

Thank You Residents!

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CONNECT WITH YOUR GREAT COMMUNITY:



ELECTED OFFICIALS

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Thank You for Supporting Safety Services

On November 3 the Miami Township Safety Services levy was supported by a majority of the voters. A Safety Services levy had not been requested since 2006 and we are very thankful to the community for your overwhelming support. We are also grateful that our professional police, fire and EMS personnel will be able to provide our residents with critical care and assistance during the thousands of calls for emergency service that we receive annually. Asking our residents for additional financial support is something that we do not take lightly and we are committed to continuing to stretch the levy dollars as far and long as possible without compromising service and safety. These funds will allow us to

maintain the manning levels of safety personnel around the clock. Also, prior to the additional fire and EMS station opening next winter on S.R. 131, we will higher an additional three full-time professional fire fighters. The funds will also ensure that the numerous specialized safety equipment that is necessary for firefighters and police officers will be up to date and replaced at a practical rate. We promise to maintain your trust through fiscal responsibility and by providing unparalleled levels of customer service. Thank you!



Meet Your Administrator

On August 31st I began working as the new Administrator for Miami Township and it is a pleasure to be back serving our residents and business community. During the previous four years I was the City Manager for the City of Milford and I previously was the Assistant Township Administrator here from December, 2009 through June, 2011. My education is from the University of Cincinnati's College

of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning with a concentration in community planning. Throughout my twenty year career in southwest Ohio our peers have consistently held the services and programming of this organization in high regards, so it is gratifying to be a part of this strong team again. It is an honor to work for Miami Township and as a public servant I take the trust that the public places with us very seriously.

The quality of life and strength of Miami Township is not only a task that I am driven to be successful at for my career, but it affects my family, too. You see, even though we are not originally from this part of Ohio, ten years ago my wife and I selected Miami Township as the community in which we built our home and are committed to making it the hometown for our two sons. Like many of you we were attracted here for the professional services from Police and EMS, high quality parks and recreational offerings, competitive school districts and affordable standard of living.

I enjoy making personal connections with business owners and residents and I hope to continue meeting more of you and making progress together. I welcome your thoughts and suggestions for improving the Township or the services that we provide, so please feel free to contact me at either 248-2725 or at Jeff.Wright@MiamiTwpOH.



At November's Trustee Business meeting, Miami Township Police, Trustees and Law Director Joe Braun, welcomed Officer Jimmy Taylor to his new position in the department.

Officer Taylor is a graduate of Milford HS and Miami University. He has spent the majority of his life as a resident of Miami Township. We welcome OFC Jimmy Taylor to the Miami Township Family!

Trustees and the Miami Township Fire/EMS also presented resident Asher Brenner with a Junior Fire Marshal Award. Asher was recognized for heroism in reporting a fire on while visiting his grandparents in Wellston, Ohio. Asher spotted a fire at a neighbor's house and alerted his father and grandfather, thereby alerting 911. The house had some damage, but was definitely saved due to Asher's actions and quick thinking. Congratulations Asher!



MIAMI TOWNSHIP POLICE

Sue Madsen, Police Chief
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Police Administration: (513) 248-3721
 @MiamiTwpPD MiamiTownshipPD

Miami Township Detectives

The Miami Township Police Investigations Bureau is staffed by four fulltime detectives and a full time Detective Sergeant. Our detectives receive advanced specialized training and they investigate a wide variety of criminal offenses.

In 2014 we began to see personnel changes due to promotions, retirements and reassignments. Detective Terry Eshman joined the bureau in September 2014. He possessed several years of Road Patrol experience both in Miami Township as well as with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.



Terry Eshman
 Detective

Detective Eshman brings with him a strong desire to serve our community and an equally strong work ethic. In a little more than a year, he has established himself as a talented and very capable investigator. Detective Eshman has investigated a wide range of crimes and possesses an above average case closure record.

In February 2015 Detective Dan Tobias was assigned to the bureau after serving more than six years in our Road Patrol Division. He served as a patrol officer, a field training officer and a relief supervisor in that capacity.



Dan Tobias
 Detective

Detective Tobias earned his Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Cincinnati. He has nearly four hundred hours of specialized training in addition to more than five hundred hours of basic peace officer training.

Detective Tobias has proven to be a quick study and has successfully investigated a wide variety of criminal offenses as an investigator.

Detective Keith Benhase is our senior investigator and originally joined the bureau in January 2012 after serving more than fifteen years in the Road Patrol Division. He served as a Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer and Relief Supervisor. He is a decorated officer having earned numerous awards and commendations during his many years of service with Miami Township.



Keith Benhase
 Detective

Detective Benhase is the longest serving detective in the bureau and has nearly sixteen hundred hours of specialized training. He has successfully investigated countless criminal offenses ranging from low level misdemeanors to very serious felonies.

Our partnership with the public is an important ingredient in our success. Members of the public continue to play a vital role in solving criminal cases in Miami Township and throughout the country. You can make a difference! Please give us a call or send us an email if you can help us solve a crime. A safe community is everyone's business.

From the Chief



Chief Madsen

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to you, our residents for taking your time to go to the polls on November 03, 2015,

and vote yes to help pass the Safety Services Levy.

Standing at the polls that day gave me an opportunity to meet several of our residents. Many would walk by and nod their head at me, or give me a thumbs-up motion indicating they were in support of the Safety Services Levy. Others would stop and talk with me about their neighborhoods and the officers that they had seen driving down their street or the Fire/EMS personnel that had cared for them. I even had one resident come back and hand me a pair of sunglasses to wear for the rest of the day to keep me from squinting in the sun as I spent my day at the polls. Mr. Ball, Thank you!

Please know that I take serious the trust you have placed in me with your dollars. Chief Kelly and I will work together along with the guidance of our Administrator Jeff Wright, Fiscal Officer Eric Ferry and Trustees Karl Schlutz, Ken Tracy and Mary Makley Wolff to ensure we use those dollars in the best possible way to benefit our customers, You.

