



CITY OF  
MORaine  
COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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# MESSENGER

February  
2021

*Progress Through Unity*

## Moraine Hires Amy Brown as New Clerk of Council

The City of Moraine has appointed Amy Brown as Clerk of Council.

Mayor Elaine Allison said, "City Council and I are excited that Mrs. Brown has agreed to join our team at the City."

Brown brings 6 years of municipal work experience from the City of Springboro and Carlisle. She holds a Bachelor of Science in English Literature from the University of Cincinnati.

"I appreciate the opportunity to work for the City of Moraine and am excited to join the City staff. I look forward to being a part of the City's mission of providing excellent services," commented Brown.





## Senior Citizen / Handicap Driveway Plowing

During the winter season, the Street Division provides driveway plowing services for senior citizens and handicapped residents only when snow accumulation is 2 inches or more. Please note: this is the Street Division's last priority for snow-plowing. Requirements for receiving this service are:

- Must be 60 years of age or older.
- Must live alone.
- **Exceptions: Handicapped persons who have a verified medical problem may qualify for this service.**

**Along with meeting all requirements, senior citizens must register in person each year at the Street Division (4720 Vance Road) in order to be eligible for this service. The list of registrants is updated yearly. Please note if you do not register yearly, your driveway will not be plowed that particular year. If you have any questions, please contact the Street Division at 937-535-1040.**

## Snow Removal Guidelines

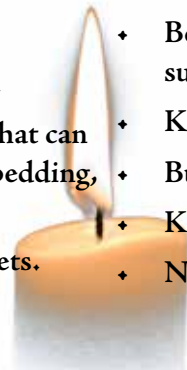
In order for the Street Division to properly and efficiently plow and clear roadways, cooperation and assistance is needed from residents.

Please follow these snow removal guidelines:

- Do not clean your driveway until your street has been plowed and salted. If you choose to clean your driveway prior to plowing and salting of your street, be sure to push the snow to the right of your driveway so when we plow it doesn't block your driveway. If using a snow blower, we ask that you avoid blowing snow back into the street.
- If a snowstorm consists of 2 inches or more, please park all vehicles in your driveway. This will greatly assist the Street Division in properly clearing and plowing all roadways and residential streets. Our goal is to make road conditions as safe as possible for travel throughout the City.

## Candle Safety

- ✦ Never leave burning candles unattended.
- ✦ Extinguish candles before leaving the room.
- ✦ Keep burning candles away from anything that can catch fire, such as furniture, drapes, paper, bedding, clothing, etc.
- ✦ Keep candles out of reach of children and pets.
- ✦ Trim wicks to 1/4" before burning.
- ✦ Be sure candle is placed on a stable, heat-resistant surface.
- ✦ Keep the wax pool free of debris at all times.
- ✦ Burn candles in a well ventilated room.
- ✦ Keep candles away from drafts.
- ✦ Never extinguish candles with water.





# RESEARCH, DISCOVER AND UNCOVER MORAINE'S HISTORY

## REMEMBERING THE KETTERING-MORaine MUSEUM

The Kettering-Moraine Museum and Historical Society was founded in 1972 to preserve artifacts and history of the area in a joint agreement by the two cities. The museum was administered by a history lover Melba Hunt and she was the curator and Society President. The museum was located at the corner of Stroop Road and Kettering Blvd. across from IRG and Fuyao Glass America. The main exhibition hall of the museum was built during World War II as a community building for Moraine Fields, also known as Cardboard City, a government housing project for factory workers that was demolished in 1959. The community building later served as Kettering's first city hall.

The museum had seven buildings, six of which were moved to the site and restored. One building, the original Deeds Barn, was where Charles Kettering invented the starting, lighting and ignition systems for automobiles. Others men worked on various inventions. They became known as the "Barn Gang".

One of the buildings was the first small home built by Moraine pioneer Peter Hetzel in 1812 which had a loft where the children slept, a large fireplace and a brick bake oven. Hetzel built looms, furniture and fanning wheels for cleaning wheat.

Another gem was a log cabin built by pioneer David Laughead in 1803 originally located on West-Carrollton Soldiers Home Road in Moraine along Possum Creek. The log cabin had a winding staircase to the second floor. Laughead sold the cabin to neighbor Sam Noffsinger in 1812 where he raised his ten children in this small log cabin. The Willard Quillen family donated the cabin to the museum.

