

CITY OF MORAINE

4200 Dryden Road Moraine, OH 45439 937-535-1000 ci.moraine.oh.us Governor's directives and executive orders regarding COVID-19. Please go to the City's website for updates/cancellations on hours, programs or events.

MESSENGER

April 2021

Progress Through Unity

Earth Day April 22 - Restore Our Earth

By: www.almanac.com

This year, we celebrate Earth Day on Thursday, April 22. The connection that we have to nature, plants, and the land is integral to our overall health. Earth Day reminds us to take care of our planet—whether it's cleaning up litter, planting more trees, recycling and repurposing, or going on a walk in a green space amidst the wildflowers. See ideas to celebrate!



- Support our native bees: The super-pollinators of the garden are ... native bees!
- Recycle and repurpose!
- Plant wildflowers!
- Reduce plastic dependency: Plastic permeates every aspect of our lives, including the garden.
- Go native!

- Bring nature into the garden with plants that attract butterflies and plants that attract hummingbirds!
- Start an organic vegetable garden.
- Conserve water!
- Plant more trees!
- Get kids involved! Pass down a love of nature and plants to kids.

The City of Dayton trash collection will be on Friday, April 2 (Good Friday) for single and double family residents.



RESIDENTIAL LARGE TRASH PICK-UP

Please find listed below the guidelines for large trash pick-up, along with the dates that the Street Division will be in your neighborhood. Please note: several trucks from the Street Division will be picking up the disposal items separately. The Street Division is asking residents to assist in separating their disposal items. This service is not provided to businesses in the City.

Items Not Acceptable:

55 gallon drums, household garbage, asbestos material, swimming pool chemicals, pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, photographic chemicals, propane tanks, fuel, oil, gas or oxygen tanks, compressed cylinders

Acceptable Items and Guidelines:

- Tree trimmings and/or brush must be no longer than 8 feet in length. We ask that residents stack all brush at the curb neatly with the butt end facing the street so that it may be easily loaded into the chipper. Please keep all brush separate from all other disposal items.
- Paint, batteries, motor oil, metals and appliances containing freon. Please keep all these disposal items separate.
- Tires should also be kept separate from all other disposal items. Only a total of eight truck and car tires will be accepted for disposal. Tractor tires will not be accepted.

Bulk Pickup: West Side of River May 3 - 7

Amelia, Angus, Beechgrove, Bessie, Blumen, Charles, Charlotte Mill, Clearview, Collins, Cottage, Cozy Camp, Dayton-Germantown, Dorf, Elrod, Elter, Farmersville-West Carrollton, Hemple, Herford, Infirmary, Johnson, Liberty-Ellerton, Loveland, Main, Miami Shores, Munich, Outdoor, Parallel, Paris, Payne, Pinnacle, Pinnacle Park, Schloss, Sellars, Shadyview, Shank, Shorelands, Soldiers Home Miamisburg, Soldiers Home West Carrollton, Swimming Hole, Trace, Trail On, Union, Vance, Venetian, Wienburg, Wiesen, Willowview

Bulk Pickup: East Side of River May 17 - 21

Blanchard, Bowman, Cadillac, Champion Oak, Dixie, Dryden, East River, Ellery, Fulton, Genoa, Gladstone, Holman, Hoylake, Janco, Jomar, Kreitzer, Lakehurst, Lamme, Lauderdale, Lehigh, Manistee, Marconi, Mays, Ned, Nyack, Oak, Old Sellars, Orange, Pensacola, Rand, Red Oak, Sibley, Southlawn, Springboro, Telhurst, Viking, White Oak, Willow Oak, Winwood

Please place all unwanted items at the curb on the weekend prior to the scheduled pick-up date. All large trash pick-up items must be placed next to the curb by Monday at 7am.

April Showers Bring May Flowers

Spring is finally here and summer is just around the corner. All of those bitterly cold, snowy days of winter are just a fading distant memory. Spring and summer bring back green grass, trees and flowers, but with all this beauty also comes work. Please remember these few property maintenance codes which the City has put in place so everyone can enjoy the beauty of the outdoors this summer.

 All exterior property areas shall be maintained free from weeds, plants, vines, grass or other vegetation in excess of 8 inches in height.

