

# ANDERSON Insights

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The Voice of Anderson Township

## RecPlex Renovation Could Start This Fall

Collaborative effort will bring new vitality to community center

Renovation and an update of the Anderson Parks RecPlex could start as early as October this year.

The collaborative effort to purchase and upgrade the park district facility and its surroundings was announced jointly last fall by Anderson Township, the Anderson Park District, and the Forest Hills Schools District. Township trustees have purchased the RecPlex and plans are in motion to add new vitality to the building, which was built in 1969. The facility previously was owned by Beech Acres Parenting Center and leased by the park district for its programs and events.

“Anderson Township was proud to lead the charge and the efforts to secure the RecPlex for the Anderson Park District,” noted Trustee President Josh Gerth. “The purchase of the Anderson Parks RecPlex is the perfect example of pooling resources for one common goal; the vitality and well-being of our community.”

The Forest Hills School District provided \$1 million for the upgrade through Tax Increment Financing funds. Anderson Township’s contribution toward the renovation, also provided through Tax Increment Financing funds, is approximately \$2 million.

“The word collaboration is thrown out a lot in the business community, but not often enough in government,” Gerth noted. “One of the priorities of this board has been to collaborate where we can with our other community partners,” he said. “This is one instance where all benefit from the renovation of this desirable indoor recreational facility.”

Once plans are finalized, Earhart said the parks and township will be working closely “to ensure the upgrades meet the needs of Anderson Park District users and to try to avoid any interruption in park programming as the facility is heavily utilized.”



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- Trustee President Josh Gerth

Vicky Earhart, township administrator, said renovation plans include a significant upgrade of facilities which “will create a lively, inviting space providing the perfect backdrop for the great programming offered by the Anderson Park District.” Upgrades to utilities, lighting, new windows and door frames will add energy efficiency, she added.

Other improvements include a new ceiling, interior painting and new furnishings. Once these improvements are complete, the township and the park district will explore opportunities to increase parking, which is limited at the site, she said.

Anderson Township will lease the facility to the park district and not be involved in day-to-day programs or events.

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## Less Disruptive Orange Barrel Season Expected in 2019

The I-275 road rehab project that began last year continues through 2019. Early this summer, the contraflow lane will shift directions, as work moves to the bridges on the westbound side of I-275.

Fortunately, other than that project and roadwork on subdivision streets, Anderson Township drivers may be looking at an easier construction season this year after several years of driver disruption.

### As of press time, here's what's planned thus far for the 2019 construction season:

- The Ohio Department of Transportation-Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's I-275 \$31 million project includes 1.6-miles of resurfacing and pavement repair on the 45-year-old roadway. It also involves five mainline twin bridges including the Combs-Hehl Bridge over the Ohio River into Kentucky. A completion date has been estimated at late 2020.



- The Hamilton County Engineer's Office announced it will resurface Little Dry Run Road, from Wolfangel Road to the village of Newtown corporation line.
- As part of a joint effort between Anderson and the Hamilton County Engineer's Office, Bridle Road from Little Dry Run to Eight Mile Road will be repaved. A sidewalk is also planned between Johnson Park and Whitehouse Lane.
- The Markley Road sidewalk project is scheduled for construction this year. This 1,500-foot connection will link the Beechmont Avenue to James Hill Drive segment and continue the sidewalk.
  - A link on the east side of Nordyke Road to Koszo Drive is scheduled for completion, across from a new housing development on Nordyke.
  - The north side of Woodruff Road will see a new sidewalk from a housing development called the Enclave at Woodruff up to Elderwood Drive.

## Most Revenue Sources Stable Through 2021, Except for Public Works

Despite increased public safety costs, no change in level of service for foreseeable future

A generally positive outlook defines a snapshot of Anderson Township's financial report in 2019.

According to Administrator Vicky Earhart, revenues in most of the funds are stable through 2021, except for the Public Works fund which faces a 2020 shortfall. The last road levy that supports the Public Works Department was passed in 1998 at 1 mill.

Earhart said there was other news for the year, too. "Despite increased costs for law enforcement, fire, and EMS, there won't be any changes in the level of safety services," she said.

"Overall, the township's financial outlook is positive with local property taxes continuing to serve as the primary source of operating revenue," noted Fiscal Officer Ken Dietz.

He said additional growth in Tax Increment Financing (TIF) revenues due to increased economic development has enabled continuation of capital improvements "which enhance our quality of life and support economic development." For example, the Stonecrest at Anderson Township TIF (senior living community new development) allowed funding for renovation of the Anderson Parks RecPlex, he said.

"Continuing the delivery of quality services in a fiscally responsible manner is central to the development of Anderson Township's 2019 budget," said Trustee President Josh Gerth.

**"Years of fiscal responsibility and long-range planning have given the township room to chart its future without eliminating or drastically reducing services."**

- Administrator Vicky Earhart

Final adjustments to the preliminary budget which was approved in July 2018, were to be presented to the Board of Trustees for its consideration on March 21.

Earhart said the township continues dealing with the aftermath of "significant reductions in state funding and the effects of the Great Recession." Those cuts over a four-year period eliminated at least \$2.6 million per year from township revenues.

However, trustees have kept their eye on the budget and made cuts to eliminate shortfalls, without severely impacting public services, she said. "Years of fiscal responsibility and long-range planning have given the township room to chart its future without eliminating or drastically reducing services," Earhart said.

## Confused About Intersection Safety? Check Out Advice

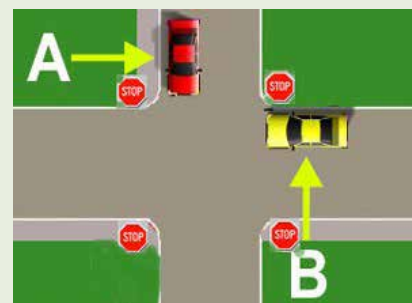
### Re: Intersections with no stop or yield signage

In subdivisions where there are three-way intersections with no stop or yield signs, the intersecting street must yield to cross traffic (versus the "first come-first go" approach). Steve Sievers, assistant administrator for operations, said the issue has arisen at a few locations lately. Most of these areas are very low traffic intersections, but if issues arise, the township will consider the installation of "yield" signage.



### Re: Four way stops

Remember the rule about who goes first at three- or four-way intersections with stop signs for all approaches? Lt. Dan McElroy of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office said under the Ohio Revised Code, when two vehicles approach or enter an intersection at approximately the same time, the driver on the left should yield the right-of-way to the vehicle on the right. If there is a tie, the one on the right should go first. "Such intersections can of course cause confusion and indecision, so please be patient with your fellow motorists and ensure the intersection is clear before proceeding," says McElroy.



## Public Services, Capital Improvements and More Supported in 2019 Budget

The projected \$29.9 million operating budget for Anderson Township supports public services and capital improvements which help preserve neighborhoods, enhance quality of life, and support economic development.



The nearly \$3.7 million General Fund budget reflects a 12 percent reduction from 2018 due in large part to recently adopted legislation which allows for the use of some TIF revenue for the continued maintenance of projects that were constructed using those same dollars. As a result, almost \$400,000 in expenditures can now be paid with TIF dollars.

There is a concern that one area of operations, the Public Works Department, faces a shortfall in 2020. Operations of the Public Works Department are primarily funded with proceeds from a 1-mill levy approved by the voters in 1998 which now has an effective rate of 0.7 mills in its 21st year. Levy dollars support maintenance of more than 120 miles of township roads, according to Public Works Director Eric Luginbuhl. The \$2.5 million 2019 budget includes funding for a road condition survey which will aid in determining the finances needed for future street and curb repairs.

Thanks to the community's support of a 2016 public safety levy, the township will be able to maintain safety services at their current level through at least 2021, noted Administrator Vicky Earhart.

Approximately \$4.7 million has been budgeted for law enforcement during 2019 and \$11.6 million for fire and rescue operations.

Several capital improvements have been slated for this year's Tax Increment Financing budget of \$6.9 million excluding payments to local school districts. Funding for construction of a segment of the Ohio River Trail from Salem to Sutton roads and renovation of the Anderson Park RecPlex are among the projects geared toward improving residents' quality of life.

"In keeping with the board's goal to preserve and enhance neighborhoods, over \$1 million dollars will be dedicated toward road resurfacing projects with an additional \$70,000 earmarked for sidewalk replacement along township roadways," said Trustee President Josh Gerth. Almost \$1.3 million has been allocated toward the cost of a replacement fire engine, ambulance, three police cruisers, one flatbed truck with crane and one salt truck.

