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Nationally recognized artist & Miami Township resident, Kate Albert in front of a print of her painting titled 'Historic Miami Township'

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Historic Miami Township Unveiled



We are excited by the recent unveiling of local artist and Miami Township resident, Kate Albert's painting "Historic Miami Township," at the Miami Township Civic Center. The painting is the first of seven county-wide murals celebrating the country's semiquintcentennial and is part of the America 250 Project.

"Historic Miami Township" was painted in Mrs. Albert's unique, whimsical style, and depicts some of the key happenings over the last few centuries that have made

the Township what it is today: a home to over 44,000 residents and numerous businesses.

You may not have known that at one point, Miami Township grew a large portion of the nation's peaches; or that a Chautauqua opened here in 1890 and became a destination for thousands; or that a farmer ploughing his fields happened upon a diamond; or that Lincoln traveled through the area via train!

There are 20 key elements (and a bonus!) depicted in the painting with a brief description of each. Scan the QR code in the photo to the right to access the painting online and to get more information.

Special thanks to the Clermont County Convention & Visitors Bureau for leading the America250-Clermont County effort; the Milford Miami Township Chamber of Commerce for managing this project; and Ed Brady of Marvelous Milford for providing information and research for the painting. The painting will become an outdoor mural on the wall of the Miami Township Fitness Court studio in Community Park in 2025.

The structure will face Buckwheat Road, so people going up and down the street, to the school, to the library, will get to see it on a daily basis and hopefully appreciate what a great representation this is of the history of our community. As a Board, we constantly challenge Township staff to find creative pathways for additional funding to bring new and innovative things into our community. The fitness court is being built using ARPA funds and an existing grant the Township received from the National Fitness Campaign via the Ohio Township Association. This will be one of only four such structures installed in southwest Ohio.

The painting provides a snapshot of our rich and diverse area to life.

Visit the Civic Center to see the original, and you will see the mural on the Fitness Court coming to Community Park next spring!







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'Shop with a Cop' Reflects a Generous Community



Skip Rasfeld Officer & Police Association President

Shop with a Cop is the annual extravaganza that provides holiday gifts and items to families in need to ensure a happy holiday season. Shop with a Cop has been a fixture in Miami Township since 2000 and continues as the Miami Township Police Association's biggest fundraiser and community event of the year. Gifts, including every day essentials like toiletries, dishes, clothing or school supplies to more fun items like games, toys and sporting equipment are purchased for families in need to brighten everyone's holiday season. Officers from the Miami Township Police Department, the Goshen Township Police Department, the Ohio State Highway Patrol and other agencies and departments volunteer their time to shop with children that have been selected to partake in the event by local school personnel and our own School Resource Officers.

This year's Shop with a Cop event took place on December 11th. The event was held at the Meijer store on State Route 28 in Miami

Township. There were over 150 children invited to go shopping with countless officers, firefighters, Citizens' Police Academy Alumni Association members, Public Safety Cadets and others volunteering their time to ensure a memorable event. Each child is allowed to buy \$200 worth of gifts for their family and themselves.

Griff's Custom Cleaners partners with Shop with a Cop to collect coats to make sure each and every child and family have warm coats for the winter months. Griff's Custom Cleaners, located at 1019 State Route 28 in Miami Township, collects coats all year long if you want to donate a new or gently used coat. There is always a bigger need for children's sizes. To supplement the coat drive, the Miami Township Police Association also purchases over 100 new child sized coats to give away.

The Miami Township Police Association is a 501(c)3 public charity - so donations are tax deductible per IRS regulations and accepted all year long. If you would like to donate to this great cause, there are two ways in which to do so:

• Mail a check to the Miami Township Police Department at 5900 McPicken Drive, Miami Township, OH 45150. Make checks payable to Miami Township Police Association and, in the memo line, please write Shop with a Cop.

• The other way to donate is via the Miami Township Police Association's Charitable Venmo account. Search @*MiamiTownshipPoliceAssociation* or scan the QR code.

Thank you for your support!



Citizens Police Academy Graduates 29th Class

The MTPD graduated 17 citizens from the Citizens Police Academy. This is the 29th class to graduate from the Academy since it was established in 1998. To date, over 400 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.

Congratulations to the students of Session XXIX 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 Dan Tobias at (513) 248-3721 or visit us on the web at *MiamiTwpOH.gov*.



MIAMI TOWNSHIP POLICE

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Strategies to Thwart Porch Piracy



Staci Dold Officer

With the holiday season upon us, the volume of shipping and receiving packages will surge. This time of year, we aim to help you protect your valuable parcels and gift cards from porch pirates who might steal them.

While it's impossible to completely eliminate theft, research indicates that implementing the strategies outlined below can significantly deter those Grinches and Scrooges from spoiling your holiday spirit. We recognize that some suggestions are more budget-friendly than others, but using a mix of these methods has been shown to reduce package theft by 83%, according to a study conducted by the University of North Carolina. Pick the strategy that works best for you from these suggestions:

• Take advantage of package tracking. Package tracking provides you with the visibility to see your items move through the supply chain and determine the delivery time of your products.

• Require signatures for delivered items. Signature deliveries ensure that the product is being delivered to the correct recipient and provides proof in the event of a mishap.