Thank you again for your generosity and support.

Sincerely,

Sue A. Madsen
 Chief Sue Madsen

Miami Township PARKS & Recreation Something for Everyone!

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 now available at
Register.MiamiTwpOH.gov

MEN'S REC BASKETBALL

In cooperation with Meadowview Elementary School. Bruce Brunetti is the facilitator for this activity. **Pre-registration is required.** Please no drop-ins or pro-rating. Scheduling conflicts may arise after registration due to school related activities. The fee is based on the session and no refund will be granted due to cancellations. Limited Space (Age 25+).

Winter Session: Sundays, JAN 10-MAR 20
(no class 1/17, 2/7, 2/14) 7:00 pm-9:00 pm
\$75 R - \$90 NR

Spring Session: Thursdays, APR 7-MAY 19
6:30 pm-9:30 pm; \$40 R - \$50 NR

YOGA & MINDFULNESS Level I

Tuesdays, 10-11:30 am; **MTCC**
\$60 R - \$75 NR (Session) \$15 (Drop In)
Session 1: JAN 5-FEB 9
Session 2: FEB 23-MAR 29
Session 3: APR 12-MAY 17

YOGA & MINDFULNESS Level I (6:30-7 pm)

YOGA & MINDFULNESS Level II (7-8:30 pm)
Wednesdays, **MTCC**; \$15 (Drop In)
\$60 R - \$75 NR (Session)
Session 1: JAN 6-FEB 10
Session 2: FEB 24 - MAR 30
Session 3: APR 13-MAY 18

MAT PILATES

Mondays, 7-8:00 pm; **MTCC**
\$50 R - \$60 NR (Session) \$15 (Drop In)
Session 1: JAN 4-FEB 8 (no class 1/18)
Session 2: FEB 22-MAR 21
Session 3: APR 4-MAY 2
Did you know your core entails 38 muscles? Mat Pilates is a workout that will strengthen, lengthen, and enhance your posture by increasing the range of motion, strength, and length of these core muscles. A powerful core means a stronger and healthier you! Classes taught by Jennifer Gleason, MA, AFAA and AHA CPR certified and has taught group fitness for 25 years and Mat Pilates for 12 years.

ZUMBA

Mondays, 7-8:00 pm; **LH**
\$25 R - \$30 NR (Session) \$7 (Drop In)
Session 1: JAN 4-FEB 1
Session 2: FEB 8-MAR 7
Session 3: MAR 14-APR 11
Session 4: APR 18-MAY 16

*** **FREE Zumba Class on Thursday, JAN 28 from 7-8:00 pm** ***

Zumba is a fitness class based on Latin dancing with a little hip hop thrown in. This class is designed for the strong, healthy, and active participant who will get fit and feel their energy levels soaring in no time. This class will tone all the target zones, including arms, abs, glutes and thighs. Every class feels like a party! Come join us and you'll see what we mean. You don't even have to know how to dance. Just move your body and follow my lead. It's easy!

TOTAL BODY TUNE-UP

Aquatic Fitness Program
Tuesdays & Thursdays, **MHS Pool**
9:15-10:15 am **or** 10:30-11:30 am
\$65 R - \$80 NR
Winter Session: JAN 5-MAR 10
Spring Session: MAR 15-MAY 19 (No class 3/29, 3/31)
***Dates are pending school approval and are subject to change.**

This total body aquatic fitness program uses the buoyant and resistance properties of the water \$60 R - \$75 NR (Session) \$15 (Drop In) 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.**



LINE DANCING WITH ERICA

Wednesdays, 7-8:00 pm; **LH**
\$25 R - \$30 NR (Session) \$7 (Drop In)

*** **FREE Line Dancing with Erica class on Wednesday, JAN 6 from 7-8:00 pm** ***

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. You will learn these fun dances, step by step in a friendly, casual atmosphere. Burning calories has never been so much fun! FUE-LD is for everyone over the age of 14. We welcome those who think they have two left feet (you don't). We can teach you. Come as you are and dance with us! The view and opinions of this vendor do not necessarily state or reflect those of Miami Township.

Session 1: JAN 13-FEB 17 (no class 1/20)
Session 2: FEB 24-MAR 23
Session 3: MAR 30-APR 27
Session 4: MAY 4-JUN 1

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From the Director

Here come the holidays and the New Year! Our lives are constantly full of transitions, with not only the seasons, but our own life events. Whatever stage of life you find yourself in, try to take a moment for yourself and explore new things.



Krystin Thibodeau

I have found for myself it keeps reminding you that there is so much more to learn. I can testify to this fact as I recently joined our new Line Dancing class and have been challenged mentally and physically to learn the dance steps and remember them from week to week. So I invite you to find something in our winter program offerings and keep yourself learning and engaging with others.

Our upcoming programs for winter have a lot of varied topics especially in our Adult Education area. There is something for all ages and abilities and given the climate it's a perfect time to break up the winter doldrums.

We are kicking off the New Year with our ever so popular Daddy Daughter Valentine Dances happening two nights in February. This fills up fast so register early to ensure your spots. We will also be hosting our 2nd annual Winter Blast Family Fest. This night is filled with fun activities and great desserts. It tops off with a short and spectacular fireworks display by Rozzi's. This is a pre-registration event unlike our other family events. This is due to the parking around the Civic Center and the fireworks display. We have a limited number of spots so register early so you can be part of the fun.

Enjoy this new season and stay busy, stay warm and stay engaged in your community.

Happy Winter!

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

ADULT ACTIVITIES

Online Registration now available at Register.MiamiTwpOH.gov

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 wellbeing and specific areas of concern. Her classes will be informative, experiential but most of all fun. The view and opinions of this vendor do not necessarily state or reflect those of Miami Township.

INTRO TO ESSENTIAL OILS

Thursday; JAN 14; 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. You will be able to make-n-take either a hand sanitizer or a room refresher.