For additional information about Anderson Township's 2019 budget: [AndersonTownship.org/government/departments/fiscal-office](http://AndersonTownship.org/government/departments/fiscal-office).

# Housing 'Gaps' Being Closed as New Senior Living Options, Apartments Meet Changing Community Needs

Growing range of home diversity a welcome addition to meet market demand

It's a common dilemma in Anderson Township. Residents who have enjoyed their home in a community they love suddenly find they need to downsize. The problem is, to stay in Anderson Township and continue the high quality of life enjoyed for years, residents find their housing options are sorely limited.

As Anderson Township is largely comprised of single-family homes (85 percent of the housing stock), township leaders have worked for more than a decade to plan for a societal change in housing demand. Talks about diversifying the housing landscape have begun to take shape, resulting in new construction and development proposals in the community.

One group, the volunteer-driven Economic Development Committee, has been working on filling housing "gaps" in the marketplace since its inception. According to Committee Chairman Paul Kitzmiller, when the committee first launched years ago, "it was apparent our market rate multifamily and independent/assisted living options were substantially underserving our market," he said. "We were not serving the front and back end of our demographics (i.e. younger population, aging population).

In 2016, Anderson's big picture planning document, the Anderson Comprehensive Plan Update, illustrated the pressing nature of the housing issue. The plan noted a "growing need for diversity in housing options in Anderson, including multi-family, senior living options and redevelopment options while continuing to maintain property values."

Assistant Administrator for Operations Steve Sievers said a local demand for smaller housing or rental housing is emanating from both the millennial population and the Baby Boomer generation. The older generation is "downsizing" and would like

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to be relieved of the tax and maintenance burden of larger homes on substantial lots. Some aging Boomers also need more care in specialized housing situations. Millennials in our region were increasingly looking to other communities that could provide a greater variety of housing and lifestyles not present in Anderson, he said.

Private development research suggest that Anderson Township was lagging in a changing demographic and market demand for apartment rentals, based on the Mayerson Company's Market Study that accompanied their zone change application for the Stonegate Apartment expansion. The Stonegate study noted that in order to retain and attract existing residents, many who ultimately become future single-family homeowners in the local community, a wide range of housing options should be available. Sievers noted that shrinking household sizes suggest young families, which have historically been attracted to Anderson Township, are among those looking for a range of housing options that are not as prevalent.

But today's renter does not have the mindset of a renter from decades ago, Sievers noted. Today's renters want higher end amenities like upscale kitchens, pet-friendly apartments and onsite fitness facilities, he said. Boomers are increasingly downsizing into these high-end apartments, he noted.

Recent development inquiries and projects in the community are translating longstanding plans into reality. From senior housing, to apartments and empty nester housing, the community is shifting to capitalize on this demand and market interest, Sievers said.

Kitzmiller said he is "thrilled" with the growth in multifamily living options coming to the market in the next few years, including the expansion of Stonegate Apartments off Nagel Road. Several other senior living communities have been proposed which could increase the independent and assisted living options in Anderson.

However, "Although these developments are very positive, we believe community demand can absorb additional options in these sectors," he said. "The need currently not being served is the empty nester segment of the community."

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# Living Options Grow for Seniors and Millennials

Here's a look at several new living options available to those who wish to live in Anderson Township:

### Apartment Home Growth

**Stonegate Apartments** is currently expanding with the construction of 120 one- and two-bedroom units in two buildings on property adjacent to its current community.

**Hills Properties-Anderson Center Station Redevelopment-** A \$40 million investment by Hills Properties on the current Anderson Center Station site is proposed to bring 200 luxury apartments to the community. The high-end development is focused on meeting housing needs of young professionals and empty nesters.

### New or Redeveloped Senior Living Options

**Enclave at Woodruff-** Construction is under way on The Enclave at Woodruff, a 34-unit subdivision offering luxury ranch patio homes that include some yard maintenance.

**Anthology of Anderson Township-** Opening soon is Anthology of Anderson Township, (formerly called Stonecrest of Anderson Township) a new senior assisted living and memory care community. The 6-acre site on Beechmont Avenue hosts a two-story building of 89 beds in a community of high-level amenities.

**Forest Hills Care Center-** Nearing completion at the Forest Hills Care Center is an expanded 24-unit assisted living addition. The center, on Moran Road, is a rehab and long-term care facility.

**SEM Manor-** SEM manor on Pebble Court offers affordable retirement living. Studio and one-bedroom apartments have recently been remodeled, along with common space facilities.



Anthology of Anderson Township

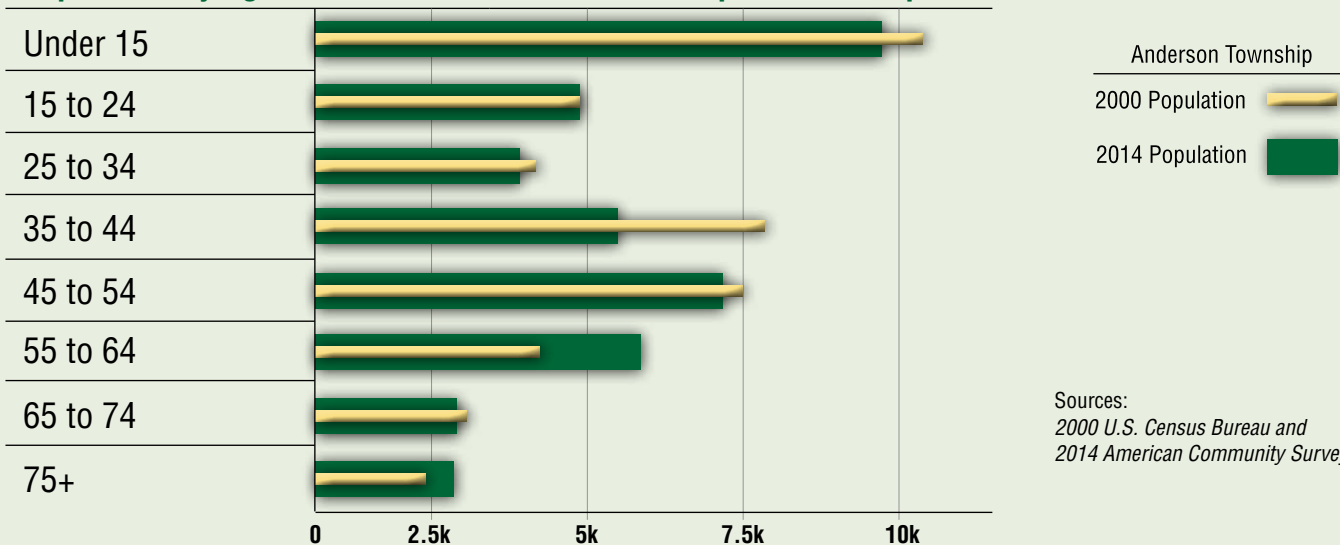


Enclave at Woodruff



Forest Hills Care Center expansion

### Population by Age 2000 and 2014 Anderson Population Compared



# New Community Outreach to Focus on Mental Wellness Issues

Collaborative committee to focus on ongoing healthcare crisis in mental illness

About one in five, or 61 million Americans will experience a mental illness at some point in their life. That's more than cancer, heart disease and diabetes combined.

That means of the approximately 45,000 people who live in Anderson Township, about 9,000 could suffer from a mental illness during their lifetime.

Anderson Township government leaders and volunteers, along with other community partners, are working to increase awareness of the ongoing healthcare crisis in mental illness.

"Eliminating stigma and increasing awareness is critical to changing the current trajectory of this crisis," said Anderson Township Trustee President Josh Gerth. "Anderson Township leadership is stepping up to the challenge."

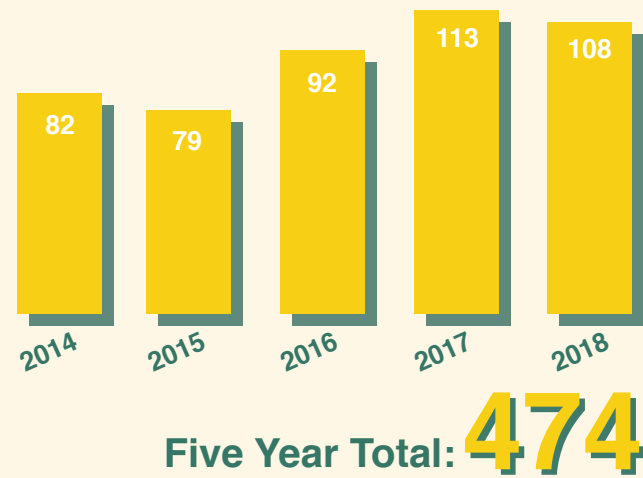
Representatives from Anderson Township, Mercy Health, the Forest Hills School District, the Anderson Park District, the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce, the Forest Hills Foundation for Education, and the Lindner Center of HOPE are initiating plans this year to help create a supportive environment around mental wellness in the community. "The goal is high, not only to improve Anderson's mental health statistics but to rise as a leader in Greater Cincinnati, providing the prototype for other communities to emulate," Gerth said.

