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Trustees Look Ahead to 2027 Projects and Beyond

Transportation improvements, public facility upgrades and collaborative projects are all on the agenda of Anderson Township Trustees next year.

By late winter, work will begin on major improvements to the Anderson Township Operations Center and roadway and traffic signal upgrades to the busy Five Mile Road and I-275 interchange. The new Old Fort Park along the Little Miami Scenic River will have a "soft" opening this winter, and residents should see expanded arts opportunities in the township in 2027.



Anderson is developing a new river overlook and park along the Ohio River near Five Mile Road.

Here are some of the projects planned:

Old Fort Park

The newest park in Anderson Township, Old Fort Park, is projected to open late this winter for residents' enjoyment. Situated on the Little Miami Scenic River off Debolt Road near Newtown, the park will include several natural paths, access for fishing, river overlooks, a natural playground, and other amenities. Brush and dead trees are being cleared to restore access to this area. For details, see the story on page 3.

Boatsmith Property Development

Local access to the Ohio River will be enhanced through development of a portion of the 7-acre site, the former Boatsmith Marina property, which has been owned by Anderson Township and used for public works storage and contractor staging since 2014. An online survey is open through December 14, 2026, to seek public comment on a conceptual development plan for the riverside property. (See story on page 3). Public feedback will help shape detailed engineering planned for next year to facilitate construction on the site in 2028.

Five Mile Road and I-275 Intersection Upgrades

A $1.91 million project at Five Mile Road and I-275 will address traffic congestion and safety at the interchange/intersection area off Five Mile Road. The enhancements will reduce congestion and improve safety at this key entry to Anderson Township and include new mast arm traffic signals for better visibility.

Operations Center Upgrades

Home to most of the community's public services, the Anderson Township Operations Center will undergo transformational improvements beginning this winter. This will begin with replacement of the Public Works building, an 85-year-old facility built when the township was significantly less populated. This facility hosts the township's truck fleet and serves as the operations center for road crews and snow removal services.

The new Public Works facility will offer advanced maintenance bays with shop and parts storage to best meet the community's needs and maintain the township's more than $5 million vehicle investment. The new building also features a vehicle wash bay and a significant increase in indoor storage areas for vehicles and equipment.

In the future, look for a new salt storage facility, renovation of the shared Public Works/Sheriff's Office facility, and upgrades to the Beechmont Fire Station #6. This investment will continue to modernize or repurpose these buildings, originally built in the late 1940s, and early 1960s, respectively.

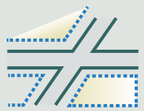
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A new crosswalk safety device is operational on Wolfangel Road and Hampton Place Lane.

New Crosswalk Beacons Add to Neighborhood Pedestrian Safety

Three new pedestrian rectangular rapid flashing beacons have been installed at existing township crosswalks to improve pedestrian safety and visibility on heavily traveled roads.

The new devices are now found at nearly 20 mid-block crosswalks (which aren't controlled by a stop sign or traffic light) in Anderson Township

These rapid-flashing warning lights alert motorists of the crosswalk, and are activated by pedestrians waiting to cross, said Steve Sievers, assistant township administrator for operations.

Under state law, motorists must stop only once a pedestrian enters the crosswalk, not when they are waiting. However, the devices have been found to slow traffic, Sievers said. '"Also, many vehicles do stop for the pedestrians wanting to cross," he said.

Locations of the new beacons include:

- Birney Lane and Windy Hills Drive
- Wolfangel Road and Hampton Place Lane
- Little Dry Run Road and Blairhouse Drive

"Whether someone is walking to school, visiting a park or business, exercising, or simply getting around their neighborhood, they should be able to do so safely," said Trustee Tom Hodges. "We will continue looking for practical investments that improve our pedestrian connections and make it easier for people of all ages and abilities to move around our community."

The new devices meet criteria for mid-block crossings of heavily traveled roadways with higher speed limits, high pedestrian use, or limited sight distance.

Although the devices improve driver awareness, Sievers noted that pedestrians looking to cross should always wait until no vehicles are approaching the intersection, or until vehicles have stopped before entering the crosswalk.

Anderson Township was a local pioneer in using this technology, Sievers noted, as the community received one of the first Safe Routes to School grants in Ohio in 2008. Those grant funds helped install the original crosswalk beacon technology in 2010 at five key crosswalks around Ayer, Mercer/Turpin, and Sherwood schools.

Help Choose Amenities on New Ohio River Access Area

A new river access area is coming to Anderson Township, and you're invited to help shape its development!

The former Boatsmith Marina property, a 7-acre site, has been owned by Anderson Township for more than a decade. Now that the township is ready to develop the riverside property, public comment is being sought through December 14 on a conceptual development plan.



Riverside property owned by Anderson Township will be developed into a park with an overlook and river access.

Besides a kayak and canoe launch area, development features could include:

- Benches, picnic tables, bench swings
- Shelters
- Paths, either natural or paved
- Bike racks and repair stations
- Observation platforms

"We are seeking the public's opinion regarding what kind of amenities they want on this exciting new project," said Planning and Zoning Director Paul Drury. "The township plans to move ahead with development starting in late winter, with completion in 2028." The new river access area is one of several being developed by Anderson Township as it expands access to its riverside recreational areas.

Access the survey in the News section of *AndersonTownshipOH.gov* by December 14.

Old Fort Park to Open This Winter for Hiking and River Access

Anderson's newest park, established on the banks of the Little Miami River, will open late this winter, with more amenities to be added in the coming years.

The Old Fort Park project has been decades in the making, a longstanding effort to restore a flood-prone area to a more people-friendly condition for picnics, hiking and riverside enjoyment.

This floodplain area is located off Debolt Road in a former country club community established in the 1900s.



Old Fort Park can be accessed off Debolt Road, past Short Park.

In the late 1990s, Anderson Township, with the help of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and other agencies, began acquiring property in the area and demolishing old structures over time.

Last fall, Anderson Township began planning for the new park. Over the coming months, the township plans to create a small parking area, pave several roadways, clear heavy brush and trees, complete the gravel trail and add signage.

"Old Fort Park is a great example of how we can improve a blighted and underutilized area and turn it into something that adds to the quality of life in Anderson Township," said Trustee Vice Chair Katie Nappi. "The Little Miami River is one of our community's greatest natural assets, and I'm excited that this project will give residents a way to experience and enjoy it. As we continue investing in our parks and greenspaces, I'm excited about opportunities to create public access like this," she added.

Greenspace Inspector Todd Chadwell noted the Little Miami River is one of three National Wild and Scenic Rivers in Ohio and the Old Fort Park will provide increased opportunities for enjoyment of this valuable resource for residents and visitors.

Plans for the Old Fort Park include a riverside overlook for fishing and relaxing wildlife viewing, a natural playground and a picnic area. The long-term goal is to remove many of the invasive species that are growing in the Old Fort Park and restore the area with native trees, shrubs and perennials that are adapted to this floodplain environment, Chadwell said. "It's going to be an ideal natural spot along the river for quiet refreshment, relaxation and enjoyment," he added.

Administrator Vicky Earhart Departs at End of Year



Vicky Earhart

Longtime township administrator Vicky Earhart is leaving the township at the end of the year, completing a local public service career that spans more than 30 years.

Hired in 1994, Earhart rose through the administrative ranks, serving in several positions including assistant administrator of operations. She was selected for the head administrator position in 2009.

