

# SUMMER DAYS are here again!

• Explore one of Miami Township's Great Parks & Let the Fun Begin!

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CONNECT WITH YOUR GREAT COMMUNITY:



Gazebo & Fishing Lake at Miami Meadows Park

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## Investing in Miami Township

Miami Township is a great place to start a business. With accessible land, a robust housing stock, great schools and many local amenities, Miami

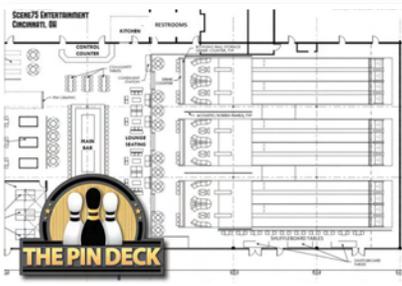
Township is seeing a lot of investment. There have been a number of zoning permits issued this summer:

A proposed Chick-Fil-A on Romar Drive, the new Pin Deck - a boutique bowling concept coming next to Scene75 Entertainment Center, and Fuego

Parrilla Mexicana on SR 131. We ask you join us in supporting these, and many other, great local

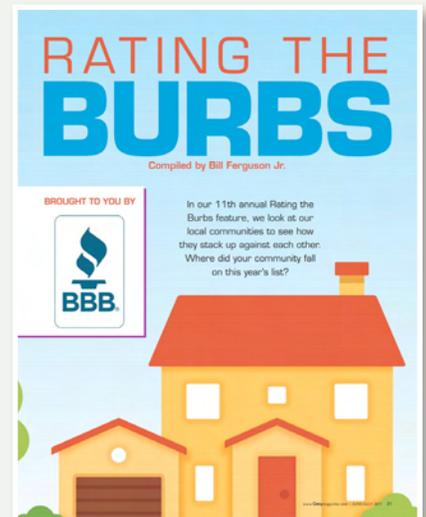
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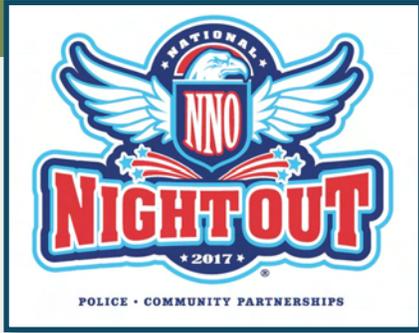
*Fútbol comes to Miami Township:* Located at 5999 Meijer Drive, Cincinnati Sports Nation is slated to renovate the 67,000 square foot former Mid-America Tire building to house a facility that includes two boarded soccer fields along with an open, 105 yard netted field. With no other soccer facilities of its kind in the area, the proposed facility will fill a need on the eastern side of the Cincinnati metropolitan area. The Miami Township Board of Trustees is excited to welcome Cincinnati Sports Nation to Miami Township!



## Miami Township Ranked Among Top Communities

Cincy Magazine has consistently recognized Miami Township as one of the top 50 suburban communities in Greater Cincinnati for the past several years, with a ranking of 34 in 2017. As noted in the last edition of *Insided MIAMI Township*, U.S News and World Report ranked our local high schools among the best in the state, with Milford at 27 and Loveland at 58, respectively. There are many reasons for the high quality of life in Miami Township. There are the many dedicated public servants working for Miami Township government and the dedicated teachers and staff in our local schools. However, the number one reason for the high quality of life in Miami Township is our citizens. If not for the support and involvement of the citizens of Miami Township, we would not be a great community. First, your financial support of your local government and your local schools is greatly appreciated. With this support we can hire the best people to provide the highest quality services you have come to expect. Second, your involvement in volunteer activities and your willingness to provide comment and input on local issues are a tribute to your commitment to a better community. As your elected officials we want to thank all of you for making Miami Township great!





## Join Us for National Night Out

Some may ask – what is National Night Out? The purpose of National Night Out is to increase awareness about police programs in communities, particularly crime prevention, by partnering with the community to show a united front against crime. This event is held annually in communities across the United States on the first Tuesday in August. Some events are small neighborhood picnics, while others are similar to a large festival.

The Miami Township and Milford Police Departments along with the Milford – Miami Township Chamber of Commerce co-host this event each year drawing a crowd of over 4,000 people! This free, family fun event is

funded through local business community sponsorships. There will be police cruisers and other safety service equipment; such as fire apparatus and Special Response Team vehicles, a live band, bounce houses, animals, games, food and various freebies!

2017 National Night Out will be held in the parking lot of Scene 75 located at 876 SR 28 in Miami Township on August 1st from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm. If you would like to learn more information, contact Officer Morgan at [Ann.Morgan@MiamiTwpOH.gov](mailto:Ann.Morgan@MiamiTwpOH.gov) or call (513) 248-3721.



Miami Township Police Department hosted their first AAA CarFit for Seniors event. This free, informative event helps mature drivers learn valuable tips to help keep them driving safely and comfortably. Ensuring a clear view out the windows, proper seat position and use of the seat belt are a few things covered during the 20 minute visit. There were Occupational Therapists onsite to help address any physical limitations

and suggest adaptive suggestions or devices as necessary to improve driver comfort. Technicians from Bob Sumerel were also onsite to do a quick check of the tire pressures, oil levels, etc. to further ensure your vehicle safety. We hope to offer this program again in the Spring of 2018!



## CLERMONT PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

**AUGUST 13, 6 PM • Community Park**

# MIAMI TOWNSHIP POLICE

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## 2017 PB & J Camp - Thank You CPAAA



Miami Township Police Department hosted its second PB&J Camp during the week of June 5th. Thirteen children ages 6-9 participated in a variety of outdoor adventures, age appropriate survival skills and games used to teach and encourage safety and life lessons. They were also able to meet and interact with several police officers and fire fighters during their week of learning and fun! Their itinerary included catching tadpoles, fishing, hiking, Olympic game competitions and Police/Fire day where they were able to check out a Police cruiser, Fire truck, and Ambulance! The first year this camp was offered free to campers due to receiving a grant from the State of Ohio Collaborative. With grant funding not being available for 2017, it was uncertain if this camp would

happen. Fortunately the members of the Miami Township Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association voted to fully fund this camp for year two, and we thank them for their continued partnership. This camp opens up lines of communication and as one mother commented, “Jayden was so excited about the activities that day that he told all the family several times throughout the day, Miami Township Police you Rock.”