The stigma of mental illness causes problems in seeking solutions, noted Dr. Susan McElroy, chief research officer, Lindner Center of HOPE. "There is a myth that mental illnesses are not 'real,' but rather character flaws or poor choices. However, growing research indicates that most mental illnesses are brain-based illnesses that also involve physical or bodily abnormalities."

Vicky Earhart, township administrator, said she was encouraged that dialogue has begun to "bring groups together to help our community address and work with mental health issues." Additionally, Earhart noted that health care providers are working to expand mental health services. Mercy Health, for example, recently opened a senior behavioral health unit at its Clermont Hospital serving the east market.

## Number of psychiatric runs conducted by Anderson Township Fire and Rescue

(Starting in 2016, numbers include the village of Newtown)



Last year, about **45,000**

Americans died by suicide ..... a population equivalent to all of Anderson Township.

"As part of this collaborative effort, the group is planning a speaker's series on various mental health issues. I hope everyone can attend and take advantage of this opportunity," said Trustee Vice President Dee Stone. "We also encourage people to get with friends and start walking groups and walk with a goal. These groups can promote physical health as well as connectedness," she said.

"Mental health is important to me and the leadership of Anderson. We need, as a community, to recognize this and support each other," Gerth said. "It's something that impacts everyone to some level, but I believe that if we all can come together as a community, we can start to make a difference," he noted.

Collaborative plans are in initial stages. To learn more, check out future issues of *Anderson Insights* and *AndersonTownship.org*. For more information contact Vicky Earhart at 688-8400 ext. 1104 or [vearhart@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:vearhart@AndersonTownship.org).

According to the American Psychiatric Association, depression alone costs employers an estimated

**\$44 billion**  
each year in lost productivity.

## Mental Health Speaker Series

Events are hosted at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road

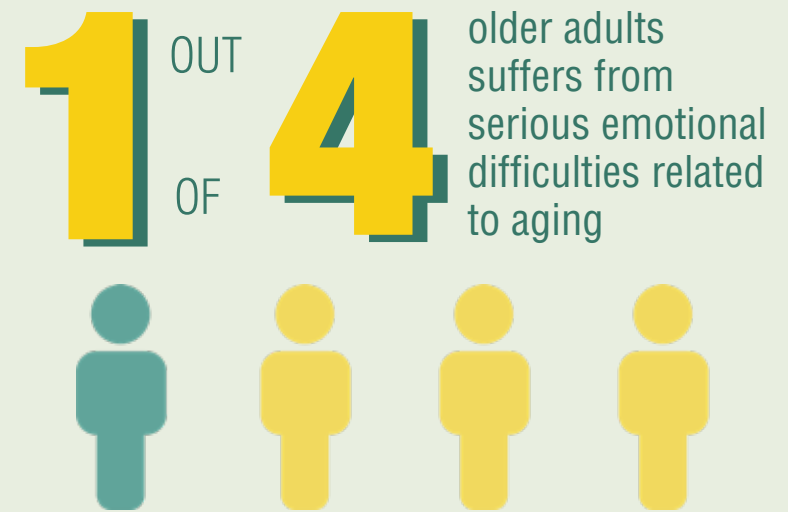
**Wednesday, April 17, 6:30 p.m. "Senior Behavioral Health"**

Dr. Stephen Wilkes, Mercy Health-Clermont Hospital

**Thursday, June 13, 6:30 p.m. "Addiction and the Brain"**

Dr. Chris Tuell, clinical director of Addiction Services, Lindner Center of HOPE and Dr. Stephen Feagins, Mercy Health- Anderson Hospital

National statistics show that



## Two Tree Projects Enhance Township Trails

Fifty-three new trees have been planted along two Anderson Township hike-bike trails as part of the community's commitment to support its tree canopy.

Last year, the Tree Committee designed a tree grove of 33 native trees that were planted in honor of the township's 225th anniversary. This 225th Heritage Tree Grove included oaks, redbud, hornbeam and sassafras trees that were installed between Five Mile Road and Clough Pike along the Five Mile Trail.

"The Street Tree Committee has been very active in enhancing community spaces in recent years," said Planning and Zoning Director Paul Drury. "The new trees growing along the Five Mile Trail are evidence of this effort."

Twenty trees were planted at the far south end of the Little Miami Trail close to Clough Pike and near the entrance to the Walls Greenspace. This project was funded and coordinated by Anderson Township resident Bruce Berno as part of his Trees in Gratitude Program and involved student volunteers from the University of Cincinnati horticulture class.

"The Little Miami Trail tree planting project provided UC students with hands-on experience in the proper technique for planting native shade trees that will benefit the community for generations to come," said Berno. Anderson Township resident Jim Hansel is the UC class instructor.



# HISTORY

## Remembering Effects of Great Flood of 1937 in Anderson

When the proverbial “April showers bring May flowers” rhyme is remembered, also recalled may be stories of disastrous floods brought by heavy winter and spring rains. Many longtime Anderson families have a scrapbook or a collection of newspaper clippings about the great flood of 1937. The Ohio River flooded from West Virginia to Cairo, Illinois. Here the Ohio River and tributaries such as the Little Miami River climbed out of their banks, flooding about one-sixth of Hamilton County. More than 100,000 people were driven from their homes in Greater Cincinnati. Property damage was estimated in excess of \$25 million, which is more than \$245 million in today’s currency.

**During the height of the flood, Coney Island was covered; only the tops of the Wildcat roller coaster and a few buildings could be seen.**

Anderson Township was cut off from the rest of Hamilton County as the waters rose and closed all the connecting bridges over the Little Miami River. On January 21, 1937, water poured over the Beechmont Levee closing the main highway, uprooting telegraph and telephone poles, breaking the gas main and carrying away the electrical wire standards. The Ohio River reached its highest point in recorded history with a crest at 79.99 feet in Cincinnati on January 26, 1937. The photos on these pages were taken by township residents showing the flood’s effects in the Anderson area.

After the Cincinnati waterworks and power plants were inundated, all electric power and water were turned off except for limited periods for almost two weeks. Anderson School was closed from January 25 to February 8. The Cincinnati Automobile Club published a map showing a 69-mile detour necessary to travel from Cincinnati to Mt. Washington.

Low areas in Newtown, California and the Ohio riverfront area of the township were completely submerged. Residents were evacuated. Many buildings in these areas were torn from their foundations and swept away. Some 200 refugees were housed at Mt. Washington School and then moved to Anderson School when a lack of electricity stopped the heating system. Thirty families were cared for at the American Legion Hall on Clough Pike (now Clough Crossings Restaurant).

During the height of the flood, Coney Island was covered; only the tops of the Wildcat roller coaster and a few buildings could be seen. Coney Island faced enormous cleanup and repair work after the waters receded. Reports are that it took some 200 workers more than four weeks to clean up the grounds. The popular Wildcat ride was repaired and upgraded; some new buildings were needed.

Over the decades since 1937, the building of dams and locks and the installation of floodwalls, levies and pumping stations have reduced and contained the effects of river flooding. Residents, however, are very mindful that times of heavy rainfall can lead dangerous flooded roadways not only near the major rivers but also near the many creeks of the township.

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



Looking down a main road in Newtown on January 27, 1937. Diary entry said about view: “Houses were upset and covered with water. Newtown was almost washed away. Pitiful sights everywhere.”



This photo illustrates the destruction of homes and businesses in California, Ohio, during the 1937 flood.



Entrance of Coney Island as the flood waters were receding.



Most of the Newtown area was under water in January 1937.



As far as one could travel on Five Mile Road heading toward Kellogg Avenue without using a boat, January 1937.



View looking west toward the Kellogg Avenue bridge over the Little Miami River, January 1937.



View of Coney's entrance showing some of the flood debris left behind.



After the flood waters dropped, travel was restored across what is now called the Beechmont Levee along Lunken Airport. The image shows some of the flood damage. It is said that the 1937 flood gave rise to the airport's nickname “Sunken Lunken” and made clear the need for a new airport on higher ground.



## A Look at Severe Weather-Reminders for Safety

As spring rains begin, be prepared for flooding and flash flooding. If you live in an area that is prone to flooding, be weather aware! Make sure a family plan that includes an agreed upon meeting place is ready if a flood threatens your area.