GREEN CLEANING WITH ESSENTIAL OILS

Tuesday; JAN 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. In this class you will leave with a customized DIY cleaning spray.

MOOD MANAGEMENT WITH ESSENTIAL OILS

Thursday; FEB 11; 7-8:00 pm; **MTCC; \$5 (Person)**
 What can you do to help improve your Mood naturally? What tools can you use to help others like your family, friends and even co-workers? This class will discuss how Essential Oils trigger your brain and help stimulate an emotional response. Plus you will make your own roller ball of Essential Oil.

KIDS & ESSENTIAL OILS

Monday; MAR 21; **MTCC; \$5 (Person)**
 10-11:00 am **or** 6:30-7:30 pm
 Are Essential Oils safe for my kids? Learn about proper dilution when applying Essential Oils to your child. What oils will support a healthy immune response in my child? What oils can remove gum and crayon marks without being toxic? We will demonstrate how to make an Aromatherapy play-dough and you can take home a sample. Plus, you and your child can create a MONSTER repellent spray (one per family) to use at home. Kids are welcome at both the am & pm classes!

PET CARE & ESSENTIAL OILS

Thursday; MAR 10; 7-8:00 pm; **MTCC; \$5 (Person)**
 Can I use Essential Oils on my cat, dog, or horse? Yes, you can! Learn which oils can help relieve anxiety in your pet. What oils can help ease old ages aches and pains. But most important learn about dilution and application. You will also be able to make-n-take a natural flea powder.

HEALING OILS OF THE BIBLE

Tuesday; MAR 15; 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.

SPRING CLEANING WITH ESSENTIAL OILS

Monday; APR 18; 7-8:00 pm; **MTCC; \$5 (Person)**
 Whistle while you work! Time to think about opening those windows for some fresh air after hibernating all winter. Let's battle those cobwebs and cruddy corners! This class will teach you about Essential Oils and their effectiveness in cleaning and solving all sorts of household mishaps. This class our make-n-take will be a Tile scrubbing paste that smells so good you will be tempted to eat it or make a DIY disinfectant spray.



PAIN MANAGEMENT WITH ESSENTIAL OILS

Thursday; APR 28; **MTCC; \$5 (Person)**
 10-11:00am **or** 7-8:00 pm
 Are you spending too much money at your local drugstore but still dealing with pain and too many side effects? Are you looking for a Natural Healthcare option? This informational class will teach you what oils have anti-inflammatory properties. What oils support healthy immune functions? What about sore joints and muscles? We will make a great blend to apply to those sore spots.

BUG OFF WITH ESSENTIAL OILS

Monday; MAY 16; 7-8:00 pm; **MTCC; \$5 (Person)**
 Do you like the way bug spray feels on your skin? What about the smell? Come to this Essential Oils class to learn more about taking care of you and your family this summer. Learn what oils will support you as you spend more time outside and in the sun. We will also be making an all natural bug repellent.

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The following classes are offered by Dr. Cathy Rosenbaum. Dr. Cathy is a holistic clinical pharmacist, Founder & CEO of Rx Integrative Solutions, a private consulting practice in holistic medicine in Loveland and Blue Ash, OH. She is a certified health coach and has traveled to China to study herbal research and global health care solutions. Dr. Cathy is a published author, national radio show host, and international speaker who believes in back-to-basics living and non-invasive approaches to health and healing whenever possible.

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WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE

Saturday, MAR 12; 9-Noon; **MTCC (Ages 14+) \$5 R - \$10 NR (Person)**
 Join Miami Township Police Officers for self-defense training. The "Women's Self Defense" 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. The course is taught in 3 hours to attract those who do not want long term commitments of multiple classes. Please wear rubber-soled shoes and comfortable clothing. Pre-registration required.

FLOWER ARRANGING

Join Donna Stamper, owner Jay's Garden Center, for these creative and fun classes. 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.
 6:30-8:00 pm; Adults/kids 10+; **MTCC; \$25 R - \$30 NR; per person per class**

TROPICAL ARRANGEMENT

Thursday, MAR 3 - Got the winter blues? Break out that "Hawaiian Shirt" and come over and make a lush tropical arrangement to lift your spirits out of the winter funk. Create away while we play some tropical music and sip some pineapple juice. Please No hula skirts.

SPRING BULB GARDEN

Thursday, APR 14 - Donna will teach you how to create and take care of a bulb garden. You will enjoy the colorful spring flowers for several weeks. She will instruct you on how to plant the bulbs in your yard to get them to bloom again next Spring.

TEA CUP ARRANGMENT

Monday, MAY 2 - Mom's day is coming! What better way to surprise her with an arrangement that you created yourself. These cute little ceramic tea cups will be packed with spring flowers for your mom to enjoy.

BEYOND PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS:

Natural Healing, Health, Hope for the Future
 Thursday, JAN 21; 6:00-7:30 pm; **MTCC \$10 R - \$15 NR**
 Attendees will learn about evidence-based ways to improve sleep, to manage stress, to stay balanced without prescription medications, and to use dietary supplements for general health. Dr. Cathy will teach you how to integrate body mind and spiritual practices into your personal health regimen.

MEN'S HEALTH

Thursday, FEB 4; 6-7:30 pm; **MTCC; \$10 R - \$15 NR**
 Attendees will learn about evidence-based benefits, risks, and appropriate use for: Prescription medications and dietary supplements to manage benign prostate enlargement, testosterone replacement for conditions related to low T, the Mediterranean diet, body building supplements, and dietary supplements for high cholesterol.

ASK THE PHARMACIST: DEBUNKING MYTHS ABOUT DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS

Thursday, MAR 3; 6-7:30 pm; **MTCC; \$10 R - \$15 NR**
 Attendees will learn how to choose a high quality dietary supplement with an emphasis of safety; review common product categories for immune/antioxidant/anti-inflammatory health, osteoporosis & bone health, osteoarthritis & joint health, heart health, weight loss, and more.