## Celebrating 15 Years with the MTPD



OFC Melissa Wahlert

Officer Wahlert started her career with Miami Township Police Department on 6/16/2002. Officer Wahlert recently celebrated her 15th year with Miami Township PD working all but three of those years on night shift, which is a 6pm to 6am shift. In 2006, Officer Wahlert was chosen to become one of the department's community oriented police (COP) officers where she served for three years. During this time in COP, Officer Wahlert performed many community functions while successfully conducting several Citizen Police Academy classes for the police department. Officer Wahlert has also been in charge of the Miami Township Police Department Explorer Program which introduces high school aged students to a career in law enforcement. Officer Wahlert was recently chosen to become a department property room custodian where she tracks and secures evidence for the department. Officer Wahlert earned her Master's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Cincinnati and is a graduate of the prestigious Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command. Officer Wahlert is committed to the “Miami Township Way” and the excellent service she provides to our community is a credit to our department.



OFC Annie Morgan

Officer Annie Morgan graduated from New Richmond High School in 1996. She was introduced to Law Enforcement by her brother who was a Police Officer which prompted her becoming involved in the Police Explorer program with New Richmond Police Department while attending Northern Kentucky University. In 2001, she graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design from Northern Kentucky University. Shortly after graduating college, she switched gears and enrolled in the University of Cincinnati's Police Academy.

In June of 2002, she was hired by Miami Township Police Department and began her career as a Traffic Safety officer. In 2007, she attended and graduated from Northwestern Police Staff and Command School. Officer Morgan is one of the founding members of the Miami Township Police Honor Guard of which she is a current member. She is currently assigned as the Community Relations & Crime Prevention officer and was recently recognized as the 2017 OCPA Crime Prevention Practitioner of the Year.

Officer Morgan enjoys spending her free time horseback riding, kayaking, attending UC Men's Basketball games and playing with her four rescue pups.



# Miami Township PARKS & Recreation

## Something for Everyone!

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To register for an activity, go online to Register.MiamiTwpOH.gov or fill out a registration form and mail or drop off your form, with your check, to: Miami Township Recreation, 6101 Meijer Drive, Milford, OH 45150-2189. Pre-registration and prepayment is required for all camps & activities. Receipts will be sent to you. Financial assistance scholarships are available to Miami Township residents who meet assistance requirements. Direct your questions to the Recreation Department at 248-3727.

### ADULT SPORTS & WELLNESS

Online Registration available at Register.MiamiTwpOH.gov

#### WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE

Saturday, SEPT 30; 9-Noon; MTCC (Ages 14+) \$5 R - \$10 NR (per Person/Class) Join Miami Township Police Officers for self-defense training. The WSD program is about empowering women to not panic, not to use energy uselessly and submit to an attacker. It teaches them to direct their energy towards goal oriented movements and submission is not an option. The course was developed 10 years ago using existing police defense techniques that primarily worked thru leverage and basic defense principles. It teaches participants to utilize their body, no matter how big or small they are, essentially maximizing effect, while reducing the energy used. We work on using the mind and body to get maximum results.

#### LINE DANCING WITH ERICA

Wednesdays, 7-8:00 pm; LH \$25 R - \$30 NR (Session) \$7 (Drop-In) \*\*\* FREE PREVIEW CLASS: 9/6 (LH) 7-8pm \*\*\*  
Session 1: SEPT 13-OCT 11  
Session 2: OCT 18-NOV 15

#### MEN'S RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL

Our website will be updated as soon as the dates are approved.

#### YOGA, MINDFULNESS & MORE (Level I)

Tuesdays, 10-11:30 am; MTCC \$60 R - \$75 NR (Session) \$15 (Drop-In)  
Session 1: JUL 25-AUG 29  
Session 2: SEPT 19-OCT 24  
Session 3: NOV 7-DEC 5 (5 Class Session)

#### YOGA, MINDFULNESS & MORE

Level I (5:30-7pm) • Level II (7-8:30 pm) \$60 R - \$75 NR (Session) \$15 (Drop-In) Wednesdays, MTCC  
Session 1: JUL 26-AUG 30  
Session 2: SEPT 20-OCT 25  
Session 3: NOV 8-DEC 6 (5 Class Session)

#### MAT PILATES

Mondays, 7-8:00 pm; MTCC \$40 R - \$50 NR (Session) \$15 (Drop In)  
Session 1: AUG 21-SEPT 18 (no class 9/4)  
Session 2: SEPT 25-OCT 23 (no class 10/9)  
Session 3: OCT 30-NOV 20  
Session 4: NOV 27-DEC 18

#### ZUMBA

Mondays, 7-8:00 pm; LH; \$25 R - \$30 NR (Session) \$7 (Drop In)  
Session 1: JUL 24-AUG 28 (no class 8/14)  
Session 2: SEPT 11-OCT 9  
Session 3: OCT 16-NOV 20 (no class 11/6)

#### TOTAL BODY TUNE-UP

**Deep Water Aquatic Fitness Program**  
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:30-10:30 am  
MHS Pool; \$65 R - \$80 NR  
Session 1: AUG 22-OCT 12\*  
Session 2: OCT 17-DEC 14\* (no class 11/7 & 23)  
We'll use buoyant and resistance properties of the water in both shallow and deep water to condition the entire body. This dynamic body conditioning program embraces movement combinations to improve range of motion, balance, flexibility, coordination, core stability, cardio respiratory fitness, muscular strength and endurance. Drag equipment will be provided to intensify the workout. This class can be modified for all fitness levels and is excellent for land-exercisers who are looking for cross-training to enhance strength and endurance. Pre-registration is required and class size is limited. \*Dates are pending school approval and are subject to change.

#### Essential Oil Classes

Hilary Kunes was introduced to Essentials Oils to help support her digestive issues. After using them consistently, her health has changed dramatically. She is passionate about educating others on how to use Essential Oils for all over well-being and specific areas of concern. Her classes will be informative, experiential but most of all fun. These classes can be taken as standalone events. They do not need to be taken consecutively. The view and opinions of this vendor do not necessarily state or reflect those of Miami Township.

#### INTRO TO ESSENTIAL OILS

Tuesday, SEPT 19; 7-8:00 pm  
MTCC; \$5 (Person)  
What are Essential Oils? What would you use them for anyway? Are you interested in learning the answers to these questions and more? If you are even slightly curious about which oils are great for promoting restful sleep, or calming tension or even

soothing stomach discomfort, check out this very informative class. It will give you a base knowledge to help you on your Essential Oil journey. You will be able to make-n-take a room refresher.

#### WOMEN'S HEALTH (with Essential Oils)

Thursday, SEPT 28; 7-8:00 pm  
MTCC; \$5 (Person)  
Health & Wellness at every age & stage of life! What can you do to maintain and improve your health with Essential oils? Do you need motivation? Yes, there is an oil for that! Concerned about Bone Density? Yes, again there is oil for that! We will hit many topics of concern and give a ton of education on Essential oils and their many benefits. Make-n-take will decide during class.

#### SKIN CARE & ESSENTIAL OILS

Thursday, OCT 12; 7-8:00 pm  
MTCC; \$5 (Person)  
What are you putting on your face? Did you know that many chemicals used in our facial products are banned in other countries- Are you looking for natural ways to enhance your beauty. This class will teach you how to care for your skin using essential oils. Plus, learn what oils are great for breakouts, dry skin and wrinkles. We will make a customized skin care product to take home.