- For Amazon purchases, consider using Amazon lockers or the Amazon Prime Key, which allows secure delivery inside your garage. You can also give delivery instructions to have packages left at the back of your home.
- Opt for delivery to pickup locations like UPS AccessPoints or FedEx hubs.
- Invest in a porch lockbox that offers a slot for deliveries or a code for the delivery driver.
- If possible, have packages sent to your workplace.
- Coordinate with trusted neighbors, friends, or family members to receive your deliveries.
- Get a PO Box from your local Post Office. These boxes are located inside the Post Office and require key access.
- Install a doorbell camera or mailbox sensor. The presence of surveillance is a strong deterrent against potential crime.
- If you plan to be away, reach out to the Miami Township Police Department to arrange a Vacation House Check (VHC). While you're gone, officers will visit your property as time permits to ensure doors are locked and the home is safe. This service provides an extra layer of security, even if it's not package-specific.

In conclusion, your Miami Township Police Department wishes you a safe, healthy, and theft-free holiday season! For any inquiries, please contact us at: (513) 248-3721.







MIAMI TOWNSHIP RECREATION

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 (513) 248-3727.

PRESCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Activities and events may be changed or modified. Check online to get a complete description.

PLAYGROUP PRIMETIME

Are you looking for a relaxed environment for your kids to meet new friends and develop new skills? If so, Playgroup Primetime is just the place for you! Parents and grandparents are welcome to bring kids, ages 0-4 years, to learn, play, and socialize. We will meet each Thursday to have some fun, eat a snack, listen to a story and sing a song. Pricing is per family. Thursdays, 10-11:30 am; MTCC (Ages 0-4) \$60 R - \$75 NR (Family/Session) Drop Ins \$15 (Family/Session) Drop Ins \$15 (Family/Session) Session 1: JAN 9-FEB 6 Session 2: FEB 13-MAR 13 Session 3: MAR 20 - APR 24 (no class 3/27)

PARENT AND ME LITTLE EXPLORERS

JAN 13 WINTER WONDERS FEB 10 BE MY VALENTINE MAR 10 RAINBOWS AND CLOVERS APR 14 SPRING HAS SPRUNG Mondays, 10-11:00 am; MTCC (Ages 1½ - 3) \$60 R - \$70 NR (Session) Fee includes parent & one child \$40 (each additional)

The following classes are designed to help with your child's independence and socialization skills. We strongly encourage care givers to drop off their child and return following the conclusion of the class. Please no pull ups or diapers. If the child is not potty trained, parental monitoring will be required on the premises and Miami Township does not provide personal services.

WINTER WONDERLAND

It's getting cold outside! Let's have some indoor fun with "snow" activities. We will explore all that winter has to offer. There will be crafts, games, and "hot" cocoa while we listen to a story. Friday, JAN 10, 10-11:30 am <u>or</u> 12:30-2 pm

Friday, JAN 10, 10-11:30 am <u>or</u> 12:30-2 pm MTCC (Ages 3-6) \$20 R - \$25 NR

FABULOUS VALENTINES

Be my valentine! Enjoy a Valentines Party with candy theme games, festive stories, music and heartfelt artwork. Friday, FEB 7, 10-11:30 am <u>or</u> 12:30-2 pm MTCC (Ages 3-6) \$20 R - \$25 NR

LUCKY LEPRECHAUNS

Clovers, leprechauns, and rainbows will be the focus of this class. Let's celebrate all things green. Each child will come home with their own leprechaun trap. Together we will sing, play and create. Friday, MAR 7, 10-11:30 am <u>or</u> 12:30-2 pm MTCC (Ages 3-6) \$20 R - \$25 NR

SPRING SPECTACULAR

This class will celebrate all things spring. Come explore all the colors of the season. **Create flowers and vibrant art in this art** and science focused class. We will also mix it up with a fun story. Friday, APR 11, 10-11:30 am <u>or</u> 12:30-2 pm **MTCC** (Ages 3-6) \$20 R - \$25 NR

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA Saturday, APR 12; MTCC 10:00 am-12:00 pm; FREE



KIDS ONLY FISHING TOURNAMENT Catch & Release

Do not 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 heaviest 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. Saturday, APR 19; MML; FREE



BOWS & BOWTIES DANCE

This event sells out every year so register early! Come move to the music, make Valentine crafts, and enjoy some light snacks. Please bring your own camera for that cherished Daddy-Daughter photo. Chaperones may be father or another significant parental figure. Dressy attire. Pre-registration required and space is limited.

Friday, FEB 7 <u>or</u> Saturday, FEB 8; MTCC 6:30-8:30 pm; \$20 R - \$25 NR (Person)



GAME ON!

MOTHER/SON GAME NIGHT *** You asked and we delivered. Game On! is a mom and son themed night out on the Town(ship) to complement our already beloved Bows & Bowties daddy daughter themed dance. This fun filled interactive evening at Miami Township's own Scene 75 Entertainment Center will include pizza and a drink, a special gift for each son, \$10 game card and 2 hours of unlimited use of the following attractions: Go Karts, 4 D Theater, Mini Golf, Mini Bowl, Lazer Maze, Atomic Rush and Spin Zone Bumper Cars (Please see Scene 75 website for any attraction height requirements). Pre-registration is required and space is limited

Thursday, MAR 6, 6-8:30 pm; SCENE 75 \$25 R - \$30 NR (Person)

Ryan Himes, Director Ryan.Himes@MiamiTwpOH.gov

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I cannot believe another year is in the books as 2024 absolutely flew by! I love the change in seasons as it allows us time to lay out our

Ryan Himes

vision for the next 12 months, and all I can say is bring on 2025! You will discover some of the fun and unique new programs and events within this newsletter so please don't skip a page.