HOMEGROWN MEDICINAL HERBS AND TEAS WORKSHOP

Tuesday, APR 12; 6-8:00 pm; **MTCC; \$15 R - \$20 NR**
 Attendees will discuss various preparations of herbs (spices, teas/ infusions, decoctions, tinctures, extracts, dietary supplements, essential oils for aromatherapy, topical creams); discuss homegrown medicinal plants by product category: antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, gastrointestinal, headache, relaxation; and learn how to make a homegrown fresh herbal tea and receive an herbal plant to take home for their gardens.



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
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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: _____

DECEMBER 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 ZONING COMMISSION 7:30 pm • MTCC	4	5 TREE LIGHTING & OPEN HOUSE 3:00 pm • MTCC
6 ZONING BOARD of APPEALS 7:30 pm • MTCC	7	8	9 BRICKS 4 KIDZ WORKSHOP 6:00 pm • MTCC	10 GINGERBREAD DECORATING 6:30 pm • MTCC	11	12
13	14	15 TRUSTEE BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 pm • MTCC	16	17 FLOWER ARRANGING 6:30 PM • MTCC	18	19
20	21	22 FIRST DAY OF WINTER	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS DAY Township Offices Closed	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 NEW YEAR'S DAY <i>Township Offices Closed</i>	2
3	4 ZONING BOARD of APPEALS 7:30 pm • MTCC MAT PILATES Thru FEB 8 • MTCC ZUMBA Thru FEB 1 • LH	5 YOGA & MINDFULNESS I Thru FEB 9 • MTCC TOTAL BODY TUNE-UP Thru MAR 10 • MHS Pool TAE KWON DO Thru MAR 17 • MTCC	6 FREE LINE DANCING CLASS 7:00 pm • LH YOGA & MINDFULNESS I Thru FEB 10 • MTCC YOGA & MINDFULNESS II Thru FEB 10 • MTCC	7 ZONING COMMISSION 7:30 pm • MTCC PLAYGROUP PRIMETIME Thru FEB 11 • MTCC	8	9
10 MEN'S REC BASKETBALL Thru MAR 20 • MEADOWVIEW	11	12 FAMILY SPANISH FUN! Thru FEB 9 • MTCC	13 DRAWING CLASSES Thru FEB 3 • MTCC LINE DANCING Thru FEB 17 • LH	14 INTRO TO ESSENTIAL OILS 7:00 pm • MTCC	15 SNOW DAY! 10:00 am • MTCC FAMILY SPANISH FUN! Thru FEB 19 • MTCC	16
17 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY <i>Township Offices Closed</i> MAD CAMP 8:30 am • LH	18	19 BOARD of TRUSTEES 7:00 pm • MTCC	20 WACKY WEDNESDAYS Thru FEB 10 • MTCC	21 BRICKS 4 KIDZ WORKSHOP 6:00 pm • MTCC BEYOND RX MEDICATIONS 6:00 pm • MTCC	22	23
24	25	26 GREEN CLEANING WITH OILS 7:00 pm • MTCC	27	28 FREE ZUMBA CLASS 7:00 pm • LH	29 PAJAMA DAY 10:00 am • MTCC	30
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FEBRUARY 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 ZONING BOARD of APPEALS 7:30 pm • MTCC	2 GROUNDHOG DAY	3	4 ZONING COMMISSION 7:30 pm • MTCC MEN'S HEALTH 6:00 pm • MTCC	5 DADDY-DAUGHTER VALENTINE DANCE 6:30 pm • MTCC (YELL) PAPERWORK DUE Youth Engaged in Leadership & Learning	6 DADDY-DAUGHTER VALENTINE DANCE 6:30 pm • MTCC
7 ZUMBA Thru MAR 7 • LH	8	9 BRICKS 4 KIDZ WORKSHOP 6:00 pm • MTCC	10 VALENTINE'S DAY PRE-K PARTY 10:00 am • MTCC	11 MOOD MANAGEMENT 7:00 pm • MTCC	12	13
14 VALENTINE'S DAY	15 PRESIDENTS DAY <i>Township Offices Closed</i>	16 TRUSTEE BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 pm • MTCC	17 DRAWING CLASSES Thru MAR 9 • MTCC	18 PLAYGROUP PRIMETIME Thru MAR 24 • MTCC PLANNING YOUR GARDEN 6:30 pm • MTCC	19	20
21 MAT PILATES Thru MAR 21 • MTCC	22	23 FAMILY SPANISH FUN! Thru MAR 22 • MTCC BRICKS 4 KIDZ Thru MAR 8 • MTCC YOGA & MINDFULNESS I Thru MAR 29 • MTCC	24 LINE DANCING Thru MAR 23 • LH MUSIC & MOVEMENT & MAR 2 • MTCC YOGA & MINDFULNESS I Thru MAR 30 • MTCC YOGA & MINDFULNESS II Thru MAR 30 • MTCC	25	26 WINTER BLAST FAMILY FEST 6:30 pm • MTCC	27
28	29					

MARCH 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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ADULT EDUCATION

Online Registration now available at Register.MiamiTwpOH.gov. **Pre-registration is required** for all classes. Financial assistance scholarships are available for those who meet assistance requirements. Direct your questions to Miami Township Recreation at (513) 248-3727.

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

INTRO TO COMPUTERS

Tuesdays, MAR 8 & 15; 6:30-8:30 pm
\$35 (Person) **MJHS *****

Just bought a computer? 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 computers 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, getting around on the Internet, basic file management, and overview of Microsoft Word. 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.

INTERMEDIATE PHOTO EDITING

Tuesdays, APR 5 & 12; 6:30-8:30 pm
\$35 (Person) **MJHS *****

Want to learn more ways to manipulate your photos? Adobe Photoshop is one way to do this. This course will introduce you to this software and its "handy" tools to allow you to work with your images. Intro to Photo Editing is recommended, but not required to enroll in this course. Please bring photos on a flash drive, CD, or access online (easily) for in-class use.

