









nderson Township, is a Greater Cincinnati community situated between the banks of the scenic Ohio and

Little Miami rivers, about 15 minutes from downtown Cincinnati.

In this magazine, you'll learn more about why people choose to live in Anderson Township, an award-winning community that is exemplary in so many ways.

Soon, we hope you'll personally discover what is said about Anderson Township. We're a friendly community with great schools and excellent recreational opportunities. We offer a diverse stock of beautiful homes on hilly, wooded lots, a strong sense of community and a superior quality of life.

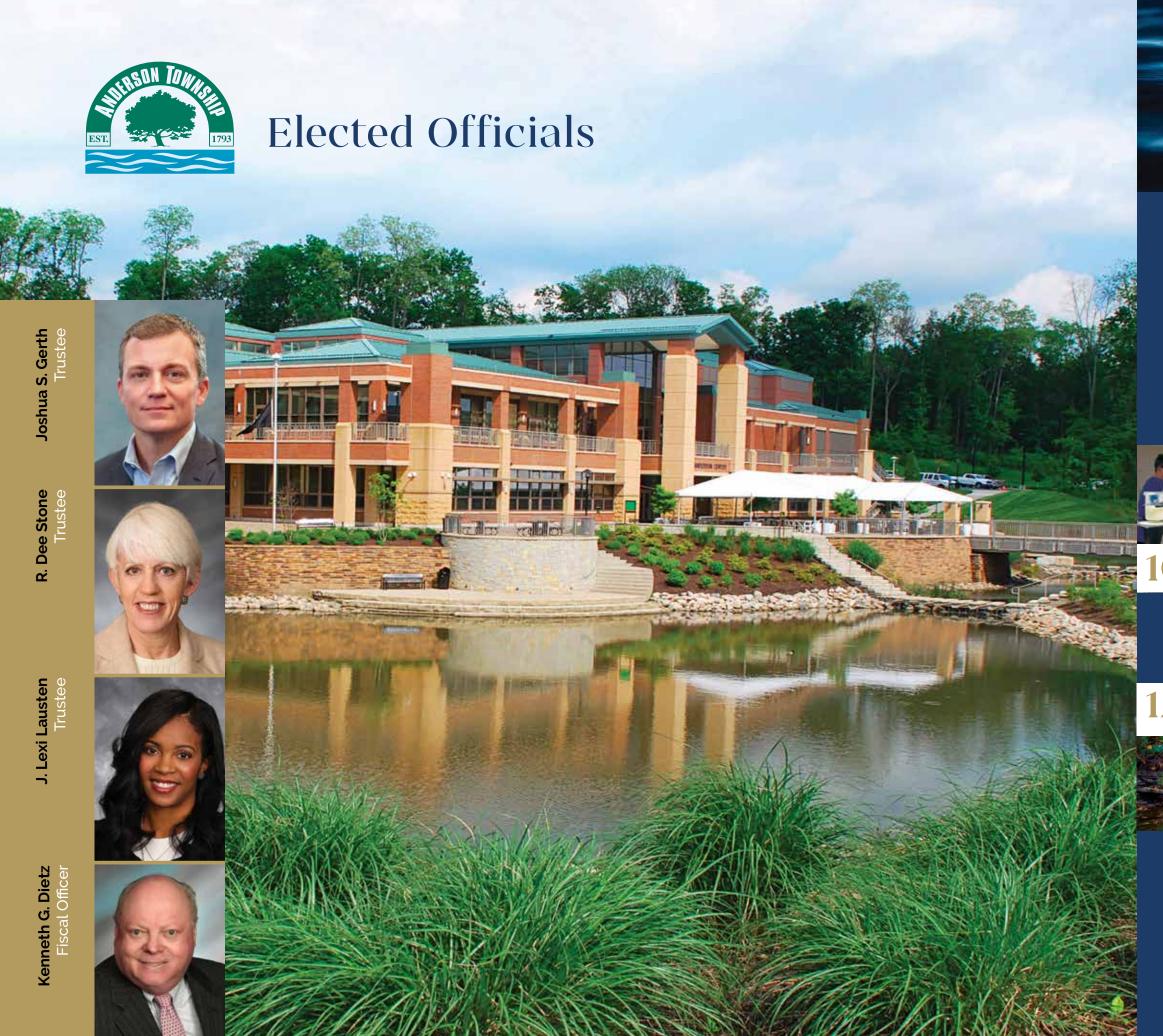
Take a few minutes to learn why we are one of Cincinnati's most desirable residential communities!



- + QUALITY SCHOOLS
- + SUPERIOR RECREATION
- + FINE RESIDENTIAL HOMES

### THE TOWNSHIP AT A GLANCE

- + Anderson has more than 2,800 acres of Greenspace, lush active and passive parks, open space and other publicly accessible lands, including quality golf courses.
- + Anderson continues to be one of the most appealing Greater Cincinnati neighborhoods. Homeowners enjoy high resale values, recognizing and appreciating their good investment.
- + Anderson maintains an extremely high level of single-family, owner-occupied homes.
- + Anderson is financially sound and efficiently governed by leaders committed to fiscal conservatism.
- + Anderson has carefully leveraged its assets, generating an infusion of more than 1 billion dollars in public and private investments in its commercial areas since 2000, creating better safety, recreation and public services for residents.
- + Since 2016, more than \$250 million in private and public investment has been focused in the "Center of the Community" within a mile of the Anderson Towne Center.



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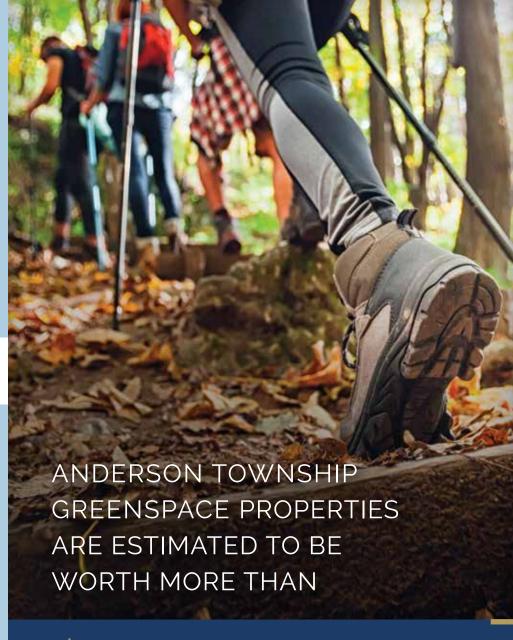


**BUYING A HOME** IN ANDERSON **TOWNSHIP CONTINUES** TO BE A SOLID INVESTMENT.

\$372,634

WAS THE **AVERAGE** RESALE OF AN **ANDERSON** RESIDENCE IN 2021

About 85 PERCENT of township residences are single-family, owner-occupied homes.



\$13,000,000



 Anderson Township residents continue to rate Fire EMS/Rescue Services as "Best in Class." The township is part of an elite group of communities with a "3" Insurance Services Offices rating countrywide, only 14.4 PERCENT of communities are in this category.