### 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 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 a particularly dangerous situation for babies and small children.

### SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS

When thunder roars, go indoors! According to the Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency, 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.

### SHELTER IN PLACE

Shelter in place means finding a safe location indoors and staying there until you are given an "all clear" or told to evacuate. Residents might be asked to shelter in place for a variety of reasons, including an active shooter, tornado, or chemical, radiological or other hazard.

### TORNADO WATCH/TORNADO WARNING

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 then in a windowless interior room, such as a bathroom, closet or inner hallway. Stay as far from windows as possible.

A Tornado Watch means be prepared, as conditions are favorable for tornadoes to develop. When a Tornado Warning is issued, go indoors. Find the lowest level possible or move to an interior room with no windows. A Tornado Warning means act, as a tornado has been spotted or indicated by weather radar.

### Build an Emergency or Disaster Kit

Have you stocked up, so you are ready in an emergency? There are lots of ways to prepare for the unexpected.

To learn more, go to <http://www.hamiltoncountyohioema.org/assembling-an-emergency-supplies-kit>.



## EMERGENCY ALERTS

### LOCAL OUTDOOR SIRENS

Thirteen sirens in Anderson Township and two in the village of Newtown 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 warning indoors or in noisy areas.

### MULTIPLE OPTIONS FOR SEVERE WEATHER ALERTS

For the past 10 years, Anderson Township has used the CodeRED emergency alert system for all its residents. This system updates residents with emergency notification via text, phone or email. It also allows township safety officials to deliver accurate and reliable information to residents who are signed up.

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

There are multiple ways to stay informed about emergency weather in this area.

- NOAA Weather Radio
- Alert Hamilton County
- Wireless Emergency Alerts
- Emergency Alert System
- Social Media
- Outdoor Warning Sirens
- EMHSA Mobile App



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

## Recognitions

### Caruso Honored for 'Connecting the Community'



Tom Caruso

Planner **Tom Caruso** was recently recognized as a "Community Champion," an award given by the Hamilton County Public Health agency.

Caruso, who has been active in the issues of local and regional transportation for the past 20 years as a volunteer and township staff member, received the award recognizing his work with the township's Transportation Advisory Committee.

"Tom has been on the forefront of the township's efforts to make health and wellness a priority by placing an emphasis on trails, sidewalks, bike paths and every other form of movement that does not involve a motor," noted Administrator Vicky Earhart. Through Caruso's effort, the township is "safer, healthier and more connected for our residents."

The award was presented in conjunction with a WeTHRIVE Recognition Event presented by Hamilton County Public Health.

### Flerlage Named Firefighter of the Year



Nick Flerlage

Firefighter-paramedic **Nick Flerlage** is the 2019 Firefighter of the Year, an award presented annually by the Anderson Township American Legion Post 318. Flerlage, who has been a fulltime firefighter-paramedic with the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department since 2014, was nominated for the award for his work managing the CPR, first aid and Community Assistance Programs. He's also a certified Ohio EMS instructor who works on continuing education, quality improvement and grant processing.

## Retirements



Lt. Doug Fisher

**Lt. Doug Fisher** recently retired from the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department. He joined the department as a volunteer in 1989 and was later hired fulltime as a firefighter-paramedic in 1992. During his tenure, Fisher earned his certification as an Ohio Fire Inspector and as a hazmat responder technician. He also was a member of the Hamilton County Sheriff/Loveland-Symmes Task Force 1 Team as a dive and rope rescue technician.



Becky Campbell

**Becky Campbell**, a former secretary for the Public Works Department, retired in December 2018. She worked for Anderson Township for seven years.

### School Resource Officer Honored



Robert Goettke

School Resource Officer, **Robert Goettke**, is the American Legion Post 318 Officer of the Year.

Goettke began his career with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office in 1990 and worked as a patrol officer in Sycamore and Columbia townships. He moved to the Anderson Township District 5 substation in 2000 and has served as the school resource officer since then.

According to his nomination, Goettke serves as a law enforcement officer, role model, mentor and informal counselor in his position as school resource officer. He is passionate about helping students and teaching them to become good citizens. He also has coordinated numerous active shooter training sessions for businesses and the Forest Hills School District. His work was recognized by a Transportation Security Administration honor.

### Bley Earns Enforcement Supervisor of the Year Award



Sgt. Kevin Bley

Sergeant **Kevin Bley** has been named the 2018 Enforcement Supervisor of the Year, an award given by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. Bley started with the sheriff's office in 1999 and has served as sergeant since 2013. He was the direct supervisor of all the special squads in District 5 including traffic, crime prevention, school resource officer and community resource officer and he serves on the safety committee of the Forest Hills School District. Additionally, he supervised two squads of deputies and handled a high level of administrative detail related to township policing matters.

## Changes

### McElroy in New Role as Commander of District 5



Lt. Daniel McElroy

**Lt. Daniel McElroy** is the new commander of the District 5 Substation of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office in Anderson Township.

McElroy is a University of Cincinnati graduate with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He has continued his training with a homicide investigation course from the University of Louisville, Voice Stress Analysis training and frontline supervisor training at Butler Tech.

In 2017 he attended the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, a 10-week course for law enforcement executives. Additionally, he is currently taking Public Sector Leadership through Xavier University. McElroy started his new assignment in January, replacing Lt. Matt Guy.

## Party on the Plaza Summer Concert Series Returns for 11<sup>th</sup> Season

Mark your calendar: May 9 kicks off this year's Party on the Plaza concert series, the first of six shows.

Sponsored by the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce and Anderson Township, these family-friendly concerts are free and open to the public. Each event combines local businesses, live music and community fun.

Shows run from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road. All concessions are \$5 or less and are available from Anderson Pub & Grill, Arthur's, Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakhangers, LaRosa's Pizzeria and Sweets & Meats BBQ.

For event details, go to [www.AndersonPartyonthePlaza.com](http://www.AndersonPartyonthePlaza.com) or Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce on Facebook.

### Chamber Honors Local Leaders and Businesses

AACC Annual Awards is a community recognition event that honors local students, educators, residents and businesses for outstanding achievement. The event is scheduled for 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, at Belterra Park Gaming. Admission is \$25. Reservations are required; contact the chamber at 474-4802 or [AndersonAreaChamber.org](http://AndersonAreaChamber.org).

### Parker Promoted to Lieutenant



Lt. Brad Parker

Firefighter-paramedic **Brad Parker** has been promoted to lieutenant in the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department. Parker started with the department in 1995 and has earned numerous certifications including hazmat certification, official Ohio fire instructor, fire safety inspector and CPR/AED instructor certification. He teaches firefighter and EMT classes at Great Oaks Technical Institute.

### King promoted to Fire and Rescue Lieutenant



Lt. Kevin King

Anderson Township Fire and Rescue has promoted **Kevin King** to the rank of lieutenant. He started with Anderson Township in July 2002. King has served as a member of the Hamilton County Urban Search and Rescue Task Force since 2007 and was promoted to Rescue Squad Officer in 2014. He currently works with the Life Safety Division in overseeing fire safety inspections for all Forest Hills schools.



## The 2019 schedule lineup

May 9	3 Piece Revival
June 6	Nick Netherton Band
June 27	Leroy Ellington Band
July 11	Backbeat
August 8	The Dan Varner Band
August 22	Bluetip

### New Events Coordinator for Township



Jennifer Sanders

**Jennifer Sanders** is the new events coordinator for Anderson Township. She comes to the township as an experienced events manager, having served in that capacity at the Aronoff Center for the Arts starting in 2002. Sanders also was a theater supervisor and manager for the city of Dublin. She's a graduate from The Ohio State University.

### New Secretary for Public Works



Shellie Hobbs

**Shellie Hobbs**, who was a part-time receptionist at Anderson Center, now works full time as the secretary for Public Works Department and provides assistance to the Fiscal Office.

### Ginty New Township Planner



P.J. Ginty

**P.J. Ginty** is the newest addition to the Anderson Township Planning and Zoning Department. He will begin full time as a Planner I after graduating in May from the University of Cincinnati with a bachelor's degree in urban planning. Ginty, of Youngstown, Ohio, was previously a co-op for the township in the spring and fall of 2018.

# COMMUNITY PARTNERS

## Experiential Education Core to Great Oaks Experience

Experiential learning, the chance to put knowledge into action, is an important part of education. One way students gain this hands-on experience is through Great Oaks Career Campuses.