#### GREEN CLEANING (with Essential Oils)

Thursday, OCT 26; 7-8:00 pm  
MTCC; \$5 (Person)  
Did you know that the chemicals used in household cleaning products can be harmful or even toxic? Why does my throat or eyes burn when I use certain cleaning products? Essential Oils fight germs safely, are non-toxic and don't pollute our environment. Essential oils are very potent so a little goes a long way plus they smell amazing. In this class you will leave with a customized DIY cleaning spray or cleaning scub.

#### PERFUME MAKING (with Essential Oils)

Thursday, NOV 9; 7-8:00 pm  
MTCC; \$10 (Person)  
Floral, Fresh, Oriental, Woody- These are some of the scents you are drawn to in a perfume. The perfume industry uses many "oils" in making perfumes. Are they using Essential oils or copies of them? Why is

perfume so expensive and how can you make your own using essential oils and still smell amazing! We will discover some of the main ingredients the perfume industry uses and learn how to make our own perfume in a natural way (no alcohol).

#### HEALING OILS OF THE BIBLE

Tuesday, DEC 5; 7-8:00 pm  
MTCC; \$5 (Person)  
Modern medicine has only been around a few hundred years, so what did people use in Ancient Times? We will discuss Old & New Testament scripture references to Oils. Many times we speed read right through these and just assume the Bible is referring to Olive oil, but we will definitely dig deeper. Plus, we will answer the age old question- What is Frankincense and why would you give it to a baby? We will make a blend of essential oils to take home.

### KIDS SPORTS & WELLNESS

Online Registration available at Register.MiamiTwpOH.gov

#### TAE KWON DO

Tuesdays & Thursdays; SEPT 5-NOV 14 (no class 11/7) \$85 R - \$100 NR  
BEGINNERS: 4:15-5:00  
For kids six and older with Jason Jacobs who is an elementary teacher in Milford and a certified instructor. Jason can be contacted at JasonJacobs@live.com to answer your questions regarding class time and level for your child.

#### "KIDS" LINE DANCING WITH ERICA

Wednesdays, 6:15 -7:00 pm; LH (Ages 7-12) \$25 R - \$30 NR (Session) \$7(Drop-In)  
\*\*\* FREE PREVIEW CLASS: 9/6 (LH) 6:15-7pm \*\*\*  
Session 1: SEPT 13-OCT 11  
Session 2: OCT 18-NOV 15  
This is a fun class designed for kids and adults. Erica Robinson-Gripp has a passion for line dancing and a passion for contemporary Christian music. She fused the two together and founded FUE-LD, which means: "Fun, Uplifting, Encouraging ~ Line Dancing." Her classes incorporate several genres of music and you will leave feeling refreshed and energized.

#### LEGEND:

R - Miami Township Resident; NR - Non-Resident  
MTCC - Miami Township Civic Center - 6101 Meijer Drive  
PR - Paxton Ramsey Park, 6265 Price Road  
MR - Miami Riverview Park, 587 Branchhill-Loveland Road  
MJHS - Milford Junior High School, 5735 Wolfpen-Pleasant Hill

MMP - Miami Meadows Pavilion, 1546 SR 131  
MML - Miami Meadows Lakeside, 1546 SR 131  
CP - Community Park, 5951 Buckwheat Road  
LH - Leming House in CP, 5951 Buckwheat Road  
MHS - Milford High School, 1 Eagles Way

**SUMMER CAMPS**

Online Registration available at [Register.MiamiTwpOH.gov](http://Register.MiamiTwpOH.gov)

**3D MAKER CAMP (3D Printing Board) Game Creation**

AUG 7-11; 9-Noon (Ages 8-16) LH \$110 R - \$130 NR  
 Taught by iDaP Academy, kids will create a board game and use 3D design software to create and 3D print the game pieces. Campers will harness the newest technology and design software to create something unique this summer. Bring your imagination and a snack - we will supply everything else for a summer camp that delivers fun, and 21st century skills. All board games will be presented and voted on to determine which game is the best in class.

YOUNG REMBRANDTS

**DRAWING CAMP (Enchanted Wizard)**  
 AUG 8-10; 9-10:30 am; ages 6-12; MTCC; \$ 60 R – \$70 NR  
 Be prepared to be whisked away to an enchanted academy where nothing is as it seems. Amuse yourself in the not-so-ordinary life of the academy with a plethora of cartoon drawings. From drawing an enchanted forest to a day at the races with dragons. The final day will introduce our students to pastel chalks as they create a whimsical drawing of a phoenix, which will be messy fun, so dress appropriately. This camp uses three different media: colored pencils, markers and pastels.

YOUNG REMBRANDTS

**DRAWING CAMP (Animals of Africa Pastels)**  
 AUG 8-10; 10:45-12:15 pm; MTCC (Ages 7-13) \$60 R - \$70 NR  
 ROAR! This summer we will learn about some of Africa's most majestic animals as we illustrate them using pastel chalks. An antelope showcased within a mélange of patterns, a stylized zebra with a creative color palette and a regal lion are a few of the beasts to be explored this summer! These classes will be messy fun, so dress appropriately.

**HISPANIC COOKING (One Day Camp) Breakfast for Dinner**

Turn your favorite breakfasts into dinner! We will prepare "torrijas" from Spain (French toasts), arepas and empanadas from Venezuela and much more!  
 Monday, AUG 7; 9:15 am-noon, MTCC (Ages 5-13) \$30 R - \$35 NR  
 Come join us for this fun exploration of the Hispanic cuisine and become your family's International Chef! From sweet treats & snacks to full meals! Each class will include new delicious recipes, easy to make at home. We will also cover kitchen safety, proper food handling, hygiene, etc. This camp is offered in partnership with World of Spanish.

**Skyhawks Sports Camps**

Skyhawks provides a wide variety of fun, safe and positive programs that emphasize critical lessons in sports and life, such as teamwork, respect and sportsmanship. Our programs are designed to give each child a positive introduction into sports while fostering a lifelong love for an active, healthy lifestyle. Our patient and knowledgeable staff use a variety of skill-building games and activities to give each athlete a complete understanding and overview of the sport. Since 1979 Skyhawks has taught over two million boys and girls life lessons through sports. Please REGISTER at [www.skyhawks.com](http://www.skyhawks.com) for these camps.

**MULTI SPORT CAMP**

AUG 7-11; 9:00 am-3:00 pm; MR (Ages 6-12) \$140 R - \$170 NR  
 Our multi-sport camp is designed to introduce athletes to a variety of different sports in one setting. For this program we combine soccer, baseball, basketball, and flag football into one fun-filled week. Athletes will learn the rules and essential skills of each sport along with vital life lessons such as respect and teamwork. Participants should wear appropriate clothing, bring a lunch and snacks, water bottle, running shoes, baseball glove, and apply sunscreen.