We love tradition so the daddy daughter themed dance, Bows & Bowties, will be back and better than ever on FEB 7 and 8. We heard you moms and sons, so join us on Thursday, MAR 6 for our first ever mother son themed event, Game On!, taking place at Miami Township's very own Scene 75.

If you are 21+ years of age, you are not going to want to miss what we have in store for you in 2025. It will start with our attempt at an "adult prom", but instead of rewinding to your high school days, we want to relive the thrill and fun of a great wedding reception... without the nuptials. We are proud to present, Wedding Crashers at the Civic Center on Saturday, MAR 1. This amazing night will be full of live music, great food, adult beverages and tons of laughs. Take a couple weeks to recover from the party of a lifetime and rest up for our 1st Annual Adult Egg Scramble at Miami Meadows on Saturday, APR 5. Don't miss out on this amazing collaboration between Miami Township Recreation and the Milford Miami Township Chamber of Commerce as we provide an event like none other with music. food trucks, adult beverages, hilarious games/contests and best of all...an EGG SCRAMBLE where you can win tons of amazing prizes!

Thank you for making 2024 a great year and please make sure to follow Miami Township on Facebook and Instagram as we continue to provide more information and maybe a few surprises in the coming months because we can't wait to continue helping you and your families make "permanent reminders of temporary feelings."

LEGEND: R – Miami Towns

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 PSTC - Public Safety Training Center • 5904 McPicken Drive 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

MES - Meadowview Elementary School - 5556 Mount Zion Road

ADULT ACTIVITIES

Pre-registration Required Register online at Register.MiamiTwpOH.gov



WEDDING CRASHERS

You're Invited to the Event of the Year! Get ready to crash the most outrageous wedding of the season! Join us for a wild night of laughter, surprises, and unforgettable memories at our Wedding Crashers themed party! Whether you're channeling your inner John and Jeremy or just here for the chaos, this night promises to be anything but ordinary. What to Expect:

• <u>Dress Code</u>: Wedding chic or crash the party in your most outrageous attire (Tuxes, gowns, or creative wedding guest looks are encouraged!)

• <u>Munchies</u>: Buffett dinner by one of Miami Township's favorite, Midwest Best BBQ

• <u>Themed Drinks</u>: Sip on signature cocktails at our cash bar provided by Milford Miami Township Chamber of Commerce

• <u>Live Music</u>: Party with the live musical stylings of Real Live Humans

• <u>Surprises All Night</u>: You never know what might happen when wedding crashers take over! Come for the Crash, Stay for the Fun! Saturday, MAR 1, 6-10:00 pm MTCC; \$35 R - \$40 NR (Person)

ADULT EGG SCRAMBLE

Who says Easter egg events are just for the kids? We are excited to bring you the very first Miami Township Adult Egg Scramble. In conjunction with the Milford Miami Township Chamber of Commerce, this amazing event will take place at Miami Meadows Park and feature a DJ, food trucks, adult beverages, awesome competitions and best of all...PRIZES!!! Our scramble will kick off promptly at 6:00 pm, but join us for food, drink and tons of fun beginning at 4:00 pm.

Saturday, APR 5, 4-8:00 pm; MMP (Ages 21+) FREE *** Rain Date Saturday, APR 12

SHARING THE ROAD

Have you ever been driving along and encountered a bicyclist, or a group of cyclists, and you are not sure what to do and why they are even there? This class will share a brief history about traffic, will illustrate the rules of movement that keep everyone safe, discuss the legalities of cycling in Ohio, and teach best strategies to avoid accidents. This class will make you a better driver and will show you what to do when you encounter riders on the road. Pre-registration required. Adults & Children Ages 10+ (Children Require Adult Supervision.) Wednesday, MAR 12 or APR 9 or MAY 21; 10:00 am-12:00 pm MTCC; FREE

Crafting with Robin

Join Robin Finn for this night of creative crafting and fun. Feel free to bring your favorite snacks and alcoholic or non-alcoholic beverage of choice.

RUSTIC HEART DOOR HANGER

You're going to love making a pretty rustic heart door hanger just in time for Valentine's Day. Wednesday, JAN 29 6:30-8:30 pm; MTCC (Ages 16+) \$15 R - \$20 NR

BUNNY BLOCKS

These adorable trio of hand painted wooded 4x4 blocks 8", 10" and 12" tall bunnies will be the perfect addition to your spring décor. Wednesday, MAR 26 6:30-8:30 pm; MTCC (Ages 16+) \$15 R - \$20 NR

CRAFT SUMMER COASTERS & TRIVET

Make a set of 4 ceramic tile coasters and a trivet to match. You will have a variety of summery paper designs to choose from. Keep them for yourself or give them as a gift! Wednesday, MAY 7 6:30-8:30 pm; MTCC (Ages 16+) \$15 R - \$20 NR

Gary Knepp's Series

MTTC; \$10 (Person) Pre-registration required No Drop Ins Allowed

SIEGE OF CINCINNATI

Wednesday, MAR 12, 6-7:30



THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR Wednesday, MAR 26, 6-7:30 pm

THE GREAT WAR Wednesday, APR 2, 6-7:30 pm

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF WINSTON SPENCER CHURCHILL Wednesday, APR 16, 6:-7:30 pm

WALKING TOUR OF CAMP DENNISON

Saturday, MAY 17, 10-11:30 am Camp Dennison Soccer Fields, SR 126

SO YOU WANT TO WRITE A BOOK?

