

# ANDERSON Insights

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## Clough Pike Traffic Survey Important Link in Determining Future of Historic Roadway

Anderson, Hamilton County Engineer's Office hope survey could help define specific issues and opportunities to enhance Clough

Clough Pike's role as a key corridor in the township is under examination, similar to prior township-led studies of other key corridors in the Anderson Township community.

To determine what issues residents and businesses see in the coming years, the township has developed a survey that will help identify critical issues to target future planning efforts. The survey is being undertaken with the Hamilton County Engineer's Office, as Clough is a county-maintained roadway.

Steve Sievers, assistant administrator of operations, said in 2013, Clough was the focus of significant traffic-related improvements, including the addition of sidewalks, widening of roads, lighting upgrades and other safety strategies. In the past two decades, the township and county have fostered a series of projects in this area: intersection reconfigurations, roadway widenings and turn lane additions, new traffic signals and sidewalks along Clough.

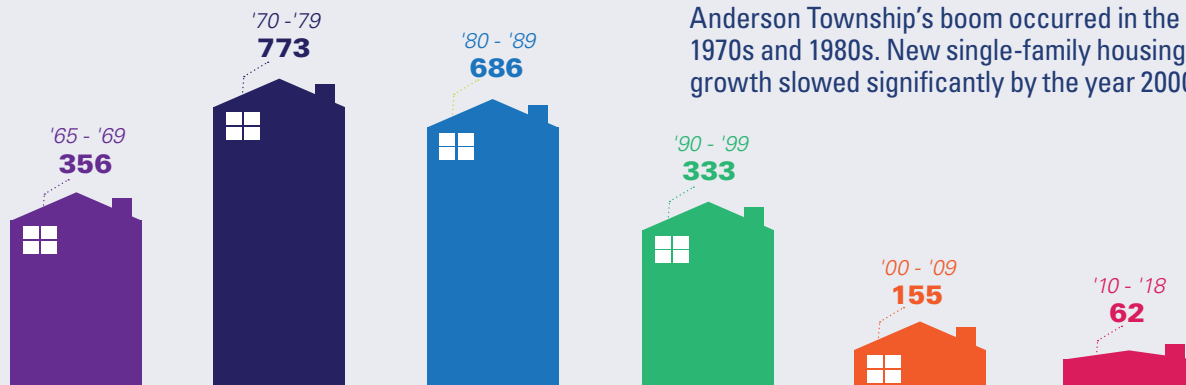
"The Clough Pike Corridor' has seen a lot of growth in the last 30 years," said Sievers. "As part of that growth, during the 1970s and 1980s, the township saw significant residential growth, when an average of 365 housing units were built in a year here, which is more than the last decade combined," he said. (See chart below.) "Obviously over the years, this growth and changes along Clough Pike brought issues and concerns," he said.

"I applaud my board, previous boards, and our entire team at Anderson Township for being mindful, responsible and creative when it comes to the overall look, safety and logistics of this important artery through our township," said Josh Gerth, trustee president.

With the recent approval of the Harmony Senior Living project, "We promised our residents that we would take another look at the long-term planning of this county road, including the area upstream into Clermont County. This feedback will help get us started."

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Source: Anderson Township Planning and Zoning Department 1965-2018

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# TOWNSHIP NEWS

## Township Adopts New Notification System: Alert Hamilton County

Township switching from CodeRED emergency alert system to more expansive county platform

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

The township has used the CodeRED emergency notification system for more than 10 years to provide residents with important alerts delivered to the

communication device of their choice. Township officials initiated the CodeRED messages through that localized program.

This year, Anderson Township officials are urging residents to participate in a new free mass emergency notification program called Alert HC. Township officials say the county program provides broader coverage and is less expensive. It's sponsored through the Hamilton County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency.

"Make sure you register on this new system," said Fire and Rescue Chief Rick Martin. "The new program will give us a quicker, closer connection



to emergency alerts, and greatly reduces the chance of warnings that are false in nature," he said.

Residents may sign up by following a link on the front page of *AndersonTownship.org* or by signing up at the township booth at Greater Anderson Days.

"The county-wide service will enable us to be better coordinated in the case of a widespread emergency and allow us to draw on the county's resources and regional support should there be a localized situation in Anderson," said Trustee Andrew Pappas.

Alert HC offers more than 40 notification options. Opt-in choices include severe weather, flooding, a missing child, natural disasters and other important news. Alerts can be accessed via voice call, text, email, or all three, depending on your personal preferences.

Non-emergency notifications may be issued by the township through the system; however, users will only receive non-emergency notifications for the topics chosen in their user profile.

### How to Sign Up?

1. Go to [www.alerthc.org](http://www.alerthc.org) to register for Alert Hamilton County.
2. Enter personal information (name, address, contact information).
3. Select the alerts of your choice.
4. Fill out a secure "Safety Profile" that will allow 911 operators to relay important information to first responders when you call 911 during an emergency.
5. Link to the sign up on the front page of *AndersonTownship.org* or sign up at Greater Anderson Days in the Anderson Township booth.

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



## Despite Levy Stretching, Township's Road and Bridge Fund Faces Future Financial Shortfall

A 1-mill road-hike-bike levy approved by voters in 1998 to fund roadway repairs, sidewalk construction and Public Works Department operations has been stretched to its 21st year. However, by 2021, township projections indicate this fund will face a shortfall.

Over time, as the levy does not adjust with property valuations or inflation, the 1-mill levy has been reduced to .6 mills. Essentially, by 2021, additional funds will be needed to sustain the current level of roadway and sidewalk repairs.



### What work is covered by the Public Works Department?

The answer is multifaceted. Whether you travel Anderson Township streets, utilize public recycling, take a walk or ride on a sidewalk or trail, you benefit from Public Works services that are paid for by this fund.

The department manages street resurfacing, sidewalk repair, and is vital in helping residents get to work with its efficient snow removal service. And, when potholes do arise on the over 120 miles of township roadways, it's this levy that funds these necessary repairs.

"Keeping these services at a high level contributes heavily to the quality of life enjoyed in Anderson Township," notes Trustee President Josh Gerth. "The work undertaken by the Public Works Department is often unseen, but essential to running the township and keeping our community moving, and looking great, each day."

"It never ceases to amaze me how we are able to keep a levy going beyond its proposed life like we have with this one," said Trustee Andrew Pappas. "Our Public Works Department is very frugal and should be commended on their ability to stretch a dollar."

To keep infrastructure safe and sound, the township is conducting its triannual review of all roadways. This inventory is an aid in determining what finances are needed for future street, curb and sidewalk repairs. (In 2008, the township, unlike most other communities, accepted maintenance for all public sidewalks on township streets.) Funds from this levy help cover this cost, as well as contribute to the popular Anderson Trails network.