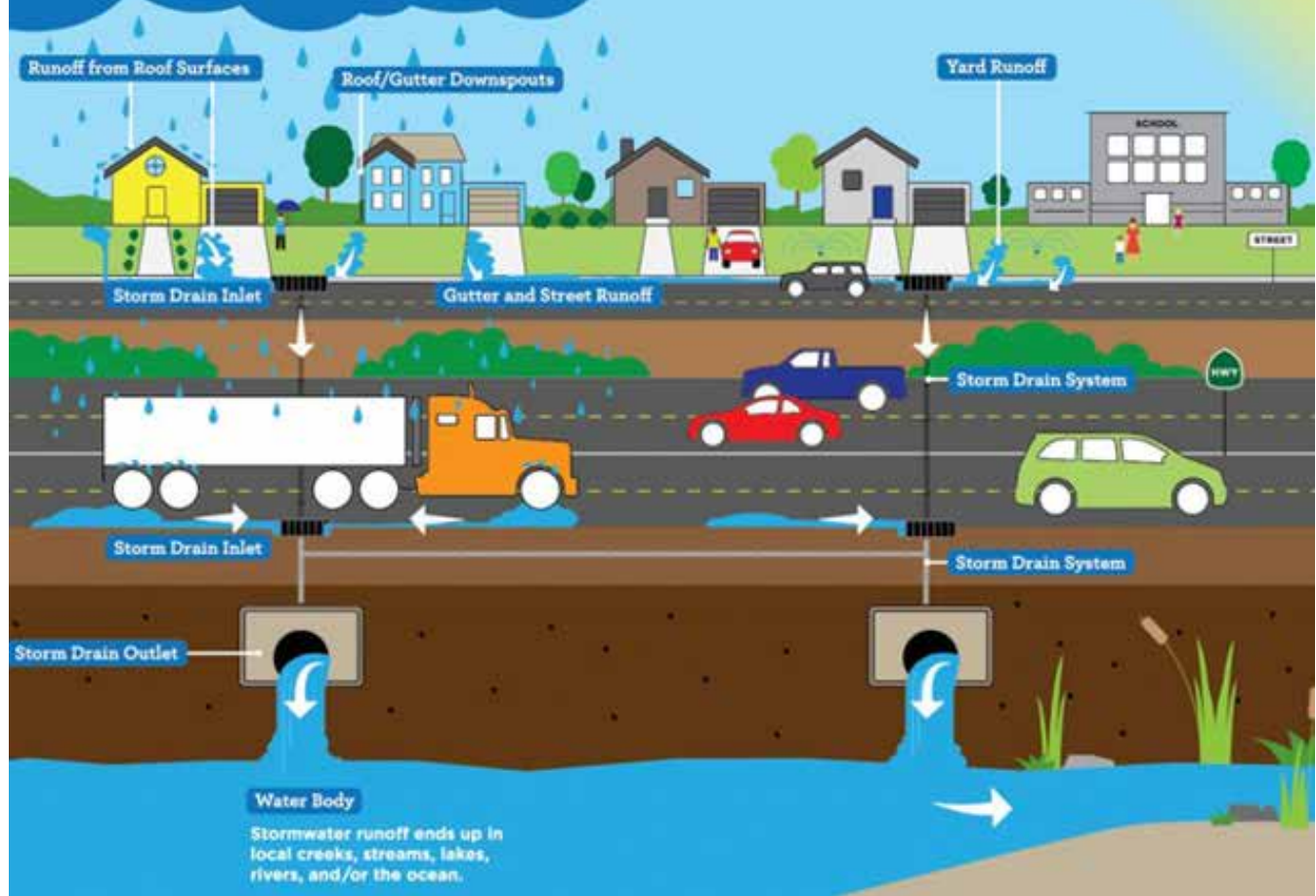
The museum exhibition hall contained a large collection of Shaker items, a 1890 carriage owned by Moraine resident farmers the William Lohman family and miscellaneous memorabilia and local artifacts from both cities. The museum also contained Wright Brothers furniture from Hawthorn Hill and other Wright Brothers artifacts including the door to the Dayton-Wright Airplane Company formerly located on Springboro Pike (see photo of former Mayor Harold Johnson with the door). The museum conducted tours for students and the public every year and held several annual special events.

Eventually the museum became economically not feasible to operate and the cities donated the artifacts and buildings to Dayton History/Carillon Park in 2009.