Join published authors Hilda and Gary Knepp as they share with you their experiences in the world of writing. They will discuss both the art and business of becoming a published author, including coming up with ideas, researching, developing a writing habit, editing, submitting a query, and working with a publisher. Monday, APR 14, 6:00-7:30 pm

Master Gardener's Classes

MTTC; \$5 (Person) Pre-registration required No Drop Ins Allowed

WINTER SOWING IN MILK JUGS

Did you know that you can use a milk jug as a greenhouse? Join the Master Gardeners as we sow spring flowers to plant this year. Tuesday, JAN 14, 7:00 pm

STARTING YOUR OWN VEGETABLES FROM SEEDS

There are so many wonderful varieties of vegetables out there but not at your local nursery. Start your own seeds to get the variety you want. Join us as we discuss the timing and methods that work best for the home gardener. Wednesday, FEB 12, 7:00 pm

HERB GARDENING

As we move into spring, we are thinking of all the wonderful dishes we will prepare from the garden. Let's add some herbs for a tantalizing taste. We will explore some of the common herbs and how to use them in the kitchen. Tuesday, MAR 11, 7:00 pm

COMPANION PLANTING

Did you know that some plants and vegetables don't like each other? Did you know that some enhance the taste of others? Learn which vegetables grow best together and which ones to separate.

Tuesday, APR 15, 7:00 pm



Join Milford TALK Toastmasters which is a member club of Toastmasters International, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the development of communication and leadership skills.

HOW TO GIVE AN ELEVATOR PITCH

Learn how to introduce yourself or your organization to a customer, partner, or donor in a concise and compelling manner. The goal is to capture their interest and spark a conversation in the short amount of time it takes to ride an elevator (hence the name). Limited Space. The views and opinions of Toastmasters do not necessarily state or reflect those of Miami Township. Wednesday, JAN 15, 6-7:00 pm MTTC; \$5 (Person)

Pre-registration required

No Drop Ins Allowed

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Township Offices Closed	2 ZONING COMMISSION 7:00 pm • MTCC	3	4
5 EN'S BASKETBALL ru FEB 2 • MEADOWVIEW	C DRAWING WITH KATIE Thru FEB 10 • MTCC SOCCER SHOTS Thru FEB 24 • LH	TAI CHI EASY Thru FEB 11 · MTCC T TAE KWON DO Thru MAR 6 · MTCC COMMUNITY CPR 6:00 pm · PSTC YOGA MINDFULNESS & MORE Thru JAN 28 · MTCC	8 BOARD of ZONING APPEALS 7:00 pm • MTCC WEDDING LINE DANCING Thru JAN 22 • LH	PLAYGROUP PRIMETIME Thru FEB 6 • MTCC SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS 6:30 pm • MTCC	10 WINTER WONDERLAND 10:00 am or 12:30 pm • MTCC	11
12	13 TRUSTEE WORK SESSION 7:00 pm • MTCC PARENT & ME EXPLORERS Thru APR 14 • MTCC	14 WINTER SOWING 7:00 pm • MTCC	15 GIVE AN ELEVATOR PITCH 6:00 pm • MTCC	16	17	18
19	20 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY Township Offices Closed	21 TRUSTEE BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 pm • MTCC AQUATIC HI-LO CARDIO Thru MAR 13 • MHS POOL	22	23	24	25
20	27 MAT PILATES Thru MAR 3 · MTCC	28	29 CRAFTING WITH ROBIN 6:30 pm • MTCC LINE DANCING	30	31	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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CROUNDHOG DAY	BEGINNING INVESTING 7:00 pm • MTCC	4 YOGA MINDFULNESS & MORE Thru FEB 25 • MTCC	5 BOARD of ZONING APPEALS 7:00 pm • MTCC	CONING COMMISSION 7:00 pm • MTCC BEGINNING INVESTING 7:00 pm • MTCC	7 BOW & BOWTIES DANCE 6:30 pm • MTCC FABULOUS VALENTINES 10:00 am <u>or</u> 12:30 pm • MTCC	8 BOW & BOWTIES DANCE 6:30 pm • MTCC COMMUNITY CPR 9:00 am pm • PSTC
9	10 TRUSTEE WORK SESSION 7:00 pm • MTCC	11	12 VEGETABLES FROM SEEDS 7:00 pm • MTCC	13 PLAYGROUP PRIMETIME Thru MAR 13 • MTCC SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS 6:30 pm • MTCC MEN'S BASKETBALL Thru MAY 22 • MEADOWVIEW	HAPPY 12, Valentine's DAY	15
16	PRESIDENTS DAY Township Offices Closed	18 TRUSTEE BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 pm • MTCC	19	20	21	22
23	24 DRAWING WITH KATIE Thru MAR 31 • MTCC	25 TAI CHI EASY Thru APR 1 • MTCC	26 LINE DANCING Thru MAR 19 • LH	27	28	