+ Anderson Township's prototype Greenspace preservation program indicates a significant community commitment to preserve open spaces. Anderson Township includes more than 2,800 ACRES of parks, Greenspace and other publicly accessible land. It encompasses more than 15.5 percent of total township acreage and entails approximately 60 acres of Greenspace, parks and recreational uses for every 1,000 residents.

**BETWEEN 2000 AND 2016** THE MEDIAN VALUE OF ANDERSON TOWNSHIP HOMES

**GREW BY 56 PERCENT** 



- + The total real property taxable value of Anderson Township is \$1.376 BILLION
- + Anderson Township's population continues to grow. According to U.S. Census information, Anderson's population grew nearly 10 PERCENT from 39,939 in 1990 to 44,088 in 2020.
- + For a decade, Anderson has held a Aaa BOND CREDIT RATING from the Moody's Investors Service. This rating recognizes Anderson's history of conservative fiscal management, residential housing stock and cash reserves.

#### ANDERSON RESIDENTS BENEFIT FROM HIGH-QUALITY AMENITIES

nderson Township provides high-quality public services that preserve and improve the quality of life for

township residents. New residents will quickly discover the rewards of living in a township: superior services delivered at economic rates and leadership that is responsive to citizen needs. Residents often say the absence of excessive regulations and government red tape is refreshing.

A board of three elected officials, called trustees, and an elected fiscal officer govern township matters. Operating under a "Limited Home Rule" form of government, the township has increased flexibility to deliver services within the simple form of township government to the end of protecting citizens, enhancing the community's viability and increasing opportunities for work and play.

Township trustees are proactive leaders who welcome comments from community residents. Trustees usually meet the first and third Thursday of each month in Anderson Center. Meetings are open to the public and can be accessed later on the township's website.

+ To learn more about Anderson Township's services, visit AndersonTownshipOH.gov.

#### FIRE. RESCUE AND EMS

Anderson Township operates its own professional fire, rescue and emergency services department, the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department. Known for its excellent service, community education programs and dedicated fire fighting personnel, the department provides paramedic, fire, rescue and life safety services to Anderson Township, from its three fire stations and to Newtown from a fourth station located in the village. All department members are full-time firefighter/paramedics.

With a "3" Insurance Services Offices rating, the township joins an elite group of communities countrywide. Only 14.4 percent have attained this rating. The 68-person department covers 33.57 square miles, and a combined population of 47,686.





#### **SHERIFF'S SERVICES**

Safety services in Anderson Township are provided by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office District 5 headquarters at two locations throughout the township. On-site at the Anderson Center (7850 Five Mile Road) is the township's Crime Prevention Officer and Community Resource Officer.

Sheriff's District 5 substation is also open to serve the public, located at the Anderson Township Operations Center, 7954 Beechmont Ave. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays. Thirty-five full-time officers are assigned to Anderson Township. The township also supports one full-time investigator assigned to the Regional Enforcement Narcotics Unit (RENU).

Deputies offer small-town, personalized attention, while also contributing resources available in a large law enforcement organization. The community has one of the most active Neighborhood Watch programs in the Midwest, with 109 active groups.

#### **PLANNING AND ZONING**

The Planning and Zoning Department exclusively oversees all planning and zoning related matters that occur within the township. It also performs a research and analysis function by using Geographic Information Systems and other related information sources to aid Anderson Township's elected officials and citizens in making sound planning and zoning decisions. The department serves as staff to several of Anderson Township's citizen advisory committees, comprised of more than 100 residents and business owners, focused on economic development, transportation, zoning, Greenspace, trees, health, betterment and beautification.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

When that first snow of the season arrives, Anderson Township's Public Works Department has the reputation of quickly clearing the snow on the more than 120 miles of township streets it maintains. Anderson puts maximum effort into keeping roads safe so residents can get to work, school and commerce.













**MT. WASHINGTON \$225,845** UNION TOWNSHIP \$252,928 NEWTOWN \$257,915 PIERCE TOWNSHIP \$304,850

ANDERSON TOWNSHIP \$372,634









nderson Township is a community comprised of quality housing that continues to be a good investment. Beautiful

homes situated on rolling hills, in landscaped subdivisions and on large, green wooded estates are available, along with attractive starter homes, apartments and town homes.

Homes are enhanced by the community's commitment to nature — being Ohio's first publicly-supported Greenspace township program, plus the area's superior township and county park districts. Residents also appreciate the high quality public and safety services offered in the township. Anderson is a family-oriented community, busy and

full of opportunities to connect with other neighbors. Convenience and access to many leisure opportunities (including golf courses, country clubs, fitness centers, etc.) rate high on residents' lists. The township's dedicated Entertainment District on the Ohio River provides yet another reason people enjoy the area. Local dining and shopping options are abundant and growing.

Anderson Township has provided considerable investment in public infrastructure to help ensure its place as a community of choice in Greater Cincinnati. From bike trails and sidewalks to streetscape enhancements and community gathering events, this sense of being connected as a community is stronger than ever.

With comparably lower taxes and no payroll tax, Anderson's residences are affordable and sought after for buyers in both the new and previously-owned housing market. The quality education offered by the Forest Hills Local School District, and excellent public amenities, support high resale values for residents.

















# EDUCATION

**AWARD-WINNING PROGRAMS** 

LEAD TO MEANINGFUL OUTCOMES



**ENGAGE • EMPOWER • EXCEL** 



orest Hills School District proudly serves families in **Anderson Township** and the Village

of Newtown. Educators pride themselves on providing highquality, face-to-face instruction in safe environments at an affordable operating cost. Forest Hills has a rich tradition of academic excellence and consistently receives high rankings regionally, at the state level and nationally.

Anderson educators collaborate with families to create personalized learning for each student to ensure successful and well-rounded educational experiences. Students receive access to technology and essential tools to compete at high levels. The district's facilities include one new, and eight renovated schools in walkable communities. Seventy-five percent of Forest Hills educators hold a Masters degree with more than sixty percent of staff residing in the school district.

As part of a rigorous course of study, students have access to more than 160 high school courses including 28 Advanced Placement courses. More than 100 extracurricular activities are offered in the performing arts and athletic programs to provide a wellrounded educational experience.

Additionally, high school students may participate in the district's "Experienceship" program which partners with area businesses to provide "real world" employment opportunities and business skill development.

The district's preschool program earned the Ohio Department of Education "Step Up to Quality" Five-Star quality rating. Nagel Middle School was once again named a "School to Watch" by the Ohio Department of Education. Both Anderson and Turpin high schools received the Governor's Thomas Edison Award for excellence in STEM Education and Student Research.

Additionally, approximately 20 Forest Hills School District high school scholars are annually recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as commended/semi-finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Forest Hills schools received recognition for success with Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports. This program is a preventative and systematic approach that helps improve student achievement, student behavior and school climate. Forest Hills students are prepared for success from preschool through graduation with an emphasis on maximizing achievement in college and beyond.