# Stormwater Runoff



## WINTER THINGS TO PACK



### Snow Traction

Tow rope, tire chains, road salt, flares, sand, ice scraper



### Clothing Essentials

Extra coat, socks, mittens, emergency blanket, hat and scarf



### Food & Supply

Non-perishable food, drinking water, toilet paper



### Emergency Kit

Matches, candles, jumper cables, flashlight, first aid kit, batteries



## DON'T FORGET TO FILE

All residents who live in the City for the entire year or partial year are required to file a City income tax return with the Tax Office on an annual basis, whether or not tax is due. If you are retired or do not have taxable income, you may file a Declaration of Exemption Return for the year or may qualify to file a permanent exemption.

If you file your return after the due date, you must attach a copy of your Federal extension with your City Income Tax Return. The Federal extension form is only extending your filing deadline and not for payment of tax due.

Penalty and interest will be charged for unpaid tax balances of \$25 a month late filing penalty not to exceed \$150, late pay penalty (15%) and late pay interest (5%) for late/non-filed tax returns.

As a convenience, we accept MasterCard and Visa for payments at the Finance Department's front desk and over the phone.

Walk-in office hours will be available for filing assistance Monday-Friday from 8:30am - 4:30pm.

For additional information on filing, income tax forms or payments please go to our website [ci.moraine.oh.us](http://ci.moraine.oh.us); call the Income Tax Office at 937-535-1026; or email [incometax@moraineoh.org](mailto:incometax@moraineoh.org).

## New Online Filing/Tax Preparation Tool

On February 1, 2021, the City's Income Tax Office unveils a new online tax filing and payment website. This new website provides a user-friendly approach where taxpayers can input their tax information and then produce a calculated and final return.

At the time of the electronic filing, the taxpayer will be able to upload their supporting tax documents making a much more enjoyable and faster filing experience.

Taxpayers may:

- Access their accounts online to check estimated tax payments and carryover credits
- Make payments towards estimated quarterly taxes and payment plans
- Pay online at the same time of their filing with a credit card for a convenience fee charged by the credit card processor.

The Income Tax Office has been working on providing a seamless tax filing experience for a while. We are finally here! If you want to try out this new product and still need to file, please go to the website [www.mitstaxonline.com/moraine](http://www.mitstaxonline.com/moraine). We hope you enjoy the experience!







# Understanding Winter Weather



## What is FREEZING RAIN?

Freezing rain is liquid precipitation that freezes on contact with cold surfaces as it enters a shallow layer of temperatures at or below 32°F near the surface. This creates a dangerous coating of ice on roads, walkways, trees and power lines.

Precipitation in the atmosphere starts off frozen as snow.

Snowflakes melt as they fall through warm air.

Droplets freeze as they enter a shallow layer of air at or below 32°F near the surface.



For more information on winter weather safety, visit:  
[weather.gov/winter](http://weather.gov/winter)



## 2021 Winter Aerobics Calendar

# Payne Recreation Center

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:30 AM <b>Silver Sneakers</b> Michelle De.	9:30 AM <b>HIIT</b> Travis	9:30 AM <b>Silver Sneakers</b> Michelle De.	9:30 AM <b>HIIT</b> Travis	9:30 AM <b>Silver Sneakers</b> Michelle De.
5:30 PM <b>Pilates</b> Michelle G.	5:30 PM <b>Zumba Fusion</b> Shelly	5:30 PM <b>Tabata</b> Travis	5:30 PM <b>Tone &amp; Sculpt</b> Michelle G.	
<b>SATURDAY</b>				
9:30 AM <b>Boot Camp</b> Michelle G.				
10:30 AM <b>Zumba</b> Shelly/Michelle De.				

<b>Tabata - 5:30p: Wed</b>
This high intensity class combines cardio, core, and strength training with intervals of anaerobic exercise and recovery periods that will leave you energized.
<b>Tone &amp; Sculpt - 5:30p: Thu</b>
We focus on the body's weak points and help strengthen the back and spine, knees, and neck.
<b>Zumba - 10:30a: Sat</b>
Zumba is a mix of movements from Latin dances and music. It is equal part dancing and aerobics.
<b>Zumba Fusion - 5:30p: Tue</b>
An energizing mix of Zumba, cardio dance, strength and balance training.

