

ANDERSON Insights

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Township Studying Public Safety Funding

Eight years into a 2016 public safety levy projected to last five years, Anderson Township leaders are considering next steps to meet growing needs and costs in fire, emergency medical, rescue and law enforcement services.

Several recent trends are shaping Anderson's public safety future. Factors include a **growing population of elderly residents requiring more service - including individuals aging in place, a shift in resident needs during and post-COVID, and more calls for police service in neighborhoods.**

At the same time, the Consumer Price Index increased an average of 5.6% over the last three years, so inflation is another factor. Additionally, the effective millage of Anderson's now eight-year-old safety levy is 36% lower than when it was passed by the voters in the fall of 2015, according to Finance Director Tammy Disque.

Administrator Vicky Earhart noted that "In today's economic climate, **our township is no different than homeowners experiencing a tightening of the belt while facing higher prices on goods and services.**"

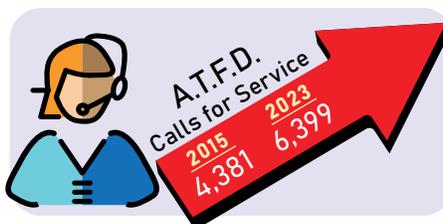
"From the price of fuel and EMS supplies to increases in employee benefit costs and medications, we're seeing close to double-digit percentage cost increases in the last few years, along with a rise in calls for service," she said. "We have been fortunate to change state law to allow other funds to be used to supplement a declining revenue stream in our safety services levy. However, at some point, even major belt-tightening and creative financing will not reduce the



Anderson Township safety services are experiencing an increase in calls

gap enough to continue our high-quality services in this important realm," she said.

Fire Chief Rick Martin sounded the alarm recently when he reviewed calls for service among elderly residents, which he found represented a "disproportionate share of EMS calls." In the 2020 Census, 31.7 % of the township's population was 55 and over, compared to 20 years earlier when 20.9 % were in that age group.



An aging population requires more services, particularly EMS, he said. In 2022, 73.5% of all township fire and rescue runs involved residents 55 and older, although that population represents only 30 percent of the whole, Martin said

To meet the growing demands for service last year, trustees approved hiring two more firefighters for each of the three shifts to staff a second paramedic unit from the Beechmont Fire Station. Although Anderson has four stations, this location is the closest to nearly half of the 6,399 calls for service in 2023. **This additional paramedic unit allows Anderson to better serve the eastern and central part of the community when times are busy,** Martin noted.

Additionally, during COVID a new battalion chief position was approved to oversee emergency medical service (EMS) operations. EMS calls comprise approximately 73% of all responses made and have increased by 39% since 2015. "No area is left unaffected by inflation, and that includes the cost of providing EMS services to our aging community," Martin noted.

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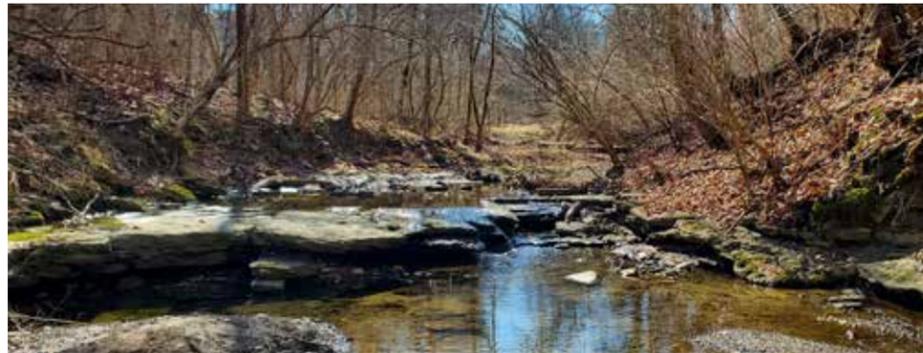
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Anderson Township Acquires Two Parcels to Create 35-Acre Greenway



Two undeveloped properties recently acquired by Anderson Township have completed a longstanding vision to create an over 35-acre greenway, a nearly mile-long narrow wooded property that will remain preserved like Greenspace.

The four properties that comprise this northeastern area corridor between Forestlake Drive and Eight Mile Road include a Greenspace parcel acquired in the 1990s, a privately held parcel that was designated as open space through a mid-2000s rezoning, and two parcels formerly owned by Hamilton County. The two parcels housed facilities for the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati and were acquired in mid-December.

Trustee Lexi Lausten noted that this is yet another example of the township's continued commitment to secure open space that will be enjoyed by generations to come. "In the last two years, Anderson Township has acquired six new open space or Greenspace parcels, which include just over 100 acres of land, distributed across the community."

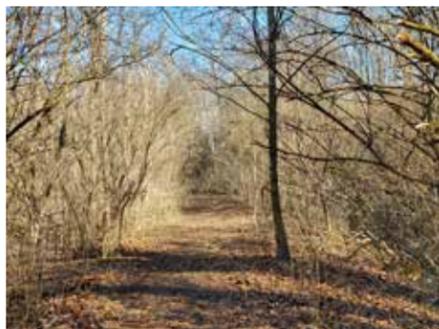
Lausten commended staff for their longstanding vision and efforts to introduce this new greenway corridor. "This would not be possible without thoughtful planning and dedication of our team over many years," she added.

Steve Sievers, Anderson's assistant administrator for operations, said the acreage is a unique situation. The new parcels will not be considered township Greenspace but will be managed as open space and protected from development,

recreational vehicles and tree clearing, similar to the township's Greenspace parcels. Anderson removed obstructions along an existing path through this area so that it's more accessible and to help encourage visitors to remain on township property.

Greenspace Inspector Suzanne Clingman said the creek corridor consists of wooded hillsides that surround it, "creating a greenway that seems far from the hustle and bustle of Anderson's nearby streets and neighborhoods. These hillsides protect wildlife, many mature trees, and the creek's water quality." Both ends of this greenway property have open grassy areas along the meandering creek and in between lies a narrow creek corridor between beautiful undisturbed wooded hillsides. To protect these steep hillsides from foot traffic erosion, hikers are encouraged to walk the creek bed in the area and not venture onto private property.

Access the greenway at the end of Forestlake Drive (off Clough Pike) and Eight Mile Road near Stoney Ridge Drive. Other access points from nearby streets or open space properties also can be utilized.



New greenway property

Spring-Summer Construction Projects Ready to Go



Further pedestrian safety projects and construction of planned Anderson Trails Network links are being readied for 2024.

Sidewalks

A new sidewalk on Wolfangel Road, from Delas Cove to the Villas of Cross Creek subdivision (south of Toweview Drive) is in final engineering and is planned for construction later this summer. This sidewalk also includes a small section on Clough Pike to connect to the Clough Chase subdivision (utilizing funding from that development that is earmarked for sidewalks). These improvements will provide access from these areas to State Road via sidewalks and a natural trail from the Villas of Cross Creek subdivision through the Mercy Health-Anderson Hospital property.

A project already in the works is the Elstun Connector, Phase 2, linking Beechmont Avenue and the Skytop area to the Little Miami Scenic Trail. This final section builds upon the Phase 1 work completed in 2023, which included a trail along Elstun Road from Beechmont Avenue and the Skytop Apartments and Spindlehill Drive. The new link will connect this area, including Mt. Washington, to the regional trail network consisting of the Little Miami Scenic Trail, the Otto Armleder Trail, the Ohio River Trail, and the Lunken Airport Trail.

Preliminary design work continues for a sidewalk on Birney Lane near Bennett Road to connect neighborhoods in the Watch Hill area. Later this spring, Anderson Township expects to begin preliminary design for a possible sidewalk on Forest Road, from Merritt Grove Lane to Meadowland Drive, and on Sutton Road, from Salem Road to Orchard Lane. These projects were identified in the township's 2023 Anderson Trails Plan Update for possible construction in 2025-2026.



Crosswalks and Pedestrian Signals

A new pedestrian traffic signal on Clough Pike between Endovalley Drive and Juilf's Park is scheduled for construction late this year or in early 2025. Most funding comes from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Alternatives funds. According to ODOT, the improvement, which will stop traffic for

those crossing Clough, is warranted based on traffic counts noting high pedestrian traffic at that location.

This spring the township plans to continue the introduction of pedestrian-activated flashing warning beacons, featuring flashing yellow caution lights, at four more intersections: Little Dry Run at Wilson Elementary School, Hunley Road near Royalgreen Drive, Lawyer Road at Concordgreen Drive and Eight Mile Road at Little Harbor Drive.

Priority locations such as these four intersections were also identified in the 2023 Anderson Trails Plan Update, based on substantial traffic counts and high vehicle speeds. Additionally, these improvement zones are locations where the sidewalks transition from one side of the street to the other," said Paul Drury, planning and zoning director.

More resident awareness is needed regarding the use of the flashing warning signals, Drury said. "Motorists are not required to stop as the lights are warning lights, but these mechanisms help alert traffic to the presence of pedestrians in the area as they are only flashing when activated."

Another outgrowth of the 2023 Anderson Trails Plan update included the recommendation that crosswalk and stop bar markings should be added to locations where township roadways intersect a county (higher speed) roadway, and sidewalks exist on that higher speed roadway, Drury added. Virtually no such markings exist at more than 60 intersections, and this approach was tested at several intersections along Clough Pike in 2022, stemming from a recommendation in the Clough Pike study. Markings on Clough have helped alert motorists to the potential for pedestrians crossing at that stop sign, he said.