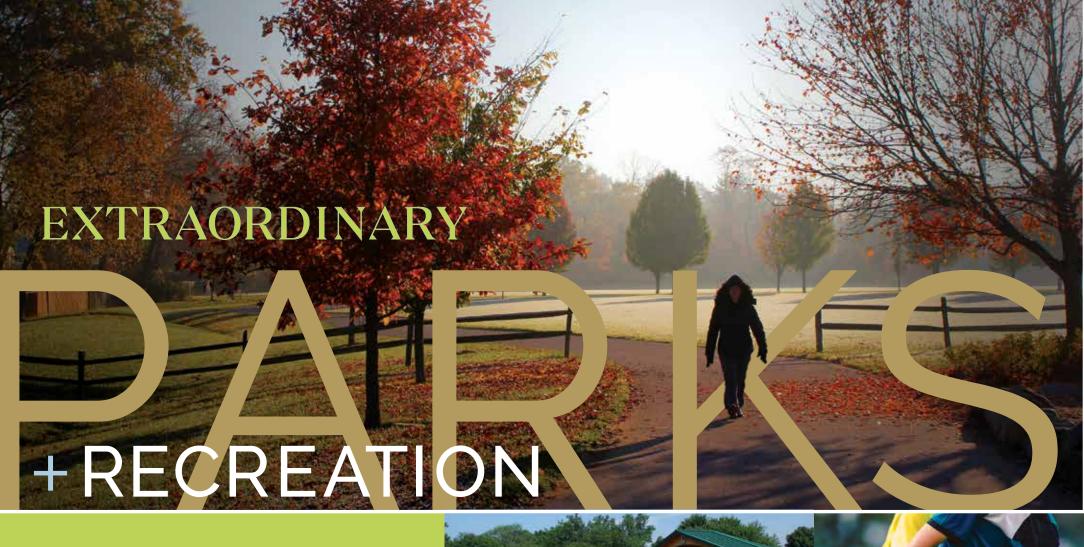


#### **EXCELLENT OPTIONS**

For those opting for vocational education, Anderson residents may attend the Great Oaks Joint Vocational schools, which fill the need with a postsecondary facility service for Forest Hills and other area school districts.

The Anderson area hosts several quality private and parochial schools including Immaculate Heart of Mary School, Guardian Angels School, McNicholas High School and Miami Valley Christian Academy. Other higher learning opportunities are within a half-hour drive.









#### SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

THANKS TO AN ARRAY OF **FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS** 

ince 1975, the awardwinning, Anderson Park District has been serving the community as an active park and recreation agency. The district has earned a reputation for providing outstanding events, programs and parks for visitors of all ages.

A sample of special events hosted by the Anderson Park District include: Daddy Daughter Dance, Youth Egg Hunts, Summer Concert Series, A Fair of the Arts, MariMac Pumpkin Patch, Visit With Santa and the Greater Anderson Day celebration.

#### **500+ ACRES OF FUN COMPRISE** THE ANDERSON PARK DISTRICT

The park district's top priority is to serve as a good steward of parklands and resources, while providing a broad range of recreational opportunities. Visitors with a variety of interests enjoy popular amenities including playgrounds, an 18-hole disc golf course, natural surface and paved trails, athletic fields, courts for pickleball, volleyball, tennis, and basketball, a skatepark, shelters, a dog field (permit required), open space and wooded areas.

The Anderson Parks RecPlex features a gym and classrooms, which support year-round, indoor activities for the whole family. Programs include summer camps, youth and adult nature programs, preschool events, instructional sports, youth basketball and volleyball leagues, adult fitness, hobby classes and special activities geared for all ages.

+ To learn more about **Anderson Park District** visit AndersonParks.com.



Parks and facilities managed by the Anderson Park District include Anderson Parks RecPlex. Beech Acres Park, Clear Creek Park, Juilfs Park, Kellogg Park, Laverty Park, Riverside Park, State & Nagel Park, Veterans Park and W. M. Johnson Hills Park.

#### **GREAT PARKS OF HAMILTON COUNTY**

Four Great Parks encompass more than 2,200 acres in or within minutes of Anderson Township, including Little Miami Golf Center (as well as Avoca and Bass Island), Otto Armleder Memorial Park and Recreation Complex, Withrow Nature Preserve and Woodland Mound, Great Parks also maintains five miles of the Little Miami Scenic Trail, which runs through Anderson Township.

LITTLE MIAMI GOLF CENTER is the place to get in a fun and challenging nine holes of golf. Warm up on the natural turf practice area, on the putting course or in the covered and heated driving range. Enjoy the miniature golf course with the family or access the Little Miami Scenic Trail at the golf center, Bass Island (off Newtown Road) or Avoca Trailhead (off Wooster Pike). Canoe and kayak access, as well as fishing and river wading, is available at Bass Island.

#### WITHROW NATURE PRESERVE

Many area couples have taken their marriage vows in the beautifully wooded outdoor wedding setting in Withrow Nature Preserve, which seats up to 100 guests and offers bridalparty use of the Highwood Lodge. This park also includes the scenic Trout Lily Trail.

AT WOODLAND MOUND, enjoy a variety of recreational opportunities, including playgrounds and picnic areas, an 18-hole disc golf course, nature and paved trails, a public boat launch to the Ohio River and the popular wet playground, Parky's Wetland Adventure. Steamboat Bend Campground is located on the Ohio River and allows seasonal camping with beautiful river views.

+ To learn more about the **Great Parks of Hamilton** County visit GreatParks.org.

#### PRECEDENT-SETTING INITIATIVE

PROTECTS THE TOWNSHIP'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND NATURAL BEAUTY

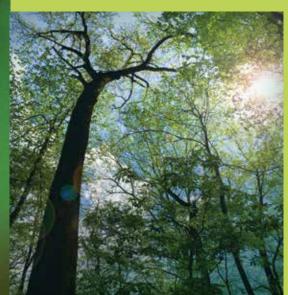


CAREFULLY PRESERVED

The Anderson Township Greenspace program continues as a point of much community pride and serves as a model for other Ohio townships.

Residents hike these natural areas, exploring beautiful wooded hillsides and vistas overlooking both the Ohio and Little Miami rivers. These preserved properties help to provide cleaner air and water for the township and promote biodiversity that is critical for a healthy community.

Anderson Township was once a lightly populated rural community known for its orchards and sweeping river views. Change came quickly in the 1960s, when a period of rapid residential and commercial growth transformed this quiet community into a developing suburb with more than 44,000 in population.



The program preserves and protects 68 parcels of property totaling nearly 700 acres. Parcels range in size from less than a quarter acre to more than 109 acres. There are 17 parcels that each exceed 10 acres in size.

In the late '80s, during a period of growth, Anderson Township residents and officials took steps to preserve the natural character of the community. With bill language written by Anderson Township, and the prodding of its trustees, state officials passed House Bill 717 that allowed townships to acquire land to be preserved in its natural state. In November 1990, voters passed a levy to support a Greenspace program. That year, Anderson Township became the first Ohio township to adopt a Greenspace program under this bill. The first parcel was acquired in spring 1991.

In November 1995, Anderson Township residents approved a renewal of the Greenspace tax levy. In 2000, this tax levy was allowed to expire, as affordable properties were harder to find. However, through good stewardship of the tax funds allocated to this program, some money is still available for buying properties. Residents continue to contribute land to the program with approximately 150 acres given as donations.

