcoming adversity and accepting differences.

All ages are welcome to attend this free event at the Beech Acres Park amphitheater at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 19. For additional information, visit [AndersonParks.com](http://AndersonParks.com).

## What's New at the Senior Center?



Anderson Township Senior Center hosts many events each week and encourages seniors 55 and up to get involved.

In recent months, the center has added numerous new programs and regular classes. Some of those classes include a coloring club, a creative circle group, and two new regular musical programs that provide live music to members during the week. Additionally, the Silver Sneakers exercise class has increased to six times a week.

Come find out what's new at the center, 7970 Beechmont Ave., by stopping by for a visit. To learn about activities, classes and trips, check out the Anderson Township Senior Center publication: *Senior Lifestyle* at [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org) under the senior center page. Call 474-3100 for further details.

## Martin Earns Promotion



Former Battalion Chief Rick Martin has been promoted to assistant chief of the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department. His new position started January 1, 2017.

Martin started his career with the fire and rescue department in 1985 and was promoted to battalion chief in 2003. He has been active in the area of fire training.

## Baker Named' Firefighter of the Year'

Firefighter-paramedic Bradley Baker is the 2017 'Firefighter of the Year,' an honor awarded annually by American Legion Post 318.

Baker, who has worked with the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department for the past 22 years, serves as the coordinator of the township's CPR and First Aid Program. He also works with community assistance cases through the Council on Aging program, a program that assists residents in need with living conditions, transportation and health issues.



## Boiman picked as 'Law Enforcement Officer of the Year'



Cpl. Dave Boiman, the township's crime prevention officer, has been named the 2017 American Legion Post 318 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

Boiman has been active in patrolling Anderson Township through the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office since 1992 and began focusing on crime prevention efforts in 2001.

Since then he has developed 107 Neighborhood Watch groups, worked with nine Real Estate Watch Groups and manages the Citizen's Patrol. His other accomplishments include introducing a number of technologies to help residents connect with law enforcement.

## New Planner for Township

Sarah Donovan is the newest planner in the Anderson Township Planning and Zoning Department. She starts work fulltime in May after graduating from the University of Cincinnati with a bachelor's degree in urban planning and a real estate minor. Donovan, a Loveland native, has already been working with the township part-time, or as a co-op, since 2015.





# Sidewalk Projects on Agenda for Summer Construction

Beechmont links to be completed, and planning begins for key future connections



Anderson Township's summer sidewalk construction season includes a full agenda of projects. On the books is the completion of the Wolfangel Road project between Bowen and Beechmont Avenue (which began last year), key segments on Beechmont Avenue in the heart of the community, and initial planning and engineering for longstanding high-priority projects in the Anderson Trails Plan.

Key sidewalk segments on Beechmont are planned for construction east and west of Five Mile Road. The first of these is on the south side of Beechmont between Shangrila Drive and Five Mile Road. This link will connect to the new pedestrian crossings,

including both existing and new sidewalks in that area that resulted from intersection improvements at Five Mile Road.

Slightly further east on Beechmont, construction of the "Downtown Anderson" project begins this summer. As a part of this project, the roadway lanes will be slightly narrowed and the width of the existing shoulder on Beechmont reduced as well. These changes will provide the area for sidewalks on both sides of the road, between Wolfangel Road and Asbury Road.

Planning and engineering work is also beginning on two longstanding projects in the township's Anderson Trails Plan. The first of these is the Markley Road sidewalk, between James Hill Drive and Woodcroft Drive. This section will ultimately link neighborhoods along the Markley Road corridor with other neighborhoods and Beechmont Avenue.

The second project is on Paddison Road from Bluecrest Drive to Beechmont Avenue, which will connect several neighborhoods to each other and to destinations on Beechmont, the Five Mile Trail, the Anderson Branch Library, and Sherwood Elementary School.

As engineering work on these key links has begun, volunteers with Anderson Township's Transportation Advisory Committee have started the fifth update of the Anderson Trails program's five-year plan. For the past 20+ years the Anderson Trails Plan has been the guide for design and construction of trails improvements. For questions or comments about the township's Anderson Trails program, contact township Planner Tom Caruso at 688-8400.