<b>Boot Camp - 9:30a: Sat</b>
Boot Camp will build your strength and endurance by combining high-intensity with strength training intervals.
<b>HIIT - 9:30a: Tue &amp; Thu</b>
This class alternates between intense bursts of activity and fixed periods of less-intense activity or rest. Get FIT with HIIT!
<b>Pilates - 5:30p: Mon</b>
This class incorporates the body-mind connection helping you focus on muscle and their use.
<b>Silver Sneakers - 9:30a: Mon, Wed, Fri</b>
Designed to increase muscular strength, range of movement, and activities for daily living. Hand held weights, bands, and SS balls are offered.

most classes are 50 minutes

[moraineparkandrec.com](http://moraineparkandrec.com)



## Shop with a Hero 2020



The Police Division had the privilege of teaming up with area law enforcement and some amazing kids for some Christmas shopping. The 13th Annual Shop with a Hero event sponsored by Meijer, was held on December 16 at the Meijer store on Springboro Pike.

The City would like to thank Meijer for hosting and also give a special thanks to our very own Kendra Bryant for helping organize the event.



## Thanksgiving Turkeys!



The City Council and staff would like to thank Fuyao Glass America for their donation of Thanksgiving turkeys! We appreciate this gracious gift and are thankful for the relationships we have formed.

## Donation from Fuyao and Heren Foundation



On November 4, Jeff Liu (CEO and President of Fuyao Group North America) Mr. Zuogui Xie (President of Fuyao Glass America) and Lei Shi (Community Relations Specialist) provided a check for \$5,000 from the Heren Foundation to be donated to the Moraine Foundation and the Police Division's Community Outreach Programs.

We appreciate our partnership with Fuyao and the Heren Foundation and look forward to great success. Thank you for your generous donation.

**Thank You to Forgotten Breed MC and Volunteers for the Christmas Smiles Pick Up!**





## 2020 Christmas Smiles Program

The Christmas Smiles Program successfully brought holiday cheer to 53 families and 104 children here in Moraine. Each family received presents consisting of bikes, toys, clothes, shoes, and much more. In addition, each family was given a box of food, a ham to enjoy this holiday season, and a few household items.



The Parks and Recreation Division offered a two-part application process for the program this year. We were able to ensure each of the children who were accepted had a wonderful Christmas—through both ‘adoptions’ and monetary donations from local businesses and community members alike. Given the incredible amount of donations we received this year, it was imperative to us that we were as safe as possible in processing those donations. The sorting and boxing process included a quarantine period and sanitizing process for all of the donations received, and we followed strict COVID-19 Guidelines that have been set within the Parks and Recreation Division since reopening.

The Christmas Smiles Program continues to be a positive venture only because of the willingness of local businesses and the Moraine community to become involved. Whether it was adopting a child or family, donating toys or food, giving a monetary donation, or even volunteering your time, the success of the program is evident by the Smiles on the faces of each child.

**We want to give a huge thank you to each of our donors for their generosity this holiday season!**

Allied Shipping & Packaging Supplies  
Becca's Tender Care  
CSafe Global  
Daddy's Hands Foundation  
DMAX, Ltd.  
First Freedom Church  
Forgotten Breed MC  
Moraine Finance Department  
Moraine Police Department  
Moraine Rotary Club  
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Sheri Thatcher  
Christina Vaughn  
Melissa Vietor  
Jane Voisard  
Kim Wallace  
Kristine Warner  
Emily Wysong  
Joan Wysong

Would you like to help this program for 2021? Monetary donations are accepted in the form of cash or check any time throughout the year. Please make checks out to the Moraine Foundation if you choose to donate.

To Mail:  
Moraine Foundation  
Attn: Christmas Smiles  
4200 Dryden Road  
Moraine, OH 45439

Thank you for supporting the Christmas Smiles Program.  
-Parks and Recreation



## Holiday Decoration Winners

In December, nominations were accepted for the City's Holiday Decoration Award contest on the City's website.

There were 2 categories. Homes could be nominated for "Best Design" and also the "Griswold" category which is the most colorful and over the top lighting display.

The 2020 Holiday Decoration Award winners are:



Second Place - Best Design  
2125 Willow Oak Court

Third Place - Best Design  
3636 Charlotte Mill Drive



We congratulate all the winners and appreciate all of the homes that were nominated in this year's contest.