**KIDS ACTIVITIES**

Online Registration available at [Register.MiamiTwpOH.gov](http://Register.MiamiTwpOH.gov)

**BETTER BABY SITTERS**

Monday, AUG 7 & Wednesday, AUG 9 12:30-5:00 pm (Ages 10+) MTCC \$95 R - \$115 NR  
 Would your son or daughter know what to do if the child they were babysitting for started to choke on something? Would they know what to do if they were taking care of several children and someone came to the door? Does your child baby sit younger siblings? Why not enroll your child in a Better Baby Sitters course. Your child will learn the responsibilities of having a job, the Rights of a Baby Sitter, CPR for a Child and Infant, Basic First Aid, Growth and Development and appropriate toys and activities for kids. They also learn diaper changing, infant care and how to feed a toddler. The most important component of the Better Baby Sitters course is that it is fun! Miami Township is excited to partner with Enriching Kidz to bring you Better Baby Sitters.

**KIDZ HOME ALONE**

Monday, AUG 7 & Wednesday AUG 9 9:30-11:30 am (Ages 9+) MTCC \$65 R - \$75 NR  
 Are you ready to educate your child about the responsibilities of being home alone? Our goal is to make every student feel more comfortable while home alone. This interactive course teaches topics such as First Aid, Self Heimlich maneuver, reasons to call 911, fire escape plans, microwave safety and how to problem solve during out of the ordinary situations. A parent guide is included in the student manual which provides helpful discussion points between parent and child. Parents do not need to attend the class. Miami Township is excited to partner with Enriching Kidz to bring you Kidz Home Alone.



**PRESCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

Online Registration available at [Register.MiamiTwpOH.gov](http://Register.MiamiTwpOH.gov)

**PLAYGROUP PRIMETIME**

Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 am; MTCC (Ages 0-4) \$40 R - \$50 NR (Session)  
 Session 1: SEPT 7-OCT 19  
 Session 2: OCT 26-DEC 14 (no class 11/23)  
 Our Playgroup Primetime aims to allow children ages 0-4 to have fun, play, and make new friends in a relaxed, informal environment. Parents or grandparents can mingle and socialize and hopefully see these gatherings as a means towards which friendships can be built. The pricing is per family. Come join the fun and meet new friends!!

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**NOTE:** Preschool children must be potty trained to participate in the following programs and mothers are encouraged to drop their child off. Please no pull ups or diapers.

**LET'S GO CAMPING!**

Friday, SEPT 29; 10-11:30; MTCC (Ages 3½-5) \$15 R - \$20 NR  
 Experience a little camping around a pretend campfire with a story. We will take a nature hike and look for different things, make S'mores and a craft. It's an autumn thing to do!

**COSTUME FUN TIME**

Friday, OCT 27; 10-11:30; MTCC (Ages 3½-5) \$15 R - \$20 NR  
 This is an opportunity for your child to wear their Halloween costume and have a little party. It will be an event complete with a costume parade, singing, story, craft and snack.

**COOKS AND BOOKS**

Friday, NOV 17; 10-11:30; MTCC (Ages 3½-5) \$15 R - \$20 NR  
 Does your child like to read books and make snacks? This will combine reading some favorite children's literature with preparing a snack from a recipe and making a craft all related to the story!

**MOVING AND GROOVING**

Friday, DEC 8; 10-11:30; MTCC (Ages 3½-5) \$15 R - \$20 NR  
 We will move and groove to silly songs and play games. We will use some instruments and even make our own. If you like to move your body, this is the class to do it! A story and snack will be provided also.

**OH CATERPILLAR!**

Friday, SEPT 22; 10-10:45 am; LH (Ages 3-5) \$10 R - \$15 NR  
 Bring your child to join Shannon Russell, Owner and Naturalist of Mother Nature's Classroom, who loves monarch butterflies and wants to share her passion with you. She will help you and your child investigate live examples of monarch larvae, pupa, and butterflies. If time permits, she will demonstrate the tagging process and share how the monarch butterflies migrate to Mexico for the winter. NOTE: Children must be accompanied by an adult and dress for the weather.

**OH SPIDER!**

Friday, OCT 20; 10-10:45 am; LH (Ages 3-5) \$10 R - \$15 NR  
 Shannon Russell from Mother's Nature's Classroom wants to show your child the uniqueness of spiders and help you look for different kinds of spider webs. NOTE: Children must be accompanied by an adult and dress for the weather.

**OH REPTILE!**

Friday, NOV 10; 10-10:45 am; LH (Ages 3-5) \$10 R - \$15 NR  
 Shannon Russell from Mother's Nature's Classroom wants to introduce you to some of her own animals: a stinkpot turtle, bearded dragon, and leopard gecko. She will help your child understand how animals rely on plants and their unique body parts to survive. If time and weather permit, she will help you explore outside to see where other native reptiles might be hiding. NOTE: Children must be accompanied by an adult and dress for the weather.



**SENIOR ACTIVITIES**

Clermont Senior Services offer lifelong learning & senior activities at Miami Township Civic Center. Call Lori Malpass at Clermont Senior Services 248-4345 for more information.

JULY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 ZONING BOARD of APPEALS 7:30 pm • MTCC	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY <i>Township Offices Closed</i> 	5 MINI-HAWK FLAG FOOTBALL DRAWING (Wild West) DRAWING (Apps & Video Games) Camps Begin!	6 ZONING COMMISSION 7:30 pm • MTCC	7	8
9  SUMMER CONCERT SERIES 5:00 pm • Miami Riverview FREE DAY IN THE COUNTRY	10 TRUSTEE WORK SESSION 8:30 am • MTCC GAMES GALORE BEGINNING CHEER FUTURE MOVIE MAKERS Camps Begin!	11 HISPANIC COOKING (Desserts) 9:15 am • MTCC	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 BOARD of TRUSTEES 7:00 pm • MTCC	19	20 CANNING (FOOD PRESERVATION) 7:00 pm • MTCC	21	22
23	24 ZUMBA Thru AUG 28 • LH TEEN HIGH ADVENTURE KINDERGARTEN SAFETY Camps Begin!	25 YOGA & MINDFULNESS I Thru AUG 29 • MTCC	26 YOGA & MINDFULNESS I Thru AUG 30 • MTCC YOGA & MINDFULNESS II Thru AUG 30 • MTCC	27	28	29
30	31					