Protected Greenspace locations are dispersed all around the township. They can be found by visiting AndersonTownshipOH.gov, which contains information about the program's history, acquisition criteria, use and maintenance policies, a map with Greenspace parcel locations and FAQs.



# GRENSPACE



#### AN ENJOYABLE WAY TO

#### CONNECT THE COMMUNITY



nderson Township is proud of its popular trails program which has resulted in more than 22 miles of paths

and sidewalks for the enjoyment, convenience and non-vehicular transportation needs of its residents.

Since 1993, the township has undertaken an aggressive campaign to build its signature Anderson Trails program. Once a traditional suburban community heavily relying on vehicular transportation, Anderson now sports a reputation as a community of neighborhoods, schools, parks, business areas and other destinations woven together through its heavily used trails network. The spine of this network is the award-winning Five Mile Trail.

Voted "Best of the East Exercise Trail" from a local magazine, it serves as the virtual center of the network that connects east to west.

Connections made in the past 10 years provide thousands of households with a direct link to the trails network and destinations in the heart of the township such as Beechmont Avenue, Anderson Center and Anderson Towne Center. The township has focused on the verifiable health benefits for "active transportation" (walking and riding bikes) as part of the transportation system. Connector paths also encourage a sense of community and allow children the freedom to ride to school and other neighborhoods in safety.



Wooded paths on the Five Mile Trail provide a 2.5-mile connection linking the Turpin High School area to Five Mile Road amenities, and to Anderson Center, the Anderson Towne Center and ultimately to the Beechmont business corridor. More than \$5 million in grants has facilitated building pivotal links on Asbury, State, Nagel and Wolfangel roads.

In the Entertainment District along Kellogg Road, Anderson has completed a portion of the future 14-mile Ohio River Trail project. In 2020, a connection to the west in Cincinnati that links Anderson to Lunken Airport and Downtown, was constructed with funding assistance from the township. This trail section will link the township's riverfront destinations to Greater Cincinnati's regional network.

On the northern side of the township, along with Great Parks of Hamilton County, the township built a three-mile extension of the Little Miami Scenic Trail in 2016. That link ties the Little Miami Golf Center to Beechmont Avenue. In a 20-year effort just coming to completion, work is underway to finish the Little Miami Scenic Trail over the Little Miami River to Lunken Airport and Otto Armleder Park. Changes include a dedicated lane for pedestrians on the Beechmont Levee Bridge and a tunnel under Ohio 32. This link is slated for opening in the fall of 2022.

# ANDERSON TOWNSHIP IS ECO-RESPONSIBLE

Anderson Township's commitment to recycling benefits both the environment and the community.

Each year Anderson emerges as a recycling leader and has been recognized by Hamilton County with the "Best Township Recycling Rate" award.

Anderson is awarded reimbursement monies from the Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District based on how much residents recycle. This funding supports several activities such as the township's drop-off recycling center, litter cleanup and recycling education

#### RECYCLING

There are several convenient ways to recycle in Anderson Township. Curbside pickup is available with your weekly garbage pickup, with certain limitations. Newspaper, glass, aluminum and #1-7 plastic can be recycled at the curbside.

The Anderson Township
Recycling Center, the largest
and busiest drop-off recycling
facility in Greater Cincinnati,
is located at the Anderson
Township Operations Center,
7954 Beechmont Ave. This
center accepts cardboard,
newspaper, glass, aluminum
and steel cans (with labels
removed), jars and #1 (and an
expanded range) of plastics.

Other items, including certain hazardous waste materials, can be recycled at various outlets in the Anderson area.

#### **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Three waste haulers service Anderson Township: Rumpke, Best Way and Republic Services, and residents or condominium associations contract directly for trash collection. For contact information, see page 33.

Leaf and lawn debris can be picked up by waste haulers at curbside if in bags or trash containers. Branches must be cut and tied in a bundle. Check with your trash hauler for further restrictions.

Brush and tree branches may be recycled for free at the Bzak Landscaping yard waste drop-off site on 3295 Turpin Lane (off Ohio 32 in Anderson just west of Newtown). The center normally accepts yard waste seven days a week. Hours may be reduced during the winter.

Stringent rules govern burning of leaves and yard waste.
Contact the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department at 513.688.8400 ext. 6 for more details.

+ For more information on locations and options, visit HamiltonCountyR3source.org.





#### **CONEY ISLAND**

Operating since 1886, Coney Island is home to fun attractions, including the world's largest recirculating swimming pool. It holds more than three million gallons of water, and is located in the Sunlite Water Adventure Area. Splish-splash in the pool or take a slippery ride down the slide. Then enjoy the thrill of the Typhoon Tower, a giant interactive water play structure that hosts 70 interactive water play stations and a 33-foot cascading water Hydro Storm.

#### RIVERBEND MUSIC CENTER

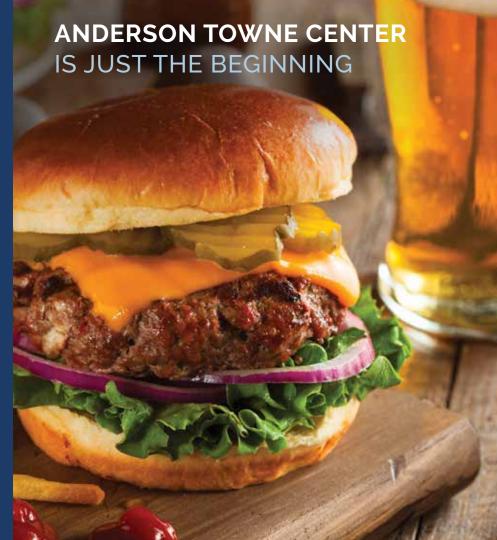
Outdoor concerts at river's edge, on balmy summer evenings don't get much better than at Riverbend Music Center, Cincinnati's premier outdoor music venue. The site presents first-class entertainment for up to 20,000 music lovers of all ages. A second, more intimate setting, the PNC Pavilion, seats 4,100.

#### **BELTERRA PARK**

Belterra Park brings gaming, entertainment, dining and racing to southern Ohio. The center, owned by Boyd Gaming, was built at the site of the historic River Downs Racetrack. The center is open year-round for entertainment, plus banquets and receptions.

#### **GOLF COURSES**

Anderson Township is home to Coldstream Country Club, a private membership club whose course was recently renovated, and two public golf courses operated by Great Parks of Hamilton County. The Vineyard Golf Course, a public Great Parks' course on Nordyke Road, is award-winning and located in a beautiful setting, rivaling some of the best private courses around. Great Parks' Little Miami Golf Center includes a family fun center, sporting a nine-hole, regulation course, an 18-hole miniature golf course and access to the Little Miami Scenic Trail.



hether you plan to "shop 'til you drop," or enjoy a family dinner out, Anderson Township's numerous shopping and dining options can fulfill your needs.

Residents will find many needed goods and services on the Beechmont business corridor, which runs through the center of the community. Shoppers recognize the diversity of numerous options on Beechmont Avenue, sporting both mom and pop establishments and national chains.

