

COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE

**Filling gaps in local healthcare services, reducing hospital admissions, and
un-needed emergency department usage**

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In the Community Paramedic position, LT Jim Petry conducts fall prevention evaluations and education, home safety assessments, medication education, and communicates directly with the resident's primary care physician if needed, all in the privacy and convenience of their own home. (Full story on page 14)

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Best of the East Recognition



Miami Township is proud to have reached the final round in Cincy Magazines 'Best of the East' competition in the categories of Best Parks and Best Summer Camps.

During this pandemic our Service and Recreation departments have stepped up to meet the challenges of life with COVID-19 in a big way.

The Service Department does an incredible job keeping Township parks clean and beautiful. Everyone seems to be looking to get outside in the fresh air these days, and it's great to know we can find sanctuary in one, or all of our great parks!

Likewise, our Recreation staff has worked tirelessly to comply with state and CDC guidelines while delivering great programs to keep children and adults active. Well done!

You can show your appreciation for our great parks and Summer Camps by going to cincymagazine.com/best-of-the-east and voting today!



Welcome New Businesses

We appreciate the investments made in our community by several new businesses. These investments by the private sector work towards our goal of diversifying our tax base and providing new jobs for residents. Please join us in welcoming the following new businesses to the community.



- **Drayer Physical Therapy** - 1077 State Route 28
- **AAAA Driving School** - 1375 State Route 28
- **Stone Sensations** - 1273 Woodville Pike
- **Three Tree Bakery** - 1220 State Route 28
- **Nations Lending Office** - 5989 Meijer Drive
- **Stutzman Enterprise** - 1375 State Route 28
- **Fuego** - 1222 State Route 28
- **Propane King** - 1308 US Route 50
- **Gemini Pools** - 1368 State Route 131
- **McHarper Manor Art Studio** - 1015 State Route 28
- **Boost Mobile** - 1057 State Route 28
- **B-Tak Photography** - 931 State Route 28
- **Genesis Web Studio** - 931 State Route 28
- **Shear Pawfection** - 892 State Route 28
- **Boss Auto Sales** - 1239 State Route 28
- **T-Mobile** - 1068 State Route 28
- **In The Node** - 1232 State Route 131
- **Michael Scott Graphics** - 1015 State Route 28
- **CorteX Racing** - 1280 State Route 28
- **Just Guns and Ammo** - 1366 State Route 131
- **1st Gear Auto Sales** - 1111 State Route 131
- **Vibe Nutrition Club** - 5870 Cook Road

Citizens Police Academy Graduates 25th Class

The MTPD graduated 14 citizens from the Citizens Police Academy. This is the 25th class to graduate from the Academy since it was established in 1998. To date, over 385 citizens have completed the Academy.

The Citizens Police Academy is a ten week program that meets one evening per week and introduces students to different functions and components of the Police Department.

Upon completion of the Citizens Police Academy, graduates are invited to join the Alumni Association with members from previous academies. The Alumni Association is very active in Miami Township and Clermont County. Many of the events offered by Miami Township are successful due in part to the volunteerism of the Police Academy Alumni.

Congratulations to the students of Session XXIV of the Miami Township Police Department Citizens Police Academy! We at Miami Township look forward to a very successful partnership for many years to come.

For more information about the Citizens Police Academy, contact Lieutenant Ted Swain at 248-3721 or visit us on the web at MiamiTwpOH.gov.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Pedestrian Connectivity to Subdivisions & Parks



Brian Elliff
 Planning & Zoning Administrator

Pedestrian pathways between adjoining neighborhoods and between parkland and neighborhoods provides an important community amenity. Pedestrian connections allow residents to walk from their own neighborhoods to adjoining neighborhoods and parks, without having to travel along busy collector roads. In some cases, a single connection

point opens access not only between the two adjoining subdivisions, but multiple nearby residential areas as well.

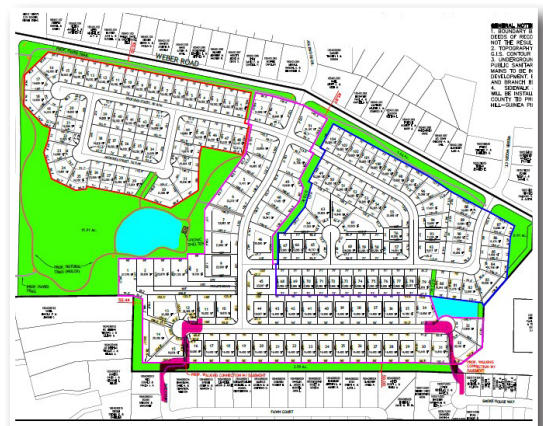
Planned Unit Development zoning can help influence subdivision design to provide pathways between neighborhoods that might not occur under customary subdivision regulations. Two recent examples in Miami Township were planned to provide improve pedestrian connectivity. In the Willowbrook Farm subdivision, pedestrian paths tie together the new subdivision with the existing Deerhaven and Weber Oaks developments. Residents in other nearby subdivisions can also take advantage of these key connection points.

In the Mills of Miami subdivision, a recently constructed pathway provides pedestrian access from the subdivision to Miami Meadows Park. Similar

connector paths provide park access in other neighborhoods within Miami Township as well. Shown below are connecting walkways between the Deer Woods subdivision and Miami Meadows Park, the Hunt Club subdivision and Community Park and the Hunters Ridge Farms subdivision and Miami Meadows Park. Through these paths, residents may easily visit the nearby parks without having to drive or walk along busy or inconvenient connector roads to get to the same place.



Connector Path from Deer Woods to Miami Meadows



Planned Connector Path from Willowbrook Farm to Deer Haven



Connector Path from Hunt Club to Community Park

MIAMI TOWNSHIP POLICE

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A 'Petro' Goodbye



LT Kevin Petrocelli (Ret.)

I am Lieutenant Kevin Petrocelli and I retired after 25 years of police service. I want to take a moment and share some of my thoughts about working for the great people of Miami Township.