"Anderson Township has had a longstanding track record of preparing and implementing many plans, including the recent revision to the great award-winning Anderson Trails Plan," noted Trustee Vice Chair Josh Gerth. "Much of our success in getting projects done around Anderson derives from these citizen-influenced planning documents."

Public Safety Funding

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Meanwhile, law enforcement services supplied through a long-standing partnership with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office have also seen upticks, said Sergeant Thomas Lange, District 5 acting commander.

The sheriff's office has prioritized staying current with technological advancements, he noted. "These are necessary but expensive additions," he said. "Items such as body cameras, in-car dash cameras, FLOCK cameras and speed signs offer potential benefits and superior products. Since 2001, Anderson has funded a deputy to serve as a school resource officer for the township's 10 schools. Last year, the Forest Hills School District added a second resource officer. "This was a vital need of this community," Lange said. "The ability of one school resource officer to monitor all nine Forest Hills schools and Immaculate Heart of Mary School with nearly 8,000 total students was truly overwhelming. The addition of another officer has allowed more interaction with staff and students and enabled other officers to remain on their normal patrols.

Cost Reduction Efforts

Anderson has undertaken many efforts to stretch the current safety levy beyond its promised life. Examples include reducing false alarms, trimming personnel costs through the hiring of EMTs, securing additional opportunities for income and using TIF (Tax Increment Financing) funds for EMS and firefighting equipment, vehicles and more.

A nine-year program led to a 31.4% reduction in alarm calls since 2015, according to Earhart, "This effort has enabled law enforcement to focus on true emergency calls and we have been able to provide service without any other increase in staffing," he said.

Another recent change has allowed the fire department to hire EMTs instead of more costly certified paramedics for service. This action has resulted in an annual savings of more than \$117,000, Earhart noted.

What is funded by Anderson's Public Safety Levy?

Anderson Township...



Employs **72 full-time firefighter-paramedics-EMTs**, an increase of seven from the 2016 staffing levels.



Provides safety services to more than **44,000** township residents and through a contract, to 2,600 Newtown residents



Contracts for **35 sheriff's officers** to cover 31.2 square miles, including specialized services in schools, traffic, community safety and drug interdiction.



Provides law enforcement services to approximately **17,500 households** and almost **800 businesses**



Provides coverage to adjoining **state highways** and **16 miles** of the Little Miami and Ohio rivers

Anderson has contracted with the Village of Newtown since 2016 for fire, EMS and rescue services. "The additional average annual income of \$611,000 has helped stretch the current safety levy and has not detracted from our service level to Anderson," said Earhart. "In fact, the Newtown fire station is more ideally located to serve the township compared to our previously used Broadwell Road station," she said. From 2016 through 2023, approximately \$6,350,000 in TIF revenue has been spent on fire, rescue and law enforcement vehicles and equipment, as well as maintenance. "By paying for those necessary items with funds derived from new growth, we were able to further stretch the 2016 levy funds," Earhart added.

Taxpayer Cycle

Anderson Township has had a longstanding eight-year "natural cycle" in seeking public safety levies, noted Brian Johnson, fiscal officer. "Our taxpayers have generously supported requests in 2000, 2008 and 2016. In this environment of dramatically rising costs, we've been creative and careful to do more with less; however, with the complexities and



challenges of the last few years, and future projections, we're at a crossroads."

"We've done a good job of stretching the 2016 public safety levy to last eight years-including going to the state legislature to ask for authorization to use TIF funds to pay for maintenance of equipment," said Trustee Chair Dee Stone. "However, even with these extra sources of revenue, the additional calls and costs are making it difficult to continue the level of service our residents expect with current funding levels."

How Are Anderson's Public Safety Services Funded?

Information from the Anderson Township Finance Department

Property Tax Revenue

Currently approximately 88% of the revenue provided for the police and fire funds is derived from levies. This revenue source is used to pay for items such as salaries, benefits, utilities, fuel, supplies and other operating costs

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Revenue

Separate from levy revenue, the 1994 and Ohio Riverfront TIFs are used to purchase fire engines, ambulances, and sheriff cruisers, as well as most tools and equipment.

Contract Revenue

Contract revenue is received from Newtown for fire and emergency services provided to the village, as well as from Forest Hills school district for the second school resource officer added in 2023. In addition, EMS billing (for ambulance transport services to insurance providers) generated \$1+ million in revenue in 2023.

Grant Revenue

At times, the township qualifies for certain federal and state grants. The funds are restricted and can only be used for specific purposes, such as fire prevention or port security.



What Is Inside vs. Outside Millage?

When a local government wants to generate additional property tax revenues beyond or "outside" the 10-mill limitation, they must place an issue on the ballot for voter authorization. Voted levies are rolled back most notably every three years following the reappraisal process (which became effective this year), ensuring that the dollar amount voters pay for the levy, as well as the revenue received by the local government, remains relatively constant.

Inside millage is not subject to this reduction. As values increase, the revenue generated by inside millage will increase, and vice versa. However, in Anderson the millage funding public safety services is largely voted millage.

The current effective residential tax rate totals 7.86 mills, and of that amount 7.02 mills, or nearly 90%, is designated as outside millage. As costs rise, as they did sharply in 2021 and 2022, the levy revenue is remaining at approximately the same level, compounding the shortfalls.

Grants Fund New Equipment for Fire and Rescue

Anderson Township's fire and rescue service was awarded more than \$125,000 in grants last year to support the purchase of a variety of necessary equipment like wireless headset systems and EMS equipment.

The FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant provided \$79,818 for turnout gear, helmets, nozzles, a wireless headset system, mobile radios and more.

The Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department was granted \$31,324.64 from an Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Safety Intervention Grant. Those funds provided battery positive pressure ventilation fans and a LUCAS chest compression system which is a

mechanized chest compression machine that improves outcomes in a heart attack situation.

Anderson also received \$15,000 in funds from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Firefighter Exposure to Environmental Elements Grant.

That money purchased self-contained breathing apparatuses and masks, helmets, boots and gloves. Also funded was a specialized washing machine for the self-contained breathing units which removes contaminating material after an event. This deep cleaning protects firefighters so they are not exposed to the carcinogens that occur during a fire.



TOWNSHIP NEWS

Local Alarm Numbers Continue to Decline

After a push to reduce false alarms in recent years, expensive and time-consuming nuisance alarms in Anderson Township are on the decline, according to recent statistics. The annual number of alarms reported dropped about 32 percent from a high of 2,327 in 2016 to 1,595 in 2023.

This reduction has saved money and time invested by emergency responders who are called out to check on the alarm dispatch. As part of a strategy to curb these alarms, Anderson Township works with homeowners and businesses that repeatedly post nuisance alarms.

Addressing false alarms is both a financial and practical issue. Responding to false alarms costs the township in county fees each year, notes Assistant Chief Bob

Herrlinger with Anderson Township Fire and Rescue. **But more important is that false alarms potentially affect daily responses to true emergencies,** he said.

COVID-19 shutdowns may have influenced the drop in false alarms for 2020 and 2021, noted Steve Sievers, assistant township administrator for operations. Some businesses were closed entirely or operated with reduced hours. However, those figures remained about the same in 2022, he added.

Since 2018, the township has imposed a fine for businesses or individuals who continually post false alarms. However, the township and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office work closely with property owners to instead identify necessary repairs or change practices.

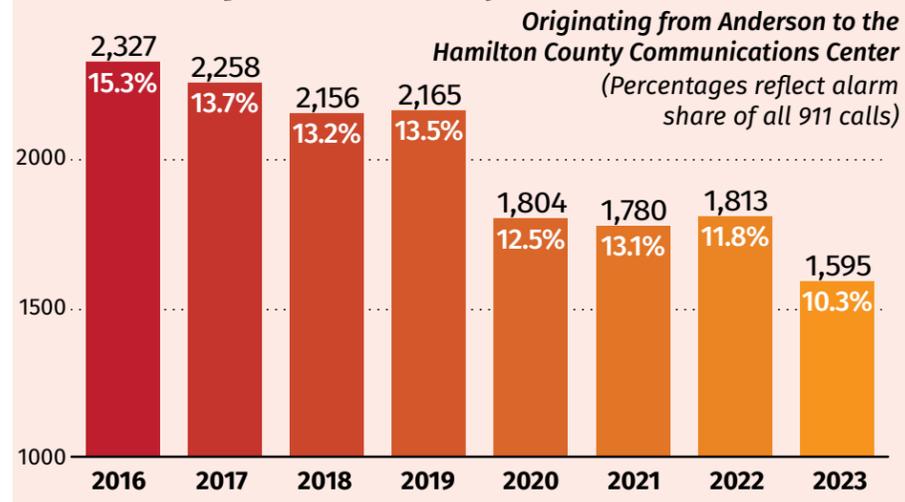


Dating back to 2015, owners are notified of their sixth false alarm in a calendar year and provided with suggestions to reduce future alarms. The sheriff's office also visits properties to work with owners and tenants to help mitigate the problem. "Fines are our last resort; the goal is to reduce alarm responses," Sievers said.

Crime Prevention Deputy Brian Hayes with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office said once an alarm is received by the communications center, two patrol units are automatically dispatched. That means multiple cars are taken off the street. "By working together with your alarm company and local law enforcement, **these false alarms can be reduced, so that our patrol cars can be used to their maximum benefit for our Anderson residents,**" he said.