As the top executive leading a staff of more than 100 full-time employees and a $75 million budget, Earhart was instrumental in championing many changes in the township. Those include the development of Anderson Center and Anderson Lake, the Five Mile Trail, Beechmont beautifications, the Veterans Memorial and the rebirth of the Anderson Township Senior Center. On her watch, many of the township's guiding plans were created which address growth and improvements on Beechmont Avenue, Clough Pike, Kellogg Avenue, trails and sidewalk projects, economic development, a plan for the arts and riverfront development.

She led the township team in developing a plan to increase township housing options. She also maintained quality public services while state revenues decreased and also keeping necessary public services on track during the COVID era.

Earhart also was known for her collaboration with local and statewide leadership. She advocated for reform on a state level in several situations she deemed damaging to township services. She served on the leadership team for the Center for Local Government, an organization dedicated to improving public service delivery. Other leadership positions include long-term commitments on the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and as chair of the statewide Coalition of Large Urban Townships.



Administrator Vicky Earhart speaking at a recent ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Anderson Searches for Next Administrator

As of press time, Anderson Township Trustees are continuing their search for the person who will take the township's top administrator position.

The administrator serves as the township's chief administrative officer, overseeing daily operations, managing a $75 million annual budget and leading township staff and department leaders in finance, planning and zoning, fire and EMS, public works and administration, as well as contracted police services with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. The administrator also advises the board and works alongside the independently elected fiscal officer.

"Anderson Township offers its next administrator an extraordinary opportunity to lead a talented team in a community that cares deeply about its future," said Trustee Vice Chair Katie Nappi. "I look forward to welcoming a leader who will build on that strong foundation to advance the community's priorities." Strategic Agora Advisors is assisting with the search. Trustees hope to appoint the next administrator by year's end.

Community Engagement Key in Creating Anderson's Future

Anderson residents recently shared their values, challenges and hopes in examining what Anderson should look like for years to come.

A series of community engagement opportunities over the past 10 months is ending, with the goal of creating a working comprehensive plan for Anderson Township's future.

With support from McKenna, a consulting firm, Anderson Township gathered community comment through 12 pop-up meetings, visioning sessions, focus groups and an online survey. The feedback will inform a fresh review of the township's Comprehensive Plan, which is updated every five years.

"Although residents shared a wide range of ideas, several themes emerged consistently," said Assistant Planning and Zoning Director Sarah Donovan. "These ideas now guide the plan." The Comprehensive Plan update will include the following broad-based themes:

A Mature Community with Reinvestment as the Next Chapter: focusing on thoughtful reinvestment and adaptation as Anderson Township continues to evolve.

Preserving Community Character and Assets with Stewardship of Parks and Greenspaces: protecting the places, natural resources and qualities residents value.

Housing Choice Across Every Stage of Life: supporting housing options that allow people to remain part of the community as their needs change.

Strengthen and Expand Commercial Areas: reinforcing existing business areas and supporting vibrant, distinctive places for shopping, dining, services, and gathering.

Connected Neighborhoods and Expanded Mobility: improving connections and creating more ways to safely and comfortably move throughout the township.



Encouraging places to gather is a facet of the comprehensive plan update.



Modernized infrastructure is a comprehensive plan goal.

Resilient and Modernized Infrastructure as a New Foundation: ensuring infrastructure keeps pace with the needs of a mature and evolving community.

"Throughout the planning process, we worked to meet people where they already live, work, gather and spend time," said Donovan. Meetings were hosted at the Anderson Township Senior Center, parks, community events and restaurants. "This community-driven process has been a valuable step forward," she added.

Next steps include review and consideration by the Anderson Township Zoning Commission, Anderson Township Board of Trustees, and Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission before the updated plan is formally adopted.

Trustees Look Ahead

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Community Art and Township Gathering Events

Anderson Township Trustees are considering several ways to further enhance usage of Anderson Center for community events, such as art shows and outdoor performances. As part of their focus, the new holiday event, Anderson Nights of Township Lights, kicks off in early December for a month-long holiday experience at Anderson Center and its walkways and plazas.

Consistent with the township's Art Master Plan, Anderson also hopes to install art along the township's trail network, namely the Five Mile Trail. An upcoming project includes an art installation at the Vantage



at Anderson Towne Center apartments and future art pieces on the trail north of State Road.

Trustee Chair Dee Stone said the most significant upcoming project is the overhaul of the township's operations center. "This project is essential to better serve our residents and employees, as the current facilities designed for the township's needs in the mid-1900s."

Planning for these, and other projected improvements, has been extensive, and the finished facilities should help all our safety services providers meet the community's anticipated future needs, she added.

"I'm excited about the tangible benefits these projects will bring to our residents," said Trustee Vice Chair Katie Nappi. "Whether it's easing congestion at the I-275 and Five Mile interchange, expanding access to the incredible natural resources at our doorstep, including the Little Miami and Ohio rivers, or better activating Anderson Center as a community gathering space, we're focused on practical solutions that deliver real value for our community."

Intersection Upgrades in the Works for Eight Mile-Beechmont Avenue



Intersection changes are coming soon to Eight Mile Road and Beechmont Avenue.

Private redevelopment of the Speedway convenience store and former McCall's Flooring building on the northwest corner of Eight Mile Road and Beechmont Avenue will allow a new right-turn lane onto Beechmont from southbound Eight Mile Road.

For the past several years, the township has worked with the Speedway/7-Eleven at the corner of Eight Mile and Beechmont as the store is redeveloped into a 7-Eleven. Owners of the property are donating right-of-way with the site redevelopment to allow for the project, said Assistant Administrator for Township Operations Steve Sievers.

The project has been a longstanding recommendation of the township's Beechmont Corridor Plan, he said. That plan, first developed in the mid-1990s, suggested upgrades to Beechmont as redevelopment occurs.

As part of the redevelopment process, the vacant McCall's Flooring building will be razed. The site was initially home to the Cherry Grove United Brethren Church, which opened in 1854. (See sidebar.)

"We appreciate the receptivity of the 7-Eleven owners to help solve some congestion and safety issues at that busy corner," noted Trustee Chair Dee Stone. "Their assistance is a great example of the good things that can happen when government and the private sector work together."

One hundred twenty-four accidents have been logged at that intersection from 2016 to 2024, the most dangerous intersection in the township, Sievers added. About 50,000 cars a day traverse the intersection.

Construction on the store is expected to begin this winter, with turn lane work scheduled for the summer. A 2027 summer completion is expected.



Cherry Grove United Brethren Church, 1916



Cherry Grove United Brethren Church was destroyed by fire in 1924.



Cherry Grove United Brethren Church in 1925

New Development Takes Place of Former Church/Retail Store

Church was erected in 1854 and was destroyed by fire in 1924. It was rebuilt the next year. A congregation stayed in the facility until 1964, when the church moved to expanded facilities on Eight Mile Road and became Cherry Grove United Methodist Church. That congregation is today's Living Faith UMC. The facility also housed Forest Craft Furniture in the1970s before it became McCall's Flooring.

Bass Island River Access Set for Winter Reopening

Great Parks continues its Bass Island river access project along the Little Miami River, with a winter 2027 reopening expected.

The project improves access along the river while reducing uncontrolled river access points contributing to riverbank erosion and negatively impacting wildlife and habitat.