"We have stretched the 1998 levy to its limit," said Public Works Director Eric Luginbuhl. "A renewal to this funding source will enable us to ensure our road, curb, and sidewalk infrastructure is in sound condition for decades to come," he added. Since the levy was passed in 1998, the township-owned road inventory has increased from 109 to 120 miles.

Some outside relief may be coming to help support the township's funding shortfall, but it won't likely be enough to cover the deficit that is projected, according to Administrator Vicky Earhart.

Two actions at the state level could eventually improve the funding outlook for the department and will help to reduce the amount of this levy.

A gas tax approved this year by the Ohio General Assembly will generate about \$150,000 annually for the township. The gas tax is 10.5 cents per gallon.

If approved by the Board of Township Trustees, a license tax that will allocate \$5

per registered unit for the township could generate \$227,375, based on 2018 information. Tax collection could begin in 2021 upon board approval.

"Thanks to the creativity of our staff, and our ability to tap existing and proposed additional funding and grants, we have extended this levy for more than two decades," said Trustee Vice President Dee Stone. "This is a testament to the township's fiscal responsibility to our taxpayers," she added. "However, additional support will be needed to keep our infrastructure in top shape and stay ahead of the maintenance curve."

## ANDERSON TOWNSHIP EFFORTS TO SAVE RESIDENTS MONEY

### Trash and Recycling

A township program negotiated in 2017 provided free curbside recycling for all township residents who subscribe individually to Rumpke, netting savings and increasing the overall number of recyclers in the community. (See page 13 for more information.)

### Electricity Aggregation

A voter-approved electricity aggregation program started in 2017 and served an average number of 9,923 residents in 2018 with savings of a total of \$318,960.25. The average savings per resident was \$32.15 per year.

### Water

Township leaders contributed to several countywide efforts in 2018 and 2019 to hold off water rate increases for townships. Negotiations led to a 50-year freeze on any rate increases.

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## Survey Probes Concerns, Needs and Opportunities of Business Owners

Township and Anderson Area Chamber ask for information regarding public services, value of location, workforce strength

What is the health of the Anderson business community in today's economy? That query is the underlying theme of a survey being conducted this summer by Anderson Township and the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce. They're working together to assess the health of township businesses, regarding workforce availability, quality of public services and value of an Anderson Township business location.

Owners are asked to rate both benefits and obstacles to doing business in the township.

"It's been a number of years since we last surveyed our businesses, and historically the information gleaned from such an effort has been extremely helpful in determining ways in which the township and chamber can assist their success," said Assistant Administrator for Operations Steve Sievers. "Our last survey was in 2010 and we want to compare notes to see what the perception of our business community is regarding Anderson's pluses and minuses when it comes to operating a business in our community."

"Responses will help guide future programs and policies and be especially significant to the township's Economic Development Committee," he said. The Economic Development Committee, which has been working on projects such as promotion and marketing of the township, workforce development, and facilitating investment in the township business districts, seeks to gain information from owners regarding what business services would support economic growth here.

The survey also probes businesses about employee needs and whether hiring qualified employees here is an issue. Additionally, it provides an overall assessment of community services.

Trustee Andrew Pappas, a small business owner in the township, noted, "It is critical that we have a pulse of our business community, which is a vital part of the quality of life in Anderson Township."

Eric Miller, president and CEO of the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce, said, "The more we know about our local businesses, the better we can serve them. The business survey will help measure the current status of Anderson businesses in addition to identify what needs are going to be in the future. Workforce development is a moving target and with the chamber working in concert with the township and the Forest Hills School District, we can hopefully help match corporate needs with educational curriculum."

Sievers noted that any specific business needs that were identified by the survey would be addressed.

The survey will be available online at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/AndersonBusinessSurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AndersonBusinessSurvey), until August 5.



*Anthology of Anderson Township*



*Graeters*



*Grammas Pizza*

## No Slowdown in Summer Projects for Non-residential Development

### Completed Projects

- **Graeters** - 8517 Beechmont Ave.
- **Goldfish Swim School** - 8253 Beechmont Ave.
- **Grammas Pizza** - 8310 Beechmont Ave.
- **Cricket Wireless** - 8390 Beechmont Ave.
- **Rancheros - Anderson Towne Center** - 7578 Beechmont Ave.
- **Rustic Roots Hair Studio** - 6740 Clough Pike
- **Enhance Medical Spa** - 8130 Beechmont Ave.
- **CenterBank** - Former PNC Bank at 7391 Beechmont Ave.
- **Connected Life (Cincinnati Bell)** - Shoppes at Anderson Towne Center at Wolfangel and Beechmont

### Projects Under Construction

- **Stonegate Phase 3** - 7911 Stonegate Drive - Two new apartment buildings, totaling 120-units.
- **Anthology Senior Living** - 6881 Beechmont Ave. (Formerly known as Stonecrest) - 100-bed senior housing development
- **Anderson Barbershop** - 1969 Eight Mile - Interior modifications
- **Big Ash Brewing Company** 5230 Beechmont Ave. - Façade renovations and interior renovations
- **Kitchen 1883 Restaurant** - Shoppes at Anderson Towne Center at Wolfangel & Beechmont
- **SEM Manor** - 1348-1350 Pebble Court - Interior and exterior renovations along with parking lot expansion
- **Forest Hills Care Center** - 8700 Moran Drive - Building addition
- **Anderson High School** - 7560 Forest Road - Building expansions and interior renovations



*Goldfish Swim School*

### Proposed Projects

- **Raising Cane's** - Former Applebee's at 7920 Beechmont Ave. - New restaurant in building permit process
- **Mt. Washington Care Center** - 6882 & 6900 Beechmont Ave. - Building addition in zoning review process
- **Reserves of Anderson** - 660 Four Mile - 32-lot subdivision in review process
- **Buffalo Wings & Rings Office Building and Retail Development** - Former Identity Hair Salon at 8501 Beechmont Ave. in zoning review process
- **Harmony Senior Living** - 6201 and 6301 Clough Pike - New assisted living and memory care facility in zoning review process
- **Cincinnati Used Auto** - 8260 Beechmont Ave. - Parking lot expansion in zoning review process

## Door-to-Door Sales Regulations – What You Should Know

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 further criminal activity."



# Historical Society Property Undergoing 'Urban Farm' Transformation with Garden Plots, Social Events

A new community project is drawing people of all ages to garden together and enjoy a slice of the township's history with the "Anderson Urban Farm" effort.

Working together, volunteers are reshaping and restoring a 9-acre piece of Anderson Township Historical Society property that's been dormant for years. This grass roots project is a kind of throwback to the township's rural roots, organizers say. It was launched by the society, which helped organize the Urban Farm effort.