Contact Hayes at 513.688.8400 ext. 1191 for troubleshooting alarm matters, or for fire alarm service issues, contact Assistant Chief Bob Herrlinger at 513.688.8400 ext. 1470.

Alarm Dispatch Calls By the Year



Public Meetings

ALL MEETINGS ARE HOSTED AT ANDERSON CENTER, 7850 FIVE MILE ROAD, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

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

Planning Meeting: Thursday, May 2, 9 a.m. Highwood Lodge, 7075 Five Mile Road

Regular Meeting: Thursday, April 11, 3 p.m.

Anderson Township Senior Center Advisory Committee

Thursday, April 18, 2 p.m.

Meets at Anderson Township Senior Center

7970 Beechmont Ave.

Zoning Commission

Monday, April 22, 5:30 p.m.

NEW: Anderson Township Plan Implementation Committee

Wednesday, April 24, 4:30 p.m.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Thursday, May 2, 5:30 p.m.

Tree Committee

Monday, May 13, 7 p.m.

Interchange Project Improvements to be Completed This Summer

A landscape interchange project that's transforming the I-275 Exit 72 area should be completed this summer. Work started late last year in this area, the first phase of work planned under the 2021 Kellogg Gateway Study.

Planning and Zoning Director Paul Drury said the project is expected to be complete this summer.

Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and Music & Event Management, Inc. recently acquired all assets of Coney Island, which closed in January, to create a new \$118 million entertainment campus. After the announcement of this major shift to the Entertainment District, township officials decided to put all other planned projects on hold until further details are known about Riverbend and a new music venue.

Previous gateway upgrades called for traffic



Rendering of Kellogg Entertainment District interchange upgrades

modifications, improved lighting and crosswalks, additional landscaping, signage, and seating, upgrades on safety and traffic flow, plus improvements to the appearance of the corridor.

"The township wants to coordinate its improvements with any changes that are proposed with the new music venue,"

Drury said, They are waiting until detailed plans are available that could alter the township's improvement projects, such as traffic changes, road widening, etc.

Anderson is partnering on these projects with the City of Cincinnati, the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Hamilton County Engineer's Office.

More Enrichment for Senior Center Provided by County Grant

Programming at the Anderson Township Senior Center is expanding, thanks to a \$35,000 grant provided by Hamilton County Public Health.

Claire O'Connell, activities manager, said with the recent growth of the senior center (posting a 30% increase in membership in the last year), greater funding means more choices in activities to meet the varied interests of members ages 50 and up.

Funds awarded by the county health organization will help "social connectedness" and aim to "create resilience within the community to address loneliness and health" according to Hamilton County Public Health.

"Anderson Township has approximately 16,000 residents over 50 years of age, or about 36% of our population, and this grant will allow us to reach and impact a larger number of that population," noted Anderson Township Trustee Chair Dee Stone, who also serves on the advisory board for the senior center.

"The new activities will help us to continue to engage members in a variety of programs to encourage attendance and active participation at our senior center.

This past year the center averaged 25 activities per week, with many activities hosting more than 50-60 people in attendance," she said.

"Through educational program, activities and providing reasons to gather, we are indeed reducing isolation and loneliness for seniors in the community, as well as increasing knowledge of a healthy aging lifestyle," noted Advisory Committee member Steve Long. "All the activities, both current and future, include social-emotional components, including experiencing positive interactions, a sense of accomplishment and building new friendships – all critical to mental health."

New opportunities

- Music instruction, including vocal and instrumental
- A wide range of fitness programs
- Creative writing, drama, book studies, paint, woodworking instruction
- Community health fair

"We are a vibrant, growing senior center and will continue to meet the varied interests and needs of our members," said O'Connell. "This grant will be a huge help in enabling us to ensure this continues."

To learn more about the Anderson Township Senior Center, visit andersontownshipoh.gov/senior-center, or Facebook: Friends of Anderson Township Senior Center. Call 513.474.3100 to set up a tour of the center at 7970 Beechmont Ave., open weekdays 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.



TOWNSHIP NEWS

'Seasons of Anderson' Adorn New Street Banners

Colors of Anderson Township's four seasons are highlighted in a set of new outdoor banners soon to be installed on light poles in the community.

The original designs, created by township resident Clayton Hightower, were chosen by township staff last November after the township sent out a call to artists for banner proposals. The request suggested **artists highlight Anderson through the seasons or emphasize the township's history or natural environment.**

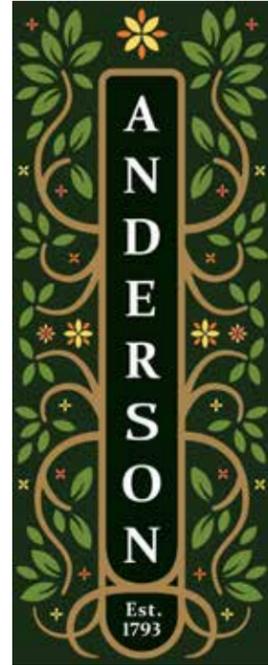
"Having been our first 'Call to Artists,' we were floored with the response and are very appreciative of the number of designs submitted," said Sarah Donovan, assistant director of the Planning and Zoning Department. "We were looking for a unique, but also uniform design that would work across the township."

Hightower said he drew concept inspiration from a movie that took a "lofty

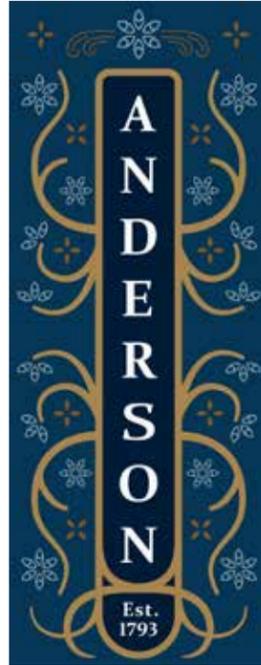
concept like a holiday and encapsulated it into one icon or symbol."

"I wanted to take the magic of each holiday and imbue it with Anderson's history of being known as a part of Tree City USA," he said. "Anderson is well known for maintaining our trees and wildlife with our Tree Committee and I wanted to represent that in a tree pattern that changed throughout the seasons to match," he added. "The design style has a regal yet illustrative feel to appeal to long-time residents and young people alike."

New banners will replace original commercially produced street banners that were installed about 15 years ago. They will hang on street poles off Beechmont Avenue, Clough Pike, Salem Road and Five Mile Road. Funding came from Anderson Township.



Summer banner



Winter banner

Traffic Signal Boxes Now Wrapped in Local History

Anderson Township's proud history is reflected all around the community in restored buildings and historic markers. A new program shares even more of the township's past through historic photos wrapped on traffic signal control boxes.

Four once-gray boxes are taking on new life all over Anderson, with each depicting a snapshot of a nearby building or place.

"We're thrilled to **highlight the pioneer history of our township** by showcasing some of our noted historic spots using public infrastructure that is often overlooked and unsightly," said Planning and Zoning Assistant Director Sarah Donovan. "Using images like these on boxes reminds us of our local history and landmarks nearby."

"We have looked for creative ways to increase the curb appeal and uniqueness of our community," said Trustee Chair Dee Stone. "Using the traffic signal boxes does just that while highlighting the history of Anderson Township."



Traffic signal box at Clough and Eight Mile

Historic images and installation sites include the Miller-Leuser Log House on Clough Pike, the James Clark Stone House on Clough and Hunley, the Little Dry Run School at Clough Pike and Eight Mile Road, and the Salem United Methodist Church at Salem and Sutton.

Permission for the project was granted by the Hamilton County Engineer's Office which owns the boxes and enclosed controller equipment for nearby traffic signals. Funding came from Anderson Township.



Wrapped box at corner of Hunley and Clough

Storm Water Detention Basins Assessed for Seasonal Storm Use



Detention basin before upgrades

Spring and summer weather often includes some pretty intense storms. To prepare for this, Anderson Township again has visited **more than 140 storm water detention basins** to guarantee they are in good working order.

Detention basins are a key part of managing stormwater runoff during a storm. Roads and properties drain into catch basins, and those pipes lead to areas which hold some of the water during a heavy storm, before it's more gradually released into area creeks. Working basins also can help reduce pollutants to area streams.

In 2019, township staff examined the areas for the first time to see whether they were functional. "Almost all of these basins that slow stormwater runoff are on private property and have been required with many new developments since the 1990s," noted Assistant Administrator for Operations Steve Sievers.

Unfortunately, though Hamilton County inspects the basin when a new development



Basin has been modified to hold stormwater during heavy rain events

project is completed, and historically conducted periodic follow up visits to these sites, **that process stopped a few years ago**, he said.

"There is no formal regulation by the county on these important parts of infrastructure," Sievers noted, "so we appealed to owners to voluntarily fix issues with their basins to reduce downstream erosion and potential civil liability."

Back in 2019, the township identified approximately 60 basins that needed work. Many owners, businesses or homeowner's associations then took the necessary actions to address the problem, Sievers said. "We've been pleased to find with this year's inspections that **corrective actions are suggested for much fewer basins**," Sievers added.