Before joining the Miami Township Police Department, I made a conscious decision to pursue my dream of serving people in my community. I was called to this profession for many reasons and I knew Miami Township was the right place for me to thrive. I made a promise to serve my community to the best of my ability and it was a responsibility I did not take lightly.

I made the decision that I would do my best to serve the community of Miami Township. During every encounter, I wanted people to feel as though they were heard and understood. It was of utmost importance to me that these interactions were as positive as possible. I recognized people want to be treated with respect and dignity and I did my best to leave every situation in a positive light. Days leading up to my retirement, many people reached out to say thank you for serving them during their darkest times. Many simply stated I would be missed and they enjoyed my positive attitude. For me, these messages solidified that I had completed what I set out to do: to serve my community, one person, one interaction at a time! For that, I am forever grateful.

I would be remiss not to mention that this entire realization would not have been possible without your support! This community has supported us and the Township as a whole. If it wasn't for your support of the police, I could not have served you at this level. I want to leave you with this final message. As I retire from Miami Township and become the Assistant Chief of Police at the University of Dayton, I want you to know you are in excellent hands. The men and women of this police department are the most caring individuals that I have ever met. We have a saying around Miami Township called "GEM" which is code for "Going the Extra Mile". I know wholeheartedly this department adheres to this philosophy. In addition, the Board of Trustees and the Township Administrator, Jeff Wright are doing great work to keep Miami Township one of the best places to live, work, and raise a family. My hat is off to each of the residents of Miami Township and each member of your family. Thanks so much for all of your support!



MIAMI TOWNSHIP POLICE
SHOP with a COP

Supported by Businesses & Residents of Miami Township

The "Shop With A Cop" program allows children in the community, selected by the Miami Township Police Department, to shop with a police officer for Christmas gifts for their brothers, sisters or parents. While the program is not designed to allow the child to buy gifts for themselves, the police officers will often allow the child to pick something out if there are funds available.

"The children we select come from backgrounds where, through no fault of their own, they don't get as much as a typical child in the community," said Officer Skip Rasfeld, who is the Miami Township Police Department's Drug Abuse Resistance and Education (DARE) officer in the local schools.

The Miami Township Police Department receives donations from local businesses and residents to help fund the event. About 16 uniformed officers donate their time by showing up the night of the event and walking the aisles with the children. More than 30 volunteers from the Miami Township Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association and employees from the township also donate their time to wrap the presents for the children to take home.

Officer Rasfeld and the Miami Township Police Department are still seeking donations from businesses and residents for this year's event.

Every cent of the donations is spent on the children and the department does not set aside any money from the donations for the supplies or administration involved in the program.

All donations should be made payable to the "Miami Township Police Association Shop with a Cop" and mailed to the Miami Township Police Department, 5900 McPicken Drive, Miami Township, OH 45150. Donations can also be dropped off in person. More information about the event can be obtained by calling Officer Rasfeld at (513) 248-3721 or sending an email Skip.Rasfeld@MiamiTwpOH.gov.



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 (see receipt for refund policy). Financial assistance scholarships are available to Miami Township residents who meet assistance requirements. Direct your questions to the Recreation Department at 248-3727.

PRESCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Online Registration available at
Register.MiamiTwpOH.gov

PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE FOR UPDATES!

PLAYGROUP PRIMETIME

Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 am; **MTCC**
(Ages 0-4) \$40 R - \$50 NR (Family/Session)
Session 1: JAN 7-FEB 11
Session 2: FEB 18-MAR 25
Session 3: APR 1-MAY 13 (No Class 4/8)

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!!



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

SNOW DAY

Friday, JAN 22; 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. You can even come in your PJs! There will be snow crafts, games, snack and a story.

FUN AND FITNESS

Friday, FEB 19; 10-11:30 am; **MTCC**
(Ages 3-5) \$15 R - \$20 NR
We will work on small motor skills by doing some building with different things and then help our muscles by doing some moving to music plus a little intro to yoga and fun games. A story and snack are included as well.



PRINCESS PARTY

Friday, MAR 19; 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 with a special princess snack. Don't forget to dress like your favorite princess for the special princess party!



LIL' NATURE

Friday, APR 16; 10-11:30 am; **MTCC**
(Ages 3-5) \$15 R - \$20 NR
Let's talk about bugs and butterflies and other creepy, crawling spring things! We will do a craft, story, and snack all related to spring! Weather permitting, we will go on a hike and do some exploring!

FUN IN THE SUN!

Friday, MAY 7; 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 get ready for summer! We will play games, read a summer story and have an "ocean" snack! Yay, summer is coming!



TEENS

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. The 2021 Summer Camp program promotes responsibility, teamwork, leadership, and communication. This is a 3+ week volunteer program that includes field experience and training to learn about camp procedures, safety procedures, and positive camper interaction. The selected candidates will be contacted for an interview and during that time the program scheduling will be discussed with candidate's availability. The successful candidate will be notified of program acceptance. The applicant can stop by the Miami Township Recreation Department to pick up a packet during business hours which are Monday through Friday 8:00 am until 4:30 pm and is required to turn in the YELL Application before Friday, January 22nd.



SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Lifelong Learning Centers are Open. Clermont Senior Services offer lifelong learning & senior activities at the Miami Township Civic Center. Call Lori Malpass from Clermont Senior Services at 248-4345 for more information.

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Krystin Thibodeau

As we prepare for the upcoming holiday's I am certain we are all being creative in our planning efforts to

adjust to the current situation. It's most definitely not business as usual in any way and adjust and adapt seems to be the status quo. It has been a tough eight months for our department as we have had to cancel many programs and events that we look forward to each season.

We are taking the same approach with our upcoming Winter and Spring programs and events. We will be providing some programs for adults and school-agers, but they are limited in class size. I would encourage you to register early if you see a program you are interested in.

Upcoming events in the spring are subject to cancellation. Please check our website for information.

We have made the decision to move our annual Daddy Daughter Valentine Dances to Friday April 30th and Saturday May 1st this year. With this move the name will change to the "Daddy Daughter Spring Fling." This is a very popular event and we know participants will make memories no matter in what month it happens.