Great Oaks is the public career-technical school district serving 36 southwest Ohio school districts, including Forest Hills. At Anderson High School and others, Great Oaks programs also are available at the school.

Students typically attend as juniors and seniors. When they're finished, they can earn college credit and professional credentials in their career field and receive their diploma from their original school.



"Career-technical programs are super-electives for high schoolers," says Jon Weidlich, director of community relations for Great Oaks Career Campuses.

"Students meet the same academic requirements as their classmates but have the chance to spend part of their school career trying something new and different. This early career experience can be pivotal in helping the student make a clearer, more confident decision of what to do after high school," he said.

Career-technical school districts were created in Ohio in the late 1960s, allowing school districts to share resources. They gave students access to programs, labs and equipment that individual school districts could never afford alone. At Great Oaks, for instance, students can learn aviation maintenance with real airplanes, study culinary arts in fully-equipped commercial kitchens, program manufacturing robots, use the latest software for cybersecurity or digital arts, work with horses and other animals, and more.

Each year about 80 Anderson or Turpin students attend a Great Oaks campus. Many more take Great Oaks courses in marketing management and research or teaching professions at Anderson High School.

Students can attend one of four Great Oaks campuses (Diamond Oaks in Dent, Laurel Oaks in Wilmington, Live Oaks in Milford, and Scarlet Oaks in Sharonville.) Adult career training programs also are available. For more information, go to [www.greatoaks.com](http://www.greatoaks.com).

## Legacy of Library Association Volunteer Passed to Girl Scouts Via Book Artist Badge

Anderson resident Jane Young, who passed away in 2017, was a lifelong Scout leader as well as a trainer for future leaders. She also was a volunteer for the Anderson Township Library Association, going back to when it was still known as the Anderson Library Committee.

So, it was a natural fit when the association donated funds in Young's memory for a program to help girls in three local Scout troops earn their book artist badges. The funds were left over from contributions made in honor of Jackie O'Brien, who was a big supporter of all Scouting programs-Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Brownies and Girl Scouts. The donation was made with the support of O'Brien's family.

"We wanted to honor Jane in some way that combined her commitment to Scouts with her love of books," said Jackie Weist, library association volunteer.

Lou Kroner from the Cincinnati Book Arts Society recently presented a program to the Girl Scouts from Troop 43586, Troop 43876, and Troop 49360. He taught them how to make three different types of books, as well as explaining the process a book goes through from story idea to publishing.

*The Anderson Township Library Association hosts its annual used book sale this summer. See page 27 for details.*



## Anderson's Senior Center Promotes Healthy Living

The Anderson Township Senior Center continues to grow, thrive and serve the needs of older adults in the Anderson community. Promoting healthy living, friendship and fostering a sense of community, members gather for a variety of activities.

Activities include arts and crafts groups, exercise classes, technology classes, musical performances, special seasonal events and opportunities to socialize. Each weekday a nutritious lunch is served (\$1 for those 60+).

According to the National Council on Aging, senior centers have become one of the most widely used resources among America's older adults. Those who participate in senior center programs experience measurable improvements in their physical, social, emotional and economic well-being.



Because of programs offered at the Anderson Township Senior Center, seniors can stay engaged, healthy and active.

Here's a recap of the strong year experienced by the Anderson center:

- 8,521 nutritious meals were served (choice of meals offered weekdays, reservations required)
- 1,354 members participated in trips to concerts, museums, tours, lunches, parks and other attractions
- 4,486 attended on-site presentations covering topics such as history, education, health and wellness, seasonal interest, humor and gardening

Notes Trustee Vice President Dee Stone, "If you're a senior and not a member, come check us out. If you are not a senior, but you know someone who might appreciate Anderson Township Senior Center, encourage them to visit the center." She adds, "If you would like to volunteer, we can put your many talents to use!"

For more information, stop by the center weekdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 7970 Beechmont Ave. (adjacent to the Beechmont Fire Station), call 474-3100 or visit the center's web page at: [www.andersontownship.org/senior-center](http://www.andersontownship.org/senior-center).



## Adult Egg Hunts: Are You in Training Yet?

Start training now for Anderson Parks Adult Egg Hunts! The first hunt kicks off at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 18 at the Riverside Park All Weather Fields. Event check-in starts at 6 p.m.

After a mass start, participants will collect as many eggs as possible and turn in "special eggs" for prizes such as electronics and gift cards. Each hunt has age restrictions; proof of age required at check-in. Participation is accepted via pre-

registration only at [GetMeRegistered.com](http://GetMeRegistered.com). Cost is \$5 per person per hunt. Pre-registration is open now and runs through 10 a.m. on April 18 (or until the event sells out).

Anderson Parks Youth Egg Hunts will start at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 20, and will also be hosted at the Riverside Park All Weather Fields. Tickets are sold at the event. See [AndersonParks.com](http://AndersonParks.com) for additional details.



## Government Meeting Videos Available Online

After ACTV closed, township now records government meetings for the public

After the departure of Anderson's Community Television station last December, Anderson Township decided to begin taping its own public meetings in February and make them available for review on its website. The township recently purchased a rack-

mounted disk recorder that will allow staff members to easily record Anderson Township Board of Trustee, Board of Zoning Appeals and Zoning Commission meetings. The videos will be uploaded to the Anderson Township YouTube channel.



## Get the Facts on Anderson's Electric Aggregation Program

In resident-approved program, township buys collectively for lower costs

Did you know Anderson Township offers an electric aggregation program for residents? Township voters approved the opt-out aggregation program in the November 2016 election. After soliciting bids, the township ultimately contracted with Dynegy Energy to become the provider in the township's new electric aggregation program. The program was launched in April 2017 for a three-year term through the June 2020 meter read.

Trustee Andrew Pappas said the energy aggregation program is a bonus for residents as it reduces utility supply rates for residents and businesses through a bulk purchase from a third-party supplier.

Did you know two options are offered? Rates are \$0.0539/kWh or \$0.0549/kWh for 100 percent green energy. However, this rate is only for the "generation" portion of your electric bill. The "distribution"

portion is through Duke Energy with charges regulated by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

Residents can join or leave the program at any time without incurring a fee. Contact Energy Alliances at 794-5555 to inquire.

Unfortunately, complaints regarding suppliers using confusing tactics and misrepresentations to trick buyers into switching providers have been reported. Never give out your account number or sign any paperwork from door-to-door solicitors or high-pressure sales calls claiming a better electric rate, notes Pappas.

A helpful question and answer sheet covering details about the program is available at [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org). Click on the "quick Links" section at the top right part of the page.

## Safety Grant Gives Firefighters More Protection Against Exposure to Fire-Related Carcinogens



The gloves and hoods are essential parts of firefighter's protective clothing, while the specialized washer is used to decontaminate firefighters' protective gear.

Notes Assistant Chief Bob Herrlinger, "Recent scientific studies involving firefighters link certain forms of cancer to the exposure of the products of combustion and contaminated protective clothing. The additional gloves and hoods will be utilized while the contaminated clothing is decontaminated."

A U.S. Department of Health and Human Services publication examining firefighter exposure to potential carcinogens shows that the neck area is one of the most likely regions to become contaminated. "Firefighters experience harmful exposures on every structure fire response," Herrlinger said. Some of these hazardous materials come from burning synthetic materials, he added.

"With this enhanced washing process, protective hoods and fire gloves, we are further protecting our firefighters while they are in harm's way," he said.

Anderson's firefighters will soon receive an enhanced layer of personal safety gear that offers more substantial protection against firefighting-related cancers.

A \$15,000 Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation grant to Anderson Township Fire and Rescue will be used toward the purchase of a specialized water extractor, fire gloves and a particulate-barrier hood.

## Awareness Campaign: 'If You're Texting, You're Not Driving'

Would a logical driver consider driving the entire length of a football field with his eyes closed? Almost certainly not.

However, that's what happens when you text and drive... a lapse of 5 seconds going 55 mph means you've just driven that space without looking up!

Distracted driving is on the increase, claiming the lives of 3,450 people in 2016 due to texting, eating, talking on the phone or other activities that divert attention from driving.

Lt. Dan McElroy of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office District 5 Substation notes that, "You cannot drive safely unless the task of driving has your full attention. Any non-driving activity you engage in is a potential distraction and increases your risk of crashing."

April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

Check out advice regarding this national issue at [www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/distracted-driving](http://www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/distracted-driving).