Located adjacent to Turpin High School, the property off Bartels Road includes three older homes and a bank barn. With help from Urban Farm organizer Daryl Meyerrenke, David Vogel Landscaping, Barrett Asphalt and volunteers from Crossroads Church and within the township, the site has been transformed from vacant land with deteriorating buildings into a spot for garden plots and community activities.

Over the past few months, progress has come quickly. Grounds have been cleaned up, an inventory of the contents of the homes and a large barn has been undertaken, and decisions were made about what to do with all the items on the property. Additionally, 34 plots of land designated for urban garden sites were cleared and plowed. Planting started in May, with a full cadre of gardeners who began working the land as soon as it became available.

"The transformation of this piece of ground has been astonishing," said historical society Vice President Don Perry. In just one day during the spring, "the outstanding workers from Crossroads Church and the volunteers from the Urban Farm transformed the barn from an over-stuffed building of society collections to one we can be proud of." The day after the barn cleanup, the Urban Farm volunteers hosted their first Seed Bash, a celebration attended by more than 200 supporters. Future events ideas include nature walks, live music, a chili fest, ice cream social, a township fair, a pumpkin patch/harvest festival and a haunted farm or barn tour.

"While it is our intent to add live animal learning opportunities in the coming year, we decided to focus on the infrastructure and gardens this first year," Meyerrenke said. "The first livestock will come this fall when we fulfill our responsibilities to a \$6,000 grant we received from the George and Margaret McLane Foundation," he said. "We will collaborate with Mercer Elementary School in a three-phased project that has been integrated into their curriculum."

The first phase will revolve around third graders caring for and studying chickens from birth through egg production, he said. The other two phases explore the study of macro invertebrates in the stream on the property, and the replacement of invasive species of plants with indigenous native plants.

The Urban Farm group meets at 7 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the farm, 2550 Bartels Road. Volunteers are welcome. For details, go to their Facebook page: Anderson Township Historical Society Urban Farm, or call Meyerrenke at 646-8037.



Urban Farm gardens grow



First "Seed Bash" at Anderson Urban Farm



# Let's Walk Together-Visit the 225<sup>th</sup> Heritage Tree Grove

Anderson Township has a reputation for being a beautiful community, and local leadership has contributed proactively to keeping this reputation alive. Township leaders are continuously designating and protecting open space, while ensuring development is in concert with nature, and working to create beautiful areas all over the community: green spaces, walking trails, and planted groves of trees.

For the past 10 years, the township has been awarded the Tree City USA designation, recognizing the efforts of the volunteer-driven Anderson Township Tree Committee. As part of the committee's work, the special 225<sup>th</sup> Heritage Tree Grove along the Five Mile Trail and Five Mile Road was planted last year. The grove is designed to reflect the native species of trees that would have historically populated the Anderson area.

Although a visitor could start at any point, parking is conveniently available at the Mercy Healthplex and visitors can start at the beginning of the grove by crossing the road at the intersection of State Road and Five Mile Road. Just before Clough and Five Mile Road is visible a grove of trees protected by landscape cages and natural flora growth. Enjoy native butterflies, moths and caterpillars that inhabit these trees. Listen to the songbirds that enjoy these tasty bug treats.

Visitors to the Heritage Tree Grove can use the visits as an educational experience and identify the different native trees that would have been here 225 years ago. The Heritage Tree Grove is also a good example of a native, sustainable tree grove that can be installed in your own yard on a small scale. On a larger scale, it can be emulated by local businesses and area developments to create sustainable, native landscaping.

"Over the years, our community has become more walkable; it is wonderful to see our volunteer committees and staff create places for our residents to enjoy as they walk," said Trustee Vice President Dee Stone.

Questions about the 225<sup>th</sup> Heritage Tree Grove, Anderson Township Tree Committee, and more should be directed to Paul Drury at 688-8400, ext. 1176 or [pdrury@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:pdrury@AndersonTownship.org).



From left to right: Tree Committee Member Lori Beer, Trustee Vice President Dee Stone, President Josh Gerth, Fiscal Officer Ken Dietz, Trustee Andrew Pappas, Tree Committee Member Tim Kloppernberg.



225<sup>th</sup> Heritage Tree Grove along Five Mile Road

# Turn Your Key and Save Money, Help the Environment

Turning the ignition in your vehicle is probably one of the simplest tasks you perform all day.

However, many people tend to believe that idling (leaving a car's engine running when it's parked or not in use) is somehow more convenient than turning that key. Not only is it less convenient, it's much more harmful. Idling costs money, affects health and air by creating smog and health-harming pollution plus wasting gasoline.

Some drivers think it is more efficient to leave the car running, rather than turning it off and restarting the engine. When a car is left idling, it receives the worst mileage possible - zero miles per

gallon! Contrary to popular belief, idling for more than 30 seconds uses more gasoline than turning off the engine and restarting it. Aside from wasting precious gasoline, idling also releases pollutants into the air and can negatively affect vehicles.

Consider reducing the amount of time you spend idling when:

- dropping off or picking up kids at school,
- waiting at a drive-thru,
- waiting in line at the gas station or car wash,
- running short errands,
- warming up car in cold weather.