The enhanced site, in the Little Miami Scenic Corridor off Newtown Road in Anderson Township, will include flood-resistant restroom facilities, a paved walkway to the riverbank and a new ramp to the river's edge that will serve to improve river access and protect the riverbank. Great Parks is also adding a new, larger parking lot.

The parking lot and river access at Bass Island remain closed as construction continues.

"Great Parks has been careful in designing multiple aspects of the project to account for frequent flooding from the Little Miami River, and these design features, in addition to periodic high-water levels, have complicated construction work on the site," said Todd Palmeter, Great Parks CEO.



Bass Island construction this past summer

Meet Our Township Greenspaces

What are Greenspaces … with a capital "G"? They are miniature nature preserves acquired through Anderson Township's unique Greenspace program, for the community's benefit, and are protected under Ohio law. They're preserved for activities like hiking, bird watching and enjoying wildlife.

Paid for by voter approved tax levies in 1990 and 1995, Anderson has protected these parcels that now total more than 780 acres.

Yes, they support wildlife and pollinators. Yes, they improve water quality. Yes, they help reduce flooding. But the real magic is that they are open for passive recreation for the public.

Consider this your invitation to visit a Greenspace.

Anderson recently launched an interactive map and website to help explore these community assets.

Through the Greenspace Volunteer Corps, Anderson encourages community members to participate in Greenspace volunteer events that help maintain Greenspaces and connect with nature. Alternatively, you can preserve a parcel through the Adopt a Greenspace Program. Volunteer groups participate in approved stewardship activities under township guidance.

To take part in the Anderson Township's Greenspace Volunteer Corps or Adopt a Greenspace Program, email Greenspace

Explore Three Featured Greenspaces

Looking for a place to start you exploration? Three Greenspaces will introduce you to Anderson's nature-based community assets.



Greenspace Parcel 2

Parcel 2 Greenspace, known as the Heritage Center Greenspace, is a peaceful 3-acre natural area adjacent to the Heritage Center Arboretum at the Eight Mile Road and Forest Road intersection. Together with the arboretum, it creates a unique destination that blends conservation, recreation and environmental education.



Greenspace Parcel 27

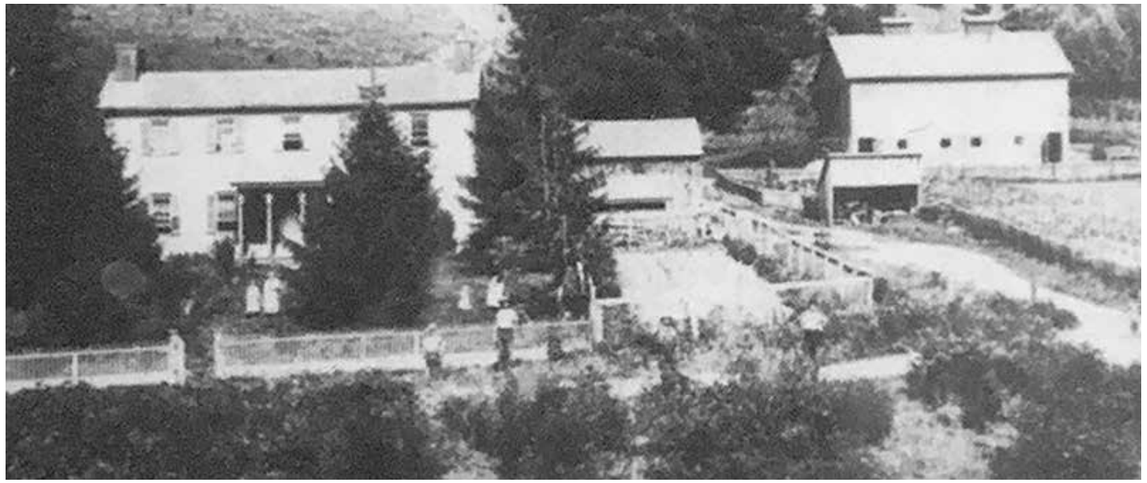
Parcel 27 Greenspace is 109 acres of natural habitat with scenic views and passive recreation. Located along the north side of State Route 32, the property offers visitors the opportunity to explore open fields and wooded floodplains. It's accessible via the Little Miami Scenic Trail.



Greenspace Parcel 42

Parcel 42 Greenspace is a 10-acre space containing a portion of the Forestlake Drive to the Eight Mile Road Greenway. The greenway is a natural corridor that links neighborhoods with protected woodlands and stream habitats. An out-and-back hike from the north end of Forestlake Drive is approximately 1.6 miles.

Clough Pike Valley: One of Township's Earliest Travel Routes



The Wolfer family farm as it appeared around 1900 just south of the James Clark Stone House.

Many residents may not know that the most important early settlement in Anderson Township was in the valley along Clough Creek. Perhaps as you travel down Clough Pike past the Miller-Leuser Log House or the James Clark Stone House, you think, "Well, that makes sense."

But why is the name Clough? The road, creek and the valley were named for Richard Clough Anderson (1750–1826), chief surveyor of the Virginia Military District.

The Clough Valley extends from State Route 32 in the west, east to approximately State Road. The valley's fertile soil and the abundant water source were attractive to families like the Turpins, Millers and Clarks who settled there and who survived on the crops they grew. Philip Turpin owned roughly 1,000 acres in the early 19th century and his farm was a major corn producer. He also operated a mill on the Little Miami River and a distillery off Clough Creek. According to the Hamilton County Recorder's office, his descendants continued farming some of the original estate into the mid-1950s.

As these and other farms prospered, families sold their crops in the markets of the growing city of Cincinnati. A road along Clough Creek through the valley became a necessity.



This photograph taken around 1900 shows a section of the Clough Valley near Bogart Road, (today's Berkshire Road).

In 1805, surveyor Ichabod Benton Miller laid out a road from the mouth of Clough Creek eastward to the Clermont County line. This route became the forerunner of modern Clough Pike and is considered one of Anderson Township's oldest roads.

Around 1830, the road became a privately owned turnpike, operated and maintained by private corporations that charged traveler's tolls. Toll stops existed on Clough Pike at the bottom of the hill near SR 32 (Batavia Road), near Clough Pike and Nagel Road, and near Clough Pike and Eight Mile Road. Hamilton County took over the road in 1910 at which time Clough ceased being a toll road.

Initially the valley was a rural frontier, but in time businesses, a school and churches sprang up to serve area families like Bogarts, Bridges, Wolfers, Motz and Clarks. Well into the 1950s, the area remained predominantly farmland.

Text by Tom Brown. Photographs from the archives of the Anderson Township Historical Society tell the story of the early years of Clough Valley.



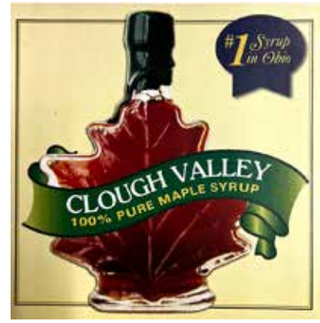
The Clough Baptist Church was built near Berkshire Road in 1820.



