



**CITY OF
MORaine**
COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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MESSENGER

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Progress Through Unity

Mayor Elaine Allison's Farewell

On Thursday December 9, 2021 we celebrated the service of former Mayor Elaine Allison. After 20 years of exemplary service, 11 of those as Mayor, Elaine shared her farewells with Council, staff, friends and family. Her leadership and impeccable representation over her tenure provided a unified voice for our community that supported the City's belief in Progress Through Unity. Elaine lead with enthusiasm, empathy, and fiscal prudence that promoted our exceptional services to both our residential and business citizens.

As the City bids farewell to Mayor Allison, we look to the future and say congratulations to Mayor Teri Murphy.



Oath of Office for Mayor, Deputy Mayor and At-Large Council Members

On January 4, 2022, Mayor Teri Murphy and At-Large Council Members Ora Allen and Don Burchett were sworn in as elected officials for the City of Moraine. Council Member Shirley Whitt was appointed as Deputy Mayor.

Congratulations!



Mayor Teri Murphy and Law Director Martina Dillon



Deputy Mayor Shirley Whitt and Law Director Martina Dillon



At-Large Council Member Ora Allen and Law Director Martina Dillon



At-Large Council Member Don Burchett and Law Director Martina Dillon

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.



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. Our 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.



Do you want to get paid to have FUN this Summer? Then join our team!

The Parks and Recreation Division is now accepting applications for Summer 2022 positions. We are seeking applicants interested in part-time positions helping with our seasonal programs.

Qualified candidates must have positive customer service skills, communication skills, and the ability to handle stressful situations. Pay starts at \$10.56/hour.

Apply online today! Applications are available online at <http://ci.moraine.oh.us/employment/>

Frequently Asked Questions About Boil Advisories

What is a Boil Advisory?

A boil advisory may be issued for your home or business due to a water main break or infrastructure improvement. These advisories are put out by Montgomery County Environmental Services (MCES) or Jefferson Regional Water Authority (JRWA), who are the providers of water in the City (depending on where your property is within the City).

Typically when a boil advisory is issued, you will receive a written notice on your door. The media may also be alerted if the break is significant or affects a large area of customers. The written notice you receive will contain specific information on how to proceed with your water consumption.

Why doesn't the City notify me of a water main break?

Since the City neither owns nor maintains the water distribution system, the City is often not notified of water main breaks, either. When a water main break is reported to MCES or JRWA, they dispatch a crew as soon as possible to repair the break. However, they typically do not report these to the City until well after the break is repaired. Also, not all water main breaks trigger a boil advisory. If a leak or small break is repaired, a boil advisory may not be necessary.

Who do I call if I have questions about my water?

First, determine who is your water provider. What provider sends you invoices to pay your water bill? Depending on your provider, use the contact information below for any questions or concerns you have about your water distribution system.

Montgomery County Environmental Services

- General Information: 937-781-2500
- 24-Hour Emergency: 937-781-2678

Jefferson Regional Water Authority

- General Information: 937-866-0002
- 24-Hour Emergency: 937-225-4357



RESEARCH, DISCOVER AND UNCOVER MORAINE'S HISTORY

MILLER'S FORD

By: Dave Miller

Miller's Ford - a name linked to Moraine for 200 years but it took some research to find its location. So where along the Great Miami River in Moraine was it located?

To begin, the definition of a "ford" is a shallow place in a stream or river allowing a person to walk across it. Since there were a lack of bridges in the early 1800's, a ford gave people, horses or wagon trains an opportunity to cross the river into Dayton safely.

An early reference to Miller's Ford was on June 4, 1810, when early pioneer John Bruen married Susan Barnett, daughter of John and Elizabeth Barnett, who lived beside Miller's Ford. In 1887, a small Quarantine Hospital was built just north of Miller's Ford to provide medical care for people suffering from smallpox, a contagious disease. Between 1912 and 1937, more than 1,150 smallpox patients were quarantined there.

The December 5, 1902 Dayton Daily News reported that the Miami & Erie Canal Transportation Company would build "electric mules" under the tracks of the Big Four Railroad at Miller's Ford and along the Miami & Erie Canal tow path to speed up canal boat delivery in place of mule or horse drawn boats.

At some point in time a wooden bridge was built across the river at Millers Ford because the Great Dayton Flood of March 1913 flood swept the bridge away. A June 13, 1913 Dayton Daily News article stated the county commissioners approved \$5,000 for the temporary repair and replacement. The bridge would be a pile and trestle bridge. This type of bridge is usually erected over shallow water.