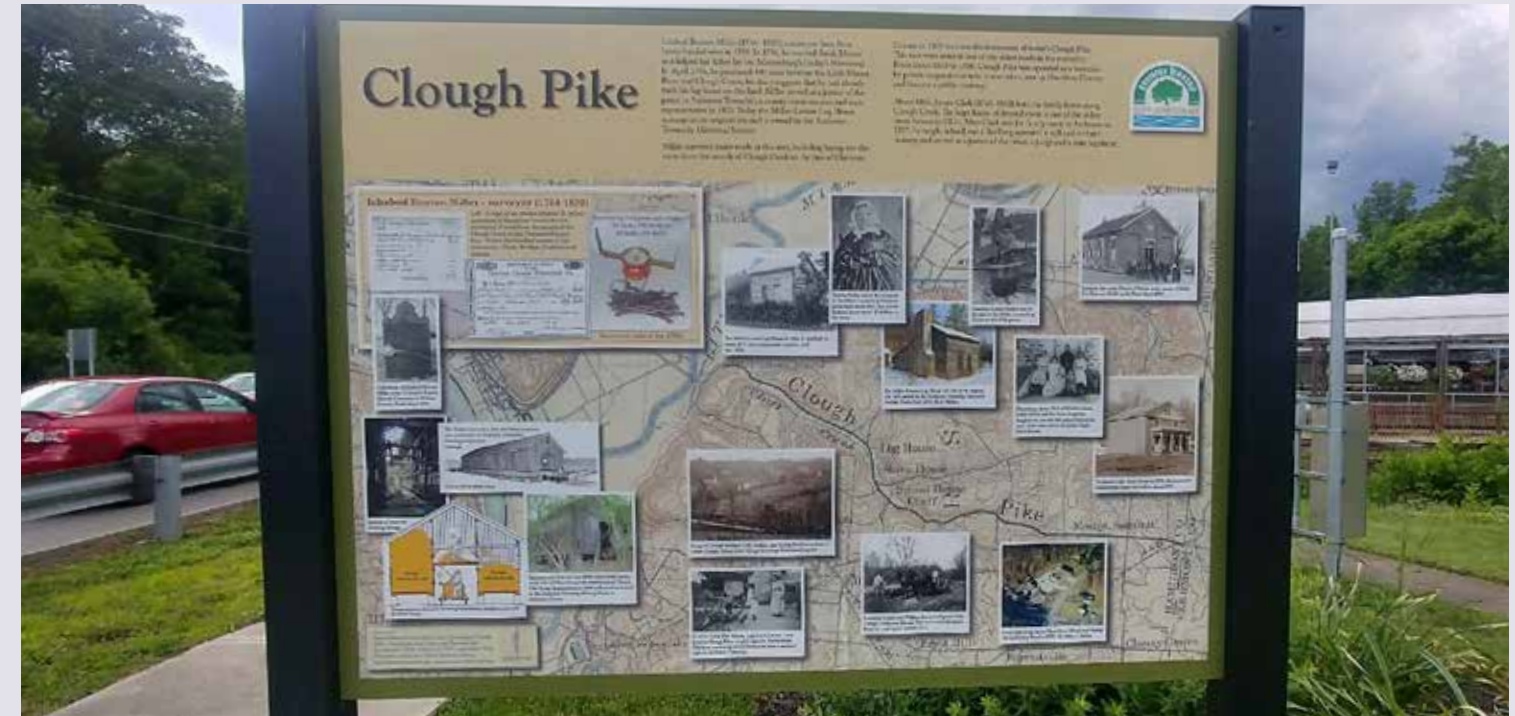
Information provided by Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District.

# HISTORY

## Legacy Signs Take Viewers on Well-Traveled Routes in History



Previously, the Wolfangel intersection was offset which resulted in significant safety concerns. This project aligned the intersection with traffic signals, eliminating many safety issues. Photo courtesy of Henry Dolive.



As lasting remembrances of the celebration of the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Anderson Township in 2018, Anderson Township has erected three legacy panels installed outdoors at public locations.

In the background on each of the large two-sided panels are sections of a Department of the Interior U.S. Geological Survey map (1914 edition) showing the topography, roads and buildings of the time. The panels include nearly 100 illustrations recalling the early history of the township as well as highlighting more recent developments.

Viewers may wish to make special trips to see each of the panels or perhaps just pause to notice a highlight or two. One panel is at the corner of Clough Pike and Hunley near the historic James Clark Stone House, one is in the traffic circle at Anderson Towne Center between Bar Louie and the AMC Dine-In Theatre, and one is along the main path at Kellogg Park just above the parking lot (6701 Kellogg Ave.). These three locations were chosen because they are well-traveled routes in today's Anderson that also were major pathways through the area in the past.

**THE CLOUGH PIKE SIGN** includes a portrait of Richard Clough Anderson (1750-1826), surveyor general of the Virginia Military District, land between the Little Miami and Scioto rivers awarded to Virginia after the Revolutionary War. Anderson set up his office in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1784. Anderson Township was the only portion of the county that was part of the military district.

The township, Clough Creek and Clough Pike were named for the surveyor general. Illustrations on the sign also recall the work of surveyor Ichabod Benton Miller who laid out the road along the creek in 1805. The permanent displays include images of the families who over the decades lived in the Miller-Leuser

Log House that Miller built on 440 acres of land bought in 1796. Alongside these images are farms and families of the fertile Clough Creek area, plus illustrations of businesses, churches and schools.

**THE BEECHMONT AVENUE DISPLAY** recalls the many decades of development of this major roadway and significant place of commerce. Illustrations help viewers appreciate the changes in Beechmont from its days as a dirt road once part of the privately-owned Ohio Turnpike, to a narrow roadway with the IRT railway track running alongside it, which has evolved into today's multi-lane thoroughfare. Panel images trace the development of the area with its shops, churches, schools, restaurants and businesses.

A photo from 1912 shows what today's busy Beechmont and Eight Mile Road intersection looked like when a young Harold Z. Maddux was trying out his new bicycle in the crossroads. Maddux (1898-1995) grew up to be a teacher and principal in the Forest Hills schools. Maddux Elementary School is named in his honor.

**THE KELLOGG AVENUE PERMANENT SIGN** depicts the wide variety of activities found along the scenic riverfront from today and yesteryear. Images detail the area's role as farmland and an important transportation route in the past. They also reveal growth as an entertainment destination as Coney Island, River Downs (now Belterra Park), Riverbend and public parks have developed and changed over the decades.

The legacy signs were funded by the non-profit Anderson Township Betterment Commission and designed by Wallace DeZign. Images and information were drawn from the records of the township and from the collections of the Anderson Township Historical Society. View all signs online at [AndersonTownship.org/225](http://AndersonTownship.org/225).

Text by Janet Heywood, research chair, Anderson Township Historical Society.

## Clough Survey (Continued from page 1)

### Historic traffic improvements along Clough Pike in the last two decades include:

- Reconfiguration of the once-dangerous Clough-Wolfangel intersection was completed by Hamilton County in 2002. This upgrade included a change in elevation of about 17 feet and aligning Wolfangel Road north and south of Clough (which were previously offset).
- The intersection of Clough Pike and Bruns Lane was widened in 2004 by the developer of the Eagle's Watch at Ingram's Ridge subdivision. Two safety upgrades were completed: a left turn lane heading eastbound, and a traffic signal at the high-accident intersection.
- Anderson Township received a \$2.12 million congestion mitigation and air quality grant for improvements that were completed in 2013 in the Clough Historic Business District between Berkshire and Newtown roads. This project included reduced curb cuts, turn lanes, defined driveways and utility consolidation, plus the addition of sidewalks and improved street lighting. The result was an increase in safety and ambiance of the historic area.

To take the Clough Traffic Study Survey, go to [SurveyMonkey.com/R/CloughTrafficTraffic](https://www.surveymonkey.com/R/CloughTrafficTraffic) or go to [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org) for a link. The survey will be online until August 5.



Clough Historic Business District in 2012



Clough Historic Business District in 2019

# COMMUNITY PARTNERS

## Beech Acres Park Hosts Anderson Days July 26-28

Don't miss Anderson's signature midsummer event- Anderson Days- which returns for three evenings with food, fun and fireworks on July 26, 27 and 28 at Beech Acres Park.