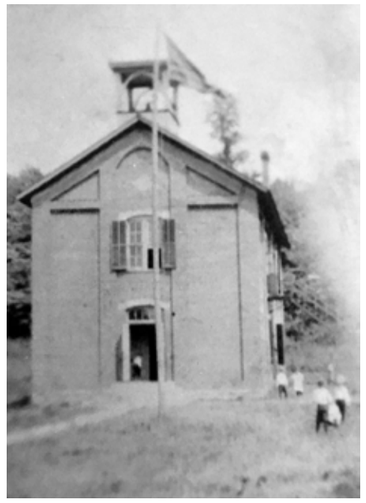
Lawrence Leuser (left) and his brother-in-law Willie Kuntz haul gravel from Clough Creek to repair the road in payment of taxes, about 1910.



Maddux & Smith blacksmith shop on Clough was near State Road. Built in 1887, it later became the J. Wolf & Son farm machine shop. It was demolished in 1986.



Matt Motz entered syrup from his Clough Pike farm in the Ohio State fair and won awards.



Since its closing, the District 7 School built in 1874 has been a tavern and various restaurants. It is now Clough Crossings American Bistro.



The Motz family's poultry company on Clough Pike was an active enterprise into the first half of the 20th century. The Motz name is still prominent in the township.

Learn Tips to Make Your Device Charging Super-Safe

Charging lithium-ion batteries and other devices safely is an important part of fire prevention, especially when homes have multiple chargers running at once.

Many children are comfortable with technological gadgets in all their forms, including those that require chargers. But just because these kids use technology, it doesn't mean these children are safely charging their pads, phones and other devices.

"Parents should be aware and educate their children on safe use of their devices," notes Fire Chief Rick Martin of Anderson Township Fire and Rescue.

Remember these tips from the National Fire Protection Association when it comes to charging devices safely:



Cheap charger? Don't chance it.

Use the cord and charger that came with your device or one approved by the manufacturer.



Soft surface? Hard pass.

Charge on a hard, flat surface like a table, desk, or bare floor. Do not charge your phone on a bed because it may get covered during the night and build up heat. If this happens repeatedly, it could permanently damage the battery and create a fire hazard.



Fully charged? Time to unplug.

Unplug your device once it's fully charged.



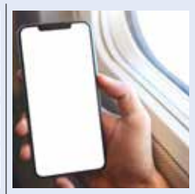
For tools and rides, charge outside.

Charge large items like e-bikes, scooters, and power tools outside when possible. Do not block exits when charging.



Feels hot? Stop using it.

Stop using your device if it feels extremely hot, swells, smells strange, leaks, smokes or makes popping or hissing sounds. Immediately remove the battery from the charger and place the device away from combustible materials outside.



On a flight? Keep it in sight.

Do not charge your phone on a plane. Do not charge e-cigarettes or vapes on the plane. Tell a flight attendant if you notice a problem with your device. Charge your devices before or after the flight.

Learn CPR, First Aid Next Year



Anderson Township Fire and Rescue offers cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and basic first aid classes throughout the year, along with health care provider classes for health care professionals.

Learn to recognize the signs of cardiac arrest or choking or advance your knowledge in the use of an AED through classes offered by the township. Below is a list of all classes.

Healthcare BLS Provider (Instructor-led)

Healthcare BLS Provider (HeartCode Blended Learning BLS)

Heartsaver CPR/AED (Instructor-led– first aid optional)

Heartsaver CPR/AED (Blended learning – first aid optional)

Family and Friends CPR (No certification)

Find all class details and related costs online at *AndersonTownshipOH.gov*; search for the keyword: CPR. For questions, call Lisa Farrar at 513.688.8620.

Landlords: Is Your Rental Property Registered with the County?

Do you have a rental property? If so, be aware that rental registration through the Hamilton County Auditor's Office is an important part of your responsibilities as a landlord. In addition to state law requirements, rental registration helps local emergency services quickly contact the property owner when needed.

Failure to register your rental property may result in fees assessed to your property tax bill, noted Fiscal Officer Brian Johnson. Rental registration forms and a Q&A can found at the Hamilton County Auditor's Office or online at *HCAuditor.org/tax_rentalregistration.asp*. Contact the county auditor at 513.946.4099 or *Rental.Registration@auditor.hamilton-co.org* with any questions.

Follow the Rules When Burning Outdoors

State and federal laws limit burning activities in suburbs.

State and federal regulations limit the kinds of legal fires in townships. The days of burning leaves at the curb are long gone, with most burning activities in suburban settings prohibited by numerous fire codes.

Cooking fires, considered recreational fires, or the use of a barbecue grill or chiminea are permitted under the burning regulations. However, Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Chief Rick Martin said residents should remain aware of nearby combustible materials such as wood decks and siding and stay away from those during a recreational fire. "Don't let your house become a statistic," he added.

Health concerns drive open burning laws. Open burning releases many toxic fumes, Martin said. These fumes, along with the spores they release when they catch fire, can make it hard for people with allergies



to breathe. Pollutants released by the burn cause problems for communities attempting to meet health-based air quality standards. Plus, burning household trash releases dioxin, which has links to respiratory illnesses, kidney and liver damage, and more.

More information on open burning can be found at *AndersonTownshipOH.gov* under key words: "open burning."

After Recycling Center's Closure, Here Are Some Other Recycling Options



Rumpke's Clermont County Transfer Depot

With the closure of the Anderson Township Recycling Center off Beechmont Avenue, residents may find themselves without a regular recycling option.

Here are several options currently available:

Rumpke recycling at curbside: Your weekly Rumpke trash pickup provides a no-extra-cost recycling option with regular trash service. If you don't have a recycling container or need to increase your tote to a rolling car, call Rumpke at 1.800.828.8171.

Rumpke's Clermont County Transfer Depot: A new facility in Union Township accepts all regular items named in Rumpke's recycling program. In addition, the facility accepts solid waste, construction debris, larger items such as furniture and appliances. While recycling household waste is free, other services involve a fee. Visit 5180 Champions Way in Milford, (Union Township). Hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, with the facility open 7 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

Bzak Landscaping: The Anderson Township-based Bzak Landscaping site at 3295 Turpin Lane accepts yard waste and tree trimmings all year long. Visit *bzak.com/yard-waste-programs* for details.

Local Retailers: Area grocery stores (such as local Kroger locations) accept plastic grocery bags for recycling.

Other recyclable items accepted include:

- Plastic grocery and shopping bags
- Bread and produce bags
- Clean sandwich and zip-style bags
- Dry cleaning bags and newspaper sleeves
- Bubble wrap and plastic shipping envelopes



Charge Your EV Soon at Four Township Locations

Four new electric vehicle (EV) charging stations will soon be operational on land owned or leased by Anderson Township. Carbon reduction funds from the Volkswagen Clean Air Act Civil Settlement nearly fully paid for the stations.

Station locations are:

- Anderson RecPlex, 6915 Beechmont Ave.
- Bauer Preserve, 1951 Nagel Road
- Five Mile Trailhead, 2740 Newtown Road
- Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road

EV users pay for individual service for these DC fast chargers. Kroger offered the township's first public charger in 2025.

Based on Ohio BMV records, it is estimated that in 2025 there were more than 1,000 registered EVs in Anderson Township, more than triple the estimated 375 vehicles in 2023. In 2025, EVs accounted for around 3% of all vehicles registered in Anderson Township.

Ecological Advantages Uncovered in 'Leaving the Leaves'



A new mantra has emerged in the ecological movement, "Leave the Leaves!" It is an effort for gardeners to stop raking, bagging and sending leaves to the landfill and instead feed the leaves back to the plants that made them.

So, what does "Leave the Leaves" mean and what are the benefits of not trashing your leaves?