"Although in the past few years we have not seen significant flooding issues, we have historically had challenges during heavy rainfall events," noted Public Works Director Eric Luginbuhl. "Unfortunately, it's only a matter of time that we have one

or multiple major storm events," Luginbuhl said. "These inspections and basins, working properly, will help the overall system manage such a storm or series of storms," he added.

"Anderson Township has once again **taken a proactive approach** toward resolving potential problems" noted Trustee Vice Chair Josh Gerth. This is another example of the forward-thinking planning that sets our community's government apart from others, he said.

A January review of the basins revealed that about 40 need mostly minor maintenance. Property owners were notified of the needed improvements and many have already taken necessary actions.

"Stormwater impacts are one of the most common concerns expressed with new development," noted Gerth. "It's clear from the township's efforts that we have made it a priority to ensure these basins are operating as designed to mitigate the impacts of downstream property owners," he added.

Zoning Text Amendments Under Consideration This Summer

The Anderson Township Planning and Zoning Department will review proposed text amendments in coming months on a variety of topics. Residents will be invited to comment about these proposals in a public hearing to be scheduled this summer.

Topics include the following changes:

- Adding daycare centers as a permitted use in the "O" Office zoning district
- Correcting numbering errors in the "D" Multi-family zoning district
- Clarifying density allowance with a PUD (Planned Unit Development) in the "E" Retail zoning district

- Clarifying parking requirements and emergency plans for short-term rentals

Proposed text changes will be available for review at AndersonTownshipOH.gov around May 28. Questions on the text changes can be emailed to pdrury@AndersonTownshipOH.gov.

HISTORY NOTES

Anderson and Newtown Share Many Connections

The Village of Newtown and Anderson Township are first cousins, with a common ancestry and shared history. While today Newtown contracts with Anderson Township for fire and EMS services and the Forest Hills School District serves the two communities, each has its own governmental structure and unique identity.

Thousands of people travel each day through Newtown, but most probably know very little about the history of the village, one of the oldest communities in southern Ohio.

Before recorded history, the region of southern Ohio, and more specifically the area between the Little Miami River and the Ohio River which became Anderson Township, was populated by a variety of prehistoric people. They left archaeological evidence of their presence here in several ways, including the mounds they built.

The Northwest Ordinance of 1787 defined a framework for the future expansion of the nation west of the Allegheny Mountains, including the establishment of townships. Each township was approximately 36 square miles. Newtown is an incorporated village of approximately 2.25 square miles within Anderson Township.

In 1792 the first settlement was established in what would become Anderson Township. A strong stockade with four blockhouses was built near a natural spring by 12 men led by Revolutionary War veteran Captain Aaron Mercer and the surrounding forest was cleared. The spring was located at what is now Jones Lake Management Inc.

Mercer's son-in-law surveyor Ichabod Benton Miller laid out 28 lots for a nearby village, which was originally known as Mercer's Station and then Mercersburgh. By 1816 the settlement was called Newtown. Miller's homestead still stands at Clough Pike and Bartels Road, serving today as the home of the Anderson Township Historical Society.

Although initially threatened by hostilities with Native American tribes, the Treaty of Greenville in 1794 brought peace to the region. People put down roots in Newtown, built homes and established businesses. The village was incorporated in 1901 and many of the earliest structures still stand.

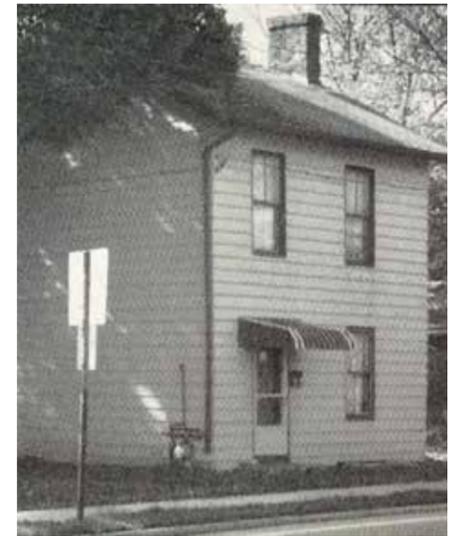
Text by Tom Brown. Information and photos from the Anderson Township Historical Society and "Newtown, Ohio-200th Anniversary Bicentennial Edition."



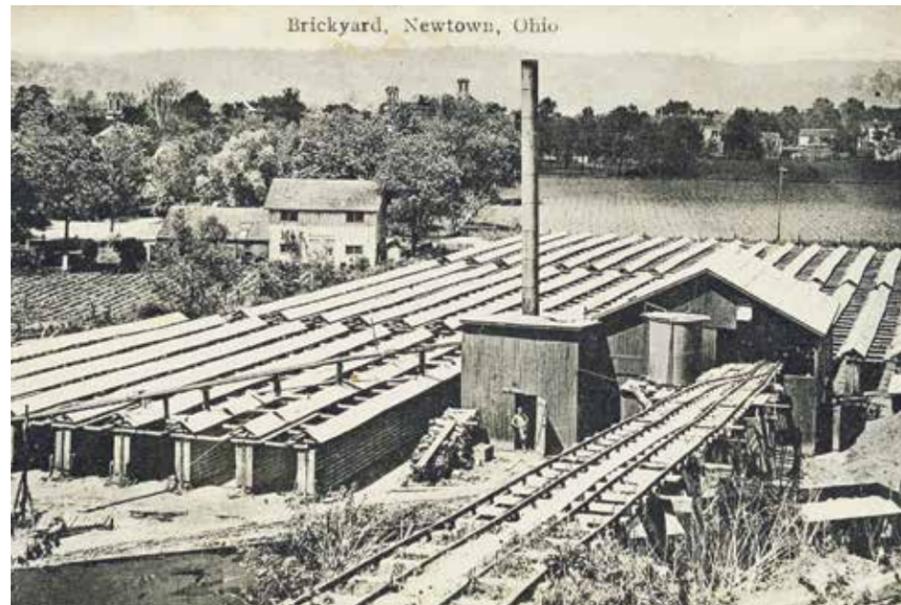
Judson Harmon, born in Newtown, was governor of Ohio 1909-1913.



Men in canoe near the covered bridge over the Little Miami River.



The home of Baptist preacher and doctor John Richmond Lambert who performed the first Cesarean section west of the Alleghenies in 1827.



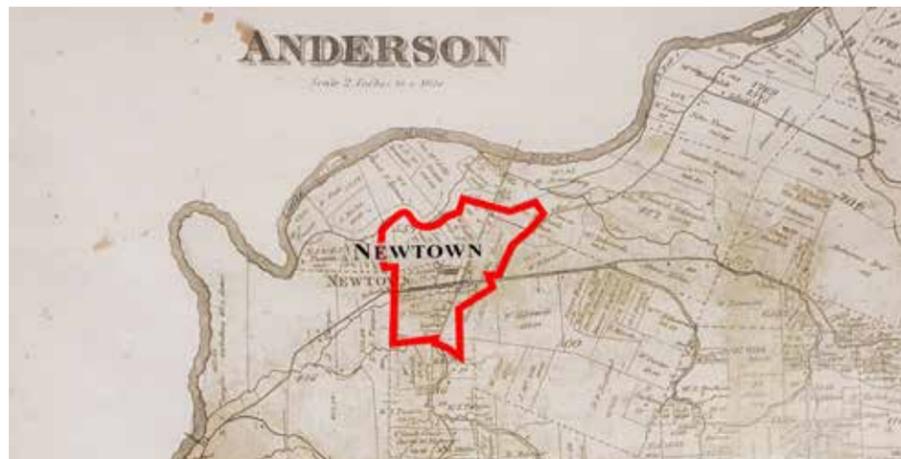
The Newtown Brickyard was established in 1904 and employed up to 40 men producing bricks from clay.



Newtown mail delivery 1905, the first horse-drawn mail delivery in Ohio.



Newtown resident Clyde Durham astride his horse at the U.S. Cavalry Camp in Georgia in 1898.



Map from 1869 shows Newtown in the northern part of Anderson Township.



The Air Nitrates Corporation, or ANCOR, was known by all Anderson Township residents for its vast size and potential importance to the U.S. in World War I. It was located in the area of Broadwell Road and closed in 1918, the same year it was built.

TOWNSHIP NEWS

Love to Volunteer Without the Long-term Commitment? Join Anderson's New Event Corps!

Volunteers are key to pulling off Anderson Township's popular events!

Anderson is seeking help from residents, businesses and their employees to assist as part of the new township Event Corps. This pool of volunteers will be critical to our community's longstanding events or programs, such as the annual spring cleanup, garden and history tour, July 4th parade, beautification awards, the

Anderson Holiday Festival and other community gatherings or initiatives.

It's easy to get involved!

First, check out the opportunities listed on AndersonTownshipOH.gov/eventcorp. Next, reach out to the designated contact person to find out more or to volunteer.

"Volunteer help at our great community gatherings is really an essential part of making our special events successful,"



said Trustee Chair Dee Stone. "We have a long history of volunteerism in many forms and this new Event Corps committee will help bring those efforts together to fuel all the great events or programs that we plan each year."

Narcotics Enforcement Unit Sees Uptick in Fentanyl In 2023

Anderson continues funding RENU officer to investigate trafficking of controlled substances

Fentanyl seizures increased in Hamilton County last year, compared to 2022 statistics, according to details supplied by the dedicated narcotics unit RENU, the Regional Enforcement Narcotics Unit within the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

Lt. Matt Guy, RENU commander with the Organized Crime Section and former District 5 commander in Anderson said the biggest change noted in 2023 "was the increase in fentanyl seizures. Those grew from 13 pounds seized in 2022 to 90 pounds confiscated in 2023."