MIAMI TOWNSHIP CALENDAR OF EVENTS: See Recreation Guide for times, descriptions & fees. Additional information & registration online at Register. MiamiTwpOH.gov





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 WEDDING CRASHERS 6:00 pm • MTCC
2	3 INVESTING DO's & DON'Ts 7:00 pm • MTCC	4 COMMUNITY CPR 6:00 pm • PSTC DRAMA CLUB Thru APR 29 • MTCC	5 BOARD of ZONING APPEALS 7:00 pm • MTCC	CONING COMMISSION 7:00 pm • MTCC GAME ON • GAME NIGHT 6:00 pm • SCENE 75 INVESTING DO'S & DON'TS 7:00 pm • MTCC	7 LUCKY LEPRECHAUNS 10:00 am <u>or</u> 12:30 pm • MTCC	8 WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE 9:00 am • MTCC
P DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS • Turn Back Ahead • Change Smoke Detector Batteries	10 TRUSTEE WORK SESSION 7:00 pm • MTCC MAT PILATES Thru APR 14 • MTCC	11 TAE KWON DO Thru MAY 15 • MTCC HERB GARDENING 7:00 pm • MTCC YOGA MINDFULNESS & MORE Thru APR 1 • MTCC	12 SHARING THE ROADWAY 7:00 pm • MTCC SIEGE OF CINCINNATI 6:00 pm • MTCC	13 SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS 6:30 pm • MTCC	14	15
16	17 ST. PATRICKS DAY	18 TRUSTEE BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 pm • MTCC	19	PLAYGROUP PRIMETIME Thru APR 24 · MTCC	21	22
 23 30	SOCCER SHOTS Thru MAY 12 · CP 24 BEGINNING GOLF Thru MAY 5 · MR	25	26 SOCCER SHOTS Thru MAY 14 • MR CRAFTING WITH ROBIN 6:30 PM • MTCC LINE DANCING Thru APR 16 • LH	27 MEDAL OF HONOR 6:00 PM • MTCC	28	29

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1 FLAG FOOTBALL Thru MAY 6 • MMP AQUATIC HI-LO CARDIO Thru MAY 20 • MHS POOL	2 BOARD of ZONING APPEALS 7:00 pm • MTCC KIDS TENNIS Thru MAY 7 • CP THE GREAT WAR 6:00 pm • MTCC	ZONING COMMISSION 7:00 pm • MTCC	4	5 COMMUNITY CPR 9:00 am • PSTC ADULT EGG SCRAMBLE 4:00 pm • MMP	
6	7 DRAWING WITH KATIE Thru MAY 12 • MTCC WHAT IS A 401(K) 7:00 pm • MTCC	8 YOGA MINDFULNESS & MORE Thru APR 29 • MTCC	9 SHARING THE ROADWAY 7:00 pm • MTCC WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE 5:30 pm • MTCC	10 SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS 6:30 pm • MTCC WHAT IS A 401(K) 7:00 pm • MTCC	11 SPRING SPECTACULAR 10:00 am <u>or</u> 12:30 pm • MTCC	12 EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA 10:00 am • MTCC	
13	14 TRUSTEE WORK SESSION 7:00 pm • MTCC WANT TO WRITE A BOOK? 6:00 pm • MTCC	15 TAI CHI EASY Thru MAY 20 • MTCC COMPANION PLANTING 7:00 pm • MTCC	16 WINSTON CHURCHILL 6:00 pm • MTCC	17	18	19 KIDS FISHING TOURNAMENT 9:00 am • MML	
20 Happy Easter	21 MAT PILATES Thru MAY 19 • MTCC	22 TRUSTEE BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 pm • MTCC	23 LINE DANCING Thru MAY 14 • LH	24	25 CLEAN UP DAYS 2-6:00 pm • MTCC	26 CLEAN UP DAYS 7:30 am-5:00 pm • MTCC (Paper Shredding at PSTC)	
27	28	29	30				

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ADULT ACTIVITIES (Continued) Pre-registration Required

Register online at *Register.MiamiTwpOH.gov*

Ben Jacobs' Series

Ben earned a master's degree in finance from the University of Cincinnati and served as an Infantry soldier in the United States Army and Army National Guard for 9 years. He is the founder of Jacobs Wealth Management, LLC. Ben has a true dedication and passion to help others reach their financial goals through financial planning and investment management. Ben volunteers his time to teach these classes.

BEGINNING INVESTING

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? Learn 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.

Monday, FEB 3 <u>or</u> Thursday, FEB 6 7-8:30 pm; MTCC; \$5 (Person)



STOCK MARKET INVESTING DO'S & DON'TS

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 mistake's investors make and how to avoid those pitfalls.

Monday, MAR 3 <u>or</u> Thursday, MAR 6 7-8:30 pm; MTCC; \$5 (Person)

WHAT IS A 401(k) PLAN AND HOW DOES IT WORK?