Rake or blow the leaves into flower beds, vegetable gardens, or around the bases of trees.

Did you know that the best way to see more fireflies in the summer is to save your leaves in the fall? Fireflies and many other insects lay their eggs in the leaf litter. However, when humans trash or mulch these leaves, the next generation of insects is destroyed. Not only does this lead to less fireflies in the summer, but it destroys food sources for other animals as well, such as our local songbirds. So, if you're a birder, you may want to consider leaving those leaves as well!

The easiest way to support this practice is as the name suggests, simply leave leaves where they fall. However, not removing leaves can have negative effects on your lawn, since the leaves will most likely kill the grass underneath.

Instead, rake or blow the leaves into flower beds, vegetable gardens, or around the bases of trees, basically, anywhere that doesn't have grass. As a bonus, when the leaves decompose, they'll add nutrients to the soil beneath. It's the natural cycle!

Autumn leaves are a great (and free!) natural mulch, just remember not to shred them, if you do, you'll shred the insect eggs as well.

So, this fall, consider doing something new by "leaving the leaves" to protect your local ecosystem and boost your garden. Let the leaves fall where they may, where they will eventually decompose and feed the soil.

Information provided by the Anderson Tree Committee.

Meet New Friends at Kellogg Park Dog Field

Anderson Park District's Kellogg Park Dog Field offers you and your dog a great place to socialize and meet new friends in a secure park setting.

This field is at 6701 Kellogg Ave. There is an annual entry fee.

Included in the 4-acre, off-leash facility is an entrance access system, fencing, waste-bag stations and a frost-free dog drinking fountain. Dogs must have a current permit to enter the dog field.



To obtain a dog field permit you need: a completed application, current vet vaccine records for rabies, distemper and bordetella, and payment. Annual fees are based on residency. The dog field use-year runs from October of the current year to October of the following year. Find applications online at a*ndersonparks.com/kellogg-park-dog-field-info.*

Beautification Awards Recognize Two Special Spaces



Treeridge Drive



Luwista Lane

Beautiful spaces abound in Anderson Township, and a few special spots have recently received awards recognizing the visual appearance of a property.

This year's beautification winners were cited in two categories-residential and a new category: native plantings. The Anderson Township Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee sponsors the beautification awards to recognize individuals and businesses that do an excellent job keeping Anderson beautiful.

The 2026 winners are:

Residential - ***7233 Treeridge Drive***

Native Plantings - ***6040 Luwista Lane***

Plenty to Explore this Season at Anderson Branch Library





With the holiday season here, it's a great opportunity to escape the hustle and bustle by visiting the Anderson Branch Library. During this cozy time of year, take a moment to explore new activities and hobbies at the library.

On the third Monday of each month, join the Silent Book Club. If you are looking for some quiet time to enjoy a good book, indulge in a peaceful afternoon of silent reading, followed by a chat with fellow readers. This event is hosted in the Anderson Branch's Quiet Room. Bring or check out your own book of any genre.

UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS

Silent Book Club
Third Monday of each month

Crochet Class
Wednesday, Dec. 2

Learn to Paint with Natalie
December 29

If your child wants to learn a new hobby this winter, they can join the Head Start Crochet class on Wednesday, Dec. 2. Kids aged 8 and up can join a beginner-friendly class where they will learn about crochet tools and terminology, and how to make new things using basic stitches. It's perfect for kids looking to make homemade holiday gifts this year. This program is presented by Clifton Cultural Arts.

On December 29, bring the family out to encourage their inner Bob Ross at our Learn to Paint with Natalie class for ages 9-18. Natalie will help kids and teens create their own masterpieces. This beginner-level class can be enjoyed by experienced artists and is sponsored by the Anderson Township Library Association.

Finally, the library offers a wide range of books and materials, including holiday reads and much more. Check out the library catalog and register for all the events on *chpl.org.*

The Anderson Branch Library is at 7450 State Road.

TOWNSHIP NEWS

Metro Signs Receive a Glow-Up with a New Look That's Easier to Read

Anderson Township's aging Metro bus signs are receiving a needed do-over, gradually being replaced with new signage that includes larger text that makes it easier to read from a distance.

In a move that will replace 3,700 Metro bus signs in Hamilton County over the next two years, the new signs use reflective materials that offer clearer visibility in the dark. With larger route numbers, high-contrast colors and a renewed layout, the signs should be easier to read from a distance. A few added tweaks also include QR codes for online tracking and trip planning, and Braille text.

Students at the University of Cincinnati's Design, Architecture, Art and Planning (DAAP) program helped design the revamped signs, utilizing engineering and public policy concepts from the DAAP faculty.

The $6.5 million project also goes beyond new signage to include 400 new benches and 200 new shelters in Hamilton County. It was funded in part by federal transportation dollars.

Trustee Tom Hodges noted, "I'm excited to see Metro making these investments in Anderson Township."

"Clearer signs, better shelters, and more accessible bus stops may seem like small improvements, but they can make a real difference for people who rely on public transportation," he said. Combined with the new Anderson Center Station Park and



Ride, "these improvements are another step toward making Anderson more connected and accessible for our residents."

Art Organization and Township Share Award for Art Project

A colorful collaborative mural at Anderson Township's Metro park and ride station has earned Tristate recognition.

Through a connection facilitated by Anderson Township, the Anderson Art Collaborative developed and led to the creation of a 46-foot mural. The collaborative worked with Cincinnati Metro to create a community art experience intertwining professional artists and community members, which resulted in a 2026 Community Partner Award presented by Metro to both organizations.

The project that engaged the community initially began with Metro's vision for a mural reflecting the Anderson community. In talking with Anderson Township, the Anderson Art Collaborative immediately came to mind as a group capable of turning this vision into reality, said Steve Sievers, assistant township administrator of operations.

The collaborative proposal to METRO was accepted and design began, led by professional local artists Sarah Ashley Cox, Frank Huguelet and Lora Currier. With pre-drawings and planning work, the artistic team "essentially turned the mural into a giant community 'paint by numbers,'" said Cox.



Anderson Center Station artwork inside the Vantage Apartments park and ride facility

"The public painting event welcomed everyone, regardless of age or artistic experience. Participants were handed a paintbrush of a specific color, then invited to step right up to the wall and start painting," she said. With two days and six total hours of painting, more than 125 community members helped fill the entire background.

"Watching this mural come to life and seeing professional artists and community members work side by side was truly special," Sievers said. "The finished mural is a wonderful reflection of what can happen when our community comes together through art," he added.

NEWS & NOTES



Battalion Chief Meiners Retires After Long Career

Anderson Township Fire and Rescue's Battalion Chief **Mike Meiners** retired this fall after more than 30 years in the township's fire service.

He began as a volunteer with Madison Place Volunteer Fire Department in 1990 and completed firefighting training at Scarlet Oaks Vocational School. Meiners earned his paramedic certification from the Bethesda North Paramedic Program in 1994, and his Anderson career began in 1995.

Meiners was promoted to lieutenant and then in 2014 to battalion chief of the Training Division. In addition to managing his shift across the four fire stations and responding to emergency scenes, he oversaw fire training for all department personnel, recruiting efforts, the coordination and oversight of hiring processes, and internal officer promotions.



Lt. Bruce Bromen Retires from Fire Service

Lt. **Bruce Bromen** has retired from Anderson Township Fire and Rescue, after more than 30 years serving Anderson Township.