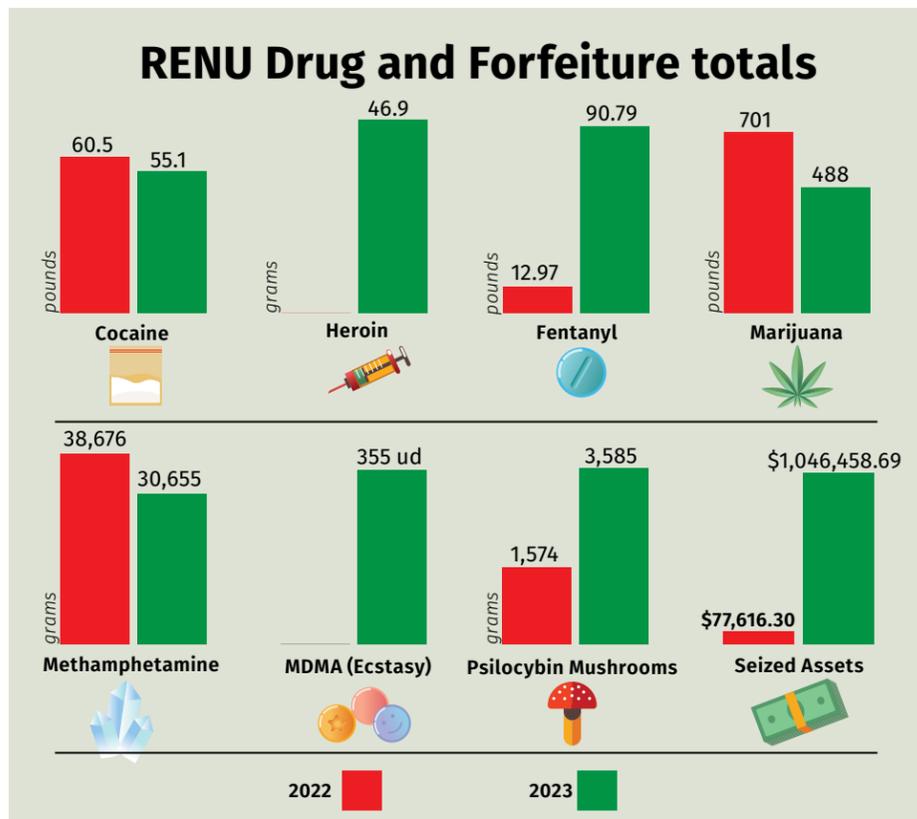
"The other most volatile and drugs of abuse that we typically see imported into our area are cocaine and methamphetamine and those seizure numbers were relatively close to the seizure numbers we saw in 2022," he noted.

Details of drug seizures were released recently by the Regional Enforcement Narcotics Unit (RENU) describing their yearly efforts to reduce illegal drugs on the street. Anderson Township funds a dedicated officer on the RENU squad through Anderson's contract with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and has done so for more than a decade.

Administrator Vicky Earhart said she is grateful the Board of Township Trustees is committed to ongoing funding for a RENU officer.

"The expertise that this specialized task force brings to the table affords us the opportunity to make a significant reduction in illegal drugs in our community," she said. A portion of the monies the sheriff receives because of asset forfeitures also is provided to the township which helps offset the cost of the officer.

One task of the RENU officers is to investigate criminal organizations and persons who traffic controlled substances. Officers also help local, state and federal law enforcement agencies when needed.



Don't Be Caught Unaware When Severe Weather Arrives



Anderson Township sees its fair share of severe spring weather.

Step up your severe weather awareness with a few reminders that will help you be prepared no matter what the situation.

Severe weather can happen anytime, in any part of the country. Hamilton County experiences many different types of severe weather: from winter storms, to river flooding, flash flooding of streams and even tornadoes.

Turn Around- Don't Drown

Just six inches. That's how much water will reach the bottom of most passenger cars, causing loss of control and potential stalling. So, when you approach a flooded road, follow the maxim: Turn Around-Don't Drown! Driving into floodwaters of unknown depth is a terrible decision, particularly at night. Save yourself and those in your car, or hopefully avoid a rescue effort, by just turning around.

Don't Wade Through Floodwater, Either

Wading through floodwater is a bad idea. If floodwater is powerful enough to float and/or trap your vehicle, trying to wade through it could be harmful or fatal. Just 6 inches of flowing water can knock you off your feet. If you slip and fall face first, you might drown before you come to. This is particularly a dangerous situation for babies and small children.



Tornado Watch/Tornado Warning

A **Tornado Watch** means be prepared or increasingly aware of changing weather conditions, as conditions are favorable for tornadoes to develop. When a Tornado Warning is issued, go indoors immediately.

A **Tornado Warning** means act, as a tornado has been spotted or indicated by weather radar.

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in a severe weather event the rule of thumb is to put as many walls between you and the outdoors as possible and head to the lowest floor possible. The basement is an ideal location, or if not possible then go to an interior room with no windows (such as a bathroom, closet or interior hallway). Stay as far from windows as possible.

Severe Thunderstorms? Go Indoors!

When thunder roars, go indoors! According to the Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency and Homeland Security, if you are close enough to hear thunder, you are close enough to the storm to be struck by lightning.

If you are caught outdoors during a storm and cannot seek shelter indoors, immediately take shelter in an enclosed building or hard-top vehicle. Stay safe from lightning strikes by avoiding high ground, isolated objects, water and metallic objects.

13 Outdoor Sirens Here Help Keep You Safe

Anderson Township is host to 13 outdoor sirens that are intended to alert people who may be outside to take shelter indoors and seek additional information. *Please note: Sirens should not be relied upon to provide enough warning indoors or in noisy areas.*

NEWS & NOTES

Six New Hires Join Anderson Fire and Rescue



Six new recruits recently started their jobs with the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department. They are from left to right: Andrew Hilgefert, Ronald Atwood, Lucas Kroener, Jacob McCarthy, Joe Crago and Ronald Kincaid. All are certified EMTs and are working toward earning their paramedic certification while working for the township.

ANDREW HILGEFORT attended Cincinnati State where he earned his firefighter and EMT certifications. He graduated from home school.

RONALD ATWOOD is a Norwood High School graduate who attended Cincinnati State. He holds EMT and firefighting certifications.

LUCAS KROENER graduated from Milford High School and Scarlet Oaks Career

Center. He is a certified EMT and firefighter. His previous job experience includes working with the Reading Fire Department.

JACOB MCCARTHY is a graduate of Purcell Marion High School. He earned a certification in firefighting and EMT from Butler Technology and Career Development Schools. Previously he worked for the Reading Fire Department.

JOE CRAGO is a graduate of Anderson High School and Great Oaks Academy where he earned his firefighter and EMT certifications. He also is a graduate of Ohio University. He previously served in the Americorps for five years.

RONALD KINCAID is a graduate of Anderson High School and earned his EMT certification at Great Oaks Academy. He is accredited in firefighting and in HazMat awareness and operations.

Deputy Jeremy Dwyer Named Officer of the Year

DEPUTY JEREMY DWYER of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office District 5 has been named the Officer of the Year. The award is given annually by the American Legion Post 318. Dwyer recently became the second school resource officer assigned to Forest Hills Schools.

The Anderson Township native began his career with the sheriff's office in 2000, working in jail services, then transferring to road patrol in 2013. Dwyer has received recognition for his work with NewPath where he has worked off duty to help troubled youth and juveniles. He also has been a top performer in productivity and in mastering new technology.



Jeremy Dwyer

Kyle Stone Earns Firefighter of the Year Award



Kyle Stone

ACTING LIEUTENANT KYLE STONE has been named the Firefighter of the Year in an award presented annually by the American Post Legion 318.

Stone began his career with Anderson Township Fire and Rescue as a firefighter-paramedic in 2014, after

serving in the U.S. Army. He was named an acting lieutenant in 2022. He received specialized training as a rescue technician and fire safety inspector and services on the Hamilton County Urban Search and Rescue Unit.

Before You Build-Do You Need a Permit?

With spring and summer projects on the horizon, make sure your bases are covered by obtaining the proper permit from Anderson Township or Hamilton County.

Most improvements/expansions to a building, plus the addition of outside structures such as sheds, fences, pools, decks, etc., require a township zoning certificate.

Anderson can process your zoning certificate request within about two business days. Only a site plan is necessary. Fees vary depending on the structure. Apply at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road during workday hours.

To make sure you have all the necessary info ready to apply, check out the easy reference guide on zoning certificates. Go

to AndersonTownshipOH.gov and search for Planning and Zoning Department. Information can be found under Reference Guides- How to Apply for a Zoning Certificate.

For information, call 513.688.8400. ext. 6.

Some improvements may require a building permit from Hamilton County Planning + Development at 513.946.4550.