# AUGUST 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 ZONING COMMISSION 7:30 pm • MTCC	4	5
6  SUMMER CONCERT SERIES 7:00 pm • Community Park SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK	7 HISPANIC COOKING 9:15 am • MTCC BETTER BABY SITTERS & AUG 9 • MTCC KIDZ HOME ALONE & AUG 9 • MTCC TRUSTEE WORK SESSION 8:30 am • MTCC ZONING BOARD of APPEALS 7:30 pm • MTCC	8 DRAWING (Enchanted Wizard) DRAWING (Animals of Africa) Camps Begin! GARDENING DIAGNOSTICS 6:30 pm • MTCC Garden	9	10	11	12
13  SUMMER CONCERT SERIES 6:00 pm • Community Park CLERMONT PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA	14	15 TRUSTEE BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 pm • MTCC	16	17	18 Dog Days SOCCER TOURNAMENT Miami Meadows Park	19 Dog Days SOCCER TOURNAMENT Miami Meadows Park
20 Dog Days SOCCER TOURNAMENT Miami Meadows Park	21 MAT PILATES Thru SEPT 18 • MTCC	22 TOTAL BODY TUNE-UP Thru OCT 12 • MHS Pool	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

# SEPTEMBER 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 <b>LABOR DAY</b> <i>Township Offices Closed</i>	5 <b>TAE KWON DO</b> Thru NOV 14 • MTCC	6 <b>FREE KIDS LINE DANCING</b> 6:15-7 pm <b>FREE LINE DANCING</b> 7-8:00 pm	7 <b>FREE YARD SALE DAYS</b> No Permit Required <b>ZONING COMMISSION</b> 7:30 pm • MTCC <b>PLAYGROUP PRIMETIME</b> Thru OCT 19 • MTCC	8 <b>FREE YARD SALE DAYS</b> No Permit Required	9 <b>FREE YARD SALE DAYS</b> No Permit Required
10 <b>GRANDPARENTS DAY</b> <b>FREE YARD SALE DAYS</b> No Permit Required	11 <b>TRUSTEE WORK SESSION</b> 8:30 am • MTCC <b>ZONING BOARD of APPEALS</b> 7:30 pm • MTCC <b>ZUMBA</b> Thru OCT 9 • LH	12 <b>CHROMEBOOKS FOR PARENTS</b> 6:30 pm • MJHS	13 <b>LINE DANCING</b> Thru OCT 11 • LH <b>KIDS LINE DANCING</b> Thru OCT 11 • LH	14 <b>NOT YOUR GRANDMA'S QUILT</b> Thru OCT 12 • MTCC	15 <b>CLEAN UP DAYS</b> 2-6:00 pm • MTCC	16 <b>CLEAN UP DAYS</b> 7:30 am - 5:00 pm • MTCC <b>FISHING (KIDS ONLY) TOURNAMENT</b> 9:00 am • MML
17	18 <b>GARDENING IN THE FALL</b> 6:30 pm • MTCC <b>FLOWER ARRANGING</b> 6:30 pm • MTCC	19 <b>TRUSTEE BUSINESS MEETING</b> 7:00 pm • MTCC <b>INTRO TO ESSENTIAL OILS</b> 7:00 pm • MTCC <b>YOGA &amp; MINDFULNESS I</b> Thru OCT 24 • MTCC	20 <b>YOGA &amp; MINDFULNESS I</b> Thru OCT 25 • MTCC <b>YOGA &amp; MINDFULNESS II</b> Thru OCT 25 • MTCC <b>CHROMEBOOKS FOR PARENTS</b> 6:30 pm • MJHS	21	22 <b>FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN</b>  <b>OH CATERPILLAR!</b> 10:00 am • MTCC	23
24	25 <b>MAT PILATES</b> Thru OCT 23 • MTCC	26	27	28 <b>ESSENTIAL OILS (Women)</b> 7:00 pm • MTCC <b>CHROMEBOOKS FOR PARENTS</b> 6:30 pm • MJHS	29 <b>LET'S GO CAMPING</b> 10:00 am • MTCC	30 <b>WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE</b> 9:00 am • MTCC

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 TRUSTEE WORK SESSION 8:30 am • MTCC  ZONING BOARD of APPEALS 7:30 pm • MTCC	2	3 BACKYARD BIRD HABITAT 7:00 pm • MTCC	4 INTRO TO COMPUTING Thru OCT 11 • MJHS	5 ZONING COMMISSION 7:30 pm • MTCC	6	7
8 COLUMBUS DAY <i>Township Offices Closed</i>	9	10 HANDMADE CARD MAKING 6:30 pm • MTCC	11	12 ESSENTIAL OILS (Skin Care) 7:00 pm • MTCC	13	14 HARVEST FESTIVAL & COMMUNITY BONFIRE 6:30 pm • CP
15 ZUMBA Thru NOV 20 • LH	16	17 BOARD of TRUSTEES 7:00 pm • MTCC  TOTAL BODY TUNE-UP Thru DEC 14 • MHS Pool	18 LINE DANCING Thru NOV 15 • LH  KIDS LINE DANCING Thru NOV 15 • LH	19 NOT YOUR GRANDMA'S QUILT Thru NOV 16 • MTCC	20 OH SPIDER! 10:00 am • MTCC	21
22 COMPUTING IN THE CLOUD 6:30 pm • MJHS  FLOWER ARRANGING 6:30 pm • MTCC	23	24	25	26 ESSENTIAL OILS (Green Cleaning) 7:00 pm • MTCC  PLAYGROUP PRIMETIME Thru DEC 14 • MTCC	27 COSTUME FUN TIME 10:00 am • MTCC	28
29 MAT PILATES Thru NOV 20 • MTCC	30	31  HALLOWEEN <i>Trick or Treat (6-8:00 pm)</i>				

**FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

Online Registration available at [Register.MiamiTwpOH.gov](http://Register.MiamiTwpOH.gov)

**KIDS ONLY FISHING TOURNAMENT**

*Catch & Release*  
Saturday, SEPT 16; MML; FREE  
Don't miss out on the fun and excitement of the Kids Only Fishing Tournament. There will be prizes awarded for several age groups who have the largest (weighing the most) fish! Registration is required at Lakeside Pavilion at 9:00 a.m. and the Tournament is from 10:00 am until noon. Children require adult supervision. Weigh-ins can be done anytime during tournament with final weigh-in at the end of the tournament. Only live fish will be weighed. Stringers are prohibited. Only fish baskets or buckets can be used. An Ohio State Fishing License may be required for persons age 16 through 65 who have resided in Ohio for the past 6 months. Only 1 pole per child will be allowed and you must bring your own.



**2017 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

Below is our schedule for the 2017 Summer Concert Series of "free" concerts. Bring your whole family and don't forget to bring lawn chairs or a blanket.

Sunday, AUG 6  
**Shakespeare in the Park**  
Community Park • 7:00 pm

Sunday, AUG 13  
**Clermont Philharmonic Orchestra**  
Community Park • 6:00 pm

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**HANDMADE CARD MAKING CLASS**

Tuesday, OCT 10 *and/or* Tuesday, JAN 23  
6:30-7:30 pm (Ages 8+) MTCC  
\$5 R - \$10 NR (Class)  
Have you ever received a handmade card and thought it would be fun to learn how to create your own? Join us for an evening of fun with this instructor-led course that will teach you how to create your own handmade cards. During the class you will make three cards while learning a variety of card making techniques. Pre-registration is required. Children must be accompanied by an adult. All supplies provided.