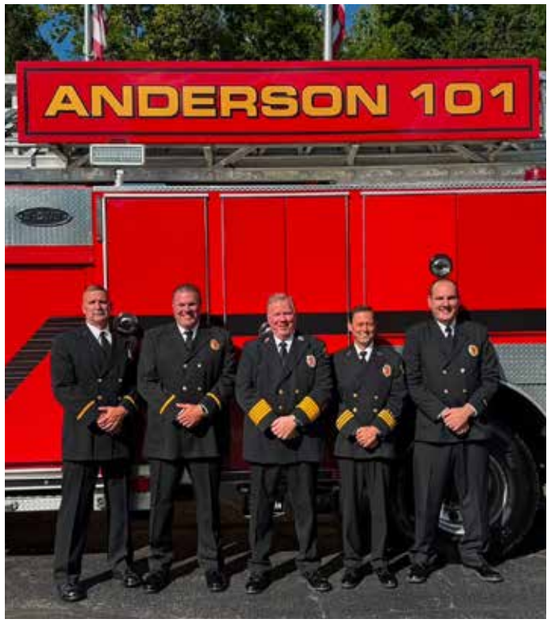
Bromen began his career at age 16 as a member of an Explorer post, part of the department's former Explorer Scout program. At age 18, he became a volunteer member of the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department and, in 1993, joined the department as a firefighting professional, earning his paramedic certification from the University of Cincinnati.

After being promoted to lieutenant in 2003 Bromen developed an interest in technology that continued throughout his career, implementing the department's first mobile data computer. He created the department's first newsletter, "Hook-It." His work was instrumental in the fire department's IT advancements over the last 20 years.



Clark Joins Planning and Zoning Department

Travis Clark has joined Anderson Township's Planning and Zoning Department as a planner 1. He graduated from Texas Tech University with an undergraduate degree in geography and the environment. He also earned a master's degree in community planning from the University of Cincinnati. Clark was a research assistant with Texas Tech, working with Geographic Information Systems and also an intern with SORTA/Cincinnati Metro.



The Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department announced four more promotions this summer. Pictured from left to right are: Dave Ames (new lieutenant), Matt Janke (new captain) Chief Richard Martin, Dan Dacey (new battalion chief) and Josh Camp (new lieutenant).

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Anderson Township Senior Center "Cheers to 10 Years" open house



Anderson Township Senior Center "Cheers to 10 Years" open house



Walk and Ride to School Days



Emergency Services Day



Emergency Services Day

Business Update: What's New, What's Coming Soon



Tous les Jours

OPEN

- Anderson Grove Townhomes - 1267 Eight Mile Road.
- Exercise Coach - 5216 Beechmont Ave.
- Tous les Jours - 7711 Beechmont Ave.
- United Dairy Farmers - 5275 Beechmont Ave.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- Miami Valley Christian Academy High School Building - 8550 Broadwell Road
- 7-Eleven replacing Speedway at 8352 Beechmont Ave.
- Swig - 8620 Beechmont Ave.
- Trilogy Fitness Systems - 7197 Beechmont Ave.
- Woof Gang - 7466 Beechmont Ave.



Anderson Grove Townhomes

Invest Locally and Enjoy Results in Your Community

In a season with a heightened emphasis on charitable giving, why not consider investing locally to impact your own community?

Giving locally creates a positive ripple effect, solving problems or creating opportunity on a local level with grass roots effort.

Several local charitable organizations support projects and programs all around Anderson Township, some that may impact you daily.

Consider these organizations for your annual tax-deductible giving and enjoy the benefits of investing right here.

The Anderson Township Betterment Commission promotes efforts to enhance the quality of life for Anderson Township residents, business owners and institutions by providing support to community organizations, events and other activities. Investments include the Anderson Township Senior Center, Anderson Township Veterans Memorial, Anderson Independence Day Parade and Anderson Township safety services. For more information contact Steve Sievers at 513.688.8604 or *ssievers@AndersonTownshipOH.gov.*

The Forest Hills Foundation for Education is dedicated to being a vital additional resource for all students across all nine district schools. The foundation supports students' journey through the Forest Hills School District and beyond, raising funds to advance innovation, enrichment and wellness. It acts as a bridge connecting local businesses, community partners and donors with the dedicated teachers and administration of the Forest Hills School District. Learn more about the foundation at *fhfe.org.*

The mission of the ***Anderson Township Historical Society*** and Urban Farm is to preserve the area's history, encourage youth to embrace history, bring the past to life and provide Anderson Township with experiences and places to gather, learn and grow. Ongoing projects include maintaining the Miller-Leuser log cabin and Research Center, plus the 11-acre Urban Farm. Visit their site or donate at *athsociety.org.*

Serving older adults since 1987, the ***Anderson Township Senior Center*** operates under the core guiding philosophy of "Active, Healthy Aging. The center, open weekdays, focuses on delivering quality of life services protecting and enhancing older adults as well as encouraging active living. Through many programs and activities, the center helps combat social isolation through group meals, events and by providing a welcoming space for camaraderie. Donations are used to increase special programming options in music, healthy aging and theatrical productions. For donation guidance, go to *AndersonTownshipOH.gov/senior-center/donate.*

The Anderson Area Chamber Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and community development affiliate of the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce in Ohio. The foundation was established to support education and training programs for professionals and youth, with the goal of strengthening leadership, developing talent, and fostering future economic growth throughout the Anderson area.

The foundation relies on the generosity and involvement of the community to fund its programs and initiatives. Through charitable contributions and community partnerships, it helps create opportunities that benefit local students, professionals and the broader Anderson community.

To learn more, contact the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce at 513.474.4802 or *info@andersonareachamber.org.*

The Anderson Foundation for Parks and Recreation, a dedicated 501(c)(3), raises funds that keep Anderson Park District thriving. When you become a Friend of Anderson Parks, your membership is a direct investment in the parks you love-funding projects like the dugout shades at Juilfs and Veterans Parks, playground improvements at Veterans Park, and the Red Barn Shelter at Juilfs Park. The Oktoberfest Social is hosted every year, the biggest fundraiser of the year. Become a Friend and help write the next chapter for Anderson's parks. Info: *foundationforparks.org.*

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Township's Betterment Commission Supports Good Works

Did you know? Anderson Township operates a longstanding non-profit commission that helps promote quality-of-life initiatives involving activities, events or community organizations.

The Greater Anderson Township Betterment Commission serves as a catalyst to facilitate community projects. This organization grew out of a 1993 bicentennial celebration 501-c-3 non-profit that helped oversee and manage events for the year-long celebration.

Today, the five-member commission continues its work on community enhancements, assisting with projects such as Anderson Township Senior Center programs and enhancements, and communitywide safety efforts delivered by the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department.

Longtime commission President Ron Edgerton said the organization largely assists groups with oversight and financial accountability, managing donations and expenses. "The commission is the gatekeeper for monies donated to a specific organization or event," he said. "We give guidance on keeping the purchases within what the initial donor advised when providing the donation," he added.

Executive Director Steve Sievers noted the commission continues its interest in helping start-up groups or managing causes or events in their initial phases. The commission served in that capacity for the Anderson Township Veterans' Memorial project.

To discuss details of the work of the Greater Anderson Township Betterment Commission, contact Sievers at 513.688.8604.



The Anderson Township Senior Center has benefited from the work of the Betterment Commission.