Seasonal flooding continued to raise and lower the river level as the Millers Ford Bridge was swept away again in March 1914 and in 1916. City Commission felt that the bridge should maybe be rebuilt in a different location.

Beginning in 1916, DP&L bought land and began building a huge Steam Turbine Power Plant at Miller's Ford and originally called it Millers Ford Station (renamed Tait Station in 1946).

The May 16, 1921 Dayton Daily News article headline states "Millers Ford Bridge is Closed for Heavy Loads" - closed to all traffic carrying a weight of more than two tons as the wood bridge is unsafe and is constantly in need of repairs.

The infamous Sabo murder case in the January 1923 Dayton Daily News article stated a body was found on the railroad tracks just south of Miller's Ford across from Crume Brick Company. This case was highly sensationalized as wealthy John Sabo slayed his wife with a hammer, burned his house down to hide the deed and then ended his life stepping in front of a train. Crume Brick was located next to the Big Four Railroad tracks and Miami & Erie Canal where Arbor Blvd. is located today.

Eventually, the Millers Ford Bridge was not rebuilt and a new bridge was built a half mile downstream where today, Moraine's Dryden Road meets Dayton's Broadway Street.

So with all of these references throughout history, we know today that Miller's Ford was located between I-75 and the Big Four Railroad bridge just west of the intersection of Arbor Blvd and Carillon Blvd next to the DP&L peaking towers (on Moraine's side of the river). The original wooden bridge was connected to Cincinnati Street (on Dayton's side) although today Cincinnati St. dead ends into Edwin Moses Blvd.

2021 Christmas Smiles Program

This year, the Christmas Smiles Program successfully brought holiday cheer to 43 families and 101 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 household items.

The Christmas Smiles Program would not be possible without the incredible generosity and commitment from local businesses and members of the Moraine community. Whether it was adopting a child or family, donating toys or food, giving a monetary donation, or even volunteering, every single contribution made a tremendous impact. We were able to ensure that these Moraine families could have a wonderful Christmas Day.

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

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Susan Sinks
Tammy Deddens
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Tyler Foundation
Wanda Cameron
Zion Lutheran Church

Would you like to help this program for 2022? 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 and mail to the attention Christmas Smiles, 4200 Dryden Road, Moraine, OH 45439

Thank you for supporting the Christmas Smiles Program.





HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

The Tree Lighting had some major changes that were new and exciting for the City. The 30-foot Christmas tree was bright and beautiful to look at as the countdown hit zero. For the first time the PRC, GCC and Fire Stations were lit to match. Santa came to visit on the fire truck. Inside, there were cookies and hot chocolate for guests to eat and drink. Guests were also able to get a picture with Santa Claus. We appreciate all the citizens that came out to be a part of the City's new Christmas Tree Lighting display and we can't wait to add to to the Tree Lighting in 2022!



EVENTS

OLYMPIC GAMES FITNESS CHALLENGE

Location: PRC Gym
Date: February 1 – February 28
Age: Adults (18-54), Seniors (55+)
Cost: FREE

This fitness challenge is to workout all areas of the body! Every other day, you will switch between cardio and weight training. Ask the fitness monitors for a card to check each day off as you complete the daily challenge. Fitness monitors will keep your cards at PRC Station 2.

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 (moraineparkandrec.com)
OR AT THE PRC.**



WINTER PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Location: PRC & GCC
Date: February 1 - March 10
Age: All Ages
Cost: FREE

Brighten up this winter by finding inspiration in a winter scene or at a City park!

Categories

- Best Winter Scene
- Best Outdoor Scene at a Moraine Park

Prizes

- Gift Cards to the 1st & 2nd place in each category.
- Winning photos will be displayed in the Parks and Recreation facilities.

Submit Photos *(Please include your contact information when submitting your photos)*

- Bring to GCC
- Email to tdoakes@moraineoh.org
- Mailing to City of Moraine, Attention: Winter Photography Contest, 4200 Dryden Road, Moraine, OH 45439

PROGRAMS

EUCHRE

Location: GCC Commons
Date: Tuesdays and Thursdays
February 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22 & 24
Time: 11:30am – 2:30pm
Age: Seniors (55+)
Cost: FREE

Euchre players should arrive at 11:30am to receive their first table assignments and rotation instructions. Don't miss this fun chance to socialize, meet new friends, improve your coordination and exercise your mind. No experience necessary.



Moraine Rotary College Scholarships Available

If you live in Moraine and are graduating in May or June 2022, apply by March 4, 2022 at 4pm for a chance to receive \$500 college scholarships provided 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 937-225-9965.