Each year, thousands of people enjoy live music, a talent show, games, rides, food and a fireworks show by Rozzi's Famous Fireworks, courtesy of the Beechmont Automotive Group. The fireworks display at 9:45 p.m. on Sunday, July 28, provides a finale to this community weekend.

Live music returns, too, featuring *Gee, Your Band Smells Terrific* on July 26, *What She Said* and *My Sister Sarah* on July 27 and *Anna and the Deeper Well* and *Naked Karate Girls* on July 28. Businesses and groups also promote their offerings through the many booths.



Partners include the Anderson Park District, Anderson Foundation for Parks and Recreation, Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce, Anderson Township, LaRosa's and Mercy Health. Proceeds benefit the Anderson Foundation for Parks and Recreation.

The event runs 5-11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, July 26 and 27, and 5-10 p.m. on Sunday, July 28.

For more information and stage schedule, visit [AndersonParks.com/anderson](http://AndersonParks.com/anderson).



## Teen Advisory Board New to Anderson Branch Library

When your kids are young it's easy to get them excited about going to the library. Storytime? Crafts and games? A pile of books to bring home? Yes, please!

But teens may be less enthused about a trip to the library. There's a solution for that. Have them join the Anderson Library Teen Advisory Board so they have a say in programming geared specifically for their age group.

"The Anderson Branch is always looking for customer input. Since I'm the teen librarian, I'm a little biased toward getting input from teens," said Anderson Branch staff member John Lortie. "What are we doing that you like? What can we do better?" he said.

The teen advisory board meets at 4 p.m. Wednesdays and is open to teens in sixth through 12th grade. Besides sharing ideas for new programs, board members snack while playing games.

"Through the Anderson Branch Teen Advisory Board, they'll be able to help put together library events and displays around the branch," said Lortie. "A big dream of mine is to have a monthly teen newsletter here at the library, for Anderson teens and written by Anderson teens, encompassing teen reviews of books, movies and music, as well as original works of art, poetry, or short-fiction; or whatever else they might want," he said.

If group participation isn't your introverted teen's interest, there are other ways to volunteer at the library. During the summer, the library welcome teens as Summer Adventure volunteers to help sign people up for the reading program, hand out prizes, and help with event preparation. The library also welcomes teen holds assistants year-round. This volunteer worker locates items on the shelves from orders placed across the library system.

No registration is required for teens to join the board. To volunteer for other positions, contact the Anderson Branch at 369-6030.

For more information or an online application, visit [www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/Support/Volunteer.html](http://www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/Support/Volunteer.html).



Anderson Branch Library

## Community Invited to Tour School Facilities in September

The Forest Hills School District invites the public to tour district properties during a three-day period in September. The building showcase includes all Forest Hills schools, the district's central office and new operations center.

"In 2014, our community passed a bond issue that was used for the sole purpose of renovating eight schools and replacing Wilson Elementary," said Superintendent Scot Prebles. "These buildings now better support students with environments that foster academic achievement, and this is something the entire community can be proud of," he said.

### The showcase schedule is as follows:

#### Thursday, Sept. 19 from 6:30-8 p.m.

- Anderson, Ayer, Maddux, Mercer, Nagel, Sherwood, Summit, Turpin and Wilson, Central Office, Operations Center

#### Saturday, Sept. 21 from 9-11:30 a.m.

- Anderson, Nagel, Ayer, Maddux, Summit, Central Office, Operations Center

#### Saturday, Sept. 28 from 9-11:30 a.m.

- Turpin, Nagel, Mercer, Sherwood, Wilson, Central Office, Operations Center



The Operations Center, 3652 Round Bottom Road, houses the district's fleet of school busses, bus mechanic garage, and maintenance department. The busses were previously located at Anderson High School and the move was necessary for improved safety, space for student parking, new traffic patterns, and the Anderson High School science wing expansion.

The Central Office, 7956 Beechmont Ave., provides staff with the space to develop innovative learning programs, accommodate professional development, consolidate record storage and more.

## Live Oaks Career Campus Signing Day Honors 51 Graduating Seniors

Every year, in high schools across the country, student athletes participate in Signing Days to commit to sports at colleges and universities.

For many students, though, the next step beyond high school is a career. Until now, that step hasn't received much attention. This year Great Oaks Career Campuses and other area career-technical schools honored graduating students with Signing Days as they

committed to employers and prepared to begin the career for which they're certified.

Signing Day took place in May at the Live Oaks Career Campus in Milford. Hundreds of parents, employers, and students gathered as 51 seniors—including two from Anderson High School—committed to area employers. From healthcare to automotive technology to veterinary assisting and more, students from 12 career programs stepped on stage to begin their journey.

## Senior Center Displays Original Cincinnati Landmarks Artwork



A display of watercolors featuring well-known Cincinnati landmarks currently hangs in the Anderson Township Senior Center through the next few weeks. Painted by the participants of the Thursday Watercolor Group, subjects such as the Cincinnati City Hall, the Cincinnati Zoo, the fountain at Fountain Square, Findlay Market, Music Hall and the Roebling Bridge are captured in both day and night scenes.

Styles of painting vary. Denise Wynett's painting "Procter & Gamble Headquarters" is a dramatic angular image; Cincinnati City Hall was painted from a photo taken at 4 a.m. and is intense with strong contrasts of light and dark. Marilyn Bishop's "Findlay Market" captures the hustle bustle of the shoppers. Lew Ivanovich chose to paint an evening outdoor gathering in front of Music Hall.

The artists gather every Thursday at the senior center and complete monthly assignments (one of which is the subject of the display). The gathering also includes critiques, live instruction and video teaching in an atmosphere of encouragement and fun. The group is open to all skill levels.

Class time is 9:30-11:30 a.m. on a "drop in" basis. For more information, visit the center at 7970 Beechmont Avenue or call 474-3100. Hours are weekdays 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Public Meetings

(Times and dates subject to change with notice)

### Board of Township Trustees

**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
Thursday, Aug. 15, 6 p.m.

**Interim Meeting**  
Thursday, Aug. 1, 2 p.m.

**Board of Zoning Appeals**  
Thursday, Aug. 1, 5:30 p.m.

**WeTHRIVE!  
Anderson Committee**  
Wednesday, Aug. 14, 4 p.m.

**Zoning Commission**  
Monday, Aug. 26, 5:30 p.m.

**Transportation Advisory Committee**  
Tuesday, Sept. 10, 6:30 p.m.

**Tree Committee**  
Monday, Sept. 16, 7 p.m.

**Anderson Township Senior Center Advisory Committee**  
Thursday, Sept. 19, 2 p.m.  
Meets at Senior Center,  
7970 Beechmont Ave.