Volunteers a Backbone of Community Change in Anderson Township

Volunteers do good works in Anderson Township to advance its programs and keep the quality of life high here.

Here are the folks who gave their time this year to support Anderson Township:



Board of Zoning Appeals

Jennifer Barlow
John Halpin
Greg Kuenning
Paul Scheckels
Paul Sian
Greg Heimkreiter- alternate
Tom Caruso- alternate

Zoning Commission

Jason Brewer
Brian Eliff
Jonathan Gothard
Jay Lewis
Anne McBride
Susan Ward- alternate
Douglas Pfingstag-alternate



Tree Committee

Bruce Berno
John Halpin
Carol King
Timothy Kloppenborg
Jim Rombke
Ron Trenkamp
Rick Voss
Joe Willging
Jon Butcher
Scott Beuerlein
Andy Ruttle
Liam Hoppe
Sean Cox
Alyssa Kensill

Greenspace Advisory Committee

Ronald Edgerton
Paul Braasch
Russ Romme
Rick Voss



Greater Anderson Township Betterment Commission

Ronald Edgerton
Amy Broghamer
Katie McCabe
Christy Cauley

Senior Center Advisory Committee

Sherry Burnside
Marcia Cole
Sarah Celenza
George Zabrecky
Julie Bissinger
David Adams
David Borne
JoAnne Young
Helen Hummel
Chris Burroughs
Debbie Moorehous
Evin Blomberg

Implementation Committee

Lisa Arnett
Katie Buchmann
Bruce Berno
Matt Chaffin
Jessica Cunningham
Duane Donohoo
Stephen Feagins
Peg Fenner
Lindsay Griffis
John Halpin
Nicole Hunter
Phillip Kiley
Jay Lewis
Kevin Misiak
Dan O'Rourke
Paul Scheckels
Paul Sian
Cindy Seiber
Karl Seiber
Cindy Voss
Susan Wheatley
Tom Turchiano
Kaden Bardone
Tom Caruso
Andrea McLearen

WINTER FOCUS

Be Smart When Heating and Decorating Your Home

Electric heating products, cozy home fireplaces and festive colored candles all pose specific safety hazards when misused. Be smart when burning a fire at home or when using a space heater.

Here's some information to consider:

ELECTRICITY

- Always place a space heater on a flat, stable surface at least three feet from any flammable materials like furniture and curtains
- Plug only one heat-producing appliance (like a coffee maker, space heater or microwave) directly into a wall outlet at a time
- Never use an extension cord with a heat-producing appliance.
- Never leave heaters unattended.
- Only use heaters with a tip-over switch.

FIREPLACE SAFETY

- Keep anything that can burn, including décor, at least 3 feet from your fireplace or wood stove.
- Do not burn paper, old wreaths or old Christmas trees in your fireplace or wood stove.
- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned each year by a professional.
- Place cool ashes in a metal container, which should be outside and away from other combustible items.
- Never leave your fire unattended.
- Use only seasoned firewood.
- Install a spark screen.
- Keep a fire extinguisher close by and know how to use it.
- Make sure all smoke alarms have working batteries.

CANDLE SAFETY

- Use electric candles instead of burning candles.
- Make sure candles are in stable holders and containers and place them where they cannot be knocked down easily.
- Blow out candles when you leave a room or when you go to bed.
- Don't use lit candles in bedrooms, bathrooms and sleeping areas.
- Use flashlights, not candles, if you have a power outage.



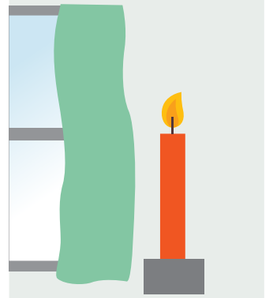
Almost half of the home decoration fires in December are started by candles.



Think about using battery-operated flameless candles.



Christmas is the peak day for candle fires.



Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that burns.



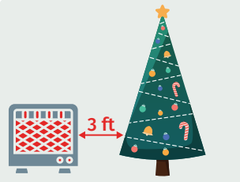
A dry Christmas tree can burn very hot and very fast.



More than 1 in every 5 Christmas tree fires were caused by a heat source too close to the tree.



Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect.



Make sure your tree is at least 3 feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents. Also, make sure your tree does not block exits.



Get rid of your tree after Christmas when it is dry.

Know When to Stay, When to Go with Snow Alerts

Hamilton County will issue directives when the snow starts blowing this winter. As a reminder, here are the three snow emergency levels:

Level I Snow Alert:
Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Roads may also be icy. Motorists are urged to drive very cautiously. Unnecessary travel is discouraged.

Level II Snow Advisory:
Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Roads may also be very icy. Only those who feel it is necessary to drive should be out on the roads.

All employees should contact their employer to see if they should report to work.

Level III Snow Emergency:
Ice, blowing and drifting snow has created extremely hazardous road conditions. Low visibility, extremely low temperatures, and worsening road conditions may have caused the closing of all or certain county roads to all but emergency and essential persons. No one should be on roadways unless absolutely necessary.

All employees should contact their employer to see if they should report to work. Those traveling on the roads may subject themselves to arrest.

A state website offers weather-related road closures and restrictions. Visit the Ohio Department of Transportation's traffic website at *ohgo.com*.

Anderson Township may also issue a snow emergency under extreme conditions, but this would only restrict parking on township-maintained roadways.

Whenever snowfall is forecasted, the township requests motorists not park on the street, if possible. This helps expedite efforts to treat roadways and ensures the safety of Public Works drivers.



Please do not plow, shovel, or blow snow into the roadway to help township crews clear the streets. These situations can impair driver safety and hamper township, county and state plow drivers as they clean the roads. This also creates liability for the property owners as this situation can create a dangerous situation for the traveling public.

Anderson Township is home to more than 475 cul-de-sacs on its more than 120 miles of roadways. These cul-de-sacs present several challenges during snow removal efforts.

Anderson Moves Quickly When Snow Starts Falling

The township's road crew consists of just 10 plow drivers. In trying to clear the most snow as quickly as possible and to safeguard main roadways, hills and curves are cleared first and cul-de-sacs are passed by.

Under normal conditions, cul-de-sacs are not plowed until after a storm has passed. Crews return to the cul-de-sacs and try to avoid piling up snow in driveway areas, mailboxes and fire hydrants. Sometimes it is not possible to avoid creating a pile of snow. Your understanding is appreciated.

Anderson manages more than 120 miles of mainly subdivision streets. Hamilton County maintains 73 miles of roadways through the township.

Not all Anderson roadways are maintained by Anderson Township.



While Anderson manages more than 120 miles of mainly subdivision streets, Hamilton County maintains 73 miles of through township roadways including Clough Pike, Salem Road, Eight Mile Road and more.

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is responsible for state or U.S. highways totaling around 20 miles in Anderson, including S.R. 32 (Batavia Road), S.R. 125 (Beechmont Avenue), U.S. 52 and Interstate 275.



Clearing the Way: Understanding Township Snow Removal

Q: When will my street be plowed?

A: Anderson Township's Public Works Department begins snow removal operations as soon as conditions allow. During a major storm, crews may need to make multiple passes to fully treat all roadways.

Q: Why did the snowplow push snow back into my driveway?

A: Unfortunately, this can happen as part of normal snow-plowing operations. Crews must push snow toward the side of the roadway, which can result in snow being deposited in driveways. Residents are responsible for clearing the end of their driveway after the roadway has been plowed.