## PROGRAMS

**The City will abide by the Governor's directives and executive orders regarding COVID-19. Please go to the City's website for updates/cancellations on hours, programs or events.**

### REGISTER IN ADVANCE!

*All classes require a minimum number of participants. If a class minimum is not met by the deadline date, the activity is subject to cancellation. We kindly request that you register at least five days prior to the activity or class.*

*Register online or at the PRC.*

*All programs will follow the Parks and Recreation COVID-19 Guidelines.*

### PICKLEBALL

Location: PRC Gym  
Date: Wednesdays, February 3, 10, 17, 24  
Time: 4pm – 6pm  
Age: Adults (18-54) & Seniors (55+)  
Cost: \$3 per session, Free for PRC Members

Pickleball is a paddleball sport (similar to a racquet sport) that combines elements of badminton, table tennis, and tennis. Two or four players use solid paddles made of wood or composite materials to hit a perforated polymer ball, much like a wiffle ball with 26-40 round holes, over a net. This is a great way to get exercise and have some fun with your friends. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. You may register online or at the PRC.  
Min. 2 / Max. 10

### Gerhardt Civic Center (GCC)

3050 Kreitzer Road 937-535-1095  
Open for scheduled programs and rentals only)

### Ora Everetts Park

3050 Kreitzer Road

### Payne Recreation Center (PRC)

3800 Main Street 937-535-1060  
Monday - Friday 7am - 11am & 3pm - 7pm  
Saturday 9am - 1pm  
Sunday Closed

### Wax Park

3800 Main Street



## COFFEE AND CRAFTING

Location: GCC Commons  
Date: Mondays, February 1 & 15  
Time: 12pm – 1pm  
Age: Seniors (55+)  
Cost: FREE

Come enjoy a relaxing afternoon drinking coffee and making a craft. We have all the supplies you need to create a masterpiece of your own. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. You may register online or at the PRC. This program will be following the Moraine Parks and Recreation COVID-19 Program Guidelines.  
Min. 3 / Max. 9



Stuck on a project? Like to learn a new technique? Want to brush up on your quilting skills? This could be the program for you. It is a fun and relaxing way to spend some time and inject your personality into the project you are working on. All skill levels are welcome to attend. Be sure to pre-register because classes will fill up fast. You may register online or at the PRC.  
Instructor: Susan  
Min. 3 / Max. 9

## BINGO

Location: GCC Commons  
Date: Mondays, February 8 & 22  
Time: 12pm – 1pm  
Age: Seniors (55+)  
Cost: FREE

Join us for an exciting game of B-I-N-G-O. Bingo games begin at 12pm sharp. Enjoy the fun as we play as many games as we can. Prizes awarded for game winners. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. You may register online or at the PRC.  
Min. 3 / Max. 18



## Rotary College Scholarship Available to Moraine Resident 2021 High School Graduates

If you live in the City and are graduating from high school in May or June 2021, apply by March 5, 2021 at 4pm for a chance to receive \$500 college scholarships offered by the Moraine Rotary Club.



To apply, go to The Dayton Foundation website, click on ScholarshipCONNECT and then click on Getting Started. It is that easy. If you have questions during the application process please call The Dayton Foundation at 937-222-0410.

## QUILTING

Location: PRC Meeting Room A  
Date: Thursdays, February 4, 11, 18, & 25  
Time: 5pm – 7pm  
Age: Teens (11-17), Adults (18-54) & Seniors (55+)  
Cost: Resident \$20 per session  
Non-Resident \$30 per session



## Appleseed Park

3000 Dorf Drive

## George Taylor Park

4709 E. Venetian Way

## Pinnacle Park

3060 Charlotte Mill Drive

## Deer Meadow Park

4321 Pinnacle Road

## German Village Park

370 Blumen Lane

## Pinnacle Park Tot Lot

3300 Charlotte Mill Drive

## DP&L Park

2916 Cadillac Street

## Lehigh Park

2607 Lehigh Place

## Riverview Park

3021 Lakehurst Court

## Offices Closed

**City offices close in observance of the following holidays: New Year's Eve Day, New Year's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve Day and Christmas Day.**



MAYOR'S COURT  
Monday-Friday  
Hours 8a-4p  
**937-535-1010**

COUNCIL  
Monday-Friday  
Hours 8a-5p  
**937-535-1005**

TAXES  
Monday-Friday  
Hours 8a-5p  
**937-535-1026**

NON EMERGENCY  
Police & Fire  
**937-535-1166**

POLICE RECORDS  
Monday-Friday  
Hours 9a-3p  
**937-535-1163**

TRASH/BULK PICK-UP  
City of Dayton  
**937-333-4800**

WATER  
Montgomery County  
**937-781-2500**

Any other inquiries **937-535-1000**



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