In the heart of Beechmont Avenue lies the Anderson Towne Center, anchored by Macy's and an expanded Marketplace Kroger store, a prime spot for socializing, shopping and entertainment. With its numerous restaurants connected by an attractive, walkable streetscape, the award-winning Shoppes at Anderson Towne Center development are a central point in the community. Located at Beechmont and Wolfangel, the center is connected to the Five Mile Trail and adjacent to beautiful Anderson Center, the township's signature civic, government and arts facility.

**Anderson Towne Center's options** have grown in recent years to include numerous health and beauty retailers. The township's fitness options at Anderson Towne Center have also increased.

Other neighborhood business districts, such as those along Salem Road and Clough Pike, have undergone pedestrian-friendly infrastructure improvements. Anderson's business district provides a convenient mix of nationally-branded restaurants and local apparel and accessory boutiques within walking distance of many households.



#### WELLNESS + THRIVING



# 1EALTH

Anderson residents are fortunate to have convenient access to Mercy Health — Anderson Hospital, a full-service, nationally-recognized acute care hospital, with numerous health care professionals conveniently located in Anderson Township. It strives to be the employer of choice and the destination of choice for those seeking health care through an empowered culture that embraces the differences and similarities

those in need.

in staff, physicians, patients and

community and provides care to

Anderson Hospital, part of Mercy Health Cincinnati, delivers world-class health care to Cincinnati's eastside communities. IBM Watson has named Anderson Hospital one of the nation's top 100 hospitals for 13 years. It has also earned recognition for excellence as a top heart hospital and in 2020, the hospital received:

- + Advanced Certification as a Primary Stroke Center from the Joint Commission
- Advanced Heart Failure Management Gold Certificate of Distinction from the Joint Commission
- Hip & Knee Replacement Gold Certification of Distinction for Orthopaedic Joint Replacement
- + Two "Get with the Guidelines" Gold Plus Awards from the American Heart Association Awards for excellence in Stroke Care and Heart Failure Care
- + Chest Pain Center Accreditation from the American College of Cardiology

It was the first hospital in all of Ohio and Greater Cincinnati to offer a total knee replacement using a robotic arm-assisted surgery system and has an advanced inpatient acute rehabilitation unit — the only acute rehab center on the East Side.

Located at the intersection of State and Five Mile roads, Anderson Hospital offers 250 patient beds, a broad range of inpatient and outpatient services including preventive and 24-hour emergency medicine, a birthing center, women's health services, comprehensive heart care, cancer care, imaging and lab services, orthopaedic and spine care, physical therapy and an acute rehab center.

The Five Mile Road area is a regional center of medical services and offices for many other general and specialty physicians.

Other medical networks offering local outpatient care on, or adjacent to, Five Mile Road, Beechmont Avenue, State Road and Clough Pike include The Christ Hospital, TriHealth and other medical providers.

## MIX, MINGLE AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS THROUGH SENIOR SERVICES



eniors living in
Anderson Township
will find the Anderson
Township Senior
Center rich in the

resources they desire to enjoy a high quality of life.

This center is an important source for the Greater Anderson community in providing education, recreation and fitness services for senior citizens. It focuses on helping individuals maintain independent living and a healthy lifestyle.

Many essential practical services are offered by the Anderson Township Senior Center. Proudly organized and managed by Anderson Township, the center offers a wide range of opportunities, from fitness classes, line dancing, art and craft experiences and a book club. Special events and presentations are planned throughout the year, as are many trips tailored to the interests of older adults, including trips to the Cincinnati Pops, the Reds and area restaurants.



In addition, proper nutrition is emphasized at the center. A daily lunch is offered to members over the age of 60 for \$1 in the facility's spacious dining room, providing a healthy meal and a chance for socialization. Transportation to and from the center, as well as for errands and medical visits, is offered by Meals on Wheels of Southwest Ohio and Northern Kentucky through the Council on Aging. The center offered continuous programming through the COVID pandemic, and has been uninterrupted since that time in part to significant technological updates and virtual offerings.

Living options are varied and numerous in the township, with new upscale, "empty-nester" housing available in several subdivisions. Whether you look for retirement villas, independent living, skilled living care or other options, Anderson Township has facilities to meet those needs.











#### **ASTUTE STRATEGIES**

#### **INFORM TOWNSHIP'S PROGRESS**



nderson Township is an ideal location in which to do business. With easy access to highway

transportation, strong demographics and a community committed to economic growth, large and small businesses alike have found the area a desirable location for their investment.

#### **FOCUSED INVESTMENT**

Anderson has seen a dramatic central transformation in recent years. Private development has focused in part at the Anderson Towne Center and neighboring office developments.

More than \$250 million in private investment over the last several years has fueled this change, concentrated near the center of the community along Beechmont Avenue and Five Mile Road.

#### **SURROUNDING PROJECTS**

Investments have not been limited to the community's core. Recommendations within the Comprehensive Plan coordinate and guide public and private investment throughout the township, from recreational improvements along the Little Miami River to the more than \$200 million Belterra Park Gaming redevelopment and strengthening of the township's entertainment area. In between, more than \$4 million in public investment along Salem Road and Clough Pike has instilled a vibrancy and renewed focus to these important neighborhood business districts.

Recent projects undertaken to improve quality of life in Anderson Township include the creation of a community art plan and upgrades to the township's popular Entertainment District along the riverfront.

#### **COMPREHENSIVE HOUSING**

To encourage this positive momentum, the township's citizen-led economic development committee has been successful in encouraging greater increasing diversity in multifamily housing. Stemming from the goals noted in the township's recent Comprehensive Plan updates, the committee has addressed the need to provide a variety of apartments, senior housing and strong subdivisions for all stages of residents' needs.

#### **HOMEARAMA®**

The very successful 2021
Homearama® brought nearly 20,000
visitors to Anderson's doorstep to
explore fine homes and learn about
community amenities. Other recent
committee projects include creating
the vision for "Downtown Anderson"
and strengthening neighborhood
business districts. Through the
economic development process,
the township continues its strong
collaboration with the Anderson
Area Chamber of Commerce and
local businesses.

#### BEECHMONT CORRIDOR

The heart of the Anderson business district is the Beechmont Corridor, which runs from Mt. Washington to the Clermont County line, east of Nordyke Road.

Safety and convenience for both shoppers and drivers has been significantly increased in recent years through projects resulting from the award-winning Beechmont Corridor Plan. Implementation of the plan, which was originally created by a joint task force of the Anderson Township Trustees and the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce, relies on inter-agency cooperation, private redevelopment, and the efforts of the township, Ohio Department of Transportation, and Hamilton County Engineer's Office to continue its goal of increased safety. Traffic flow, expanded safety reforms and economic vitality of the corridor have been targeted by Anderson Township trustees for investment.

In recent years, significant safety, traffic flow, beautification and mobility improvements created a better Beechmont. Upgrades specified by the plan have been coupled with decorative walls and pedestrian plazas using handicapped ramps at major intersections. Add in the trees and landscaping previously introduced along the corridor, with wayfinding signage, and residents and visitors alike have noted the drive down Beechmont is more pleasing and easier to navigate.