**HARVEST FESTIVAL & COMMUNITY BONFIRE**

Saturday, OCT 14; 6:30-8:30 pm; CP  
FREE Family Event!  
Join us for Miami Township's 10th Annual Harvest Festival and Bonfire. Kids will enjoy crafts and storytelling in the Leming House. Bring your family and keep warm by the bonfire while enjoying music.

**POTTERY HANDBUILDING & PAINTING**

Wednesdays, NOV 8 & 15; 6-7:30 pm (Ages 5+) MTCC; \$20 (Adult) plus \$25 R Child - \$30 NR Child  
This activity is designed for families with kids. Join us to make some awesome holiday gifts as we learn with clay and pottery paints. We'll create some really cool pieces from clay that will get fired in the kiln. Then we'll paint them and some other pieces using mega-fun techniques. If you have taken this class before come and check out all the new projects! Kids must be supervised with an adult. This class is in partnership with Ann Flynn, Star Glazers. All supplies provided. The created work will be returned to the Miami Township Civic Center for pick up at a later date. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**ADULT ACTIVITIES**

Online Registration available at [Register.MiamiTwpOH.gov](http://Register.MiamiTwpOH.gov)

**CANNING / FOOD PRESERVATION**

Thursday, JUL 20; 7:00 pm; MTCC  
\$5 (Pre-Registration Required)  
What to do with all those tomatoes, green beans and cucumbers you are growing? Learn the basics of canning and freezing, including tips to make it easier than you thought it ever could be. This class is being taught by Erma Libbee an avid gardener with 55 years of canning experience.



**GARDENING DIAGNOSTICS**

Tuesday, AUG 8; 6:30 pm; Community Garden  
\$5 (Pre-Registration Required)  
Join this fun class with Kim Chamberland, Clermont County Master Gardener, as we walk through the community garden identifying & diagnosing problems, gardening tips & how to get the most out of your garden. Please meet at the Miami Township Community Garden.

**GARDENING in the FALL**

Monday, SEPT 18; 6:30 pm; MTCC  
\$5 (Pre-Registration Required)  
Autumn can bring a wonderful season for rewards in your garden with proper planning. Fast growing salad crops will revive the most bedraggled fall garden, and good care can keep sweet root crops and cabbage cousins growing for several weeks beyond the first frost. We will discuss tips to help you extend your vegetable season long beyond the heat of summer with vegetables that will survive a frost and how to prevent frost damage. The secret to having a great fall vegetable garden is getting the timing right. And that means thinking a little differently because you have to plan backward. We will discuss fall clean up, weed prevention, and planting bulbs.

**FLOWER ARRANGING**

Monday, SEPT 18  
*Fall Arrangement w Sunny Sunflowers and/or* Monday, OCT 23  
*Fall Flowers in a REAL Pumpkin*  
6:30-8:00 pm; Adults/kids 10+; MTCC; \$25 R - \$30 NR; (per class / per person)  
Join Donna Stamper, owner Jay's Florist, to create a fun and colorful fresh flower arrangement. The fee includes instruction and all materials. Donna is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University with a degree in Horticulture with over 25 years of experience. Kids must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring cutting utensils like hand pruners, clippers or shears.



Miami Township Recreation in partnership with Milford Exempted Village Schools 2017 Adult Education Computer Classes

*Instructor: Kandy Bullis, a math teacher at Milford Jr. High School, previously taught Computer Technology Classes with Milford Schools from 2002 until 2012. If you want to contact her directly about the content of the courses, please email her at [bullis\\_k@milfordschools.org](mailto:bullis_k@milfordschools.org)*

**INTRO TO HOME COMPUTING**

(formerly Intro to Computers)  
Wednesdays, OCT 4 & 11; MJHS\*\*\*  
6:30-8:30 pm ; \$35  
Just bought a chromebook? Feel like you're not doing everything you "could do" with that incredible machine? The kids or grandkids don't have the patience to teach you? This class is for you! Introduction to home computing is an overview course for those with little or no computer experience. This is a hands-on course with many opportunities for participation. Topics covered include sending and receiving e-mail-including attachments, getting around on the Internet, basic file management, and overview of Google Chrome offerings. You must currently have a Google e-mail address or bring a cell phone (with texting capabilities) in order to set up a Google e-mail address during class.

**ONLINE PHOTO EDITING**

(formerly Intro to Photo Editing)  
Wednesday, NOV 8 & 15; MJHS\*\*\*  
6:30-8:30 pm ; \$35  
Have you taken some fabulous photos, but unfortunately they need some "touch-ups" and you have no idea where to go or what to do? This course will introduce you to Pixlr a \*FREE\* online photo editing website. Learn how to remove red-eye, touch-up photos, create photo collages, combine images and more! Please bring photos on a flash drive, or ability to access online (easily) for in-class use.

\*\*\* One Night Course Offerings:

**CHROMEBOOKS FOR PARENTS**

Tuesday, SEPT 12 or  
Wednesday, SEPT 20 or  
Thursday, SEPT 28  
6:30-8:30 p.m.; MJHS\* , \$20.00  
Has your child recently received a Chromebook through school or have you bought one as a gift for him/her and you are wondering just how this new device works? What types of apps and options is he/she using for school work and what types of requirements are expected as far as using this technology in the school setting? We will also take a look at the platforms used by teachers to communicate with students.

**COMPUTING IN THE CLOUD**

Monday, OCT 23; 6:30-8:30 pm; MJHS\*  
6:30-8:30 pm ; \$20  
The "cloud" is the newest and ultimately safest place for all of your documents. We'll discuss some different options including One Drive and Google Drive and how you can access these files from various locations/devices. In addition, we will explore applications offered via Google. You must currently have a Google e-mail address or bring a cell phone (with texting capabilities) in order to set up a Google e-mail address during class.

\*\*\* Classes will take place in Room 17—Park in the lot facing Wolfpen-Pleasant Hill Rd. Enter through door # 1 and turn right to the end of the hall. Room 17 will be on your right.

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**NOT YOUR GRANDMA'S QUILT (Session 1)**

Thursdays, SEPT 14-OCT 12; MTCC  
10 am-Noon; \$30 R - \$35 NR  
Join this fun class with leaders Patty Endres & Nancy Moore to learn basic machine quilting. These ladies are passionate about quilting and want to help you. You must bring your own sewing machine, needles, scissors and thread. Fabric will be provided. In this session you will construct a baby or lap quilt following classes on fabric selection, rotary cutting, machine set-up, the "perfect ¼ inch seam", pressing, quilt sandwich, borders, binding and more.