Summer Camp programs will be on our website in late January or early February so to ensure a spot for your child register early. 2021 sports field requests begin January 1st. A letter describing the process and fees as well as other forms can be found on our website on the Recreation page.

Enjoy the magic of this holiday season and enjoy things in the moment. As my Grandmother always would say "This too shall pass." It is always true.

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 SPORTS & WELLNESS

Online Registration available at
Register.MiamiTwpOH.gov

PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE FOR UPDATES!**MAT PILATES**

Mondays, 7-8:00 pm; **MTCC**

\$50 R - \$60 NR (Session)

Session 1: JAN 4-FEB 8 (No Class 1/18)

Session 2: FEB 22-MAR 22

Session 3: APR 5-MAY 3

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. Please bring a mat or large towel. The views and opinions of this vendor do not necessarily state or reflect those of Miami Township.

TAI CHI EASY

Tuesdays (Adults/Teens) **MTCC**

\$60 R session - \$70 NR (Session)

Session 1: JAN 5-FEB 9; 5:00-6:00 pm

Session 2: JAN 5-FEB 9; 6:30-7:30 pm

Session 3: FEB 23-MAR 30; 5:00-6:00 pm

Session 4: FEB 23-MAR 30; 6:30-7:30 pm

Pre-registration required. Limited Space.

No Drop-Ins. We will provide a lovely, retreat-like atmosphere in the Miami Township Civic Center for your relaxation and joy. Dr. Rosenbaum is a practicing Holistic Clinical Pharmacist and Tai Chi Practice Leader who traveled to China years ago to learn about global healthcare solutions. The views and opinions of this vendor do not necessarily state or reflect those of Miami Township.

LINE DANCING WORKSHOP

Wednesdays; JAN 6, 13 & 20; **LH**

6:30-7:30 pm; \$20 R - \$25 NR (Session)

Want to learn or practice those fun dances that others do at weddings? Come to this workshop and master the Electric Slide, Cha Cha Slide, Cupid Shuffle, and The Wobble. Erica is successful at teaching beginners how to dance and she truly understands and caters to the beginner dancer. The views and opinions of this vendor do not necessarily state or reflect those of Miami Township.

LINE DANCING WITH ERICA

Erica Robinson-Gripp has a passion for line dancing and for contemporary Christian music. She fused the two together and founded FUE-LD, which means "Fun, Uplifting, Encouraging ~ Line Dancing." Burning calories has never been so much fun. No special clothes or shoes are required. Come as you are and dance with us. The views and opinions of this vendor do not necessarily state or reflect those of Miami Township.

Wednesdays; LH; 6:30 pm-7:30 pm

\$30 R - \$35 NR (Session)

Session 1: FEB 3-MAR 3

Session 2: MAR 10-APR 7

Session 3: APR 14-MAY 12

**PICKLEBALL**

The leaders/coordinators for the Pickleball classes and clinics are Reese Reese and Anita Smith and they have been playing Pickleball for about 4 years. We are glad to have them with their zeal to foster the sport of Pickleball in Miami Township. Court location is Community Park, 5951 Buckwheat Road. Please bring your own Pickleball paddle and balls to class.

PICKLEBALL BEGINNERS CLASS

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America. The game combines elements of tennis, ping-pong and badminton. The rules are simple, and the game is easy for beginners to learn. Pickleball Beginners Class will meet for a total of two hours. Pre-registration required.

Mondays, APR 26 & MAY 3; **CP**

6:30-7:30 pm; \$15 R - \$20 - NR (Session)

Wednesdays, JUN 23 & JUN 30; **CP**

9:30-10:30 am; \$15 R - \$20 - NR (Session)

Saturday, MAY 8; 9-11 am; **CP**

\$15 R - \$20 - NR (Session)

PICKLEBALL 101 SKILLS CLINICS

Pre-registration Required

CP • \$10 R - \$15 NR

DINKING 101

What is dinking? A dink is a shot used to make your opponent's next shot unattainable. This means that if your opponent tries to hit your shot hard, it will either hit the net or hit it out. Join Reese & Anita to learn and practice dinking. Monday, MAY 10; 9:30-10:30 am or Wednesday JUN 2; 9:30-10:30 am

SERVING & 3rd SHOT DROPS 101

Monday MAY 17; 9:30-10:30 am or Wednesday JUN 9; 9:30-10:30 am Reese & Anita will teach you about the most important part of the Pickleball game which comes down to the shot coming after the return of the serve that can make the biggest impact. If done correctly, the third shot drop can allow you to move up to the net while neutralizing your opponent's advantage.

DOUBLES STRATEGY 101

Monday MAY 24; 9:30-10:30 am or

Wednesday JUN 16; 9:30-10:30 am

Want to learn doubles strategies on positioning of serves and returns?

Communicating with your partner is key while thinking ahead and playing smart not hard. Learning how to minimize errors, keeping shots low and observing your opponents are strategies you will practice with Reese & Anita.

COMMUNITY CPR

Please note that all CPR classes are suspended until further notice. Check the website Register.MiamiTwpOH.gov and click on Adult Wellness and classes will be listed when the suspension is lifted.

WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE

Saturday, MAR 13; **MTCC**

(Ages 14+) 9 am-Noon; 5 R - \$10 NR

Join Miami Township Police Officers for self-defense training. The WSD program is about empowering women to not panic and 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.

MEN'S RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL

Please check the website for updates.

HI-LO AQUAFLOW

Please check the website for updates.

YOGA, MINDFULNESS & MORE

Please check the website for updates.



Scotty Scott has over 40 years of experience in the fishing and tackle retail business. He has fished in 25 states and many local places catching multiple species. Scotty is a "Certified Fishing Instructor" from the State of Ohio. You will enjoy his relaxed and conversational style of presenting. These classes are designed for kids ages 7+ and adults. Registration is required. Children are required to be supervised by an adult. The view and opinions of this vendor do not necessarily state or reflect those of Miami Township.