These improvements have not only greatly improved traffic flow and safety, but the corridor has enjoyed greater economic vitality and ease for all transportation modes.

From ongoing aesthetic and access improvements to enhanced guidelines for the style of new development for the busy corridor, the future of Beechmont Avenue, and our community that it serves, is bright!



ANDERSON TOWNSHIP
CONTINUES TO SEE AN
INFUSION OF PRIVATE AND
PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT WITH

# \$250 MILLON

WORTH OF PROJECTS
COMPLETED BETWEEN
2015 AND 2021

- + In the past two decades
  Anderson Township has
  received more than \$21 MILLION
  in state and federal grants for
  township improvements.
  Upgrades include road
  infrastructure, trails, sidewalks,
  transit enhancements, and safety
  and beautification modifications.
- + Anderson's Public Works
  Department is widely recognized
  as having the ability to clear
  snow from more than 120 MILES
  of township-maintained streets
  quicker and better than any other
  area community.



- + The Anderson Township
  government receives only about

  17.72 CENTS of each property tax
  dollar paid. This funds police and
  fire protection, road maintenance
  and snow removal, public works,
  planning/zoning, special events,
  capital improvements, the Anderson
  Township Senior Center and all other
  township operating functions.
- The ANCOR region, in the northeast corner of Anderson Township, contains one of the largest concentrations of undeveloped industrially zoned property within

- A strong median income of \$100,000 PER YEAR (57 percent higher than the state median), close proximity to downtown and an interest in diverse housing and retail options have developers flocking to the township.
- Anderson Township is a convenient place to do business. The community enjoys ready access to I-275 with more than 600 BUSINESSES in eight business districts currently calling Anderson Township home.

the I-275 beltway. The more than

500-ACRE area is suited for office/

light industry usage. Already home

area has approximately 330 readily

usable acres remaining and slated for industrial office development.

to several large companies, the

# C EVENTS+ EXPERIENCES



# MAKE TIME FOR HAPPY NEW HAPPENINGS

#### **COMMUNITY CLEANUP**

Each April, township residents take to the streets and parks to help cleanup their community. The annual event is sponsored through Keep Cincinnati Beautiful.

#### TOWNSHIP-WIDE GARAGE SALE

Buy or sell treasures at the community-wide garage sale, set for the first Saturday in May, each year.

#### ANDERSON GARDEN AND HOME TOUR

Green thumb enthusiasts, and those who are still novices, both enjoy the annual Garden and Home Tour, hosted at a variety of local gardens and houses. This free tour-at-your-own-pace event, coordinated by the township's WeTHRIVE! Committee, covers both professionally landscaped and owner-landscaped gardens. Historic venues are also opened for the tour.

#### INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

One of the biggest and most popular community events each year is the Independence Day Parade, which travels through the heart of the community on Beechmont Avenue. The parade is led by a volunteer committee with township support. Some 10,000 spectators line the streets to enjoy a varied group of community organizations and entertainment.

#### **GREATER ANDERSON DAY**

Hosted annually in late July for more than 20 years, Greater Anderson Day is Anderson's signature summer festival. Come for rides, entertainment and fireworks that top off the celebration.

#### **EMERGENCY SERVICES DAY**

The township's fire and safety services organize a day of educational experiences, and fun for children, at the Beechmont Fire Station. It takes place during the fall each year, in conjunction with the National Fire Prevention Week.

#### ANDERSON HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

When the winter wind starts blowing, it's nearly time for Anderson's winter event — a festive tree lighting on the streetscape at Anderson Towne Center. Hosted on the first Saturday in December, the outdoor festival includes Santa, student presentations and holiday entertainment.

#### OTHER POPULAR EVENTS

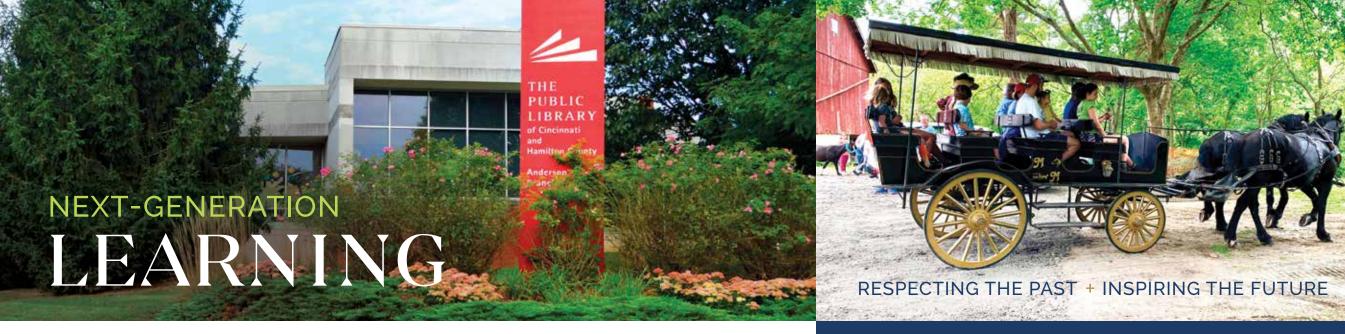
Additional community events hosted annually include the Forest Hills 5K, Memorial Day Remembrance and Bell Ringing, Anderson Towne Center Trick or Treat and the Veterans Day Dinner.

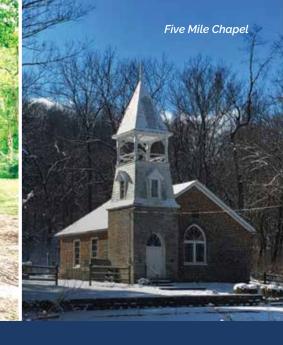












#### ANDERSON BRANCH LIBRARY

second busiest and highest-circulating facility in the 41-branch system of the Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Library. Cardholders can access a collection that has more than 100,000 print items, more than 35,000 audiovisual items, and digital materials such as eBooks, eAudiobooks, music, movies and magazines.

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Special resources at the Anderson Branch include free internet and computer access, free use of numerous subscription-based databases, a study pod and passport services.

The branch also has an ABC Mouse station for children and a host of apps to help students on the branch iPads. A drive-through provides convenience for customers on the go.

In 2021, the branch was renovated as part of the Library's Facilities Master Plan to create Next Generation Libraries. The refreshed space now has an updated children's area with STEM toys and a playhouse, additional small meeting spaces, quiet reading area with fireplace and periodicals, a teen area with open seating, updated public restrooms, large meeting room with updated finishes, and new furniture, carpet and paint throughout the branch.

The branch is supported in part by a local volunteer group. The Anderson **Township Library Association** accepts donated books and other items for two annual book sales that raise funds to benefit the Anderson and Mt. Washington branches. The Anderson Community Collection at the branch is a selection of books of cultural and artistic significance that were purchased with funds from the library association. For details about future sales, follow the Anderson Township Library Association at Facebook.com/AndersonATLA.