## Openings, New Construction and Expansions

Developments currently under construction in Anderson Township include the following:

### New Buildings:

Skyline (7171 Beechmont Ave.)

Forest Hills School District

- Wilson Elementary School (2465 Little Dry Run Road)

### Renovations:

Forest Hills School District

- Anderson and Turpin high schools
- Maddux, Mercer, Sherwood, Summit elementary schools

Char Bar Bistro (7711 Beechmont Ave.)

9 Round Fitness Kickboxing Studio (8315 Beechmont Ave.)

Fast Track It (8485 Broadwell Road)

Anderson Professional Center (7794 Five Mile Road)

- Building addition and parking garage



Anderson Professional Center

# Students Discover, Explore in 'History to Schools' Program



There are few days in a child's academic career when they can search for tadpoles along a wetland lake, sit in a 100-year old student desk or practice bike safety outdoors, all in the same day.

But during the "History to Schools" program hosted at Anderson Center each year, second and third grade students happily do just that, and more.

A day away from the traditional classroom and devoted to discovery and interaction with information and artifacts from

Anderson's past, up to the present, is the focus of the annual "History to Schools" program.

Anderson's students make a daylong trip to Anderson Center each year for an immersion experience regarding their community's heritage presented by Anderson Township and the Anderson Township Historical Society. The event, set for April and May, is in its fourth year.

This year the event has expanded to include a bike rodeo that focuses on teaching youngsters the basics about bike safety. Other activities include presentations on emergency and safety services, and maps and land use changes. Each student takes home a tree seedling in recognition of Arbor Day.

## Celebrate Township's Pioneer Past during Open Houses at Miller-Leuser Log House

The Anderson Township Historical Society offers tours of the historic Miller-Leuser Log House on the first and third Sundays of the month, 1 to 4 p.m., May through October. The log house is a restored 1796 pioneer home at 6550 Clough Pike, just east of Bartels Road.

Tour the log house, furnished in 18th and 19th century antiques, and stroll the grounds, or explore the barn, outhouse, corn crib and gardens. Enjoy displays depicting the farming heritage of Anderson. Members of the historical society will be on hand to show you around and answer questions. Admission is free and parking is ample. Group tours through the historic home also are available with advanced reservations.

The historical society holds its annual home-grown plant sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 13, at the log house. Plants



are donated and the proceeds help maintain the historic site. Call 231-2114 or visit on the web: [AndersonTownshipHistoricalSociety.org](http://AndersonTownshipHistoricalSociety.org).



## Public Meetings

(Times and dates subject to change with notice)

### Board of Township Trustees

**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
Thursday, April 20, 5:30 p.m.

**Planning Meeting, Anderson Township Heritage Center**  
(890 Eight Mile Road)  
Thursday, May 4, 9 a.m.

**Betterment and Beautification Committee**  
Thursday, June 8, 4 p.m.

**Board of Zoning Appeals**  
Thursday, May 4, 5:30 p.m.

**Economic Development Committee**  
Tuesday, May 30, 3 p.m.

**Greenspace Advisory Committee**  
Meets as needed

**Street Tree Committee**  
Monday, May 8, 7 p.m.

**Transportation Advisory Committee**  
Tuesday, May 2, 6:30 p.m.

**Zoning Commission**  
Monday, April 24, 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

## Great American Cleanup Targets Litter Removal

Join your friends and neighbors for a morning of doing good when Anderson residents join in the Great American Cleanup.

The annual community cleanup effort is set for Saturday, April 22, with signup starting at 8:30 a.m. at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road. Residents are invited to scour assigned streets, parks and Greenspace for trash anytime that morning, with lunch supplied after the event. Cleanup supplies are provided by Anderson Township and will be distributed at signup.

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



## Clean Out Your Medicine Cabinet for Drug Take-Back Day at Anderson Center

Have expired or unnecessary medication taking up space in your bathroom? Clean out your cabinets and bring these unneeded over-the-counter or prescription medicines to the annual Drug Take-Back Day at Anderson Center. The event is hosted from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 22 at 7850 Five Mile Road.