Do you want to better understand the 401(K) retirement account jargon? Ben Jacobs wants to answer the most asked questions about a 401(K). He will break down the information so you can grasp the benefits of having an account, describe the different kinds of plans, explain how to rollover, and what mutual fund investments are. Monday, APR 7 <u>or</u> Thursday, APR 10 7-8:30 pm; MTCC; \$5 (Person)

TIPS FOR ESTATE PLANNING

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. Monday, MAY 5 <u>or</u> Thursday, MAY 8 7-8:30 pm; MTCC; \$5 (Person)



ADULT SPORTS & WELLNESS Pre-registration Required Register online at Register.MiamiTwpOH.gov

SUPPORT GATHERING FOR SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS JAN 9, FEB 13, MAR 13, APR 10

& MAY 8; 6:30-8:30 pm; MTCC; FREE Join Kim Lockwood in this monthly support gathering created for people who are coping with the devastating loss to suicide. You are welcome to drop in and attend any or all classes. Kim has traveled this path and wants to provide hope and offer support as you go through your journey. This is a peer lead class, there is no licensed therapist affiliated with this program. Jim Petry, Lieutenant, Miami Township Fire & EMS, is a liaison for this class. The views and opinions of Kim Lockwood do not necessarily state or reflect those of Miami Township.

MAT PILATES

Mondays, 7-8:00 pm; MTCC \$50 R - \$60 NR (Session) <u>Session 1</u>: JAN 27-MAR 3 (no class 2/17) <u>Session 2</u>: MAR 10-APR 14 (no class 3/31) <u>Session 3</u>: APR 21-MAY 19

TAI CHI EASY

Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm; MTCC \$80 R - \$90 NR (Session) \$20 (Drop In) Session 1: JAN 7-FEB 11 Session 2: FEB 25-APR 1 Session 3: APR 15-MAY 20



COMMUNITY CPR In partnership with the Miami Township Fire & EMS, we are offering "CPR For Friends and Family" and "Heartsaver CPR", NOT Healthcare Provider. Direct your questions to Miami Township Recreation Department at (513) 248-3727. Pre-registration required. No Drop Ins. **PSTC**; \$25 R - \$40 NR Tuesday, JAN 7, 6:00 pm Saturday, FEB 8, 9:00 am Tuesday, MAR 4, 6:00 pm Saturday, APR 5, 9:00 am

WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE

MTCC (Ages 14+) \$5 R - \$10 NR Pre-registration required. Saturday, MAR 8, 9-Noon Wednesday, APR 9, 5:30-8:30 pm Saturday, JUN 7, 9-Noon Saturday, AUG 9, 9-Noon

YOGA, MINDFULNESS & MORE

Tuesdays, 10-11:30 am; MTCC \$60 R - \$75 NR (Session) No Drop Ins Session 1: JAN 7-JAN 28 Session 2: FEB 4-FEB 25 Session 3: MAR 11-APR 1 Session 4: APR 8-APR 29

WEDDING LINE DANCE WORKSHOP Wednesdays, JAN 8-22; LH

6-7:00 pm; \$30 R - \$40 NR (Session) \$11 (Drop Ins)

LINE DANCING

Wednesdays, 6-7:15 pm; LH \$35 R - \$45 NR (Session) \$11 (Drop Ins) Session 1: JAN 29-FEB 19 Session 2: FEB 26-MAR 19 Session 3: MAR 26-APR 16 Session 4: APR 23-MAY 14



AQUATIC FITNESS HI-LO CARDIO COMBO Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:30-10:45 am; MHS Pool; \$95 R -\$110 NR Session 1: JAN 21-MAR 13 (no class 2/25) Session 2: APR 1-MAY 20 (no class 4/24)



MEN'S BASKETBALL

Miami Township Recreation Department is coordinating Men's Recreation Basketball in cooperation with Meadowview Elementary School. Bruce Brunetti is the facilitator for this activity. Pre-registration is required. Please no drop-ins or prorating. Scheduling conflicts may arise after registration due to school related activities. The fee is based on session and no refund will be granted due to cancellations. These dates have been permitted with the knowledge that the district calendar has not been finalized yet. Ages 25+. Limited Space

Sunday Winter Session: Sundays, JAN 5-FEB 2 (no class 1/19) 7– 9:00 pm

Thursday Spring Session: FEB13-MAY 22 (no class 3/27, Spring Break) 6:30-9:30 pm





KIDS ACTIVITIES

Pre-registration Required Register online at Register.MiamiTwpOH.gov



DRAWING WITH KATIE from Creating Joy

Come draw with Katie Pokopac, owner of Creating JOY! Your child is sure to enjoy her fun and engaging drawing lessons! Her students learn to look at things from different perspectives, balance out their page, and improve their fine motor skills and drawing techniques. They will be inspired to unleash their creativity and let their personality shine through their work.