+ To obtain a library card, stop by the branch, call 513.369.6030 or go to CincinnatiLibrary.org/card.

# HISTORY

Anderson Township is a community focused on the future, yet connected to where the station was situated denotes its pioneer past. For most of its history, Anderson more closely resembled its early farming settlements rather than the suburban community of today.

This well-watered, fertile land has been the home to people since the last glacier receded nearly 14,000 years ago. The cultures that lived on this land for thousands of years left earthworks, mounds, large enclosure walls and evidence of villages that fascinate us today.

The earliest settlers to arrive in the southeastern Hamilton County area landed at the confluence of the west bank of the Little Miami River and the Ohio River. In 1788 Major Benjamin Stites Sutton. Ichabod Benton Miller was established a settlement of two dozen log cabins connected with a stockade fence to two blockhouses. After a couple as the Miller-Leuser Log House, is a of years of flooding, some of those settlers moved further down the Ohio River to a plateau above the Ohio River opposite the Licking River.

Two years later, the first permanent fortified settlement in Anderson Township was created: Garard/Martin Station on the eastern shore of the Little Miami farther upstream from Columbia. and by special arrangement.

A historic marker close to the spot that moment in time. It is located on Elstun Road off Beechmont Avenue.

This untamed area became home for people seeking property ownership and a better life. For them, the Ohio River Valley was considered a prime location in the new land of opportunity. In the spring of 1793, the area became the first township (of Hamilton County) and was named after Richard Clough Anderson, surveyor of the area's Virginia Military District.

Other familiar names that live on today in the community derive from the earliest pioneers. The first settler in nearby Mt. Washington was Stephen one of the first to live in the Clough-Newtown area. His home, now known well-known historical landmark on Clough Pike. Built in late 1795, it was used as a residence until 1968. It was purchased by the Anderson Township Historical Society in 1971 and is maintained by the dedicated volunteers of the Historical Society, who offer tours of the property on the first and third Sundays, from May through October,

New settlers made their way here after 1795, enjoying an area boasting fertile farmland and enticing waterways. While there was plenty of land, the area's population remained relatively small and stable throughout the 1800s. Most township residents were farmers whose orchards and farmlands dominated the area.

By the 1900s, the early Parkers Grove became Coney Island, a popular place for family outings and picnickers. Throngs of park visitors arrived on various boats including the Island Queen sidewheeler steamboats from downtown Cincinnati. The nearby California area riverfront also gained in popularity as rail service ran through the township in the early 1900s.

Modest growth continued through the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. When the new Beechmont levee was completed in the 1950s, the township entered a period of significant growth as it became feasible to easily commute to downtown from Anderson. This population increase was further accelerated, in part, due to the completion of I-275 in December 1979, including the Combs-Hale Bridge over the Ohio River. Between 1950 and 1985, the population quadrupled. Today's population is approximately 44,000 residents.

## **HISTORY ROOM**



Housing memorabilia, artifacts, documents, and photos from Anderson's past, Anderson's History Room is geared toward a "visitor's center" feel, where residents can learn more about the people, places and events that shaped the area. The room displays artifacts and information from native peoples to the present.

Anderson Township residents have loaned and donated many artifacts in the History Room. The history of the township unfolds through old maps, photos, Native American relics,

farming implements, period clothing and more. A portion of a large, 170-year-old corn crib was reconstructed in the Anderson Township History Room. The secure display case preserves details from the community's rural heritage for visitors to view firsthand.

The History Room at Anderson Center is a joint venture of Anderson Township and the Anderson Township Historical Society. The room is open from 1-4 p.m. on the second and fourth Sundays each month.



#### **ANDERSON URBAN FARM**

The Anderson Urban Farm is one of the last undeveloped farm properties in Anderson Township. Owned by the Anderson Township Historical Society, this peaceful 10-acre property sits on Bartels Road between Turpin High School and Clough Pike. In the fall of 2018, volunteers began working to clear the land of invasive plants, and in the spring of 2019 a community garden was born. The site is now host to a variety of events throughout the year.

#### JAMES CLARK STONE HOUSE

Pioneer James Clark was one of the township's early inhabitants and entrepreneurs. When he arrived in the peaceful Clough Creek area in the late 1700s, he built a formidable eight-room stone house that still stands today at the corner of Clough Pike and Hunley Road. The James Clark Stone House is likely the oldest standing stone house in southwest Ohio and was inhabited into the 1990s. The building is owned by Anderson Township and received an Ohio Historical Marker in 2018.

# Anderson Urban Farm

#### ANDERSON HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH-SALEM CAMPUS

Salem Methodist Church was established by Francis McCormick, a preacher who came to Ohio from Kentucky because he disliked slavery and the distilling of whiskey. In 1805 he and his friends moved to Anderson Township and established a little village he called Salem (and others called McCormick's Settlement) to bring Methodism to the Northwest Territory. They built a large log dwelling partly used for religious services.

Several buildings came after it to house the congregation. McCormick Hall, which was built as a school building, stands east of the church today. The school was School District No. 5. In 1863 a frame church building was constructed, which was the fourth home of the Salem Methodist Church. This building is part of the church structure as it stands today.

#### **FIVE MILE CHAPEL**

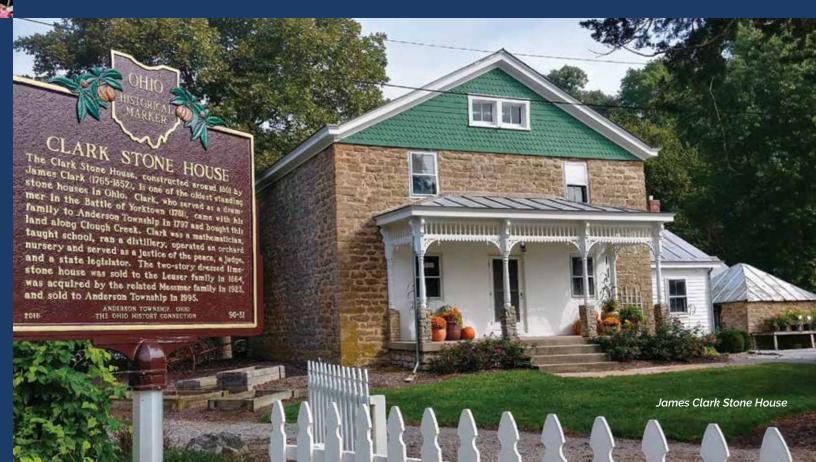
A scenic piece of Anderson Township's history is found in the beautiful, stone Five Mile Chapel, on Five Mile Road, tucked away behind trees on the banks of Five Mile Creek. The chapel, which has no congregation, is cared for by the Five Mile Chapel Society, Inc., a group of residents who preserve and maintain this non-denominational facility.

Built in 1844, the chapel was one of the first United Brethren in Christ churches built in the area. It was in continuous use until 1963, when it was donated to the Five Mile Chapel Society. The society today rents it for religious services, weddings, baptisms and special events.

#### **MILLER-LEUSER LOG HOUSE**

One of the most obvious and noted links to Anderson Township's historic pioneer past is the Miller-Leuser Log House, at the corner of Bartels Road and Clough Pike. Thousands of people drive past this cabin each day, unaware that this structure is more than 200 years old, having been built in about 1795 or 1796.