For the past four years, Anderson Township and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office work together on this event which allows residents to safely remove medications out of circulation, without polluting the water system or putting them in the trash. As a result of the Take-Back Days, township residents have removed thousands of pounds of medicines from potential use.

Please note: No liquids, aerosols, needles, inhalers or (glass/plastic) bottles are accepted. For details or questions, call Cpl. Dave Boiman at 688-8400 or email him at [dboiman@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:dboiman@AndersonTownship.org).

**Saturday, April 22**  
**10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**  
**7850 Five Mile Road**



### Drug Drop-Off Box Open Weekdays

A convenient drop-off box for unneeded expired prescription and over-the-counter meds is located in the front lobby of 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. many events each week and encourages. **No liquids, aerosols, needles, inhalers or (glass/plastic) bottles are accepted.**

## Bargain Hunters Love the Anderson Center Station Garage Sale

Look forward to spring garage sales? Anderson Township offers a convenient way to bargain hunt at its Anderson Center Station Garage Sale.

Find a treasure or share yours with other shoppers during the annual event scheduled for Saturday, May 6.

The event draws hundreds who buy, sell and barter for goods from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. with about 25 vendors at the station, 7832 Five Mile Road. It's open rain or shine.

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

Reserve your space by contacting Amy Meyer at 688-8400 ext. 1192 or email her at [ameyer@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:ameyer@AndersonTownship.org). Reservations also are accepted at Anderson Center during regular business hours. It is suggested vendors should make reservations early to secure a spot. No refunds.

Host your own garage sale on Saturday, May 6. In conjunction with the Anderson Center Station Garage Sale, Anderson Township hosts its community-wide yard/garage sale on Saturday, May 6. List your sale on the township's website ([AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org)) by emailing

[bcowan@Andersontownship.org](mailto:bcowan@Andersontownship.org) with the address and time of the sale. The listing on the township's website is open to all Anderson Township sale locations.



## Enjoy the Best Blooms of Mother Nature at Annual Garden Tour



Bountiful blooms, exotic trees and flowering foliage are only part of the beautiful views of Anderson Township landscape during the annual Anderson Garden Tour.

This once-a-year event rounds up notable gardens in the community, covering novices and experts alike, for a memorable go-at-your-own pace tour that is free and open to the public.

Tour all eight gardens, or just stop in to one or two, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 4.

A helpful guide leading you to all locations, with abundant descriptions of the garden, will be available after May 1. You can access the guide by downloading it at [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org) or by visiting Anderson Center (7850 Five Mile Road) for a hard copy.

*Have ideas for future garden tours?*  
Contact Sarah Donovan at [sdonovan@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:sdonovan@AndersonTownship.org) or call her at 688-8400.





## APRIL

### Great American Cleanup

Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road  
**Saturday, April 22, 8:30-noon**  
Info: 688-8400 or  
[sdonovan@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:sdonovan@AndersonTownship.org)

### Drug Take Back Day

Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road  
**Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**  
Info: Cpl. Dave Boiman at 688-8400 or  
[dboiman@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:dboiman@AndersonTownship.org)  
No liquids, aerosols, needles, inhalers or  
(glass/plastic) bottles are accepted.

### The Forest – Aires Women’s Chorus ENCORE!

Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road  
**Friday and Saturday April 21-22, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, April 23, 3 p.m.**  
Tickets: \$14 adults; \$13 seniors and children  
Info: Call 232-7504 or visit [theforestaires.com](http://theforestaires.com)

### Miami Valley Christian Academy- “Disney’s The Little Mermaid”

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road  
**Thursday, April 27 and Friday, April 28, 7 p.m.**  
**Saturday, April 29, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.**  
Tickets: [www.mvca-oh.com/theatre](http://www.mvca-oh.com/theatre)

## MAY



### Anderson Center Station Garage Sale

Anderson Center Station, 7832 Five Mile Road  
**Saturday, May 6, 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 6, times vary**  
Email: Betty Cowan at [bcowan@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:bcowan@AndersonTownship.org)  
to list address and time of sale on [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org)

### Beechmont Players – *Born Yesterday*

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road  
**Friday and Saturday, May 12-13, 8 p.m.**  
**Sunday, May 14, 3 p.m., Friday, May 19, 8 p.m.**  
**Saturday, May 20, 3 and 8 p.m.**  
Tickets: \$15; Students, seniors and active military: \$13  
Info: 513 BEECHMT (233-2468)