***** One Night Course Offerings:**

WORD TIPS AND TRICKS

Thursday, MAR 24; 6:30-8:30 pm; **MJHS *****
\$20 (Person)
Does MS Word sometimes frustrate you when you are trying to integrate graphics or create documents? This is the class for you. We'll discuss text wrapping, cropping, and formatting to make using Word at home easier for you.

COMPUTING IN THE CLOUD

Thursday, APR 21; 6:30-8:30 pm; **MJHS *****
\$20 (Person)
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.

***** Milford Junior High School, lab/room 31A in the Wilson Wing-5735 Wolfpen-Pleasant Hill, Milford, OH 45150. Enter the building using Door #18**



PRESCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Online Registration now available at Register.MiamiTwpOH.gov

PLAYGROUP PRIMETIME

Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 am; **MTCC**
(Ages 0-4) \$35 R - \$45 NR (Session)
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!!

Session 1: JAN 7 - FEB 11
Session 2: FEB 18 - MAR 24
Session 3: APR 7 - MAY 12

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

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SNOW DAY!!

Friday, JAN 15; 10-11:30 am; **MTCC**
(Ages 3-5) \$15 R - \$20 NR
It's that time of the year! Make snowflakes and have some indoor fun with "snow" activities. There will be snow crafts, games, snack and a story time.

PAJAMA DAY

Friday, JAN 29; 10-11:30 am; **MTCC**
(Ages 3-5) \$15 R - \$20 NR
How fun to roll out of bed and come in your pajamas. Bring your favorite stuffed animal too! We will pretend it's time for bed and do a bedtime craft, have a special snack and read a bedtime story.

VALENTINE'S DAY

Wednesday, FEB 10; 10-11:30 am; **MTCC**
(Ages 3-5) \$15 R - \$20 NR
Happy Valentine's Day. We will make a craft for your favorite valentine and have our own Valentine's Day celebration complete with story and snack!

MUSIC & MOVEMENT

Wednesdays, FEB 24 & MAR 2; **MTCC**
10-11:30 am (Ages 3-5) \$30 R - \$35 NR
Join us to make instruments, dance to silly songs, play games, and move our bodies. Lots of fun things to do to music! Story and snack will be provided also

PRINCESS TEA PARTY

Friday, MAR 11; 10-11:30 am; **MTCC**
(Ages 3-5) \$15 R - \$20 NR
Let's all act like princesses for a day and have a pretend tea party. Don't forget to dress like your favorite princess for the tea party!

SPRING IS COMING!!

Wednesdays, APR 6 & APR 20; **MTCC**
10-11:30 am (Ages 3-5) \$30 R - \$35 NR
Talk about bugs, butterflies and flowers. Weather permitting we will go on a hike

and look for these spring things. We will do "spring" crafts, have a snack and read stories about bugs and butterflies.

MAY FLOWERS FOR MOM

Friday, MAY 6; 10-11:30 am; **MTCC**
(Ages 3-5) \$15 R - \$20 NR
Let's make mom or grandma something special for their day. We will make a craft and read a story about Mother's Day while having a snack.

SUMMER BEACH DAY

Friday, MAY 20; 10-11:30 am; **MTCC**
(Ages 3-5) \$15 R - \$20 NR
Bring a beach towel, wear your sunglasses and beach hat because we will pretend we are at the beach. We will play games, read a story about the beach and ocean and have a snack on the "beach". Yeah, summer is coming soon!

TEEN ACTIVITIES

YOUTH ENGAGED IN LEADERSHIP & LEARNING (YELL)

The purpose of the YELL program is to provide youth ages 14-15 the training and experience to help them to be positive role models in the summer camp environment. The "2016 Summer Camp" program promotes responsibility, teamwork, leadership, and communication. This is a 3+ week volunteer program that includes field experience and some classroom time to learn about camp procedures, safety procedures, and positive camper interaction. The applicant is required to turn in the appropriate paperwork before Friday, February 5. The selected candidates will be contacted and scheduling will be discussed. Contact the Miami Township Recreation Department at 248-3727 for more information.

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.



MIAMI TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY GARDEN

Interested in having a plot at the Community Garden located at 6101 Meijer Drive next to the Civic Center? Call 248-3727 and express your interest in a plot. You will be put on a waitlist and contacted once the past participants have determined their involvement. The 10 x 20 size is \$35, 4 x 20 size is \$25, and the 4 x 10 size is \$20. Check out the Community Garden Rules and Regulations at MiamiTwpOH.gov and click on Parks and look for Downloadable Forms.

PLANNING YOUR GARDEN • Thursday, FEB 18; 6:30-7:30 pm; **MTCC**; \$5 (Person)

Learn how to pick an appropriate site, determine what your soil needs to help your plants blossom, starting seeds indoors and figure out which plants, where and when to put them in your garden. This informative and fun class is taught by Kim Chamberland, Clermont County Master Gardener.

TURNING TRASH TO TREASURE • Thursday, MAR 24; 6:30-7:30 pm; **MTCC**; \$5 (Person)

Composting is a simple way to add nutrient-rich humus which fuels plant growth and restores vitality to depleted soil. It's also free, easy to make and good for the environment. This class offers basic overview of composting, what it is, how to get started and how to use it. This informative and fun class is taught by Kim Chamberland, Clermont County Master Gardener.

LET'S TALK TREES with TAKING ROOT • Monday, APR 4; 6:30-7:30 pm; **MTCC**; \$5 (Person)

Taking Root is a tree planting initiative with the goal to combat challenges to our forests by planting 2 million trees by 2020. Taking Root Chair Scott Beuerlein will address the challenges to trees and also the importance of them for our environment, economy, and communities. Scott will also talk about tree selection, proper planting and after care.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Online Registration now available at Register.MiamiTwpOH.gov

FAMILY SPANISH FUN!