These structures require a zoning certificate for a single-family residence:

- Additions including covered patios, covered decks and front porches, sunrooms and more
- Decks and uncovered patio
- Pools
- Driveway modifications



- Temporary dumpsters or pods
- Solar panels
- Fences
- Small accessory structure such as a green house, she shed or shed
- Large accessory structure such as a detached garage, pool house, pole barn

Township Street Rehab List Announced for 2024

Anderson Township recently began its planned street rehabilitation project on more than 50 township roads. Streets listed below are scheduled for work that includes curb replacement, repair of drainage inlets and replacement of sidewalk blocks. This list does not include state or county maintained roads. Work should be complete by fall 2024. Street trees will be offered to residents on these streets.

The township utilizes a two-year curb and paving program, so after this year of rehabilitation of concrete and drainage infrastructure, these streets will then be slated for removal of the existing asphalt and roadway resurfacing in the summer of 2025.

Additional roadways which do not have curb or sidewalk may be added to the 2025 paving program.

Streets scheduled for rehabilitation projects include:

Ackley Road	Elderwood Drive	Kilkenny Drive	Sacredheart Lane
Anderson Manor Court	Endovalley Drive	Knightsbridge Drive	Shoreham Court
Ashgrove Drive	Foster Avenue	Larry Joe Drive	Signal Hill Lane
Bennettwood Court	Foxhollow Drive	Lawyers Point Drive	Skytop Lane
Berrypatch Drive	Grant Avenue	Meadowcreek Drive	Spicewood Lane
Brandonhill Drive	Grenoble Court	Nitram Avenue	Stoneleigh Lane
Butlersbridge Court	Gwendolyn Drive	Oakhollow Court	Stratton Drive
Cedarville Court	Hampton Place Lane	Pastoral Lane	Timbercreek Drive
Concordgreen Drive	Heart Court	Pineterrace Drive	Towerview Lane
Copperglow Court	Heatherwood Lane	Plazaview Court	Turnberry Drive
Crotty Court	Helston Court	Ravenscrest Court	Voll Road
Eaglesknoll Court	Huntcrest Drive	Redmaple Drive	Wallingford Drive
Eastdale Drive	Kentuckview Drive	Regis Court	Windhill Terrace



SENIOR CENTER NEWS

Making Memories Last at Anderson Township Senior Center

Xavier University program links undergraduate students and members who share and document life experiences



Senior center members who participated in a co-mentoring project include from left to right bottom: Vickie Greco, Renee Zucchero, Bonnie Collins. Top row: Gretchen Lankford, Jayne Gullet, Leonard Dukes, Chris Pucket -Bell.

A new “Co-Mentoring Project” at the Anderson Township Senior Center has enriched lives of two generations through building relationships between college students and members.

The project, a brainchild of Professor Renee Zucchero, connects older adults with undergraduate psychology students. The goal of the project is to encourage students to learn about aging from the experience and voice of a senior citizen.

Students and participants undertake a “life review process,” Zucchero said. From ongoing discussions which create a rapport, students then create the volunteer’s memoirs in scrapbook or photobook form which reviews three or four life events.

Seven members of the senior center participated in the project in the fall and

were presented with their memoirs at the end of the semester.

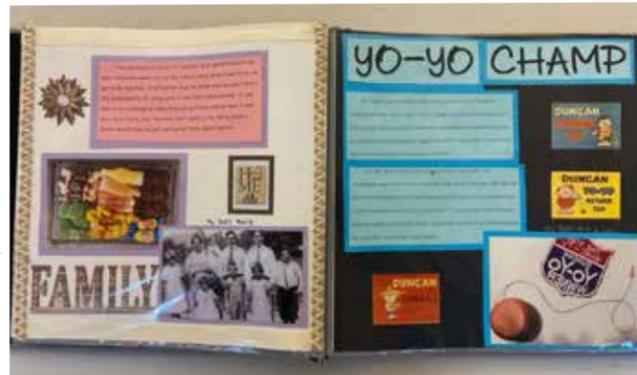
Member Christine Bell-Puckett said she and her student “hit it off wonderfully” and she told her new friend “really wild stories” of her early years. “It made me think a lot about lots of my life experiences,” she said. Her student even wrote original poetry to express situations in Bell-Puckett’s life which were included in the memory book.

Student Gretchen Lankford, a senior at Xavier University, worked with senior center member Vickie Greco and found the two had

similar career interests. Greco said the work and detail in her memoirs “floored me with the amount of research into it. I was just overwhelmed. The book was much more than I anticipated.” In her book, Lankford highlighted Greco’s interest in yo-yo competitions as a child, and special cookie recipes that she wanted to pass on to her nieces and nephews.

Zucchero said the process of meeting and talking about life stories “has been very impactful” in student learning. The exercise takes book learning out of the abstract into “things you can’t teach in a classroom,” she said.

Some participants said the experience has not only created new friendships, but also prodded them to continue documenting their memories. Senior center member Bonnie Collins said her co-mentoring experience was a “wonderful way to write memories for my children. I have been wanting to write my memoirs for years,” especially for her grandchildren who live out of town. She’s now undertaking that process to document her own life story.



Anderson Still on the Growing Edge

New Construction / Tenants / Expansions

Acute Hearing Anderson
7695 Beechmont Ave.

ALL IN GOLF
7695 Beechmont Ave.

Ameristop
7864 Beechmont Ave.

Body Alive
8315 Beechmont Ave.

Chic Nails
7738 Beechmont Ave.

CrossCountry Mortgage
7231 Beechmont Ave.

Cutting Edge Flooring
8112 Beechmont Ave.

Fyzical Therapy & Balance Center
7231 Beechmont Ave.

Milk Jar Café
7860 Beechmont Ave.

Building Modifications / Tenants

Animal Care Center
8094 Beechmont Ave.

LCNB Bank
1270 Nagel Road
(former Cincinnati Federal Savings)

Mesopotamia
7500 Beechmont Ave.
(Former Latitudes Cafe)

Fusian
7870 Beechmont Ave.

Currito
7870 Beechmont Ave.



Fusian



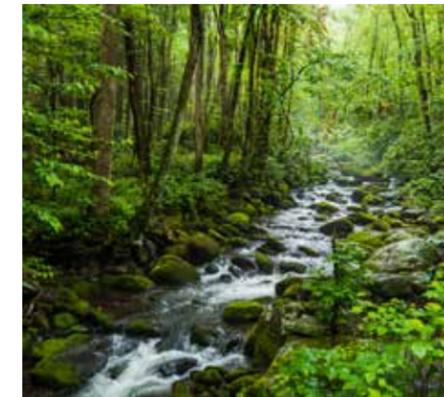
Fyzical Therapy & Balance Center

Subdivision Sites Under Construction

Nagel Village
1357 and 1349 Nagel Road

Villas of Cross Creek
1949 Wolfangel Road – 35 single-family lots

Stream Monitoring Program Documents Waterway Health



A water monitoring program that tests water quality of the Little Miami River in Anderson Township and other communities is restarting this spring.

The Saturday Stream Snapshot program, coordinated by the Cincinnati Chapter of the Izak Walton League of America, uses volunteers who once a month collect samples in the Lower Little Miami Watershed. Data is gathered and shared with state and local water resource agencies to protect and preserve water quality.

According to Anne Lyon, who started the Saturday monitoring program more than 20 years ago, the Little Miami Scenic River was the first river to receive the designation of “Wild and National Scenic River.”

Volunteers from ages 14 on up, meet monthly March through November to collect samples and analyze them. For details, email Volunteer@SaturdayStreamSnapshot.org.

Recycling Center Open For Your Cleanup of Brush, Yardwaste

Springtime means cleaning up and cleaning out! Anderson is home to a yardwaste recycling center that will help you get your yard in shape for the season. The site, operated by Bzak Landscape, is located at 3295 Turpin Lane (off State Route 32). Items to be recycled include brush, limbs and other yardwaste. The site is sponsored by the Hamilton County Solid Waste District. Some restrictions apply.

Bring your recycling from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends.



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NEWS & NOTES

Free Lead Mitigation Program Targets Older Homes, Apartments

Homes built before 1978 are targeted in a free county program that focuses on ridding dwellings of toxic lead.

Exposure from lead-based paint can cause serious behavior problems and medical issues especially in children under 6 and pregnant women. The Lead Hazard Reduction Program offered through Hamilton County Public Health is offering free home repairs to qualified residents of

low-to mid-income who may be exposed to lead paint or dust. Testing for lead is available through the program.

To qualify, a child under 6 years old needs to be living in the home or visiting often. Other restrictions also apply.

To obtain an application, visit HamiltonCountyHealth.org/services/lead or call 513.946.7876 for further details.