**Economic Development Committee**  
Tuesday, Sept. 24, 3 p.m.

All meetings are held at  
Anderson Center  
7850 Five Mile Road  
unless otherwise noted.  
688-8400

Anderson Insights represents a continuing effort to improve communication between you and your township officials.

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## Study Shows Today's Parents Discuss Mental Health More Than Previous Generations

A recent national study from The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention contained some surprising information on suicidal ideation and suicide attempts by young people. The report aggregated data from ambulance transports of young people to hospitals nationwide and saw:

- Diagnoses of suicidal ideation and attempts doubled in recent years
  - The average age at the time of these evaluations was just 13 years old
  - Nearly half of these visits (43 percent) were children between 5 and 11 years of age
- "With the recent events in our township, it is critical now more than ever that we address children's mental health as early as possible," said Dee Stone, trustee vice president.

Recently, Beech Acres Parenting Center conducted a survey of 798 parents nationwide who have children aged 18 and under that lived with them in their homes. The survey provided some valuable insights into the evolving perceptions and practices of parents regarding the mental health of their children. The study shows that acceptance of mental health as a key factor of overall health is becoming increasingly mainstream among parents.

Among the most compelling results of the study is the dramatic generational change in parents' view of mental health. While just 39 percent of parents said they had discussions about mental health when they were young, now 87 percent of them are discussing it as parents with their children.

"It is encouraging that parents are open to having these important conversations with their children," said Stone.

## Bikes on Sidewalks-Yes or No?



Motorized vehicles, like scooters, are not allowed on township sidewalks. But what about bicycles? Can they legally be ridden on sidewalks? The answer is yes.

However, as sidewalks are designed for pedestrians, bicyclists need to be cautious of the walkers and joggers on township sidewalks and Anderson Trails.

Lt. Dan McElroy with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office suggests bicyclists riding at higher speeds should use the roadway. "While Ohio law does not prohibit the use of bicycles on sidewalks, if riders operate on the roadway, they are required to follow all traffic laws just as motor vehicles are required to do," he said.

## Mental Health Speaker Series Hosts September Event

The Anderson Mental Health Collaborative is sponsoring a series of speakers who address mental health-related issues. The next event is:

### "Building on Your Child's Strengths for Mental Health Well Being"

Wednesday, Sept. 4, 6:30 p.m.  
Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road

Speakers: Beech Acres Parenting Center  
Child Development Experts

Here are some tips to help parents deepen relationship with their children and improve their general mental well-being

- Be intentional. As a parent it's easy to focus only on managing what needs to happen in the moment. Instead, take time to focus on "the long game" and think about how you want your children to be as adults.
- Next, discover a child's strengths. Too often parents approach children looking to fix what is broken or correct what is wrong. Try focusing on their unique strengths, on what they do "right" to build confidence and increase resilience.
- Finally, give children the gift of your full attention and energy. Spend time together, listening deeply to what they have to say and engaging fully in the conversation or play. Let go of all the "should haves" and "could haves."

Information from the Anderson Mental Health Collaborative and Beech Acres Parenting Center.

# RECYCLING

## Anderson Township Residents RECYCLED 3,359 TONS in 2018



SAVED  
**28,790**  
TREES  
FROM  
HARVEST.

Reduced more air pollution than if every household member in Anderson Township rode their bicycle to work for **9 weeks.**



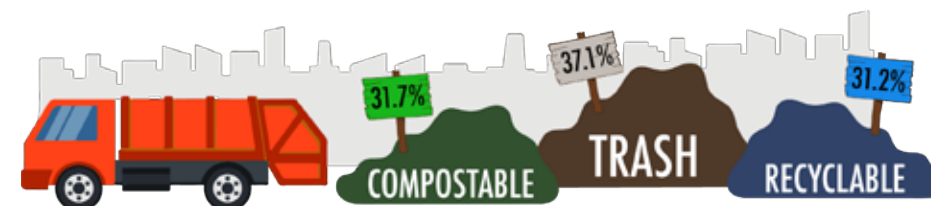
Conserved enough energy to power every Anderson home for **14 days.**



On average, EACH HOUSEHOLD in Anderson Township recycled **430 pounds** in 2018.



## Two-Thirds of Landfilled Residential Waste Could Be Diverted



According to information provided by Rumpke about their landfill, recyclables made up 31.2 percent of the waste stream by weight, including special recyclables and items that residents can place in their cart or take to a drop-off. Special recyclables include plastic grocery bags accepted by most large retail stores and electronics which can be recycled at many local outlets.

The percent of recyclables in the landfill has decreased since a study undertaken in 2012, when it was 40.9 percent. This drop might be attributed to the increase in curbside recycling programs or changes in the recycling stream that make recyclables lighter.

Materials that residents could easily either compost in their backyards or compost through a yard trimmings

program (curbside or drop-off) made up 31.7 percent of the total amount landfilled. The largest percentage of this material was vegetative food, making up 10 percent of what residents landfill. Compostable material landfilled has increased since the 2012 study from 22.5 percent in 2012 to 31.7 percent in 2018.

Search for ways to recycle your unwanted items through a search function on the [HamiltonCountyRecycles.org](http://HamiltonCountyRecycles.org) website.

Type in a category of products you wish to recycle such as "furniture," "mattresses" or "batteries." You will be given a list of options for recycling in Hamilton County. Go to [www.hamiltoncountyrecycles.org/residents/recycling\\_and\\_reuse\\_outlets](http://www.hamiltoncountyrecycles.org/residents/recycling_and_reuse_outlets)



## Avoid the Landfill Recycle yard waste instead

Do you have piles of yard waste that you want to remove from your property? The Anderson Township location of the Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District yard trimming recycling site is open every day.

Recycle your leaves, brush and yard waste for free at Bzak Landscaping (3295 Turpin Lane) weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Yard waste is turned into mulch through this free county program, a division of the Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services.

No commercial vehicles, please. Visit [HamiltonCountyRecycles.org](http://HamiltonCountyRecycles.org) or call 946-7766 for yard trimmings guidelines.



## 5 Things to Know About Anderson Township Greenspace

### 1 Why does Anderson Township have Greenspace?

The Anderson Township Trustees and residents supported a Greenspace Levy in 1990 and 1995 to buy natural areas in the township in order to preserve the community's natural character and enhance the quality of life of township residents. Greenspace helps protect air and water quality. It also provides habitat for animals, including insects, which provide the building blocks of our whole ecosystem as food for other animals and as pollinators for all the plants that we rely on for our everyday life.