Expose your child to a second language! Studies have shown that learning a second language at an early age enriches and enhances a child's mental development, especially their math and logic skills. Our mission is to expose children to the Hispanic culture and the Spanish language to encourage them to communicate in Spanish. Students will study basic Spanish vocabulary and commands through games, songs, crafts and hands-on activities. Parents are encouraged to participate (no additional fee).

Tuesdays, JAN 12-FEB 9; 10-10:45 (Ages 3-5)
Tuesdays, FEB 23-MAR 22; 10-10:45 (Ages 3-5)
MTCC; \$45 R - \$55 NR (Student per Session)

Fridays, JAN 15-FEB 19 (no class FEB 5)
6-7:00 pm (Ages 6-11)

Fridays, MAR 4-APR 1; 6-7:00 pm (Ages 6-11)
(students will be divided based on age)
MTCC; \$55 R - \$65 NR (Student per Session)

DADDY-DAUGHTER VALENTINE DANCE

Friday, FEB 5 or Saturday, FEB 6; **MTCC** 6:30-8:30 pm; \$10 R - \$15 NR (Person)

Due to the popularity of this event it will be offered on two nights this year. Be sure to select which evening you prefer during online registration. Come and dance to the music, make valentine crafts, enjoy a snack and other activities. Please bring your own camera for that cherished Daddy-Daughter photo. Escorts may be father or other significant parental figure. Dressy attire. **Pre-registration required** and space is limited.

**WINTER BLAST FAMILY FEST**

Friday, FEB 26; 6:30-8:30 pm; **MTCC**
Fireworks at 8 pm; \$5 (Person)

Sign up your family NOW to join in the winter fun because we are expecting a sell out! Kids will enjoy snow themed games, crafts and a bouncy house. Back by popular demand is Flaky Bingo. Make an ice cream sunday at our ice cream bar which is filled with yummy sauces and toppings. Have fun receiving a family friendly airbrushed tattoo. Top off the evening with a short but spectacular fireworks show by Rozzi! Famous Fireworks! Limited space. Snow or Shine. **Pre-registration required** with the Miami Township Recreation Department. No refunds if inclement weather conditions. No entry to the Miami Township Civic Center Parking lot after 7:30 pm. Parking at your own risk. For quick entry, bring your registration receipt to show the parking attendant.

**MIAMI TOWNSHIP'S
EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA**

Saturday, MAR 19; 10:00 am-10:00
MTCC; FREE Event!

The Easter Bunny will be making a very special visit to Miami Township Civic Center. He has invited children to come and make crafts, decorate cookies, face paint, & play games. NO EGG HUNT. Treats will be distributed by the Easter Bunny & helpers. Parents bring your cameras to take that special picture. Back by popular demand...the petting zoo and the magic show!

KIDS ONLY FISHING TOURNAMENT

Catch & Release
Saturday, APR 23; **MML**; FREE
We have partnered with Queen City Outdoors for this event who will provide some of the prizes for the kids. Registration is required at Lakeside Pavilion at 9am and the Tournament is from 10am until noon. Children require adult supervision. Bait available at a nominal fee. 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.

2016 CONCERT SERIES

When the schedule is finalized it will be posted on "Free Events" at MiamiTwpOH.gov. The concerts will be held at the Performance Pavilion next to the Leming House at the Community Park located at 5951 Buckwheat Road. Bring your whole family and don't forget to bring lawn chairs or a blanket.

KIDS ACTIVITIES**TAE KWON DO**

Winter Session: Tuesdays & Thursdays, JAN 5-MAR 17; \$85 R - \$100 NR
Spring Session: Tuesdays & Thursdays, APR 5-MAY 19; \$60 R - \$70 NR
Classes are being offered at the **Miami Township Civic Center** for kids (Ages 6+) with Jason Jacobs. Jason can be contacted at JasonJacobs@live.com to answer your questions regarding class time and level for your child. Uniform can be purchased the first day for \$30 payable to Jason Jacobs.

MAD CAMP (Mobile Application Development)

Monday, JAN 18; 8:30 am-4:30 pm; **LH** (Ages 8-16) \$100 R - \$120 NR (Person)
This fun filled day is taught by iDaP Academy, kids will use the latest technology and software to create an application or video game. Bring your imagination, a sack lunch, and a drink - we will supply everything else for a day of innovation and infinite possibilities. All apps will be published and made available on the iDaP academy website. For each class your child will select a template from the iDaP library to modify and create a dream application or video game for their own mobile device.

WACKY WEDNESDAYS

ACE (After School Coding Experience)
Wednesdays, JAN 20-FEB 10, 5:30-7:30 pm
MTCC (Ages 8-16) \$100 R - \$120 NR (Person)
Taught by iDaP Academy, kids will use the latest technology and software templates to update a classic video game and learn various application development techniques. Bring your imagination and a snack - we will supply everything else for an after school enrichment program that delivers fun, competition, and 21st century skills. All games will be presented and voted on to determine which game is the best updated classic.

**YOUNG REMBRANDTS
DRAWING CLASSES**

Wednesdays, **MTCC**; \$50 R - \$60 NR (Session)
Session 1: JAN 13-FEB 3 LH LH
Session 2: FEB 17-MAR 9
Session 3: APR 6-APR 27
Session 4: MAY 4-MAY 25

Preschool Classes

(Ages 3^{1/2}-5) 4:15-5:00 pm

Young Rembrandts provides an engaging, creative environment where your child will learn how to draw and strengthen his or her artistic skills. Our program prepares children as learners so they will be successful in kindergarten. As your child learns to draw and color with our step-by-step method, they develop observations skills, increase their fine motor skills, handwriting readiness and attention to detail. All supplies included.