- All vehicles must be parked in designated parking areas, all parking must be on a hard paved surface such as gravel, blacktop or concrete.
- Outdoor storage is not permitted in residential districts. Such storage items may include, but are not limited to: bicycles, lawn mowers, automotive repair equipment or parts and construction materials.
- Driveways and sidewalks should be kept clean and free of grass and weeds.
- Trees, plants and shrubbery should be kept so it has a clear height of 8 feet above sidewalks and 14 feet above streets.



All dead sections should be removed as well as any limbs touching your roof. They can cause damage to your shingles. Bushes and hedges in the front yard must be kept so they do not exceed 4 feet in height and be 3 feet from the lot line.

- Do not place garage sale signs in the right of way or attach them to poles or street signs.
 They will be removed! Post the days of your sale with the actual dates such as April 30-May 2.
- Trash cans must be kept out of view until 24 hours before and after scheduled pick up.
 Trash must be placed in approved containers with a lid.

Please remember, keeping your yard maintained will make our City a more beautiful place for everyone to enjoy this summer. Questions and comments are always welcome; please contact your Building and Zoning Department at 937-535-1038 or e-mail to twenzler@moraineoh. org.

Severe Weather: Are You Ready?

This preparedness guide explains weather hazards and suggests life-saving actions you can take to develop a plan and be ready to act when threatening weather approaches. Remember... your safety is up to YOU!

What you can do before severe weather strikes

- Develop a plan for you and your family at home and when outdoors.
- Identify a safe place to take shelter.
- Have frequent drills.
- Have a NOAA weather radio with warning alarm tone and battery back-up to receive warnings.
- Listen to radio and television for weather information.

Tornadoes

Although tornadoes occur in many parts of the world, they are found most frequently in the United States. In an average year, 1,200 tornadoes cause 70 fatalities and 1,500 injuries nationwide.



Tornado Safety Rules

- In a home or building, move to a pre-designated shelter, such as a basement.
- If an underground shelter is not available, move to a small interior room or hallway on the lowest floor and get under a sturdy piece of furniture.
- Stay away from windows.
- Get out of automobiles. Do not try to outrun a tornado in your car.
- If caught outside or in a vehicle, lie flat in a nearby ditch or depression and cover your head with your hands
- Be aware of flying debris. Flying debris from tornadoes causes most fatalities and injuries.
- Mobile homes, even if tied down, offer little protection from tornadoes. Leave and get to the nearest sturdy building.

Flash Floods

With the 140 fatalities annually, thunderstorms are the #1 cause of deaths. Most flash flood fatalities occur at night and most victims are people who become trapped in automobiles. Six inches of fast-moving water can knock you off your feet; a depth of two feet will cause most vehicles to float.

- Avoid walking, swimming, or driving in floodwaters.
- Stay away from high water, storm drains, ditches, ravines, or culverts.
- If you come up on floodwaters, stop, turn around, and go another way.
- Don't let children play near storm drains.

Siren Testing

The Fire Division tests the tornado sirens on the first Monday of each month at noon, weather permitting. These tests are to ensure the sirens are operating properly. The sirens are not designed to be heard "Citywide" while indoors. The sirens are primarily to warn people who are outdoors, away from television and radios.

Storm Water Management

By: Ohio EPA

Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the water bodies we use for swimming, fishing and providing drinking water. Polluted storm water runoff is a threat to clean water.

Roofs, parking lots, streets and lawns prevent storm water from soaking into the ground. As storm water flows over these areas, it can dissolve, pick up and transport things such as automotive waste, lawn chemicals, paints and eroded soil. When these pollutants make their way into streams and rivers, they can destroy fish, wildlife and aquatic life habitats. This contamination can lessen aesthetic value and threaten public health.

WHAT TO DO

- Keep chemicals, yard waste and other material out of storm drains.
- Choose native plants which don't require a lot of water and are resistant to insects and disease.
- Use a rain barrel or plant a rain garden.
- Control soil erosion plant ground cover and stabilize erosion-prone areas.
- Control insects naturally Provide habitat for birds, bats and toads and introduce praying mantises, lacewings, ladybugs and other pesteaters to your garden.
- Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a grassy area so the ground can filter the water.
- Check your car and other machinery for leaks and spills. Make repairs as soon as possible.