PROGRAMS

STORYTIME STRETCHING

Location: PRC Aerobics Room

Date: Saturdays, February 5, 12, 19 & 26

Time: 11:30am – 12:30pm

Age: Infants & Preschool (0-5)

Cost: FREE

Min. 3 / Max. 12

Preregister for this amazing program that encourages preschoolers to stay active and enjoy reading books while helping the children with stretching, coordination and following simple directions. Children should be comfortably dressed and ready to move. Please bring a yoga mat or towel. Parents must stay with children 3 and under.

REACH

Location: PRC Reach Room

Date: Mondays, February 7, 14, 21, & 28

Time: 5pm – 7pm

Age: Teens (13-17)

Cost: FREE

The goal of the REACH Program is to provide a safe, fun and positive environment for teens. We offer opportunities for middle and high school teens to grow through physical fitness, art expression, leadership development, community service and educational activities while enhancing self-esteem, communication skills, problem solving and community involvement. The fundamental objective is to succeed in life.



ARTventure

Location: PRC Clubhouse

Date: Mondays, February 7, 14, 21, & 28

Time: 6pm – 7pm

Age: Youth (6-12)

Cost: FREE

ARTventure is designed to engage students in a variety of art activities and explorations. Youth will use their creativity to make masterpieces by exploring colors and designing their own crafts. No skills are necessary for this program. Preregistration is required.



COFFEE AND CRAFTING

Location: GCC Commons

Date: Monday, February 7 & 21

Time: 12pm – 1pm

Age: Seniors (55+)

Cost: FREE

Come enjoy a relaxing afternoon drinking coffee and crafting. Arts and crafts have many benefits that make them among the most preferred activities for older adults. Participating in crafting helps one to exercise various body parts and engages the mind. Supplies are provided for you to create a masterpiece of your own.

February 7 – Tie Dye Shirts

February 21 – Tie Pillow

Gerhardt Civic Center (GCC)

3050 Kreitzer Road

937-535-1095

Monday - Friday

10am - 4pm

Saturday

12pm - 6pm

Sunday

Closed

Payne Recreation Center (PRC)

3800 Main Street

937-535-1060

Monday - Friday 7am - 11am & 3pm - 7pm

Saturday

9am - 1pm

Sunday

Closed

Ora Everetts Park

3050 Kreitzer Road

Wax Park

3800 Main Street

QUILTING MEET-UP

Location: PRC Multipurpose Room
Date: Mondays, February 7, 14, 21 & 28
Time: 5pm – 7pm
Age: Adults (18-54), Seniors (55+)
Cost: FREE

Want to brush up on your quilting skills? This meet-up offers a place for people to start a life-long journey expressing their creativity and personal style through quilting with others. Whether you are an experienced hand quilter or thinking about starting up a new hobby.

COUNTRY JAM

CANCELLED UNTIL MAY 2022

Location: PRC Meeting Room
Time: 4pm – 6pm
Age: Adults (18-54), Seniors (55+)
Cost: FREE

Enjoy good ol' down home country and gospel pickin' and singin'. All guitar pickers are welcome. Admission is free, but please bring a non-expired canned good for the Moraine Food Pantry. This popular drop-in session meets most Mondays.

PLANNER & BULLET JOURNAL MEET-UP

Location: PRC Multipurpose Room
Date: Wednesdays, February 9 & 23
Time: 5pm – 7pm
Age: Adults (18-54), Seniors (55+)
Cost: FREE

If you like to decorate your already made planner, or create a bullet journal from scratch, this is just the place to have fun and share ideas with others. Bring some supplies, share some tips and have fun.

BINGO

Location: GCC Commons
Date: Mondays, February 14 & 28
Time: 12pm – 1pm
Age: Seniors (55+)
Cost: FREE

Join us for a game of B-I-N-G-O. There are a wide variety of prizes for the game winners. Bring a friend and wear your lucky socks! Enjoy the fun as we play six fun filled games.

MOVIE AND DESSERT

Location: GCC Commons
Date: Thursday, February 17
Time: 12pm
Age: Seniors (55+)
Cost: FREE

Relax and watch a great movie while enjoying dessert and some coffee.

SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM

Location: GCC
Date: Mondays, February 7, 14, 21 & 28
Time: 1pm – 2pm
Age: Seniors (60+)
Cost: FREE – Donation appreciated.

Are you over the age of 60 and interested in receiving frozen meals? Meals are distributed by curbside pickup on Mondays. The meals are provided by the Senior Resource Connection. You must pre-register for meals at least one week in advance. To find out more information or how to register, please call 937-535-1095.



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, MLK Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve Day and Christmas Day.

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