CRAPPIE FISHING

IN SOUTHWEST OHIO

Wednesday, FEB 17; **MTCC**

6:30-7:30 pm; \$5 (Person)

Want to learn about 4-5 places to fish for crappies within a one hour drive from Miami Township? Scotty will talk about bait, lures, equipment and tips to fish for crappies. Crappie fishing is fun for the whole family!

TIPS OF FISHING

IN SOUTHWEST OHIO

Wednesday, MAR 10; **MTCC**

6:30-7:30 pm; \$5 (Person)

Scotty wants to share the secrets of fishing in Southwest Ohio in the different lakes, rivers and streams within a one hour drive from Miami Township. He is a fishing pro and knows what fish species are common in these diverse places and will give you tips, techniques and safe access areas. He can educate you on the bait, lures, tackle and equipment that are best to use.

VINTAGE FISHING LURES

Tuesday, MAR 30; **MTCC**

6:30-7:30 pm; \$5 (Person)

Join Scotty who has been collecting vintage fishing lures and tackle for over 30 years. Scotty enjoys collecting and fishing with vintage fishing tackle because of its fascinating history and stories. Hand carved and individually assembled with beauty and creativity, vintage tackle expresses the types of fishing methods that were used during the era in which Ohio and Kentucky were a hub. Have you ever wondered if that stuff in your dad or grandpa's tackle box is a hidden antique gem? This class will help you determine the value of your treasures and inform you of local collector clubs, shows and information. The collectors club will be there to give appraisals.

SECRETS OF FISHING

THE LITTLE MIAMI RIVER

Thursday, APR 29; **MTCC**

6:30-7:30 pm; \$5 (Person)

Come learn from the pro. Scotty has been fishing for 40 years and wants to share the secrets of fishing the Little Miami River. He knows the fish species that are common in the Little Miami, public access points and safe areas to fish. He can educate you on the bait, lures, tackle and equipment that are best for this river. He can give you tips and tricks on canoe & kayak fishing too.

KAYAK FISHING

Tuesday, MAY 11; **MTCC**

6:30-7:30 pm; \$5 (Person)

Join Scotty in this popular activity that all the fishermen are excited about! He will share with you the best places to kayak fish within one-hour of Miami Township and safe access points. He will review kayak rentals and purchasing your own with the different styles that are available. There will be several kayaks for you to check out and fishing techniques and other gear will be talked about.

DECEMBER 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 HANDMADE CARD MAKING 6:30 pm • MTCC	3 ZONING COMMISSION 7:00 pm • MTCC	4	5 HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST Entry Deadline CIVIC CENTER IN LIGHTS 5:30-8:30 pm MTCC 
6 TRUSTEE WORK SESSION 8:30 am • MTCC BOARD of ZONING APPEALS 7:00 pm • MTCC	7	8	9	10 GINGERBREAD DECORATING 6:30 pm • MTCC Please check website for updates!	11 ANIMAL KINGDOM! 10:00 am • MTCC	12 HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST Judging Day
13	14	15 TRUSTEE BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 pm • MTCC	16	17	18	19
20  FIRST DAY OF WINTER	21	22	23	24	25  CHRISTMAS DAY Township Offices Closed	26
27	28	29	30	31		




JANUARY 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					 NEW YEAR'S DAY <i>Township Offices Closed</i>	
3	BOARD of ZONING APPEALS 7:00 pm • MTCC MAT PILATES Thru FEB 8 • MTCC	TAI CHI EASY Thru FEB 9 • MTCC CLEAR CLUTTER (Head, Heart & Home) 7:00 pm • MTCC	LINE DANCING WORKSHOP Thru JAN 20 • LH	ZONING COMMISSION 7:00 pm • MTCC PLAYGROUP PRIMETIME Thru FEB 11 • MTCC		
10	TRUSTEE WORK SESSION 8:30 am • MTCC	TAX PLANNING 7:00 pm • MTCC	YOUR CREDIT REPORT 7:00 pm • MTCC			
17	 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY <i>Township Offices Closed</i>	TRUSTEE BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 pm • MTCC	POTTERY & PAINTING & JAN 27 • MTCC		SNOW DAY 10:00 am • MTCC (YELL) APPLICATIONS DUE Youth Engaged in Leadership & Learning	
24	TAX PLANNING 7:00 pm • MTCC	HOME BUYING 7:00 pm • MTCC				
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FEBRUARY 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 BOARD of ZONING APPEALS 7:00 pm • MTCC FLOWER ARRANGING 6:30 pm • MTCC	 2 GROUNDHOG DAY BEGINNING BEEKEEPING & FEB 9 • MTCC CLEAR THE CLUTTER (Closet) 7:00 pm • MTCC	3 LINE DANCING WITH ERICA Thru MAR 3 • LH	4 ZONING COMMISSION 7:00 pm • MTCC	5	6
7	8 TRUSTEE WORK SESSION 8:30 am • MTCC	9 HOME BUYING 7:00 pm • MTCC	10	11 BEGINNING INVESTING 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 FISHING IN SW OHIO 6:30 pm • MTCC	18 PLAYGROUP PRIMETIME Thru MAR 25 • MTCC BEGINNING INVESTING 7:00 pm • MTCC	19 FUN AND FITNESS 10:00 am • MTCC	20
21	22 MAT PILATES Thru MAR 22 • MTCC	23 CLEAR CLUTTER (Kids & Craft Space) 7:00 pm • MTCC TAI CHI EAY Thru MAR 30 • MTCC	24	25 YOUR CREDIT REPORT 7:00 pm • MTCC	26	27
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MARCH 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 HANDMADE CARD MAKING 6:30 pm • MTCC	2 CLEAR THE CLUTTER (Office) 7:00 pm • MTCC	3	4 ZONING COMMISSION 7:00 pm • MTCC	5	6
7	8 TRUSTEE WORK SESSION 8:30 am • MTCC BOARD of ZONING APPEALS 7:00 pm • MTCC	9 TAE KWON DO Thru MAY 13 • MTCC YOUR CREDIT REPORT 7:00 pm • MTCC	10 LINE DANCING WITH ERICA Thru APR 7 • LH FISHING IN SW OHIO 6:30 pm • MTCC	11 STOCK MARKET DOs & DONTs 7:00 pm • MTCC	12	13 WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE 9:00 am • MTCC
14  DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS • Turn Clocks Ahead • Change Smoke Detector Batteries	15	16 TRUSTEE BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 pm • MTCC	17  ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18	19 PRINCESS PARTY 10:00 am • MTCC	20 
21	22 FLOWER ARRANGING 6:30 pm • MTCC STOCK MARKET DOs & DONTs 7:00 pm • MTCC	23	24	25 HOME BUYING 7:00 pm • MTCC	26	27  EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA 10:00 am • MTCC (FREE!)
28	29 SOCCER SHOTS MINI SOCCER SHOTS CLASSIC SOCCER SHOTS PREMIERE Thru MAY 17 • LH	30 BEGINNING GOLF CAMP Thru APR 20 • CP VINTAGE FISHING LURES 6:30 pm • MTCC CLEAR YOUR PARENTS CLUTTER 7:00 pm • MTCC	31 SOCCER SHOTS MINI SOCCER SHOTS CLASSIC SOCCER SHOTS PREMIERE Thru MAY 19 • MR TENNIS CAMP Thru APR 21 • CP			