Anderson's Trees in Planting Program Faring Well Over Time

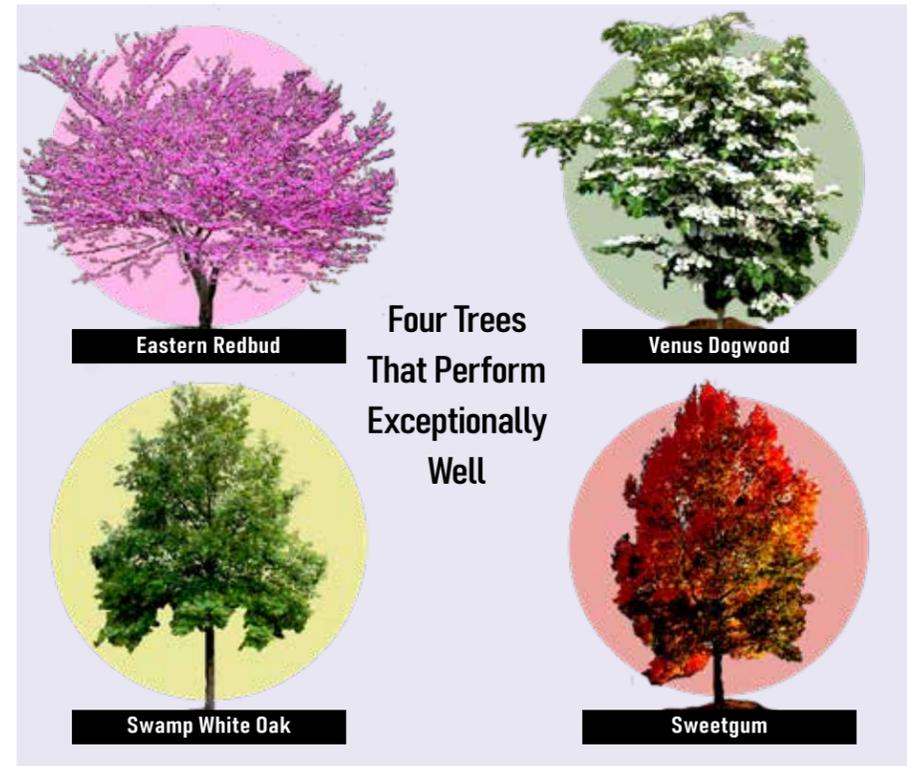
Anderson's fall tree planting program began in 2009, beautifying the community and targeted at increasing the tree canopy. The initiative not only has environmental benefits such as reducing erosion and stormwater runoff, cooling air temperatures, and providing wildlife habitat, but it also improves mental health and increases property values.

Anderson Township offers trees to township residents on streets that are undergoing pavement rehabilitation, curb or sidewalk construction or repair. Homeowners can choose a location within their front yard for their tree. Through the efforts of the Tree Committee, Anderson Township has planted more than 1,000 trees over the last 15 years, the majority of which remain in good health and continue to grow well.

In recent years, volunteers from the Tree Committee have begun monitoring these trees. A recent survey determined that more than 70 percent of trees planted by Anderson Township in 2013 and 2018 (the years chosen for the 2023 survey, five and 10 years after planting) remain in good condition. Of the trees planted in 2013, the majority remain in good (56%) or fair (3%) condition.

While a variety of tree species were offered to residents, some species were observed to be more successful than others.

The tree types planted that were found to have performed the best include the Bald



Cypress, Shingle Oak, European Hornbeam and Magnifica Hackberry.

The trees planted in 2018 were discovered to be in better condition than those planted five years earlier. It was learned that 92% of the trees remain in good or fair condition with only 8% of trees planted in 2018 unable to be located during the inspections, and none were found in poor condition.

The trees offered in 2018 included the Serviceberry, Winter King Hawthorne,

Swamp White Oak, Bald Cypress, Sweetgum, Sawtooth Oak, Japanese Lilac, Eastern Redbud and the Venus Dogwood.

Four trees that seem to perform exceptionally well, based on the survey of 2018 trees, included the Venus Dogwood, the Eastern Redbud, the Swamp White Oak and the Sweetgum.

Residents eligible for the 2024 program will be notified by mail in early fall with this year's tree options.

Parade News

Run the Beechmont Bolt Before Independence Parade

This year's Anderson Township Independence Day Parade on July 4 opens with a new twist, a one-mile Beechmont Bolt run down Beechmont Avenue before the parade.

If you've dreamed of jogging down Beechmont Avenue, free of vehicles, and missed or were too old to take part in last year's inaugural pre-parade kids fun run, here's your chance!

Building on the success of last year's kids fun run, the Beechmont Bolt experience is an official run, open to all ages. However,



it's limited to the first 500 runners who will run a mile down

Beechmont. The event starts 15 minutes before the parade at 9:45 a.m. Half of the entry proceeds will be donated to Anderson and Turpin high school athletes. Only runners can participate in the run (no walkers) and no strollers or pets, as the race must be wrapped up on time to allow the parade to proceed. Participants must sign up in advance-no signup available on the day of the run/parade.



Last year's Kids Fun Run on Beechmont

For details and signup, see acceleratead.com/beechemont-bolt.

Make Plans for a Memorable July 4th Parade Entry

Summer fun is around the corner and Anderson Township is busy organizing its popular Anderson Township Independence Day Parade, set for Thursday, July 4.

Applications for parade entries open on April 22. The 10 a.m. parade follows the same path as in previous years, starting at the Anderson Township Operations Center, 7954 Beechmont Ave., and ending at the Anderson Towne Center.

Pick up parade registration forms at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road, or on the township's website, AndersonTownshipOH.gov (under the What's New section).



Join Volunteer Team at Independence Day Parade

Do you love a parade? Join the volunteer team of the Anderson Township Independence Day Parade to help make this year's parade a great day for Anderson residents and visitors.

Volunteers are needed for pre-parade day planning and setup, and for two-to four-hour shifts the day of the parade. Parade day duties include staging, traffic management and crowd control.

Contact Steve Sievers at ssievers@AndersonTownshipOH.gov or 513.688.8604 to sign up.

Historic Miller-Leuser Log Cabin Tours Resume in Spring

Visit an iconic symbol of Anderson Township's pioneer history, the preserved Miller-Leuser Log House, as it opens its doors again this spring to resume tours.

Free tours are sponsored by the Anderson Township Historical Society, the organization that owns and cares for the log home.

Built in the late 1700s, the log cabin is open from 1-4 p.m. the first and third Sundays of the month starting May 4. It is one of the very few remaining houses built by the pioneers who settled the Ohio River Valley.

Informed volunteers from the historical society conduct the free tours and share information about the structure and the township's history. Visitors can explore the corncrib and outhouse and learn about Anderson's farming heritage.

For more information, visit andersontownshiphistoricalsociety.org/log-house.



CONNECT

Community Litter Cleanup Event Needs You!

Help Anderson Township be its cleanest version of itself by taking part in the Great American Cleanup. Beautify Anderson Township on Saturday, April 20 during the Great American Cleanup during a few hours in the morning.

Anderson targets its Greenspace properties and roadway berms from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Volunteers are welcome to participate during all or part of the event. Older children are welcome with adult supervision.

If you can't make it that day, organize a group or come alone on a day and time that works best for you. The township provides some cleanup supplies.

To preregister a large group, contact Planning and Zoning Assistant Director Sarah Donovan at 513.688.8400 ext. 1181 or email her at sdonovan@AndersonTownshipOH.gov.



SATURDAY, APRIL 20
8:30 A.M. - NOON



SATURDAY, APRIL 27
10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Drug Take Back Day Hosted April 27

Dispose of unneeded prescription or over-the-counter drugs through a special free program sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Agency.

The annual Drug Take Back Day allows you to safely dispose of unwanted pharmaceuticals and over-the-counter drugs versus throwing them in the toilet or the trash. Bring all your expired or unwanted prescriptions to the annual

Drug Take Back Day set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 27 at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road.

Liquids, aerosols, inhalers, needles or (plastic/glass) bottles are not accepted at the site. Place pills and tablets into a zip-lock-style bag for disposal.

For more information, contact Deputy Brian Hayes at 513.688.8400 ext.1191 or bhayes@AndersonTownshipOH.gov.

Community Garage Sale Day Returns in May

Anderson's annual community yard sale day is coming up, set for Saturday, May 4.

Buy, sell or browse participating home sales all around the township on this day. Anderson Township makes it easy to participate by providing a list and interactive map of all garage sale sites.

Advertise your sale for free on AndersonTownshipOH.gov by contacting Betty Cowan and providing your address and the start and stop time of your sale before May 1. Contact her at bcowan@AndersonTownshipOH.gov.



SATURDAY, MAY 18
9 A.M. - NOON

Welcome Back Anderson Farmers' Market

Area artisans ready their products for the Anderson Township Farmers' Market starting Saturday, May 18.

The event features Farm-fresh produce, home-baked goods and area artisans who set up at the St. Timothy Church parking lot, 8101 Beechmont Ave. The market runs from 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday through October 18.

Returning also are live musicians, special guests, samples and giveaways. On opening day, the market will provide free goodies every hour the market is open.

For details, visit Facebook: Anderson Township Farmers Market.

Remembering Heroes: Memorial Day Ceremony

Fallen veterans and those who have served in the armed services are honored and remembered during the annual Anderson Township Memorial Day Remembrance and Bell Ringing Ceremony.

This solemn remembrance is hosted by the Anderson Township Veterans Memorial Committee at 11:45 a.m. on Monday, May 27.

It takes place on Anderson Center's South Plaza, the site of the township's veterans memorial. The speaker is television anchor and U.S. Air Force veteran Craig McKee.

Names of deceased members of the armed forces will be read during the ceremony. Sign in by 11:45 a.m. if you wish to have your loved one's name read during the ceremony. The event starts at noon.



MONDAY, MAY 27, 11:45 A.M.