Drawtooning Classes

(Ages 6-13) 5:15-6:15 pm

Our two most popular programs all in one great workshop! Open to every young artist that has a passion for drawing and wants to learn new skills to get better. This class includes both drawing AND cartooning lessons that are sure to excite! This entertaining program combines Young Rembrandts' innovative, hands-on teaching method with light-hearted subject matter that engages children, their sense of humor and their vivid imaginations. You will learn techniques to draw still life, portraits, graphic art, line art, abstract art and much more. No lesson repeated. All supplies included.

WORKSHOPS with LEGO® BRICKS in partnership with Bricks for Kidz

These are hands-on workshops and classes where students build machines, buildings, vehicles and other structures out of LEGO® Bricks, using one-of-a-kind model plans designed by Bricks 4 Kidz®. Students will work in a lab-type setting using LEGO® components such as gears, axles and beams. While exploring principles of engineering, architecture, physics and more, students will develop problem solving and critical thinking skills. The material covered in each session will vary depending upon students' age, experience, and skill level. All materials are provided. There will be NO take home projects.

***** One Day Workshops**

6-7:00 pm (Ages 5-13) **MTCC**
\$15 R - \$20 NR (Person per Day)

GADGETS & GIZMOS

3-IN-A-ROW; Thursday, JAN 21
What is the probability that the head, body and legs of the mini-figure will line up when the motor stops? This interactive 3-in-a-row model is a great teaching tool for concepts related to probability, including how to calculate probability and real-life examples of events that are unlikely, likely or certain. We are certain that kids will love this gadget! Vocabulary includes probability, certain, and impossible.

CRANIUM CONTRACTIONS

FOOSBALL; Tuesday, FEB 9
Foosball is a tabletop soccer game in which players control figurines on poles to kick a ball into the opponent's goal. This model is a miniature version of the game in which each player has one figure to control, in charge of both offense and defense. The small playing field provides a thrilling fast-paced game. Play for fun or for points! Vocabulary includes manufacturer, strategize, component, and area.

CONSTRUCTION CRAZE

BULLDOZER; Monday, MAR 21
Machines make our work easier, and a powerful machine like a bulldozer can do massive amounts of work in a very short time. Students will define work and learn about some simple machines that are part of many other more complex machines. The origin of the word bulldozer is revealed, as well as the bulldozer's relationship to the tanks used by the military. Vocabulary includes work, wedge, and lever.

A PIRATE'S QUEST

ANCHOR; Tuesday, APR 12
Anchors weigh! In order to keep a boat from drifting, boaters use an anchor to secure their vessel to the sea bottom. Different types of anchors are used for different purposes, and vary depending on the type of boat and sea bottom. Students will learn the various parts of an anchor and how anchors work. The anchor model that they will build swings just like a real anchor would if you were to fling it round and round before tossing it into the water. Vocabulary includes fluke, ring, and crown.

***** CLASSES with LEGO® BRICKS in partnership with Bricks for Kidz****AMAZING ANIMALS**

Tuesdays, FEB 23-MAR 8; **MTCC**
6-7:00 pm (Ages 5-13)
\$45 R - \$55 NR (Session)

It's a zoo in here! This is a unit sure to delight kids who love creatures. We'll be building models of snakes, insects, mammals and more. Each week we'll discuss fascinating facts about the animals we build, from the chameleon that changes colors to the seal model that waddles across the table. Students will love these moving models that celebrate the wonders of the animal kingdom.

MIAMI TOWNSHIP FIRE/EMS

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Take Time to Get Your Furnace & Water Heater Inspected



Chief Kelly

As we enjoy the last few warm days of fall, we know that winter is just around the corner. With that comes the need to keep ourselves warm. As you prepare to turn your furnace on for the first time this season, we recommend having it inspected by a licensed HVAC company to ensure that it is in good working order. Many of our calls for carbon monoxide alarms sounding are a direct result of a malfunctioning furnace or water heater. Take time to make sure that both are working appropriately to reduce the risk.

Additionally, if you are interested in using alternative methods to heat your home, we caution you to follow some of tips we've outlined below. Heating is something we often take for granted, but make sure the device you are using is in good working condition and that you are following the manufacturer's recommendations for its use.

Finally, we know snow and ice are not too far off. Take time to clear your driveways and walkways to make sure they remain free from slip and fall hazards. If you see a neighbor in need, help them out if they can't clear the snow and ice themselves. We respond for many injuries from falling during the winter months. With freezing conditions and the unforgiving nature of the surfaces that people fall on, the injuries can be very severe. Everything from broken bones, internal bleeding, head injuries and lacerations can be the result of a nasty fall, not to mention being trapped outdoors in freezing weather while you wait for help.

Take a few minutes this winter season to make sure you and your family remain as safe as possible, and if you ever have questions or concerns, feel free to give us a call at 513-248-3700.

Stay Warm & Safe This Winter

There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

- Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot 'kid-free zone' around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms monthly.

*** SOURCE: National Fire Protection Association

Thank You! From the Chief

I would just like to take the opportunity to thank the residents of Miami Township for their overwhelming support in approving Issue 5, our recent Safety Services Levy. We continually strive to deliver high-quality services that are centered on superb customer service. As I was working a polling location on November 3rd, many of you took the opportunity to let me know how happy you are with the services that your Police and Fire/EMS departments provide. That gave me a great sense of pride, but also reminded how we have to continually work to keep your trust and to find new ways to improve the services that you have come to expect, and that you deserve!

Rest assured that Chief Madsen and I will work hand-in-hand to find innovative ways to ensure that the services we provide remain the best in the region. I can promise you that we will use the money that you've trusted us with in an efficient and responsible manner, while trying to make it last a long as possible. Thank you again for your support and we look forward to serving you!

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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ZONING COMMISSION A Key Advisory Board for Land Use in Miami Township



Brian Elliff

Change is happening all the time in Miami Township, and in particular in the use and zoning of land. Zoning -essentially rules that govern how land may be used- is determined generally by the Board of Trustees in the form of a Zoning Resolution and Zoning Map. The Zoning Map, an interesting document itself, contains all the land use designations within Miami Township. Check it out on the township's website under the Community Development button.