KIDS ACTIVITIES

Online Registration available at
Register.MiamiTwpOH.gov

PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE FOR UPDATES!



TAE KWON DO

Classes are being offered at the Miami Township Civic Center 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.
Tuesdays & Thursdays (Ages 6+) MTCC \$85 R - \$100 NR (Session)
MAR 9-MAY 13 (No Class 4/6 or 4/8)

Soccer Shots

Miami Township has partnered with Soccer Shots to bring you soccer programs for your children. Soccer Shots has a relentless commitment to providing best-in-class coaching, communication and curriculum as they teach your child the fundamentals of soccer in a non-competitive environment. Soccer Shots coaches are selected and evaluated to not only coach soccer, but also to engage and inspire children. Parents will receive a weekly summary of what their child is learning. The developmentally appropriate curriculum places an emphasis on character development and skill building. Our program is created under the guidance of childhood education specialists, professional soccer players and experienced and licensed soccer coaches who are trained in the use of developmentally appropriate techniques. All equipment will be provided. Shin guards and cleats are not required.

Note: Parents must be present during ALL classes. Sign up for these programs at SoccerShots.org/cincinnatiorth

SOCCER SHOTS MINI

5:30-6:00 pm (Ages 2-3) \$100 R - \$120 NR
Session 1: Mons, MAR 29-MAY 17; **LH**
Session 2: Weds, MAR 31-MAY 19; **MR**
Soccer Shots Mini is a high-energy program introducing children to fundamental soccer principles, such as using your feet, dribbling and the basic rules of the game. Through fun games, songs and positive reinforcement, children will begin to experience the joy of playing soccer and being active.

SOCCER SHOTS CLASSIC

6:10-6:45 pm (Ages 3½-5) \$100 R - \$120 NR
Session 1: Mons, MAR 29-MAY 17; **LH**
Session 2: Weds, MAR 31-MAY 19; **MR**
Soccer Shots Classic utilizes creative and imaginative games to focus on basic soccer skills like dribbling, passing and shooting. We also highlight a positive character trait each session such as respect, teamwork and appreciation.



SOCCER SHOTS PREMIER

6:55-7:35 pm (Ages 6-8) \$100 R - \$120 NR
Session 1: Mons, MAR 29-MAY 17; **LH**
Session 2: Weds, MAR 31-MAY 19; **MR**
Soccer Shots Premier focuses on individual skill, fitness and sportsmanship, providing an opportunity for children to be challenged through fun games and team interaction. Children will also be introduced to competition in a developmentally appropriate manner.

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 Skyhawks.com for these camps. Participants should bring appropriate clothing, running shoes, and water bottle.

BEGINNING GOLF CAMP

5:15-7:15 pm (Ages 5-9) **CP**
\$70 R - \$80 NR (Session)
Session 1: Tuesdays, MAR 30-APR 20
Session 2: Tuesdays, MAY 4-25
Back by popular demand! Kids will learn the fundamentals of swinging, putting, and body positioning. Skyhawks has adopted the ShortGolf® system to its curriculum. ShortGolf® is specifically designed for the entry-level player. ShortGolf® simplifies instruction so that young players can make an easy and effective transition onto the golf course. All equipment provided.

TENNIS CAMP

5:15-7:15 pm (Ages 6-10) **CP Courts**
\$70 R - \$80 NR (Session)
Session 1: Wednesdays, MAR 31-APR 21
Session 2: Wednesdays, MAY 5-26
In Skyhawks tennis programs, players learn proper grips, footwork, strokes, volleys and serves during a series of drills designed to teach skills in a fun and dynamic way. Athletes also learn the rules and etiquette that make tennis an exciting game. Don't forget your racket! Due to limited court space, these programs fill quickly.

MINI-HAWK CAMP

Thursdays, APR 1-22; 5:15-7:15 pm; **PR**
(Ages 5-8) \$70 R - \$80 NR
This multi-sport program was developed to give children a positive first step into athletics. Baseball, basketball and soccer are taught in a safe, structured environment filled with encouragement and fun. Through games and activities, campers explore balance, hand/eye coordination, and skill development at their own pace.

FLAG FOOTBALL CAMP

Thursdays, MAY 6-27; 5:15-7:15 pm; **MMP**
(Ages 6-12) \$70 R - \$80 NR
Flag Football is the perfect introduction to "America's Game." Campers learn skills on both sides of the football including the core components of passing, catching, and defense – all presented in a fun and positive environment.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Online Registration available at
Register.MiamiTwpOH.gov

PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE FOR UPDATES!