## Road Rehab Summer Projects Announced

### Bretton

Roadway Resurfacing

### Cablecar

Roadway Resurfacing

### Candlemaker

Roadway Resurfacing

### Cobblestone

Roadway Resurfacing

### Concordridge

Roadway Resurfacing

### Coral Sea

Roadway Resurfacing

### Deaconsbench

Roadway Resurfacing

### Donnington

Roadway Resurfacing

### Dunwoodie

Curb, Sidewalk Repairs, Roadway Resurfacing

### Finsbury

Roadway Resurfacing

### Flaxen

Roadway Resurfacing

### Flintshire

Roadway Resurfacing

### Fossway

Roadway Resurfacing

### Goldengate

Roadway Resurfacing

### Hawkstone

Curb, Sidewalk Repairs, Roadway Resurfacing

### Hiddenglen

Curb, Sidewalk Repairs, Roadway Resurfacing

### Hidden Hills

Curb, Sidewalk Repairs, Roadway Resurfacing

### Hidden Point

Curb, Sidewalk Repairs, Roadway Resurfacing

### Kennebel

Roadway Resurfacing

### Kingsway

Roadway Resurfacing

### Lamplite

Roadway Resurfacing

### Longbow

Roadway Resurfacing

### Luwista

Curb, Sidewalk Repairs, Roadway Resurfacing

### Markley Road - James Hill to Woodcroft

Sidewalk Installation on East Side of Roadway

### Nordyke Road - Nottingwood to Koszo

Sidewalk Installation on East Side of Roadway

### Presidio

Roadway Resurfacing

### Rudgate

Roadway Resurfacing

### Sebright

Curb, Sidewalk Repairs, Roadway Resurfacing

### Shangrila

Roadway Resurfacing

### Strathburn

Curb, Sidewalk Repairs, Roadway Resurfacing

### Stutly

Roadway Resurfacing

### Telegraph

Roadway Resurfacing

### Ticonderoga

Roadway Resurfacing

### Towne Center Way - Wolfangel to

Five Mile Road

Roadway Resurfacing and Striping

### Woodruff - Elderwood to Enclave of

Woodruff Subdivision

Sidewalk Installation on North Side of Roadway

### Woodsedge

Curb, Sidewalk Repairs, Roadway Resurfacing



## Leader of Great Parks to Retire After 30 Years

After three decades as the leader of Great Parks of Hamilton County, Jack Sutton, its chief executive officer, retires in May.

Sutton's leadership and vision for a county-wide park system that he helped rebrand years ago, touched Anderson Township in a positive way for years, said Steve Sievers, assistant administrator for operations. "He has been one of our biggest supporters, developing a strong relationship with the township and the Anderson Park District as well. Board members have changed in our organizations over the years, but we could always count on Jack to help to the betterment of our township," Sievers said.



Groundbreaking of Little Miami Scenic Trail Extension in 2015

Efforts in Anderson Township that Sutton has been involved in include the extension of the Little Miami Trail from Milford through Anderson Township, and securing funding to make the future connection to Lunken Airport Bike Path/Ohio River Trail.



Assistant Administrator Steve Sievers and CEO of Great Parks Jack Sutton

Sutton and the Great Parks teams also were instrumental in acquiring additional open space along the Little Miami River, acquiring additional property to expand their parks in Anderson and nearby communities, and continually investing in the offerings at these facilities, Sievers said.

"Their top-notch parks and facilities are true amenities to the quality of life in our township," Sievers said. "Little Miami Golf Course and Woodland Mound Park are tremendous resources to have here in our own backyard, in addition to the Vineyard Golf Course and Withrow Nature Preserve," he noted.

"He's a consummate professional, a true leader and dedicated public servant," said Administrator Vicky Earhart. "Great Parks has been run well and shared our vision, basically enhancing the quality of life in Anderson, and selfishly, making our jobs easier!"

## Reduce Your Carbon Footprint Through Free Program

Improve the comfort of your home and save on your energy bill through a free program. Anderson Township and the Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance bring residents the free Get Efficient Program.

The next Residential Solar Workshop is set for 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road.

At the seminar, find out if your roof is a good fit for solar and how solar could work on your home. Also, meet a Solarize installer and learn how tax credits and Solarize discounts make solar affordable. Learn more at: [getefficient.org](http://getefficient.org).

### Lights out?

Have you noticed any lights out on your street? Request service for a light that is out on an upgraded Duke Energy website that makes the process simple. Fill out a short form and Duke will be notified.

Go to: [duke-energy.com/customer-service/request-light-repair](http://duke-energy.com/customer-service/request-light-repair), or contact the Anderson Township Public Works Department at 688-8400 (press 4). Via the web go to [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org).



## WeTHRIVE! Committee Launched for New Initiatives

Anderson Township's new committee WeTHRIVE! Anderson launches this spring, with a focus on beautification and community health.

This committee is part of a larger WeTHRIVE! countywide initiative, which was created by Hamilton County Public Health.

The projects of the township's previous Betterment and Beautification Committee, Great American Clean-up, community art projects, beautification awards and the Garden and History Tour, will now be conducted by WeTHRIVE! volunteers.

Other initiatives of the new group include a focus on community health projects that promote access to health care, active transportation, healthy diets, communities and public art.

"I am excited about the prospects for our new WeTHRIVE! committee," said Dee Stone, the committee's trustee liaison. "We have a great group of community members with diverse interests and a willingness to serve."



Newly plowed farm field on Anderson Township Historical Society's Bartels Road property

## Historical Society Offers Log House Tours, Plant Sale, Community Garden Plots for Rent This Season

The Anderson Township Historical Society has a busy spring ahead. Tour the Miller-Leuser Log House at 6550 Clough Pike during **open houses** from 1 to 4 p.m. on the first and third Sundays of the month, May to October. Visit the oldest home in the township and one of the very few remaining houses built by pioneers who settled in the Ohio River valley in the late 1700s.

Free tours are offered by volunteers from the Historical Society who share historical information about the area and its pioneer past. Visit the barn, corncrib and outhouse and learn about Anderson's farming heritage.

The society also presents its annual home-grown **Plant Sale** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 11, at the log house. Plants are donated and proceeds help maintain the historic log house and other properties owned by the historical society.

The log house also will be part of the free self-guided Anderson **Garden and History Tour** scheduled for Sunday, May 19. It will be open earlier, at 10 a.m., to 4 p.m. For more information, go to [AndersonTownshipHistoricalSociety.org](http://AndersonTownshipHistoricalSociety.org).

In a new effort, the Anderson Township Historical Society announces the opening of the "Anderson Urban Farm" on a historic farmstead owned by the society.

Located at 2550 Bartels Road, the urban farm is a community gathering space to be used for meeting, gardening and educational opportunities.

The farm will offer three large plots divided into 120 individual garden spaces of 5 x 20 feet and will rent for the season at \$75 for one plot. A reduced fee of \$65 will be offered to new and existing members of the Anderson Township Historical Society, as well as seniors age 65 and older.

A "Seed Bash" is planned at the new urban farm site from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 19, during the township's Anderson Garden and History Tour. Volunteers will provide seeds and plants for sale, along with refreshments and entertainment.

For further information or to rent a garden plot in the Anderson Urban Farm, go to [andersonurbanfarm.com](http://andersonurbanfarm.com) or visit Facebook at Anderson Township Historical Society Urban Farm. Contact the Anderson Urban Farm at [admin@andersonurbanfarm.com](mailto:admin@andersonurbanfarm.com).



Historic Bartels Road barn



Log House at 6550 Clough Pike

## Volunteers Provide the Impetus to Much Community Change

More than 100 members of Anderson's rich volunteer community stepped forward this year to serve the township on one of its nine committees. Topics covered in each committee

range from public health and transportation to zoning and beautification. Here are the volunteers for 2019.