### 2 What makes a property desirable to become a township Greenspace?

The volunteer member Anderson Township Greenspace Committee, which advises the trustees, looks for property with good natural quality: older forests, wooded hillsides and wooded stream corridors are candidates. The property must have some potential to be developed or destroyed. Natural areas that are visible to most residents or provide natural buffer between developed areas and link other green areas are desirable to protect. Also, the site must be large enough to provide real benefit and be reasonably priced.



### 3 Can township Greenspace ever be developed?

Current state law protects Anderson Township Greenspace forever. That regulation prohibits any type of development including development for active recreation. Passive recreation such as hiking, birding, or photography of natural surroundings is encouraged.

### 4 Are Anderson Township Greenspace properties open to the public?

Yes, all Greenspace properties are open to the public. New trails may not be developed, but the public is welcome to explore the properties by following old roads or deer trails. A map of Greenspace locations is posted on *AndersonTownship.org* under the Greenspace Committee section. Most properties have Greenspace signs, and all are marked at property corners and on some boundary lines with white five-foot high plastic stakes labeled as Greenspace boundaries. Please respect adjacent private property and residences.



### 5 Does Anderson Township currently have an active Greenspace Levy?

There is no current levy collecting tax dollars for Greenspace acquisition or maintenance. The last levy expired in 2000 and there are still limited funds available to acquire Greenspace. There are currently 68 Greenspace properties, which protect nearly 700 acres and this is just part of the protected land within Anderson Township. Township-owned Greenspace, open space, privately held open space mandated by the Anderson Township Zoning Resolution, and active or passive parks protected by other agencies such as Great Parks of Hamilton County and the Anderson Park District, comprise nearly 16 percent of the land in Anderson Township.



## Walk on the Wild Side on a Township Greenspace Property

Want to vary your nature walks? Take a stroll on any of these three Greenspace properties during the summer.

- On State Route 32, near the intersection of S.R. 32 and Clough Pike is a Greenspace property that is mostly open field reverting into woods. According to Greenspace Inspector Suzanne Clingman, this 109-acre property is a good place for bird watching. Look for a gate and Greenspace sign at a driveway just east of where Clough Pike meets S.R. 32. You can also walk the bike trail, which crosses the front of the property. Please do not park on the bike trail.
- Adjacent to the Anderson Township Heritage Center (corner of Forest and Eight Mile roads) is a 3-acre Greenspace parcel with developed trails, nice for a shorter walk. Park at the Heritage Center; the trail goes into the woods off the south end of the mowed area.
- Off Four Mile Road at the end of Wyndwatch Road is a trail leading to a 53-acre parcel of land with older woods. Walk in the mowed grass to find the path behind the Greenspace sign. This property has some huge oak trees, many woodland birds, including pileated woodpeckers and turkey, and colorful spring wildflowers.



### Walks in the fall, winter, spring

The following three properties are more challenging to walk during the summer, because there are no old roadways to follow, Clingman said. Try them in fall, winter or spring when the growth is not as thick, which makes it easier to find and follow the deer trails.

- A 26-acre Greenspace property is on Eight Mile Road, just south of I-275, it is a good place to walk if you don't mind following deer paths. Park in the gravelled area across from Greenleaf Drive where there is a Greenspace sign and find a deer trail into the woods to the left of the sign.
- The second largest Greenspace property was acquired in 2016 and totals 101 acres. This is another property that can be accessed from Eight Mile Road. Park in the gravel area on Eight Mile Road just south of Hopper Road. A deer trail on the hillside follows the creek or look for any deer trail into the woods.
- At the corner of Five Mile and Markley is a 24-acre Greenspace parcel that has easy parking. Pull in at Rollins Lane and park at the end of this short street. Walk around the guardrail or up the hill to the left and follow "volunteer trails" made by deer and other walkers.



# AROUND ANDERSON



Anderson Garden Tour



Memorial Day Bell Ringing Ceremony



History to Schools Program



History to Schools Program

## 4<sup>th</sup> Of July 2019 Parade Winners



Winning parade photo for 2019 by Jessica Cunningham



Best Neighborhood or Organization – Sponsored by the Anderson Towne Center — Anderson Park District



Best Patriotic – Sponsored by Rapid Mortgage - Immaculate Heart of Mary Troop and Pack 694



Best Business – Sponsored Mt. Washington Care Center — Big Ash Brewing Company



Most Spirited – Sponsored by Mercy Health — Anderson High School, Nagel Middle School and Turpin High School Cheer Squads



Best Float – Sponsored by Kroger — Anderson Township Historical Society and Anderson Urban Farm

# EVENTS

## Family Fun at the Fire Station During Emergency Services Day

October event's focus is hands-on safety-related educational experiences

If your child finds fire trucks, ambulances and police cruisers interesting and exciting, don't miss a chance to explore these vehicles and more at the annual Emergency Services Day.

This event provided by Anderson Township Fire and Rescue and the Hamilton County

Sheriff's Office is set from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Beechmont Fire Station, 7954 Beechmont Ave. Children can ask questions, get up close and personal with emergency equipment, with firefighter/paramedics from the fire service and deputies from the sheriff's office.

The event corresponds to the start of the annual Fire Prevention Week, scheduled for October 6-12 with this year's theme: "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!"



Cpl. Dave Boiman with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office said various specialty units will be on hand (crime scene, bomb unit, K-9, bike patrol) as well as volunteers from the Sheriff's Citizens Patrol (Anderson Township) during the day.

"This is a great event for families in our community who can come, learn and play at the fire station," said Fire Chief Rick Martin. "Our goal is for kids to have fun while they are learning about staying safe."

### Here are a few of the opportunities at the event:

- Climb on water rescue boat, a ladder truck, a fire engine and go inside an ambulance.
- Check out vehicles from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.
- Try out the fire extinguisher simulator, which allows participants to view a "fire" on an LED screen, then try to knock out the fire with a "real" fire extinguisher.
- Take your picture with Lt. Big Ben, the fire department mascot.
- Roll out in real fire gear for a photo shoot.
- Learn about what a smoke alarm sounds like and what to do. Crawl low under smoke, know two ways out of every room and get out-stay out in a Fire Safety House.
- Spray water from a fire hose and knock down pretend fire in windows of the Flame House.
- Learn with life and fire safety education prevention best practices material.

## Mark Your Calendars for Country Store at Log House

The 50th annual Log House Country Store will be hosted at the Miller-Leuser Log House on **Saturday, Sept. 28**, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and **Sunday, Sept. 29**, from noon to 5 p.m.

Enjoy fresh produce, homemade food and plants for sale at the event. Handmade stitchery and craft items are for sale along with the Bake Shop, providing an assortment of pies, cakes, cookies and breads for sale. Children's games, activities and a silent auction also are planned as is a flea market.