POTTERY HAND BUILDING & PAINTING CLASS

Wednesdays, JAN 20 and JAN 27; 6-7:30 pm; **MTCC**; \$20 R Adult, \$25 R child - \$25 NR Adult, \$30 NR child
Bring your family and join Ann Flynn with Star Glazers to learn with clay! In the first class, students will create original pieces (of your choice) to be fired in the kiln. Don't worry! Star Glazers brings lots of examples to copy or to spark your imagination! You'll paint the pieces in the second class. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. All supplies provided. The created work will be returned to the Miami Township Recreation Department for pick up at a later date. Pre-registration required. Space is Limited.

DADDY-DAUGHTER SPRING FLING

Friday, MAY 14 or Saturday, MAY 15; **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 designate which evening you prefer on your registration form. Come and dance to the music, make crafts, enjoy a snack and other activities. Please bring your own camera for that cherished Daddy-Daughter photo. Escorts may be father or another significant parental figure. Dressy attire. Pre-registration required, and space is limited. **REGISTER EARLY THIS EVENT SELLS OUT!**

HANDMADE CARD MAKING CLASS

Monday, MAR 1; 6:30-7:30 pm; **MTCC**
(Ages 8+) \$5 R - \$10 NR
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.

MIAMI TOWNSHIP'S EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, MAR 27; 10:00 am-Noon
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 have fun! **NO EGG HUNT.** Parents bring your cameras to take that special picture.

KIDS ONLY FISHING TOURNAMENT

Catch & Release
Saturday, APR 24; **MML**; **FREE EVENT!**
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. Bait will be provided at a nominal fee.



2021 CONCERT SERIES

When the schedule is finalized it will be posted on "Free Events" at www.Register.MiamiTwpOH.gov. Bring your whole family and don't forget to bring lawn chairs or a blanket.

ADULT ACTIVITIES

Online Registration available at
Register.MiamiTwpOH.gov

**PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE FOR
 UPDATES!**

**BEGINNING BEEKEEPING**

Tuesday, Feb 2 & 9; **MTCC**

7-8:30 pm; \$10 (2 Classes)

Join Debbie Miller, avid backyard beekeeper, during this fun time to explore beginner beekeeping. Debbie wants to share with you what she has learned with over 40 years of her experience. We will be talking about beekeeping basics, equipment and resources.

GET TO IT.... TAX PLANNING

Tuesday, JAN 12 **or** Monday, JAN 25

7-8:00 pm; **MTCC**; \$5 (Person)

Are you wondering when is the best time to take money out of your IRA or 401(K) so you don't have to pay excess taxes? This year...next year? Ben Jacobs along with Guest speaker Steve Hood, CPA with Brixey & Meyer, will explain how to arrange your assets to minimize your tax burden. He will break down some of the language of estate taxes, traditional vs Roth IRA rollovers, taxation of social security and pension income. What's new for 2021! There will be NO products or services sold during this presentation. Pre-registration required. Limited Space.

**BEGINNING INVESTING**

Thursday, FEB 11 **or** Thursday, Feb 18

7-8:30 pm; **MTCC**; \$5 (Person)

Have you socked away money for a rainy day and now you have built up a nest egg and are wondering what to do with it? Is your bank giving you a low interest rate and you know you can make more? Ben Jacobs is an investment advisor with Waterstone Investment Counsel, LLC and wants to explain the foreign language of investing. He wants you to understand basic investment concepts such as how stocks and bonds work, the differences in mutual funds vs Exchange Traded Funds (ETF's) and how annuities work. Ben has come across many heart-breaking situations where people invest their money in the wrong type of investments. He wants to help you understand, so YOU can make better financial decisions. There will be NO products or services sold during this presentation. Pre-registration required. Limited Space.

**STOCK MARKET
 INVESTING DO's & DON'Ts**

Thursday, MAR 11 **or** Monday, MAR 22

7-8:30 pm; **MTCC**; \$5 (Person)

The stock market is a wonderful way to invest and grow your wealth. There are many common mistakes that individual investors make when investing, from buying and selling at the wrong time to watching too much CNBC. The good news is we can identify those mistakes and learn from them. In this class we will explore the stock market and some of the most common mistakes investors make and how to avoid those pitfalls. Pre-registration required. Limited Space.

TIPS FOR ESTATE PLANNING

Thursday, APR 8 **or** Tuesday, APR 13

7-8:30 pm; **MTCC**; \$5 (Person)

Haven't we all heard horror stories about probate court? Don't you want to be better prepared by having your affairs in order? This class will help people of all ages prepare for the unexpected. Ben Jacobs has firsthand experience with this topic. He is going to help you understand how to properly title your assets, wills, living wills, avoid probate, and understand gifting / wealth transfer. If time allows, he will talk about revocable and irrevocable trusts. There will be NO products or services sold during this presentation. Pre-registration required. Limited Space.

FLOWER ARRANGING CLASSES

FEB 1 – Valentine's Day Centerpiece

MAR 22 – Spring is Here Arrangement

MAY 3 – Everything Pink Arrangement

Monday, 6:30-8:00 pm (Adults/Kids 10+)

MTCC; \$30 R-\$35 NR (Person/Class)

Pre-registration required.

You will be so proud of yourself to see the creation that you have made with the expert guidance of Donna Stamper, owner of Jay's Florist, to create a fresh flower arrangement for the season. 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.

**UNDERSTANDING
 YOUR CREDIT REPORT**

7-8:00 pm; **MTCC**; \$5 (Person)

Wednesday, JAN 13 **or**

Thursday, FEB 25 **or**

Tuesday, MAR 9 **or**

Thursday, APR 22 **or**

Tuesday, MAY 4

Learn how to check your credit report for FREE. Want to know how to improve or fix mistakes on your credit report without paying large sums of money to a credit counselor to do it? Sharon Wilson (NMLS #1425217), Senior Loan Officer, from Ruoff Mortgage will lead this class. The materials and principals used during this class are from the FTC website and from Sharon's 35 years of experience in the industry. There will be NO products or services sold during this presentation. Pre-registration required. Limited Space.