**NOT YOUR GRANDMA'S QUILT (Session 2)**

Thursdays, OCT 19-NOV 16; MTCC  
10 am-Noon; \$30 R - \$35 NR  
A session designed for practical application of the basics learned in Session 1. You choose a project and bring your own materials. In the classroom setting you will be guided on project instructions and provided ongoing assistance to sharpen your skills.

**TURNING YOUR BACKYARD INTO A WILD BIRD HABITAT**

Tuesday, OCT 3, 7-8:00 pm; MTCC; \$5  
Join Debbie Winkelman, Backyard Birder from Wild About Birds, for a discussion about creating a backyard that will be a haven for birds. Learn how to attract a wide variety of birds, the elements for bird survival, what the difference is between tube feeders and hopper feeders, and other topics.



**PROGRAM REGISTRATION**



**Miami Township  
PARKS & Recreation**  
*MiamiTwpOH.gov • (513) 248-3727 • Krystin Thibodeau, Director*

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian (if Minor): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ M or F Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

How would you like us to send registration confirmation notice? [ ] Email [ ] US Mail

How did you find out about this program? \_\_\_\_\_

Event Name	Date	Time	Location	Fee
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**Refund Policy:** Participant requested changes or refunds are subject to a \$5.00 processing fee. Refunds will only be granted when requested no later than 24 hours prior to the first class meeting. Since decisions to maintain classes are based on the enrollment at the first session, no refunds are granted after the first session. In case of maximum class enrollment or class cancellation, you will be granted a full check refund. Please allow four weeks for processing all refunds. Prorating is not permitted.

**Release:** Recognizing the risk and possibility of injury associated with participation in Miami Township recreation programs and in consideration of Miami Township offering the programs at a nominal fee and accepting the participant into the program and activities, I for myself, my heirs, successors, administrators and assigns hereby release, discharge and/or otherwise indemnify Miami Township, Clermont County, Ohio. The Board of Trustees of Miami Township, as well as all employees and/or agents of these entities from any and all claims by or on behalf of the participant, the participants heirs, administrators and assigns as a result of participating in the Miami Township recreational programs. I further certify that the participant is physically fit and capable of participating in all activities required by the recreational programs and that participating in the recreation programs will not pose a risk of physical harm to any participant. In addition, I grant permission for my child to participate in all activities, including field trips with transportation provided by Miami Township in connection with the program(s) in which I have enrolled my child.

**Authorization for Medical Attention:** In the event the participant receives an injury requiring medical attention of any type, I hereby authorized Miami Township, Clermont County, Ohio, or its employees or agents to consent to whatever treatment is medically necessary and hereby release those entities from any claims whatsoever arising from that consent. I also give Miami Township representatives permission to transport my child to the nearest medical/dental facility for emergency medical care, although this form does not authorize or guarantee treatment upon arrival at the designated facility, as each facility sets its own treatment procedures.

**Authorization to Use Image and Photographic Likeness:** In the event the participant or my photograph or other image is taken or created during the participant or my participation in this program, in consideration of the acceptance of the participant in the program, I authorized Miami Township to use my photograph or other image for any purpose without compensation.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail or drop off this form with check or money order payable to **Miami Township Recreation Dept. 6101 Meijer Drive, Milford OH 45150-2189**. For questions, please call (513) 248-3727. No phone registration permitted. Event information can be found on the web at MiamiTwpOH.gov.

**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS PART ONLY IF THE PARTICIPANT IS A MINOR**

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/Medical Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

# MIAMI TOWNSHIP FIRE/EMS

Steve Kelly, Fire/EMS Chief  
 Steve.Kelly@MiamiTwpOH.gov

Fire/EMS Administration: (513) 248-3700  
 @MiamiTwpFD MiamiTownshipFD

## Safety with Oily Rags (wet with flammable or combustible liquid)

Oil-based paints, stains, and varnishes are often used for home improvement projects. It is common to use rags to wipe up spills or clean brushes. But wet rags can ignite on their own. They can start a fire if not handled carefully. The same is true of the liquids themselves.

### HOW CAN RAGS START A FIRE?

The oils commonly used in oil-based paints and stains release heat as they dry. If the heat is not released in the air, it builds up. That is why a pile of oily rags can be dangerous. As the rags dry, the heat is trapped. The heat builds up and finally causes a fire. Be aware that this does not happen with water-based finishes.



### HOW CAN LIQUIDS START A FIRE?

Vapors from flammable and combustible liquids can ignite, causing a fire. There are many commonly used flammable liquids. Gasoline, lacquers, and nail polish are just a few examples. There are many commonly used combustibles.

### RAGS WET WITH PAINT AND STAIN

- Never leave cleaning rags in a pile. At the end of the day, take the rags outside to dry.
- Hang the rags outside or spread them on the ground. Weigh them down. Do this so they do not blow away. Make

sure they are not in a pile. Keep them away from buildings.

- Put dried rags in a metal container. Make sure the cover is tight. Fill the container with a water and detergent solution. This will break down the oils.
- Keep containers of oily rags in a cool place. Keep them out of direct sunlight. Keep them away from other heat sources. Check with your town for information on disposing of them.

### LIQUIDS THAT CAN CATCH FIRE

- Flammable and combustible liquids should not be used near an open flame. Do not smoke when working with these liquids.
- If you spill liquids on your clothing, remove your clothing and place it outside to dry. Once dry, clothing can be laundered.
- Keep liquids in their original containers. Keep them tightly capped or sealed. Never store the liquids in glass containers.

### GASOLINE

- Use gasoline only as motor fuel. Never use it as a cleaner. Never use it to break down grease. Never bring gasoline indoors, even in small amounts.
- Store gasoline ONLY in a container that is sold for that purpose. Make sure the container is tightly capped when not in use. NEVER store gasoline containers in a basement or in the occupied space of a building. Keep them in an outbuilding, a detached garage, or a shed outdoors.

\*\*\* SOURCE: National Fire Protection Association

## New Technical Rescue Vehicle Arrives to Serve the Township

We are very excited to announce the arrival of the newest vehicle in our fleet, a Technical Rescue truck on a Ford F-550 chassis. This vehicle replaces two older vehicles that were in the fleet, a 1977 Grumman support vehicle and a 1993 GMC Sierra utility truck. By consolidating two vehicles into one, we had the ability to customize the configuration of a vehicle that would be better suited to support our special rescue operations and that will serve the Township efficiently for many years to come.

The new vehicle will be named "Rescue 2". It was designed to be a very versatile truck that will carry equipment suited for multiple rescue applications. For instance, it will have an



inflatable boat on its roof that can be deployed in just a few minutes via the utility crane that is attached to the truck. It will also carry a full complement of water and ice rescue equipment, as well as rope rescue equipment. This vehicle is designed to go off-road into areas that are normally difficult to access for the larger vehicles in our fleet, and it can be operated by just one person.