Try your luck at a raffle for a dinner for eight in the log house. The proceeds of the Log House Country Store help support the restoration, preservation and maintenance of the 223-year-old pioneer cabin. For details go to [AndersonTownshipHistoricalSociety.org](http://AndersonTownshipHistoricalSociety.org).

### Log House Open Houses Continue Through October

The Anderson Township Historical Society continues to offer open houses at the historic Miller-Leuser Log House from 1 to 4 p.m. on the first and third Sundays through October. The Miller-Leuser Log House is at 6550 Clough Pike, just east of Bartels Road. Visit one of the few structures remaining from pioneer days.



Log House Country Store



Tours at the historic log house

# CONNECT

## July

### Greater Anderson Days

Beech Acres Park, 86910 Salem Road  
**Friday and Saturday July 26-27, 5-11 p.m.**  
**Sunday, July 28, 5-10 p.m.**  
 Info: [AndersonParks.com](http://AndersonParks.com) or 388-5082

### Beechmont Players-A Nice Family Gathering

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road  
**Friday and Saturday, July 26-27, 8 p.m.**  
**Sunday, July 28, 3 p.m.**  
**Friday, Aug. 2, 8 p.m.**  
**Saturday, Aug. 3, 3 p.m.**  
 Tickets: \$20; Students, seniors and active military: \$18  
 Info: 513 BEECHMT (233-2468)

## AUGUST

### Party on the Plaza-The Dan Varner Band

Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road  
**Thursday, Aug. 8, 5:30-9:30 p.m.**  
 Info: [AndersonPartyonthePlaza.com](http://AndersonPartyonthePlaza.com)  
 Concessions \$5 and under.

### Performing Arts, Inc.-Matilda

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road  
**Tuesday-Thursday, Aug. 6-8, 7 p.m.**  
*Wizard of Oz Young Performers Edition*  
**Saturday, Aug. 10, 6 p.m.**  
**Sunday, Aug. 11, 2 p.m.**  
*West Side Story*  
**Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 13-14, 7 p.m.**  
**Friday and Saturday, Aug. 16 and 17, 7 p.m.**  
*Winnie the Pooh Kids*  
**Saturday, Aug. 17, 3 p.m.**  
 Tickets: \$10, purchase online at [pai.seatyourself.biz](http://pai.seatyourself.biz).  
 Info: 257-4482

### Party on the Plaza- Bluetip

Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road  
**Thursday, Aug. 22, 5:30-9:30 p.m.**  
 Info: [AndersonPartyonthePlaza.com](http://AndersonPartyonthePlaza.com)  
 Concessions \$5 and under.

### Merit Theatre Company- A Long Way Off

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road  
**Friday, Aug. 23, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday, Aug. 24, at 2 and 7:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, Aug. 25, 3 p.m.**  
**Thursday and Friday, Aug. 29 and 30, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday, Aug. 31, 2 p.m.**

## SEPTEMBER

### Log House Country Store

Clough Pike at Bartels Road  
**Saturday, Sept. 28, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.**  
**Sunday, Sept. 20, noon-5 p.m.**  
 Free  
 Info: 231-2114 or [AndersonTownshipHistoricalSociety.org](http://AndersonTownshipHistoricalSociety.org)

## OCTOBER

### Emergency Services Day

Beechmont Fire Station, 7954 Beechmont Ave.  
**Saturday, Oct. 5, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**  
 Free  
 Info: [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org)

### Beechmont Players-The Best Man

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road  
**Friday and Saturday, Oct. 4-5, 8 p.m.**  
**Sunday, Oct. 6, 3 p.m.**  
**Friday, Oct. 11, 8 p.m.**  
**Saturday, Oct. 12, 3 p.m.**  
 Tickets: \$20; Students, seniors and active military: \$18  
 Info: 513 BEECHMT (233-2468)

### Matinee Musicale Cincinnati-

**Albert Cano Smith, piano**  
 Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road  
**Sunday, Oct. 20, 3 p.m.**  
 Tickets: \$25 at the door  
 Info: [matineemusicalecinncinati.org](http://matineemusicalecinncinati.org)

### The 2019 Jack-O-Lantern Walk

New location! Anderson Towne Center  
**Saturday, Oct. 26.**  
 Look for further details in the fall.

## ONGOING EVENTS

### Anderson Township History Room

Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road  
**Wednesdays and Sundays, 1-4 p.m.**  
 Sponsored by the Anderson Township Historical Society and Anderson Township  
 Info: 688-8400

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## Volunteers, Programs Tackle Township Litter Problem

Cigarette butts, plastic bottles and fast food waste are just part of the random trash tossed on township streets and thoroughfares. The unsightly mess not only impacts Anderson's quality of life, but eventually ends up in waterways and oceans.

But some township residents have volunteered to be a part of an answer to the litter problem through two beautification programs. Keeping Anderson's streets litter-free is the goal of the Anderson Township Adopt A Roadway program that's been ongoing for eight years. Sponsored by the WeTHRIVE! Anderson Committee, the program is modeled after the "Adopt a Highway" program that "has been successful in keeping roads and other areas litter-free," said Planning and Zoning Director Paul Drury.

The effort encourages public and private organizations in Anderson, plus homeowner and business associations, to adopt a township road bordering their neighborhood. Volunteers then occasionally pick up trash, with the township providing the cleanup materials.

Jim Willis is active in cleaning up litter several times a year along Five Mile Road between I-275 and Markley and Burney. Willis started about four years ago when he noticed "a considerable amount of trash accumulating" in these spots. He decided to volunteer with the township's April cleanup day and was "astounded" to see just how much trash was picked up in that area in one morning, which encouraged him to adopt the area with two other neighbors. They now team up to clean up these areas twice a year.

Beyond garbage that probably emanates from problems along the side of the expressway, Willis said he has found as many as 15 empty vodka bottles (all the same brand), old tires, bumpers and



piles of trash that had been intentionally dumped. "I don't understand the mentality, but it happens. We believe an initial way of improving this situation is through education in the schools. Our young adults can make a difference," he said.

While he said his efforts are "somewhat self-serving" in that he wants to enjoy a clean environment around his own neighborhood, he said he is also compelled to continue because there is a stream in the neighborhood that could be polluted with floating trash if the area is not kept free from trash.

Other roadways need volunteer help. For more information, contact Sarah Donovan at 688-8400 or [sdonovan@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:sdonovan@AndersonTownship.org).

Another active group beautifying roadways several times a year is the Eastern Hills Exchange Club which picks up along Beechmont Avenue. Member Charles Bulger said residents are always welcome to help. Volunteers with the club recently earned the "Gold Star" designation for their efforts for the past 10 years. Contact Bulger at 231-6296.