Today, the cabin is host to curious area residents who visit almost every week. Scout troops and student groups often tour the two-story dwelling and learn about the artifacts within the home, while they check out the barn, the corn crib and outhouse. The home was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974 and received an Ohio Historical Marker in 2011.



#### TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE TOWNSHIP'S

## MEMORY-MAKING VENUES



**Anderson Township** offers multiple places where you can host your event close to home including

Anderson Center, Anderson Lake and South Plaza, and the Heritage Center Arboretum. Staff members are available to help you choose the perfect space.

#### **ANDERSON CENTER**

Anderson Center is your destination for entertainment, civic events and family gatherings. The facility provides onestop shopping for township residents and is home to township government offices. It also includes an attractive 223-seat theater used by local theater and music groups, and is available for rental. Meeting rooms of all sizes are available for your gathering.

Planning a wedding? Look no further for the perfect venue! Choose from the modern Community Meeting Room, the open and airy upper and lower atriums, or the outdoor serenity of Anderson Center's Lake and South Plaza.

#### HERITAGE CENTER ARBORETUM

The Anderson Township Heritage Center Arboretum is a charming option for family reunions, holiday get-togethers and weddings hosting up to 150 people. It's the perfect setting for any event, small or large, and was recently certified as an official Arboretum by ArbNet with its collection of woody plants.

For more information about rental facilities, contact 513.688.8444 or visit AndersonCenterEvents.org.









#### **COMMUNITY SERVICES & ORGANIZATIONS**

#### **Emergency**

**Hamilton County Sheriff District 5** 

513.474.5770 HCSO.org

Sheriff's Non-Emergency Dispatch

513.825.2280 (After hours number)

Alert Hamilton County Notification AlertHC.org

513.263.8200

Anderson Township Administration, Fire & Rescue, Fiscal Officer, Road/Street Maintenance, Township Trustees, Zoning and Land Use

513.688.8400

AndersonTownshipOH.gov

**Anderson Center Events** 

513.688.84444 AndersonCenterEvents.org

Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce

513.474.4802

AndersonAreaChamber.org

**Anderson Branch Library** 

513.369.6030 CincinnatiLibrary.org

**Anderson Branch Post Office** 

513.474.3262

Anderson Township Senior Center

513.474.3100

AndersonTownshipOH.gov/Senior-Center

Anderson Township Historical Society

513.231.2114

AndersonTownshipHistoricalSociety.org

Anderson Park District

513,474,0003 AndersonParks.com

East Side Republican Club

513.833.3010

Facebook.com/groups/ AndersonTwpRepublicanClub/

**Beechmont Players** 

513.233.2468 BeechmontPlayers.org

Eastern Hills Exchange Club

513.878.7725

ExchangeClubofEasternHills.org

**Eastside Area Newcomers** 

CincinnatiEastsideNewcomers.org

**Eastside Democratic Club** 

513.232.4154

EastsideDems.org

**Five Mile Chapel Society** 

513.720.8681 FiveMileChapel.org

Greater Anderson Promotes Peace (GAPP)

513.588.8391 GAPPeace.org

#### **PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**Forest Hills School District** 

513.231.3600 ForestHills.edu

**Ayer Elementary School** 

513.474.3811

ForestHills.edu/Ayer

**Maddux Elementary School** 

513.231.0780 ForestHills.edu/Maddux

**Mercer Elementary School** 

513.232.7000 ForestHills.edu/Mercer

**Sherwood Elementary School** 

513.231.7565

ForestHills.edu/Sherwood

**Summit Elementary School** 

513.474.2270 ForestHills.edu/Summit

**Wilson Elementary School** 

513.231.3240 ForestHills.edu/Wilson

Nagel Middle School

513.474.5407

ForestHills.edu/Nagel

**Anderson High School** 

513.232.2772

ForestHills.edu/Anderson

**Turpin High School** 

513.232.7770

ForestHills.edu/Turpin

**HAMILTON COUNTY SERVICES** 

**Hamilton County Auditor** 

513.946.4000

HamiltonCountyAuditor.org

**Hamilton County Board of Elections** 

513.632.7000

VoteHamiltonCountyOhio.gov

**Hamilton County Planning +** 

Development

513.946.4550

HamiltonCountyOhio.gov/pd

**Hamilton County Environmental Services** 

513.946.7777

HCDoes.org

**Hamilton County R3Source (Recycling)** 

513.946.7777

HamiltonCountyR3source.org

**Hamilton County General Health District** 

513.946.7800

HamiltonCountyHealth.org **Great Parks of Hamilton County** 

513.521.7275

GreatParks.org

**Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District** 

513.772.7645 HCSWCD.org

#### **HOSPITALS & HEALTH**

Mercy Health - Anderson HealthPlex

513.624.1871

Mercy.com/Locations/Fitness-Healthplex/ Cincinnati/Mercy-Health-Anderson-Healthplex

Mercy Heath - Anderson Hospital

513.624.4500

Mercy.com/Locations/Hospitals/Cincinnati/

Mercy-Health-Anderson-Hospital

Children's Hospital **Anderson Urgent Care** 

513.636.6100

CincinnatiChildrens.org M. E. Lyons YMCA

513.474.1400

CincinnatiYMCA.org

**MEDIA** 

Cincinnati Enquirer

513.721.2700 Cincinnati.com

Eastside Press

513.248.8800 Cincinnati.com

**PUBLIC UTILITIES** 

**Duke Energy** 513.651.4182

Duke-Energy.com

Cincinnati Bell Main Office 513.397.9900

CincinnatiBell.com **Greater Cincinnati Water Works** 

513.591.7700

Cincinnati-OH.gov/GCWW

**Metropolitan Sewer District** 

513.352.4900

MSDGC.org

Spectrum 877.463.0677 Spectrum.com

**TRANSPORTATION** 

**Beechmont License Agency** 

513.232.9444 BMV.Ohio.gov

**Metro Bus Service** 

513.621.4455 Go-Metro.com

TRASH COLLECTION

800.354.1830

BestWay-Disposal.com

**Republic Services** 

RepublicServices.com

**Hazardous Waste Hotline** 

HamiltonCountyR3source.org

513.742.2900

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#### **Best Way**

800.543.1339

513.946.7766 Rumpke Waste, Inc.

Rumpke.com



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#### + WEBSITE

#### AndersonTownshipOH.gov

This site is your go-to source for important township updates, events and activity information, and relevant resources associated with local government programs, services and guidelines.

#### + FACEBOOK

#### @AndersonTownshipOhio

Almost-daily posts feature key information affecting Anderson Township residents. Ours is one of the most-followed Facebook pages of any of the state's more than 1,300 townships. Access recent community updates, road closings and upcoming events.

#### + NEWSLETTER

#### **Anderson Insights**

The official periodical of Anderson Township is mailed to every home and business three times a year. It is a longstanding source of local, township news. The publication focuses on improvements to public services, community events, township trends, history tidbits, as well as safety and economic development updates.

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