### Shredding and Recycling Days

Anderson Township Operations Center  
7954 Beechmont Ave.  
**Friday, May 12, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday**  
**May 13, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.**  
Info: Betty Cowan at 688-8400 or  
[bcowan@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:bcowan@AndersonTownship.org)

### Party on the Plaza – *Two for Flinching*

Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road  
**Thursday, May 25, 5:30-9:30 p.m.**  
Info: 474-4802 or [AndersonPartyonthePlaza.com](http://AndersonPartyonthePlaza.com)

### Memorial Day Remembrance and Bell Ringing Ceremony

Anderson Center South Plaza, 7850 Five Mile Road  
**Monday, May 29, 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  
**Sunday, June 4, 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 Township Library Association Annual Used Book Sale

Nagel Middle School, 1500 Nagel Road  
**June 16-18; Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.**  
**Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-3 p.m.**  
Info: Anderson Library at 369-6030

### Party on the Plaza – *Nick Netherton Band*

Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road  
**Thursday, June 22, 5:30-9:30 p.m.**  
Info: 474-4802 or [AndersonPartyonthePlaza.com](http://AndersonPartyonthePlaza.com)

## JULY



### Independence Day Parade

Starts at Anderson Operations Center  
7954 Beechmont Ave. (next to Beechmont Fire Station)  
**Monday, July 4, 10 a.m.**  
Info: Steve Sievers at 688-8400 or  
[ssievers@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:ssievers@AndersonTownship.org)

### Party on the Plaza – *Leroy Ellington Band*

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road  
**Thursday, July 20, 5:30-9:30 p.m.**  
Info: 474-4802 or [AndersonPartyonthePlaza.com](http://AndersonPartyonthePlaza.com)

### 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: 474-0003 or [AndersonParks.com](http://AndersonParks.com)

## ONGOING EVENTS



### Anderson Township History Room

Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road  
**Open year-round: Tuesdays 6-8:30 p.m.**  
**Wednesdays and Sundays, 1-4 p.m.**  
Sponsored by the Anderson Township  
Historical Society and Anderson Township  
Info: 688-8400







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## Township Plans to Introduce Fee for False Alarms

After 18 months of reminders and monitoring, township sees little improvement in 'repeat' false alarm locations.

In mid-2015, after tracking safety services responses for some time, Anderson Township noticed many calls relating to false alarms.



**2,300  
 FALSE  
 ALARMS**



**COSTING  
 \$19  
 PER CALL**

*False alarms in 2016*

In response, Anderson Township Trustees directed staff to reach out to local businesses and residents who had ongoing issues with repeated false alarms to assist with troubleshooting. The goal was to reduce these calls.

This effort continued over the past 18 months. During that time, false alarm calls entailed nearly 14 percent of all calls for service in the township. In 2016, there were nearly 2,300 false alarms out of the nearly 16,000 calls for service to the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office District 5 in Anderson Township.

Unfortunately, while some owners, organizations and businesses have taken strides to help address this situation, there has not been a dramatic improvement in the frequency of false alarms, said Assistant Administrator for Operations Steve Sievers. "False alarms inhibit the ability of our first responders to be positioned and ready to deliver essential services and be available when and where the need arises," he added.

In addition to possibly delaying response times, each false alarm costs \$19. Sometimes, that fee is doubled as dispatches are made both for the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department.

"Anderson Township is known for its outstanding safety services, and our voters responded last fall with their support of the levy to continue this level of protection for our community," said Trustee Vice President Dee Stone. "False alarms have a large impact on our ability to protect our citizens in an efficient manner, and despite more proactive efforts, we must now take the next step to curb this problem," she added.

Trustees will discuss this topic further at their May meeting. The Ohio Revised Code establishes the guidance for false alarm fees, which entail a \$50 charge for the fourth false alarm in a calendar year. This fee would then increase to \$100 for the fifth alarm, and \$150 for the sixth and subsequent false alarms. If adopted, a fee system could be implemented after July 1. (Alarms prior to July 1, 2017, would be excluded.)