Rescue 2 will be stationed at Station 27 on Wards Corner at Branch Hill Guinea Pike, so please stop by sometime to take a look.

For more information about Miami Township Fire and EMS,

follow us on Facebook (MiamiTownshipFD) & Twitter (@MiamiTwpFD) or look for us online at *MiamiTwpOH.gov*.

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Community Development Office: (513) 248-3731

## New to Miami Township: Greenacres Water Quality Education Center

*New to Miami Township in 2017:* The Greenacres Water Quality Education Center located at 6040 Price Road in Miami Township. This facility, which opened in March of 2017, is designed as a combination field station/ classroom for students to study the natural world through inquiry-based observation and experimentation using the same technologies professionals use. Uniquely located on the confluence of an urban and forested stream, the center giving students a first-hand look at the impacts human activities have on water quality. The goal of the Water Quality Education Center is to foster curiosity, nurture creative problem-solving, cultivate critical thinking and inspire innovation. The Center contains high end chemistry and biology classrooms in a field setting so students can test physical, chemical, and biological water quality parameters and conduct student-driven project-based research on innovative solutions to current water problems. Lessons taught at the Center will follow the STEMs (Science, Technology, Education and Math) model in life and physical sciences which blends academics into a career-themed curriculum that provides students with real-world experiences, while meeting Ohio's Academic standards for grades 4-12.



The Water Quality Education Center is also home to a citizen water monitoring program on the Lower Little Miami River. Volunteers for this Saturday Stream Snapshot program collect baseline water quality information on neighborhood streams including bacteria, nutrient, and turbidity once a month from March to November.



Greenacres was founded in 1988 as a 501(c)(3) private operating foundation by Louis and Louise Nippert. Greenacres reflects the style and grace of Louis and Louise Nippert who operated Greenacres as a mid-twentieth century farm from 1948 to 2012. The mission of Greenacres is:

- To preserve for the public an area reflecting the traditional environment and its historical significance.
- To encourage conservation and appreciation of nature by providing the public, particularly children, opportunities to study plant and animal life in their natural settings.
- To encourage appreciation of music and culture by providing facilities and an atmosphere that will encourage artists to display their talents for all age groups.

To learn more about the Greenacres Water Quality Education Center, please log onto [Green-Acres.org](http://Green-Acres.org) or call Greenacres at (513) 891-4227.

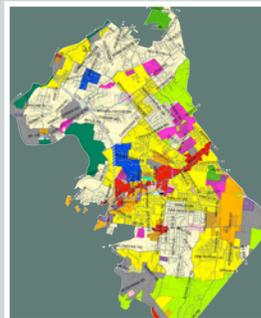
## Building a Fence?



Interested in installing a fence this summer? The first step is to apply for a zoning permit from the Miami Township Community

Development Department. In most cases, fences are permitted in the rear and side yard and may be up to 6 feet tall. For questions, feel free to give us a call at (513) 248-3731.

## Help Shape the Future



For residents interested in land regulation within the Township, the Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals are great ways to get involved. Serving on these volunteer Boards provides an interesting and important way to help shape your Miami Township community. If you might like to serve on either the Zoning Commission or Board of Zoning Appeals-- please let us know. Contact

Planning & Zoning Administrator Brian Elliff at (513) 965-6751 or by e-mail, [Brian.Elliff@MiamiTwpOH.gov](mailto:Brian.Elliff@MiamiTwpOH.gov).

# MIAMI TOWNSHIP SERVICE

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## Storm Ditch & Pipe Maintenance



John Musselman

Many people are not aware that it is the property owners' responsibility rather than the county's or township's responsibility to maintain storm

ditches or pipes on their property. Here are some things you can do to prevent drainage problems:

- Keep open drainage channels clear of yard waste and other debris. These materials can get washed downstream and cause blockages that result in flooding problems.
- Keep street gutters, catch basins, and storm drain inlets clear of debris. Clear these on a regular basis.
- If permitted, disconnect roof drains from storm sewers. Allowing these to empty onto open ground slows the water and allows some of it to infiltrate.

- Alternatively, purchase a "rain barrel" and allow roof drains to empty into these. This water in turn could be used to water your lawn or garden. Rain barrels have overflows that allow excess water to pass through during big storms.
- If at all possible, maintain open drainage channels rather than installing pipe. Open channels slow water and allow infiltration, while pipes eliminate infiltration and rush water downstream. Plus they are easier and cheaper to maintain.

Individual homeowners can do quite a bit to help protect our streams. While it may not seem like much, small contributions from a large number of people will go a long way toward improving stream quality. Here are some things you can do to help:

- Never dump anything down the storm drain. If you don't know how to properly dispose of a material, call the Storm Water District for guidance.

• Sweep up driveways, sidewalks and gutters after mowing the lawn. Grass clippings and other yard waste contribute nutrients – a major pollutant of Clermont County streams.

- Vegetate bare spots in your yard to reduce erosion.
- Keep trees and shrubs that border streams in place. These help prevent erosion and filter pollutants much better than grass turf.
- Use fertilizers and pesticides sparingly. Test your soil first to see what it needs.
- Maintain your car. Check for leaks. Properly dispose of used automotive fluids.
- Pick up after your pet.
- Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly.

For more information on ways residents can help please contact the Clermont Soil & Water Conservation District at (513) 732-7075.

## Help Keep Workers Safe

There are many construction projects (Township, county, and state) in progress throughout the Township. A lot of work is being performed within the public right-of-way, including ditching, berming, pipe replacement, paving, and road mowing. This requires workers to be put in a potentially dangerous situation. As each departments' men and women work within the public right-of-way, please be mindful of their safety. Please remember to abide by the following work zone safety tips:

- Slow down
- Watch for construction workers and equipment
- Be patient and remain calm
- Keep a safe distance between you and the car ahead of you
- Pay attention to the signs
- Obey road crew flaggers
- Stay alert and minimize distractions
- Expect the unexpected

By following these tips, it will help our workers return safely to their home and families every day.





**ELECTED OFFICIALS**

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**Mary Makley Wolff** Vice Chairperson  
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**Eric Ferry** Fiscal Officer  
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**Joe Braun** Law Director

**John Musselman** Service Director  
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248-3725 Administration

248-3721 Police

248-3700 Fire/EMS

248-3728 Service

248-3727 Recreation

248-3731 Zoning

**MEETINGS**

*Miami Township Civic Center, 6101 Meijer Drive • 45150*

**Trustee Business Meeting**  
7:00 pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of Each Month

**Trustee Work Session**  
8:30 am, 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Each Month

**Zoning Board of Appeals**  
7:30 pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of Each Month

**Zoning Commission**  
7:30 pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of Each Month



**MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR: AUG 6, 7:30 PM • Community Park**