(Ages 4-6) 5:30-6:15 pm; MTCC \$55 R - \$65 NR (Session)

(Ages 7-12; 6:30-7:45 pm; MTCC \$70 R - \$85 NR (Session)

Session 1:

Mondays, JAN 6-FEB 10 (no class 1/20) Session 2: Mondays, FEB 24-MAR 31 (no class 3/24) Session 3: Mondays, APR 7-MAY 12 (no class 4/21)



DRAMA CLUB

Lights, camera, action! This class will be filled with games and drama. We will practice monologs, work on our improv skills, create our own skits and have fun with readers theater! Come ready to laugh, have fun and bring the drama! Tuesdays, MAR 5-APR 29 (no class 3/25)

Tuesdays, MAR 5-APR 29 (no class 3/25) 5:30-6:30; Ages 8–12; MTCC \$75 R - \$80 NR

KIDS SPORTS & WELLNESS

Pre-registration Required Register online at *Register. MiamiTwpOH.gov*

Children must be potty trained to participate in the following program and caregivers are encouraged to drop their child off. Please no pull ups or diapers. If the child is not potty trained, parental monitoring will be required on the premises and Miami Township does not provide personal services. Kids Activities



TAE KWON DO Tuesdays & Thursdays, MTCC (Ages 6+) \$95 R - \$115 NR (Session) Session 1: JAN 7-MAR 6 Session 2: MAR 11-MAY 15 (no class 3/25, 3/27, 5/6)



SOCCER SHOTS

Miami Township has partnered with Soccer Shots to bring you soccer programs for your children. Soccer Shots is an engaging children's soccer program for ages 2-8 with a focus on character development. Our caring team positively impacts children's lives on and off the field through bestin-class coaching, communication, and curriculum. Parents are required to stay during their child's class. Please REGISTER for these programs at *SoccerShots.com/cincinnatinorth*

WINTER SESSIONS:

Mondays, JAN 6-FEB 24; LH \$116 R - \$136 NR

Mini - 5:30-6:00 pm (Ages 2-3) *Classic* - 6:10-6:45 pm (Ages 3-4)

SPRING SESSIONS:

Mondays, MAR 24-MAY 12; CP

Mini - 5:30-6:00 pm (Ages 2-3) \$116 R - \$136 NR *Classic* - 6:05-6:40 pm (Ages 3½-5) \$116 R - \$136 NR *Premiere* - 6:45-7:30 pm (Ages 6-8) \$124 R - \$144 NR

Wednesdays, MAR 26-MAY 14; MR

Mini - 5:30-6:00 pm (Ages 2-3) \$116 R - \$136 NR *Classic* - 6:05-6:40 pm (Ages 3½ - 5) \$116 R - \$136 NR *Premiere* - 6:45-7:30 pm (Ages 6-8) \$124 R - \$144 NR

SKYHAWKS SPORTS CAMPS Please register at *Skyhawks.com* for these camps.



BEGINNING GOLF CAMP Mondays, MAR 31-MAY 5; MR 5:30-7:30 pm (Ages 5-9) \$115 R - \$135 NR

FLAG FOOTBALL Tuesdays, APR 1-MAY 6; MMP 5:30-7:30 pm (Ages 6-10) \$115 R - \$135 NR

KID'S TENNIS CAMP

Wednesdays, APR 2-MAY 7; CP 5:30-7:30 pm (Ages 6-10) \$115 R - \$135 NR





Look for great new 'adult only' events inside this issue:

Wedding Crashers ********* Adult Egg Scramble

Community Garden

Interested in a plot at the **COMMUNITY GARDEN**? Call (513) 248-3727 to be put on a wait list & contacted once past participants determine their involvement.

PLOT SIZES:

10' x 20' = \$35 4' x 20' = \$25 4' x 10' = \$20





SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Lifelong Learning is Happening at the Civic Center! Clermont Senior Services offers lifelong learning & a wide variety of senior activities at the Miami Township Civic Center. Contact Clermont Senior Services at (513) 248-4345 for more information.

Additional information can be found by visiting *ClermontSeniors.com*.

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MIAMI TOWNSHIP FIRE & EMS

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Fire Safety Tips for Winter



Bob Foppe Battalion Chief

As winter approaches, the cozy allure of crackling fireplaces and twinkling holiday lights fills the air. However, this season also brings an increased risk of fire hazards. Miami Township Fire & EMS wants to ensure your home remains safe and warm. Here are essential winter fire safety tips to keep your family and property protected.

Inspect Your Heating Equipment

Before using your heating system, have it inspected by a qualified technician. This includes furnaces, space heaters, and fireplaces. Ensure all equipment functions correctly and safely.

Use Space Heaters Safely

If you rely on space heaters for warmth, follow these safety guidelines:

- Keep a distance of at least three feet from flammable materials, such as bedding, furniture, and curtains.
- Never leave space heaters unattended, especially when you go to bed or leave the room.
- Choose models with automatic shut-off features for added safety.

Maintain Your Fireplace

Before lighting your first fire of the season, ensure your fireplace and chimney are clean and free of obstructions. Have a professional inspection and cleaning if you haven't done so in the last year. Use only seasoned wood to reduce creosote buildup and avoid burning paper or trash.

Test Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Cold weather can cause heating systems to malfunction, leading to carbon monoxide buildup. Test your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors monthly, and replace batteries as needed. Ensure there is at least one detector on each floor of your home.

Be Cautious with Holiday Decorations

If you're using holiday lights, inspect them for frayed wires or broken bulbs. Turn off all lights when you go to bed or leave the house. Opt for flame-resistant decorations and keep them away from heat sources.