Sometimes new development, say a new commercial building or residential subdivision, will require that the zoning be changed prior to construction. Before the township Community Development Office can issue a "zoning certificate" approving a new development, the correct zoning needs to be in place. The Miami Township Zoning Commission is a key committee that oversees change in zoning designations and approval of projects, and provides valuable recommendations to the Board of Trustees in the rezoning of land. Many of the subdivisions you see in the township were first reviewed by the Zoning Commission.



Let's take a look at the township Zoning Commission and the role it plays when land is rezoned for a new development.

The Zoning Commission usually functions in an advisory capacity to the Board of Trustees. The Zoning Commission is composed of five residents of the township, appointed to five year terms by the Board of Trustees. Up to two alternate members may serve on the Commission as well, so that a full committee is available to hear cases. The Zoning Commission undertakes three main roles in reviewing zoning changes and land development:

(1) Rezoning Recommendations: The Zoning Commission hears applications to rezone property, and then enters a recommendation to the Board of Trustees. Commissioners do significant leg work reviewing site plans and posing questions to applicants during presentations. The Zoning Commission will also consider important policy documents such as the Imagine Miami Vision 2025 Plan. The Board of Trustees is the final decision making body to approve rezoning requests, taking into account the Zoning Commission's recommendation.

(2) Planned Unit Development Review: The Zoning Commission also reviews planned unit development (PUD)

plans. PUD plans are specific drawings and guidelines associated with parcels that show in detail exactly what the development will be, including buildings, parking, landscaping, lighting and use. The township zoning resolution provides for both residential PUD plans and commercial ("Planned Business Development Overlay"). PUDs can be particularly handy when the development may be challenging, such as with topographic elements.

(3) Text Amendments: When changes are needed to the language of the Zoning Resolution, they are first reviewed by the Zoning Commission. Usually text changes originate with the Board of Trustees. The Zoning Commission may also initiate proposed changes to zoning language.



Public involvement is an important part of the zoning process, and for each case the Zoning Commission accepts public comment on the proposed change. Affected residents, businesses and nearby property owners play an important role in informing the Zoning Commission of impacts the zoning change may have.

For residents interested in land regulation within the township, the Zoning Commission is a great way to get involved. Serving on the Zoning Commission provides an interesting and important way to help shape your Miami Township community. If you might like to serve on one of the township's land use boards-- please let us know. Contact Planning & Zoning Administrator Brian Elliff at (513) 965-6751 or by e-mail, *Brian.Elliff@MiamiTwpOH.gov*.

"After traveling around for 30 years in the Air Force, I enjoy being on the board because it gives me a sense of really being part of the community and looking long term towards its further improvement."

- Zoning Commission Member Ed McPhillips

"As Chairman of the Zoning Commission, I recognize that one of Miami Township's greatest resources is land. When hearing each zoning case, I bear part of the responsibility of making sure that this resource is used and developed in a fair and responsible manner. One of the best parts of sitting on the Zoning Commission is the realization that the decisions we make today will ensure that future development continues to improve and enrich the community in which we live, work and play."

- Zoning Commission Member Kevin Malof

MIAMI TOWNSHIP SERVICE

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NO PARKING DURING SNOW EMERGENCY



John Musselman

In an effort to make township streets as safe as possible during winter snow events the Miami Township Board of Trustees has authorized the use of **NO PARKING** on township roads during a 'Snow Emergency.' Signs have been strategically located mostly on existing speed limit sign posts at the entrances to every neighborhood throughout the

where it becomes necessary for township snow fighters to begin plowing or when an overnight event of accumulating snow is predicted. Once declared residents will have two hours to have all vehicles removed from the road before being subject to a violation or being towed. To



township and one sign at the entrance covers every street within the neighborhood. Keep in mind that just because your street may not have a sign on it, it would still be illegal to park on a township street during a declared snow emergency.

Typically a Snow Emergency will be declared when the depth of a snow event reaches the point



notify residents of the declaration the township will utilize all local media outlets

similar to a school closing as well as the use of the townships Facebook page and Twitter accounts.

Our township snow fighters perform a very demanding job in some of the worst weather conditions. With the cooperation and assistance of everyone you can help make this job safer for them and all motorists driving on township streets this winter.



Stay 'Up to Date' This Winter

In an attempt to keep residents up-to-date with the latest information regarding the Service Departments progress during winter operations we will be utilizing our Twitter account multiple times during every snow event this winter. When crews have been dispatched to begin, how things are going during an event and when things are wrapping up. We will also Tweet any unusual circumstances during an event that may require us to change the way we would normally complete our routes.

You can follow the Miami Township Service Department on Twitter @MiamiTwpSERVICE



Christmas Tree Recycling

Christmas tree recycling starts on December 26th and ends on January 31st. The drop-off locations are at Miami Meadows Park at 1546 State Route 131 and Paxton Ramsey Park at 6265 Price Rd. Drop-off areas will be clearly marked at the parks. Call the Service Department at 248-3728 for more information.



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MEETINGS

Miami Township Civic Center, 6101 Meijer Drive • 45150

Trustee Business Meeting
7:00 pm, 3rd Tuesday of Each Month

Trustee Work Session
8:30 am, 2nd Monday of Each Month

Zoning Board of Appeals
7:30 pm, 1st Monday of Each Month

Zoning Commission
7:30 pm, 1st Thursday of Each Month



WINTER Family BLAST Fest

- Bouncy House
- Ice Cream Sundae Bar
- Snow Themed Games & Crafts
- Family Friendly Airbrush Tattoos
- Spectacular Fireworks Show

Limited Space • Snow or Shine • Register MiamiTwpOH.gov
Call (513) 248-3727 for additional information.

Friday, FEB 26 • 6:30 pm

\$5 (Person) • Miami Township Civic Center