HOME BUYING CLASS

7-8:00 pm; **MTCC**; \$5 (Person)

Tuesday, JAN 26 **or**

Tuesday, FEB 9 **or**

Thursday, MAR 25 **or**

Tuesday, APR 6 **or**

Thursday, MAY 20

Do you want to buy a house and be educated in the process? This is the class for you! How much house can you afford? What type of loan should you select? Inspection, appraisals, closing, title company are all terms that Sharon Wilson (NMLS #1425217), Senior Loan Officer with Ruoff Mortgage will dissect for you. There will be NO products or services sold during this presentation. Pre-registration required. Limited Space. The views and opinions of Sharon Wilson and Ruoff Mortgage Bank do not necessarily state or reflect those of Miami Township.

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Barb McIntosh is a professional organizer, the creator and owner of Just Breathe Organizing with over 25 years of experience. Barb's passion and talent is to create innovative, enjoyable and effortless techniques of organized living. Barb's expert advice will equip you with some DIY tips to tackle the most challenging projects. Image saving time and money by taking one room at a time and conquering the space and learning how to keep it that way. Organizing your house and ridding it of clutter can reduce your housework load by 40%.

**CLEAR THE CLUTTER FROM
 YOUR HEAD, HEART & HOME**

Tuesday, JAN 5; 7-8:00 pm

MTCC; \$10 (Person)

Are you overwhelmed in your home and no longer enjoy coming home. Is your home not functioning at all and you just do not know where to begin to get it the way you would like it to function for your family? Have you lost a family member and can't bring yourself to go through the items yourself and there is so much guilt in getting rid of them? Barb will propose caring keys that can move you forward in clearing things from your head, heart & home to fast forward your New Years' resolution.

CLEAR THE CLOSET CLUTTER

Tuesday, FEB 2; 7-8:00 pm

MTCC; \$10 (Person)

Spring is coming up and being able to put a fresh look in your closet is so valuable to the beginning of your day! Do you spend too much time searching in your closet? Imagine if you could see all your shoes, shirts, pants, skirts and accessories with one glance! Barb can help you devise a plan to make your dream come true.

**CLEAR THE CLUTTER FROM
 KIDS AND CRAFT SPACE**

Tuesday, FEB 23; 7-8:00 pm

MTCC; \$10 (Person)

Are you tired of tripping over all those wires and toys. Keep kids toy/play areas organized and how to keep them involved in keeping it organized depending on their age. Also some great craft organizing ideas for kids and adults. Barb will provide you with some innovative ideas to declutter electronics, toys and/or hobby areas.

CLEAR THE OFFICE CLUTTER

Tuesday, MAR 2; 7-8:00 pm

MTCC; \$10 (Person)

Tired of wasting time looking for something buried on your desk? Barb will show you how to turn your filing system into a FINDING system and this will help you be more efficient and productive, saving time and money! Confused on when and what papers to shred? She has help in this area to lessen the paperwork and take away the fear of shredding. Barb has helped many business owners on minimizing the clutter in their office so that they can be more productive in their business and enjoy working at their desk again.

**CLEAR YOUR PARENTS CLUTTER
 PACKING YOUR HOME WITH PURPOSE**

Tuesday, MAR 30; 7-8:00 pm

MTCC; \$10 (Person)

Mom & Dad need to move, and you are assigned the job to transition them into a smaller living space. Should you have an estate sale, is there any value to some of their things, and can someone help pack up? Speaking from experience, Barb can help you better navigate those steps. This can be such an overwhelming and exhausting time and with family sometimes it's a good idea to have some outside perspective on orchestrating a plan. Not only has Barb done this for so many families/clients, but also did this for her own parents. She can give wonderful advice and referrals of companies to help minimize the apprehension of a move. Also, not only will Barb be giving you packing with a purpose for your parents, but for anyone packing your home. She will give ideas to simplify this process along with great resources.

CLEAR THE GARAGE CLUTTER

Tuesday, APR 27; 7-8:00 pm

MTCC; \$10 (Person)

Spring has sprung, and summer is around the corner! It's a great time for getting the garage cleared. Maybe you cannot remember the last time you were able to park your car in the garage. Do you only have a path to your car? The toys and tools have become overwhelming and you don't even know what is in there anymore. Cleaning up garages are often the most time consuming and energy demanding of tasks. Barb will share some great shelving and storage concepts specifically for the garage.

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**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 ask to be put on a waitlist for a plot and you will be contacted once the past participants have determined their involvement. The 10 x 20 size is \$40, 4 x 20 size is \$30, and the 4 x 10 size is \$25

MIAMI TOWNSHIP SERVICE

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Leadership Academy Graduate



Congratulations to Service Department Administrative Assistant, Jessica Hunt who completed the Center for Local Government Leadership Academy.

Leadership Academy classes are taught by a mix of local government practitioners and are designed to focus on practical applicable skills, such as effective communications, leadership styles, human resources and finance.

“The Leadership Academy was a great professional development tool that worked through real life scenarios to sharpen my leadership skills,” said Ms. Hunt. “It helped me to look at different situations through a new lens and to improve accountability. I learned skills to not only better myself, but that I could bring back to the Township to improve our organization and ultimately, our community.”

Participants also have an opportunity to meet and build relationships with people on a similar career track from neighboring jurisdictions. This helps spur future intergovernmental collaboration.

Winter Road Maintenance

As a reminder, Miami Township, the Clermont County Engineers Office, and the Ohio Department of Transportation maintain roads within Miami Township. Here is a list of who maintains what:

STATE ROADS

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) maintains the following roads within Miami Township:

- State Route 28 • State Route 48 • State Route 126
- State Route 131 • US Route 50

COUNTY ROADS

The Clermont County Engineers Office maintains the following roads within Miami Township:

- Branch Hill-Loveland Rd. • Branch Hill-Guinea Pike
- Branch Hill-Miamiville Rd. • Buckwheat Rd. • Business 28
- Cook Rd. • Deerfield Rd. • Loveland-Miamiville Rd.
- Paxton Rd. • Price Rd. • Round Bottom Rd. • Wards Corner Rd. • Wolfpen-Pleasant Hill Rd. • Woodville Rd.

They can be reached via telephone at (513) 732.8857, or on the web at ClermontEngineer.org.