### Transportation Advisory Committee

Trenny Selfridge  
Patrick Anater  
Thomas Browning  
John Cissell  
Dennis Connair  
Adrienne Eastlake  
Richard Erbacher  
Stephen Feagins  
Brian Gay  
Dave Habegger  
Joe Hice

Pinky Kocoshis  
Ken Kushner  
Jay Lewis  
Mike Niehaus  
Karl Sieber  
Karen Schwamberger  
Paul Sheckels  
Paul Sian  
Ken Vincent  
Kurt Wells

### Tree Committee

Bruce Berno  
Lori Beer  
Scott Beuerlein  
Sandra Coleman  
Josh Eastlake  
John Halpin  
James Hansel  
Carol King

Timothy Kloppenborg  
Tom Prues  
Jim Rombke  
Sonia Shively  
Rick Voss  
Joe Willging

### Economic Development Committee

Paul Kitzmiller  
Elizabeth Barber  
Julie Bissinger  
Amy Broghamer  
Chris Corrado  
Jeff Cowan  
Matt Davie  
Stephen Feagins  
Brad Felblinger  
Tony Giglio  
John Halpin

Nicole Hunter  
Phillip Kiley  
Eric Miller  
Scott Miller  
Donald Nickerson  
Zach Peterson  
Scot Prebles  
Amy Richardson  
Mike Roberts  
Jeff Rosa



### Senior Center Advisory Committee

Steven Long  
Sherry Burnside  
Christine Corcoran  
Clyde Dial  
Kathleen Haas

Abbe Lackmeyer  
Michelle LaPresto  
Alfred Norwood  
Logan Waddell

### Board of Zoning Appeals

Steve Haber  
John Halpin  
Yan Nasilevich  
Jeff Nye

Paul Sian  
Don Schenck  
Patrick Reagan

### WeTHRIVE! (Anderson Committee)

Katie Buchmann  
Stephanie Brown  
Samantha Cook  
Beth Davis  
Julia Edmondson  
Stephen Feagins  
Austin Greiwe  
James Hay  
Paige Janson  
Pinky Kocoshis  
Ken Kushner  
Sarah McManaway  
Jenny Sarver

Karen Schwamberger  
Trenny Selfridge  
Sonia Shively  
Karl Sieber  
Marcus Thompson  
Kathleen Wagoner  
Susan Wheatley  
Joseph Wicker

### Zoning Commission

Scott Boone  
Catherine DiBiagio  
Jonathan Gothard  
Jay Lewis

Anne McBride  
Brian Elliff  
Ben Henson

### Greenspace

Ron Edgerton  
Paul Braasch  
Russ Romme

Rick Voss  
Suzanne Clingman

### Greater Anderson Township Betterment Commission

Stuart Dornette  
Ron Edgerton  
Karl Steinmanis

Jane Gerhardt  
Jessica Yao



## Field Trip a Memorable Day Through History to Schools

Sharing Anderson Township's rich heritage with a younger generation of residents makes for special memories each year during the History to Schools program.

Each spring, Anderson Center morphs into a multifaceted classroom where second graders from the Forest Hills School District and third grade students from Immaculate Heart of Mary School connect the past and their present. The collaborative effort involving Anderson Township, the Anderson Township Historical Society and Forest Hills Schools involves civics and history lessons, a look at the environment, and safety and outdoor fun.

During a handful of days during six weeks in the spring, Anderson Historical Society docents will lead these students through the Anderson Township History Room. Administrative staff members remind students about bicycle safety and mapping

skills, while others from Public Works and safety services share what it takes to keep the township safe and roads snow-free.



## Government, Schools Partner for Shadowing, Safety, Fun

Real-life learning about local government and fire safety connects Forest Hills School District students and Anderson Township each year in a variety of ways. Engaging graduating seniors down to preschool participants, the Anderson Fire and Rescue Department, the Public Works Department and the Planning and Zoning Department each share their expertise with students throughout the year.

For example:

- Turpin High School seniors enjoyed a shadowing experience at Anderson Center involving all township departments, learning more about local government and public service.
- During "Spark Day" at Wilson Elementary School, classes talked about firefighting as a career.
- In an open house hosted at a fire station each year, youngsters chose to dress like a firefighter, extinguish a "fire" and pretend they were patients in an ambulance.
- Planners explained their careers to Nagel Middle School students last year to share how scientific concepts are used in their work. Students provided feedback to better the community.



Sgt. Kevin Bley and Lt. Matt Guy share about their job as Hamilton County Sheriff's Office deputies.



Jamie Bender from Public Works visits with students.

# EVENTS

## Contest Recognizes Beautiful Spaces in Anderson

Nominate a beautiful landscape design or a notable garden space this year in Anderson's annual beautification contest.

The WeTHRIVE! Anderson Committee (formerly the Betterment and Beautification Committee) opens nominations this year on June 5 for the following categories:

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

Each winner will receive a plaque and a yard sign for display. Call Sarah Donovan for questions at 688-8400 ext. 1181 or [sdonovan@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:sdonovan@AndersonTownship.org).



Beautification Winner 2018 Skyline



Beautification Winner 2018 El Coyote

## Safely Dispose of Unnecessary Meds During Take Back Day

Have expired or unneeded prescription drugs filling up your medicine cabinet? Bring these unwanted medicines to the annual Drug Take Back Day at Anderson Center. The event is hosted from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 20, at 7850 Five Mile Road.



Anderson Township and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office partner every year to encourage residents to safely remove medications out of circulation, without polluting the water system or disposing of drugs in the trash.

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

For details or questions, call Cpl. Dave Boiman at 688-8400 ext. 1191 or email him at [dboiman@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:dboiman@AndersonTownship.org).



## Spruce Up, Clean Up During Great American Cleanup

Don't miss out this year! The annual township litter pickup event, the Great American Cleanup, is scheduled on Saturday, April 20.

Grab some friends and family and take your volunteer spirit to the street for a morning of cleanup, starting at 8:30 a.m. Register at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile, to receive an assignment. Older children are welcome to participate with adult supervision. Supplies for the cleanup and lunch will be provided. Come for an hour or stay all morning.

For information or preregistration for large groups, or to pick up supplies in advance, contact Sarah Donovan at 688-8400 ext.1181 or [sdonovan@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:sdonovan@AndersonTownship.org).

The Great American Cleanup is sponsored by Keep Cincinnati Beautiful.



## Public Meetings

(Times and dates subject to change with notice)

### Board of Township Trustees

#### Regular Monthly Meeting

Thursday, April 18, 6 p.m.

#### Annual Planning Meeting

May 2-3, 8:30 a.m.  
at Highwood Lodge  
7075 Five Mile

#### Anderson Township Senior Center Advisory Committee

Thursday, May 16, 2 p.m.  
Meets at Senior Center,  
7970 Beechmont Ave.

#### Board of Zoning Appeals

Thursday, April 4, 5:30 p.m.

#### Economic Development Committee

Tuesday, May 28, 3 p.m.

#### Street Committee

Monday, May 6, 7 p.m.

#### Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, May 7, 6:30 p.m.

#### WeTHRIVE!

#### Anderson Committee

Wednesday, April 10, 4 p.m.

#### Zoning Commission

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

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

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# EVENTS

## Bargain Hunt on May 4 at Anderson Center Station

If your spring to-do list involves bargain hunting, save the date of Saturday, May 4, for the annual Anderson Center Station Garage Sale.

Anderson Township offers a convenient way to shop and save during this annual event hosted at one location.

The event draws hundreds who buy, sell and barter for goods from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, with about 25 vendors at the station, 7932 Five Mile Road. The sale is free and open rain or shine.

Sellers must be Anderson Township residents. Cost is \$15 for an 18 x 19 foot space (two parking spaces). Bring your own tables and chairs. Set up starts at 7 a.m. and everything must be off the premises by 1 p.m.

Reserve your space by contacting Jennifer Sanders at 688-8444 or email her at [jsanders@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:jsanders@AndersonTownship.org). Reservations also are accepted at Anderson Center during regular business hours. Vendors should make reservations early to secure a spot. No refunds.

### Anderson's Community Garage Sale

In conjunction with the Anderson Center Station Garage Sale, Anderson Township hosts its community-wide yard/garage sale on Saturday, May 4.

List your sale on the township's website ([AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org)) for free. To report your sale, email [bcowan@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:bcowan@AndersonTownship.org) with the time and address. Only Anderson Township sales will be listed.



## New Location for Farmers' Market at St. Timothy's Church



The Anderson Township Farmers' Market will be open in a new location this year. The market, formerly hosted at the Anderson Center Station on Five Mile Road, now will operate at St. Timothy's Church, 8101 Beechmont Ave., starting Saturday, May 11. It is open until October 26. Hours are 9 a.m. to noon.

For details on the market, go to the market Facebook page: Anderson Township Farmers' Market.

## Annual Garden Tour Offers New Historic Building Stops

Tour date has been moved up into May to include more beautiful spring blooms

Anderson's annual Garden Tour is moving to an earlier date and adding historic township locations on the route this year.

Now called the Anderson Garden and History Tour, the free self-guided event will include homes with beautiful spring blooms, as well as open houses at several noted township historic sites.

Seven garden sites had been volunteered as of press time, with more possibilities to come. The historic site part of the tour will include opportunities to tour the Miller-Leuser Log House, the James Clark Stone House, the Anderson Township Heritage Center and Highwood Lodge at Withrow Nature Center.

"We realized our previous date, the first week of June, seemed to eliminate many of the area's beautiful flowering spring plants, so this year we moved up the event to catch gardens in bloom during this abundant time of year," said Sarah Donovan, planner.