Have an Emergency Plan

Create and practice a fire escape plan with your family. Make sure everyone knows two ways to exit every room and designate a meeting spot outside. Regularly review and update your plan as needed.

Follow these winter fire safety tips to enjoy a safe and joyful season. For more information or to schedule a safety inspection, please contact our Community Risk Reduction Division at *publiceducation@MiamiTwpOH.gov*

Stay warm, stay safe, and happy holidays!

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Brian Elliff, Planning & Zoning Administrator Brian.Elliff@MiamiTwpOH.gov

Community Development Office: (513) 248-3731

Miami Township Dining Guide



Brian Elliff Planning & Zoning Administrator

In October, the Community Development Department went "live" with the brand new Miami Township Dining Guide. Using the Township's ArcPro GIS software, Township Planner Jamie Kreindler fashioned a new map showing the restaurant locations throughout MT, as well as a descriptive key identifying the restaurant names, cuisine type and location. If you need a place to go to eat in MT, check it out!

Here's a fun quiz. Check out the guide to see if <u>YOU</u> got the answers right (answer key at the bottom of the page)!

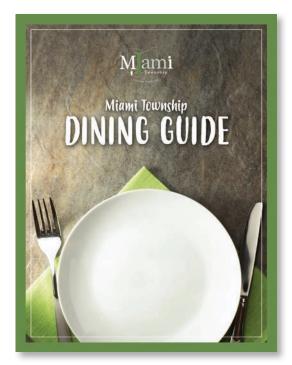
- 1. How many eateries are in Miami Township?
- 2. How many different food varieties are served at MT eateries?

3. American Food at 25 is the most common variety, followed closely by Fast Food at 21. What is the next most common food type available in MT?

4. Which area within MT boasts the most places to eat: Business 28, SR 28, SR 131, or Loveland Miamiville – BHGP Crossroads?

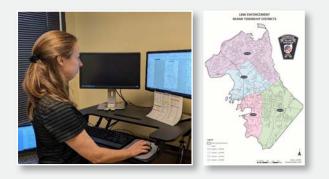
5. Three different restaurants have two locations in Miami Township, can you name them?

You can find the complete Miami Township Dining Guide by visiting *MiamiTwpOH.gov*.



ArcGIS Used to Update PD District Maps

Recently Township Planner Jamie Kreindler was able to put her GIS skills to work, helping the Miami Township PD to update their precinct map. The map was last updated around five years ago. Using the 2024 road and boundary data provided by the County, this map accurately reflects the four law enforcement districts in the Township. The base map was created using ArcGIS and Adobe Illustrator. The GIS allowed us to create a high quality map that will



be helpful to the PD in planning its coverages. The map is used mainly for training purposes for new officers to orient themselves with the Township boundaries as well as the district areas.



Chris Burdsall, Director

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MIAMI TOWNSHIP SERVICE

Two Big Projects at Township Parks



Chris Burdsall Service Director

If you've been to Miami Riverview Park lately, you might have noticed the new tennis, basketball, and pickleball court complex. There are four pickleball courts, one basketball, and one tennis court. The complex is surrounded by a ten foot high fence and also has a shaded area in the middle. We are very happy with the end product and think you will be, too.

At Community Park, concrete for the new Fitness Court has been poured, consisting of sidewalk and a large pad for

the court itself. The court will be installed in spring when weather allows. The Fitness Court is designed to open the door to active groups of all profiles and ages, creating the ultimate wellness hub and attracting greater numbers of people.

These two projects were not funded by Township levy funds. The courts at Miami Riverview Park



were funded by a state capital grant in partnership with federal ARPA funds - American Rescue Plan Act coming from the federal government. The fitness court was built using ARPA funds and an existing grant the Township received from the National Fitness Campaign.

Staff works very hard to stretch dollars and find creative ways to offset costs. We want residents to know we are always looking for ways to make our existing levy funds last longer.

Christmas Tree Recycling

Christmas tree recycling starts on December 26 and ends on January 31. 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.

*** PLEASE NOTE ***

Only trees <u>WITHOUT</u> plastic tags, ornaments, tinsel, etc. will be accepted. The recycling company WILL NOT accept anything other than bare trees! Thank you for your cooperation.



Park Restroom & Water Spigot Access



<u>REMINDE</u>R: Restroom doors at Township parks are on timers, which lock the doors at a scheduled time each day and water lines, water fountains

and water spigots are turned off each year in late fall to avoid freezing pipes. We apologize for any inconvenience! Timers are set to lock the doors as follows:

NOV 1st – FEB 28th: 4:00 pm – 6:00 am MAR 1st – OCT 31st: 9:00 pm – 6:00 am



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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 7:00 pm, 2nd Monday of Each Month

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



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Community Risk Survey

Miami Township Fire & EMS is committed to making our Township a safe place to live, work, and play. This survey is being conducted to aid in the outreach of the services and community programs that Miami Township Fire & EMS provides.

We ask all residents and businesses/organizations to complete our Community Risk Survey. Please complete the survey twice if you live and manage an organization in Miami Township!



Please utilize the QR code with a camera equipped device, or click the QR code to follow a hyperlink if viewing this as a PDF document to complete the short survey.