All other roads within the Township, with the exception of private drives, are maintained by the Miami Township Service Department. We can be reached at (513) 248.3728.



Stay ‘Up to Date’ This Winter

Residents can keep up-to-date with the latest information regarding Service Departments progress during winter operations, we will be utilizing our Twitter account multiple times during every snow event this season. 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](https://twitter.com/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.



MIAMI TOWNSHIP FIRE & EMS

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Community Paramedic Program



Chief Steve Kelly

Miami Township Fire & EMS officially launched their new Community Paramedicine Program in August. This program provides a proactive approach to healthcare and offers a higher level of service to our community that supports our existing 911 services.

The purpose of this article is to educate and help answer the following questions:

- What is Community Paramedicine?
- What local organizations are involved with this new program, and how is the Community Paramedicine program funded?
- What were the steps involved to get us here?
 - Most importantly, how is this new program benefiting the residents of Miami Township?

Community Paramedicine is a relatively new healthcare concept which gained traction around 2014 after the passing of the Affordable Care Act in 2010. The goal of community paramedicine is to fill gaps in local healthcare services, reduce hospital admissions, and un-needed emergency department usage. This is accomplished by identifying the particular needs of a community and developing ways to meet those needs. The means to fulfill these needs may vary in different areas. The community paramedic's roles are based on community needs assessments conducted for each jurisdiction and are unique to the citizens of that community. Miami Township's needs assessment revealed sixty percent of our EMS calls for service involve older adults over the age of 65. A majority of these emergencies are related to falls, respiratory distress, heart conditions, and various other medical ailments. It is no secret that as we age, the need for healthcare significantly increases, and our healthcare systems are being significantly impacted. Another major element is the increasing numbers of baby boomers retiring and needing healthcare. There is also a need for mental health and substance abuse disorders, which are addressed through the Miami

Township Community Paramedicine program as well as an addiction response team that works jointly with the Clermont County Recovery Center. Traditionally, the primary focus of EMS has been to assess and treat the acute medical and trauma patient and then transport to an emergency department where the patient could receive advanced definitive care. While essential, and a first line action, this is a reactive approach to emergency healthcare whereas community paramedicine is a proactive and preventative approach.



Locally, Miami Township has partnered with Mercy Health Anderson Hospital and Tri-Health Bethesda North Hospital. Both of these excellent hospitals are constantly seeking new ways of connecting and delivering better healthcare to the Southwest Ohio region in coordination with the Ohio Healthcare Initiative 2020. To that end, through a mutual desire to deliver an additional layer of customer service and fill healthcare gaps, a collaboration formed between our organizations. By creating the Community Paramedicine Pilot Program as a team, we established goals and objectives that would directly benefit the health and wellbeing of Miami Township's residents. The Community Paramedic position and pilot program is funded through multiple sources. Primarily, it is funded through our fire department operating budget and is supplemented from both the Mercy Health Foundation and the Berning Foundation through Tri-health Hospital. Both of these generous community-minded healthcare foundations reimburse Miami Township Fire & EMS based on the amount of time our Community Paramedic spends working on behalf of each hospital system. The journey to get to this point involved many hours of planning, education, and collaborative meetings with each hospital system.

Lt. Jim Petry started investigating how a community paramedic program would work in Miami Township and its potential to bring a higher level of customer service to our residents with varying healthcare needs.

In 2015, he attended multiple seminars, completed trainings through the International Fire Fighters Association, and in 2016 he completed a sixteen credit-hour Community Paramedic certification through Hennepin Community College. Throughout 2017, he completed the required 180 hours of clinical time working with Miami Township residents, and through shadowing nurses at Bethesda North in various specialty departments. During those encounters and at every opportunity, he presented this concept to everyone in the local hospitals and healthcare systems to lay a foundation for future success.



Lieutenant Jim Petry

Like any important new concept, especially in the healthcare field, it took time to build the necessary relationships and partnerships throughout our area. Throughout 2018 and most of 2019, Chief Kelly and Lt. Petry met multiple times with administrative leaders in the Mercy and Tri-Health hospital systems. Many hours were spent reviewing protocols and discussing proposed contract language. Entering into 2020, all the planning, preparation, education, meetings, and valuable relationship building came to fruition, along with the full support of our Miami Township Trustees and the Community Paramedicine position began in a limited capacity. Throughout the trial period of the pilot program, it became evident very quickly that this program was able to have a direct impact on our residents and was a valuable asset to improving the provision of healthcare programs across Miami Township. In August of 2020, Lt. Petry was assigned to this new program in a full-time capacity to be able to dedicate the required time and effort to continue to make it a success.

The Community Paramedic position brings an additional level of customer service which cannot be done through our regular shift firefighter/paramedics. They do a spectacular job of rendering professional medical care, showing heartfelt compassion at the time of a medical or fire related emergency, but due to our increasing volume of calls for service, they must quickly prepare for the next emergency. This new position allows the Community Paramedic to spend quality time listening, evaluating, and advocating for the residents he encounters through our referral system. The Community Paramedic conducts fall prevention evaluations and education, home safety assessments, medication education, and communicates directly with the resident's primary care physician if needed, all in the privacy and convenience of their own home. Through the trusted relationship with their associated hospital system, Mercy or Tri-Health, the Community Paramedic acts as an agent to connect them with the appropriate medical services. When needed, they utilize and engage other available community resources like the Miami Township Police Department, Clermont Senior Services, the Council on Aging (COA), and any other organization who can assist with their needs. The overarching goal of the Miami Township Community Paramedicine Program is to provide the best healthcare service and customer service possible through utilization of any available resource to meet the various needs of our residents.

If you would like to request a visit from our Community Paramedic or have questions about the program, please give us a call at 513-248-3700.





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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
*** December meeting will be held on the 7th

Board of Zoning Appeals
7:00 pm, 1st Monday of Each Month

Zoning Commission
7:00 pm, 1st Thursday of Each Month

Stocking Stuffers



Give the gift of **hometown pride** this holiday season!
Magnets, Stickers, Flags and Shirts - in Stock & in Sizes Youth Small to Adult 3XL