The Garden and History Tour is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 19. A brochure detailing the event will be available after May 1 at [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org) or at Anderson Center.

Have a garden you would like to share with the public? Call Sarah Donovan at 688-8400 ext. 1181 to discuss. The Garden and History Tour is run by the new volunteer WeTHRIVE! Anderson Committee.



## Annual Memorial Day Observance Set for May 27

Solemn remembrance of those who served in armed forces hosted at Anderson Center outdoor plaza



The Anderson Township Veterans Memorial Committee returns to Anderson Center this year to observe the community's annual remembrance of fallen veterans.

Hosted on the outdoor plaza, rain or shine, the event is set for 11:45 a.m. on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27.

Included in the solemn remembrance is the reading of names of deceased members of the armed forces. Sign in by 11:45 a.m. to have a loved one's name read during the ceremony. The ceremony starts at noon. A remembrance wreath will be placed at the Memorial and a three-volley rifle salute will be given over the lake, with "Taps" echoed from the overlook.

For more information, contact Molly Mohrfield at 688-8400 ext. 1101 or [mmohrfield@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:mmohrfield@AndersonTownship.org).

## July Fourth Parade Entries- Plan Your Float Now!

Don't miss a chance to showcase your organization or neighborhood during the township's annual July 4th Parade. This year the event is scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday, July 4, following the same route along Beechmont Avenue as in previous years.

Signup will be available online at [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org) starting on April 30. Send a message to the 8,000 to 10,000 individuals who line up each year just to see your parade submission. For more information, contact Steve Sievers at 688-8400 ext. 1178 or [ssievers@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:ssievers@AndersonTownship.org).



# CONNECT

## April

### **ENCORE! 2019- The Forest-Aires, featuring Marvelous Musicals**

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road  
**Thursday and Friday, April 4 and 5, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday, April 6, 3 p.m.**  
Tickets: \$14 adults, \$13 seniors 65 + and children 12 and under  
Info: 543-1871 or [theforestaires.com](http://theforestaires.com)

### **McNicholas High School -Seussical the Musical**

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road  
**Thursday, April 11, 7 p.m.**  
**Friday, April 12, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday, April 13, 2 and 7:30 p.m.**  
Tickets: \$12  
Info: [www.mcnhs.org](http://www.mcnhs.org)

### **Drug Take Back Day**

Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road  
**Saturday, April 20, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**  
**Free**  
Not accepted at the site are liquids, aerosols, inhalers, needles or (plastic/glass) bottles. Place pills and tablets into a zip-lock style bag for disposal.  
Info: 688-8400 or [dboiman@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:dboiman@AndersonTownship.org)

### **Great American Cleanup**

Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road  
**Saturday, April 20, 8:30 a.m.-noon**  
Info and signup: Sarah Donovan at 688-8400 ext. 1181 or [sdonovan@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:sdonovan@AndersonTownship.org)

### **Miami Valley Christian Academy- Mary Poppins**

Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road  
**Thursday and Friday, April 25-26 7 p.m.**  
**Saturday, April 27, 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.**  
Ticket info: [mvca-oh.com](http://mvca-oh.com)

## MAY

### **Beechmont Players-Over the Tavern**

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road  
**Friday, May 3, 8 p.m.; Saturday, May 4, 8 p.m.**  
**Sunday, May 5, 3 p.m. Friday, May 10, 8 p.m.**  
**Saturday, May 11, 3 and 8 p.m.**  
Tickets: \$20; Students, seniors (60+) active military, \$18  
Info: 233-2468

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

### **Anderson Center Station Garage Sale**

Anderson Center Station, 7832 Five Mile Road  
**Saturday, May 4, 8 a.m.-noon**  
\$15 to reserve a space (Anderson Township residents only)  
Info: Jennifer Sanders at 688-8444 or [jsanders@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:jsanders@AndersonTownship.org)

### **Communitywide Garage Sales**

Various locations across township  
**Saturday, May 4, time varies**  
Info: Betty Cowan at 688-8400 ext. 1175 or [bcowan@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:bcowan@AndersonTownship.org)  
Sales listed on [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org)

### **Party on the Plaza- 3 Piece Revival**

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



### **Forest Hills 5K**

Nagel Middle School, 1500 Nagel Road  
**Saturday, May 11, 8:30 a.m.**  
Signup necessary; benefits Forest Hills Foundation for Education.  
Info: [www.Foresthills5k.com](http://www.Foresthills5k.com)

### **LeJeune Dance Academy- Coppelia**

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road  
**Friday, May 17 and Saturday, May 18, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, May 19, 2 p.m.**  
Tickets: \$20, \$15 seniors 65+ and children 10 and under  
Info: <https://lejeunedance.com/tickets/>

### **Anderson Garden and History Tour**

Variety of locations throughout township  
**Sunday, May 19, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.**  
Free, self-guided tour. Brochure online after May 1 at [AndersonTownship.org](http://AndersonTownship.org)



### **Memorial Day Remembrance and Bell Ringing Ceremony**

Anderson Center South Plaza, 7850 Five Mile Road  
**Monday, May 27, 11:45 a.m.**  
Info: Molly Mohrfield at 688-8600 ext. 1101 or [mmohrfield@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:mmohrfield@AndersonTownship.org)

## JUNE

### **Performing Arts, Inc.- Broadway Now Showcase, Mulan Jr., Sleeping Beauty Kids**

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road  
**May 28- June 1**  
Check online at [www.performingartsinc.net/anderson](http://www.performingartsinc.net/anderson) for dates and times.  
Tickets: \$10. All seating is reserved online at [pai.seatyourself.biz](http://pai.seatyourself.biz)

### **Anderson Community Band**

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road  
**Sunday, June 2, 7 p.m.**  
**Free**  
Info: John Fecker at 207-8506 or [andersoncommunityband.org](http://andersoncommunityband.org)

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

Anderson Center Theater, 7850 Five Mile Road  
**Thursday, June 6; Saturday, June 8, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, June 9, 2 p.m.**  
Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door  
Info: 368-2133

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

Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road  
**Thursday, June 6, 5:30-9:30 p.m.**  
Info: Eric Miller at 474-4802 or [AndersonPartyonthePlaza.com](http://AndersonPartyonthePlaza.com)  
Concessions \$5 or less.

### **Anderson Township Library Association- 39th Annual Used Book Sale**

Nagel Middle School, 1500 Nagel Road  
**Friday, June 21, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.**  
**Saturday, June 22, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.**  
**Sunday, June 23, noon-3 p.m.**



### **Party on the Plaza- LeRoy Ellington**

Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road  
**Thursday, June 27, 5:30-9:30 p.m.**  
Info: Eric Miller at 474-4802 or [AndersonPartyonthePlaza.com](http://AndersonPartyonthePlaza.com)  
Concessions \$5 or less.

## ONGOING EVENTS

### **Anderson Township History Room**

Open year-round: **Thursdays 6-8 p.m., Wednesdays and Sundays, 1-4 p.m.**  
Sponsored by the Anderson Township Historical Society and Anderson Township  
Info: 231-2114



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## Anderson Plans Aggressive Approach in 2019 to Complete Township Sidewalk Repairs

Now in the last year of a five-year plan to address repairs on aging sidewalks, Anderson Township will undertake a ramped-up sidewalk reconstruction effort this summer with the goal of finishing the township-wide project on schedule.

In 2014, township trustees committed to up their investment for the next five years on sidewalks that were cracked, worn or had buckled cement. This year, Anderson earmarked \$500,000 in designated capital improvement funds to complete this infrastructure improvement.

“As many of Anderson’s neighborhoods are now 40 to 60 years old, time has taken a toll on some of these area’s sidewalks,” said Public Works Director Eric Luginbuhl. “The plan we have for this year is fairly aggressive. We’re seeking to invest more than \$2 million into updating township infrastructure, including remaining curb repair from 2018, and this year’s pavement management program. That includes work on 36 township roadways.”



Unlike many communities, Anderson Township assumes repair of all sidewalks along township, county, and state roadways, a change that took effect in mid-2008. This township maintenance relieves the abutting property owner of the financial burden of ensuring sidewalks are safe for pedestrians, noted Assistant Administrator for Operations Steve Sievers.

“Anderson is unique in our assumption of this responsibility many years ago,” said Trustee Andrew Pappas. “We have been methodically working within our sidewalk plan over time to provide a more walkable community. This was not inexpensive. I hope it makes our community safer and more walkable.”

Bids are currently being accepted for this year’s sidewalk repair program. It is anticipated work will be undertaken by the selected contractor this summer and fall, Sievers noted.