Q: Where should I put the snow from my driveway?

A: Residents should shovel snow to the sides of driveways and avoid pushing or blowing snow into the roadway. This can create a hazard f or motorists and interfere with snow-removal operations, and a property owner may be liable if an accident results..

Q: Why does it take longer for my cul-de-sac to be plowed?

A: Cul-de-sacs can take additional time to clear because of their limited space and the need for plow operators to maneuver safely while pushing snow to the edge of the roadway. During a snow event, cul-de-sacs may receive minimal treatment until after the storm has passed.



Q: The snowplow knocked down/ damaged my mailbox. Is the township responsible?

A: Snowplow operators make every effort to avoid mailboxes; however, inclement weather circumstances can sometimes result in damage. Residents are responsible for maintaining their mailbox and making sure it is properly installed, structurally sound, and positioned within the right-of-way. The township will review reports of damage to determine whether the mailbox was physically struck by township equipment. However, if the mailbox was not physically struck by township equipment, the township generally would not be responsible for damage caused by the movement of snow.

Q: Can the township come back and clear the snow at the end of my driveway?

A: The township does not clear individual residential driveway aprons. Our crews are focused on keeping public roads safe and passable, and this is especially challenging in cul-de-sacs. Residents should wait until the roadway has been plowed before clearing the end of their driveway or consider the strategy to avoid the "second shovel," since additional snow may be pushed there during subsequent passes.



Prepare for Winter Power Outages

- Do not use a gas stove or oven to heat your home.
- Only use generators outdoors and away from your home.
- Create alternative plans for storage of refrigerated medicines or energy-dependent medical devices.
- Create an alternative plan for cooking.
- Keep freezers and refrigerators closed.
- Check your flashlights and make sure you have plenty of spare batteries.
- Make sure to have a working CO monitor/alarm.
- Don't warm up a car in the garage.
- Set limits on how long children can play outside without coming in to warm up.

CONNECT

It's Time to Stuff the Medic Unit Through Dec. 5

Anderson Township Fire and Rescue continues its holiday give-back tradition with the annual push to stuff a medic unit with toys and non-perishable foods.

The department is collecting new, unused toys (unwrapped) and non-perishable food items through Saturday, Dec. 5. Interparish Ministries in Withamsville will distribute the goods in the community.

"Last year the community really rallied for Stuff the Medic and 973 donations were made," said Capt. Doug Eagan with Anderson Township Fire and Rescue." Don't forget to stop by the Beechmont Fire Station with your donations this year again."

All three fire stations in Anderson Township accept donations, as well as the Newtown Fire Station.



AWE Women's Event Returns for Day of Inspiration

A one-day event focused on women of all ages and life stages returns to Anderson Center in February 2027.

The 2027 Anderson Women's Event (AWE) is set for February 3, hosted at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road. This annual gathering aims to provide professional strategies for women to enhance their professional and personal lives.

Included are inspirational speakers, interactive workshops and a time for networking. To get involved, visit *Andersonwomensevent.com.*

Newtown's Winterfest Brings Seasonal Cheer

Celebrate the season at the annual Newtown Winterfest, set for 4-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 in downtown Newtown.

The festive event features a 5K fun run, a parade, free pictures with Santa, children's activities, entertainment, vendors and food trucks. Activities are both inside and outdoors.

For details: *NewtownWinterfest.org.*





EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Anderson Community Band
Anderson Center Theater
7850 Five Mile Road
Sunday, Nov. 22, 3 p.m.
Free Info: *Andersoncommunityband.com*

De La Dance-Nutcracker Jazzed Up!
Anderson Center Theater
7850 Five Mile Road
November 27-December 5
Tickets: *deladancecompany.org*

DECEMBER

De La Dance-Nutcracker Jazzed Up!
Anderson Center Theater
7850 Five Mile Road
November 27-December 5
Tickets: *deladancecompany.org*

LeJeune Dance- The Nutcracker
Anderson Center Theater
7850 Five Mile Road
Thursday and Friday, Dec. 10-11, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 12, 2 and 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec.13, 2 p.m.
Tickets: *LeJeuneDance.com*

Anderson Nights of Township Lights
Anderson Center
7850 Five Mile Road
Kickoff December 5 from 4-6 p.m.
Light display runs through January 1, 2027.
Info: *AndersonTownshipOH.gov*


Anderson Community Band

Performing Arts Inc.
Anderson Center Theater
7850 Five Mile Road

Disney's The Little Mermaid, Kids
Tuesday, Dec. 15, 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 16, 7 p.m.

Elf The Musical JR.
Thursday, Dec. 17, 7 p.m.

Chicago Teen Edition
Saturday Dec. 19, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 20, 3 p.m.
Tickets available at *pai.seatyourself.biz*

JANUARY

Performing Arts Inc.
Anderson Center Theater
7850 Five Mile Road

Madagascar-A Musical Adventure, Kids
Tuesday, Jan. 26, 5:45 p.m. and Wednesday, Jan. 27, 5:45 p.m.

Seussical, Jr.
Tuesday, Jan. 26, 7:15 p.m. and Wednesday, Jan. 27, 7:15 p.m.


Anderson Center

Into the Woods
Friday, Jan. 29, 7 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 30, 2 p.m.
Tickets available at *pai.seatyourself.biz*

FEBRUARY

Anderson Women's Event (AWE) 2027
Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road
Wednesday, Feb. 3, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Get involved: *AndersonWomensEvent.com*


Anderson Women's Event

LeJeune- La Esmeralda Ballet
Anderson Center Theater
7850 Five Mile Road
Friday, Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb 27, 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.
Tickets: *LeJeuneDance.com*

MARCH

De La Dance- DanceCincinnati27
Anderson Center Theater
7850 Five Mile
Thursday and Friday, March 11 and 12, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 13, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Tickets: *deladancecompany.org*

Anderson Community Band
Anderson Center Theater
7850 Five Mile
Sunday, March 21, 3 p.m.
Free admission
Info: *Andersoncommunityband.com*

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New Holiday Event

Enjoy 'Nights of Township Lights'

Cheers to new experiences!
Anderson Township has initiated a new family tradition this year as "Anderson Nights of Township Lights" kicks off its first year starting on December 5.

The event begins with an afternoon celebration from 4-6 p.m. featuring entertainment and children's activities. Displays 'come to light' starting at 5 p.m. The displays will then be illuminated each evening from 5-9 p.m. though Jan. 1, 2027.

The immersive holiday event includes plenty of sparkle, as individuals, organizations and businesses all submit creative installations focused on holiday themes such as food, celebrations and traditions.

"We deliberately created an event that would bring joy and light throughout the season, not just for a few hours," said Planning and Zoning Assistant Director Sarah Donovan. The "Anderson Nights of Township Lights" is not just limited to a one-night experience, as the installations will be available through December for viewing at the center, she added.

Anderson Center (7850 Five Mile Road) will be at its holiday best for the celebration, with contributed installations on the outside plaza, along the lake walkway and around the center grounds.

Donovan said she sees lots of photo ops, along with outdoor fun along the lake. The event takes the place of the Anderson Holiday Festival, which was hosted at Anderson Towne Center the same Saturday in December.

When Anderson Center is closed, visit Anderson Center Station in the lower level at the Vantage Apartments for access to restroom facilities, a drinking fountain and to seek relief from the winter weather.