Experience the Beauty of Anderson's Gardens in Annual Tour

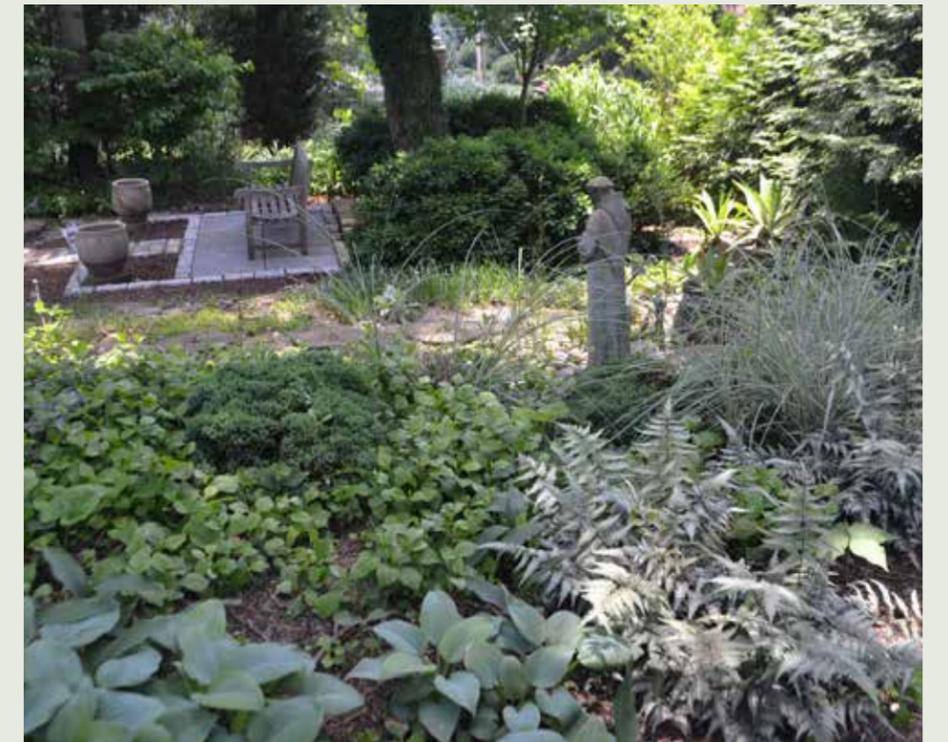
Showcased gardens full of bountiful blooms and creative use of landscaped color are all part of the annual Anderson Garden and History Tour experience.

Scheduled this year for Sunday, June 9, the tour provides an opportunity to visit township gardens, plus tour historic buildings preserved in Anderson Township.

This self-guided event runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is organized on a detailed map describing each location. Now in its 20th year, the event continues to highlight mature gardens as well as newer ones.

A flyer detailing this year's gardens will be available after May 15 at AndersonTownshipOH.gov or for pickup at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road.

Interested in sharing your beautiful space? Contact Sarah Donovan at 513.688.8400 ext. 1181 or email her at sdonovan@AndersonTownshipOH.gov to discuss your garden.



SUNDAY, JUNE 9 · 10 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Fun, Food and Fireworks Highlight Anderson Day Celebration



Save the date! The Anderson Day Festival returns to Beech Acres Park at 4 p.m. Saturday, July 27 for a day full of fun.

The event packs six hours with music, food, drinks and entertainment for the entire family with games and rides. Rozzi

Fireworks rounds out the evening, starting at 10 p.m. Admission and parking are free.

Proceeds benefit the Anderson Foundation for Parks and Recreation.

Check for updates at AndersonParks.com.

EVENTS

APRIL

Encore! 2024-The Forest-Aires Women's Chorus
Anderson Center Theater
 7850 Five Mile Road
 Friday, April 19, 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday, April 20, 7:30 p.m. and
 Sunday, April 21, 3 p.m.
 Tickets: \$15 at the forestaires.com

Great American Cleanup
Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road
 Saturday, April 20, 8:30 a.m.-noon
 Info and signup: Sarah Donovan
 at 513.688.8400 ext. 1181 or
sdonovan@AndersonTownshipOH.gov.



Great American Cleanup

Drug Take Back Day
Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road
 Saturday, April 27, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Not accepted: liquids, aerosols,
 inhalers, needles or plastic/glass
 bottles. Place pills and tablets inside
 a zip-lock-style bag for disposal.
 Info: Deputy Brian Hayes at
 513.688.8400 ext. 1191 or
AndersonTownshipOH.gov.

MAY

Beechmont Players-Death by Fatal Murder
Anderson Center Theater
 7850 Five Mile Road
 Friday and Saturday May 3-4,
 7:30 p.m., Sunday, May 5, 2 p.m.
 Friday and Saturday, May 9-10,
 7:30 p.m., Sunday, May 11, 2 p.m.
 Tickets: \$20; Students, seniors (ages
 60+) and active military, \$18.
 Tickets: Beechmontplayers.org.

Communitywide Garage Sales
Various locations across township
 Saturday, May 4, time varies
 Sales listed on AndersonTownshipOH.gov.
 Have your sale listed in an
 interactive map app by contacting
 Betty Cowan at
bcowan@AndersonTownshipOH.gov.
 by May 1 with your information.

Forest Hills 5K
Nagel Middle School, 1500 Nagel Rd
 Saturday, May 11, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
 Info: fhfe.org

Anderson Township Historical Society Plant Sale
Anderson Township Pet Center, 6666 Clough Pike
 Saturday, May 11, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
 Sunday, May 12, noon-4 p.m.

Anderson Township Farmers' Market Opening Day
St. Timothy Church
 8101 Beechmont Ave.
 Saturday, May 18, 9 a.m. to noon
 Market runs through October 5
 Info: [Facebook.com/AndersonTownshipFarmersMarket](https://www.facebook.com/AndersonTownshipFarmersMarket)

Lejeune Dance-La Fille Mal Gardée
Anderson Center Theater
 7850 Five Mile Road
 Friday and Saturday, May 24-25,
 7:30 p.m., Sunday, May 26, 2 p.m.
 Tickets: \$20; \$15 seniors 65+ and
 children 10 and under
lejeunedance.com/tickets



Memorial Day Remembrance

Memorial Day Remembrance and Bell Ringing Ceremony
Anderson Center South Plaza
 7850 Five Mile Road
 Monday, May 27, 11:45 a.m.
 Info: Jennifer Sanders at 513.688.8444 or
jsanders@AndersonTownshipOH.gov.

Summerfair
Riverbend Park, 6201 Kellogg Ave.
 Friday-Sunday, May 31-June 2
 Info and tickets: summerfair.org



Summerfair



Anderson Township Farmers' Market

JUNE

Anderson Community Band Concert
Anderson Center Theater
 7850 Five Mile Road
 Sunday, June 2, 3 p.m.
 Info: John Fecker, 513.207.8506 or
andersoncommunityband.org
 Free

Archeological Dig-Miami Valley Recollecting and Reconnecting
 Anderson Township Greenspace on
 State Route 32 and Clough Pike (Use
 bike trail parking next to Speedway)
 June 3-June 28, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
 weekdays-open to the public.
 To volunteer:
miamivalleyrecollecting@gmail.com
 Facebook: [mvrr.ohioarcheology](https://www.facebook.com/mvrr.ohioarcheology)

Anderson Garden and History Tour
 Variety of locations throughout township
 Sunday, June 9, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
 Free, self-guided tour.
 Brochure online after May 15 at
AndersonTownshipOH.gov.

Summer Used Book Sale-Anderson Township Library Association
Nagel Middle School, 1500 Nagel Rd
 Friday, June 21, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
 Saturday, June 22, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Sunday, June 23, noon-3 p.m.
 Info: cincinnati.library.org/about/atla

JULY

Anderson Township Independence Day Parade and Beechmont Bolt
 Thursday, July 4
 Run starts at 9:45 a.m., Parade starts at 10 a.m.
 Beechmont Avenue, starting at Beechmont Fire Station, 7954 Beechmont Ave.
 Info: AndersonTownshipOH.gov
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Clough and Newtown Improvement Project To Add Sidewalks, Turn Lanes

A busy spot on Clough Pike at the Newtown Road intersection is slated for significant upgrades.

Engineering is underway to introduce a new eastbound left turn lane at the Newtown Road and Clough Pike intersection. This project also includes a new sidewalk along the south side of the Clough corridor between Newtown Road and Copperleaf Drive, **completing the sidewalk in that area** that was built by the Harmony at Anderson senior housing community. Construction is planned for 2026.

Anderson Township, the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Hamilton County Engineer's Office are collaborating on the project, which was one of many upgrades identified in the township's 2021 study of the Clough corridor.

"We have made significant strides in upgrading Clough Pike in the past few years, and more improvements are planned through our Clough corridor study," noted Trustee Lexi Lausten.

"This intersection is a busy area with traffic generated from Turpin High School and traffic coming and going north to Newtown and locations north. **There are traffic backups and accidents at this intersection** as vehicles attempt to turn left up the Newtown Road hill," said Lausten.

"We're looking forward to upgrading to support safety improvements in this area to address these issues," said Steve Sievers, assistant township administrator for operations. "In addition, the new sidewalks will add an important link to our growing Anderson Trails Network, increasing walkability in the Turpin Hills area," he added.

More than half of the estimated \$850,000 cost of improvements is being picked up by ODOT through the OKI Surface Transportation Program. **Anderson was awarded more than \$363,000 for the high-priority project** and will provide a matching grant to complete the upgrades.

An opportunity for comment will be available at a public open house set for from 4-5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 9 at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road. Plans also will be posted at AndersonTownshipOH.gov (under "News") through May 23 for review and comment.



Clough Pike and Newton Road intersection