WHAT NOT TO DO

- Over water use trickle irrigation or soaker hoses instead of sprinklers.
- Over apply follow pesticide and fertilizer directions carefully for the best results.
- Over buy- only purchase what you need and follow the directions for proper storage and disposal.
- Never allow roof gutters to drain directly to the street or storm sewer.
- Mow too low set the mower blades to cut the grass two or three inches high. Mow often and leave the clippings to retain moisture and provide nutrients to the soil.
- Never put used oil and other fluids down the storm drain. Recycle oil and fluids at a service or recycling center.
- Never rinse oil or chemical spills into the storm drain. Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material like kitty litter or sand.



Testing Hydrants

The Fire Division will be performing the semi-annual test of the City's hydrants starting April 1st and continuing throughout the month. The hydrants are checked twice a year to ensure they are working properly. These tests enable the Fire Division to be better prepared to protect and serve the public. During these tests, the water may turn brown. Residents should avoid doing laundry and drinking water from the tap until the discoloration clears.

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 with a 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; call the Income Tax Office at 937-535-1026; or email incometax@moraineoh.org.

New Online Filing / Tax Preparation Tool

The City's Income Tax Office has 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 and it's finally here! If you want to try this new product and still need to file, please go to the website www.mitstaxonline.com/moraine. We hope you enjoy the experience!

New Income Tax Drop Box

Thanks to Building Maintenance
Superintendent Bobby Engle and staff for installing an Income Tax Drop Box in the City Building's front lobby. Tax payers may now drop their payment in the box during business hours or after. Forms and envelopes will be available for your accessibility. Please have your documents in a sealed envelope before dropping them in the box. This is a quick, safe and convenient way for taxpayers to submit your information to the Income Tax Office.





RESEARCH, DISCOVER AND UNCOVER MORAINE'S HISTORY

NATIVE AMERICANS IN MORAINE

Long before Moraine became a municipality, the Native Americans and pioneers lived in the area. Just a mile northwest of Moraine is SunWatch Indian Village/Archeological Park. At SunWatch, you walk in the footsteps of the Fort Ancient people who lived in a village nearly 800 years ago along the banks of the Great Miami River. You can view reconstructed houses with grass thatched roofs and many artifacts such as pottery and stone tools uncovered at the site.

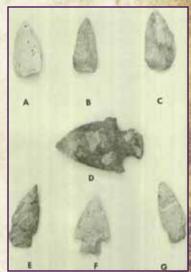
These Indians canoed on the river and caught fish back when the Miami River was very clean. Both on the west side of the river, where SunWatch Village is located, and across the river on Moraine's east side, Indians hunted for deer, rabbit and other animals. They grew corn (maize), beans and squash.

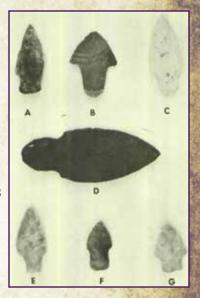
There have been several significant Native American finds within the City. In 1968, an archeologist and his son while hiking and hunting for surface artifacts on the Pinnacles, a high ridge above and overlooking the Great Miami River, found a small, irregular mound of earth. They realized the knoll was man-made. Obtaining permission from then land owner Gourley Darrock, they excavated the 32 foot diameter mound and discovered many artifacts below ash deposits. The photos show many arrowheads, notched points and leaf-shaped blades. Ground stone tools and other artifacts were also found. The archeologists believed that the Native Americans built many ceremonials fires on this mound and during the course of the ritual would throw a spear or two in the fire. When the Wright Brothers Pinnacles Hiking Trail opens in 2021, the trail will pass very close to this former mound.

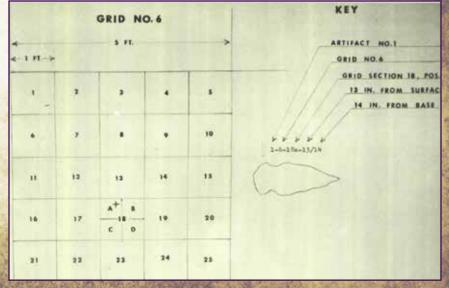
Another Native American site in Moraine, discovered by the Wright State University Laboratory of Anthropology is close to the German

Village Subdivision. It is an ancient earthwork with two low walls at right angles. A Hopewell Indian notched point was discovered at the site.

Evidence still remains today of Native Americans that once inhabited the land that we now call Moraine.







Tie Dye Easter Eggs

By: onelittleproject.com

These tie dye Easter eggs are SO FUN and they're so simple to make!

Materials

- Hard Boiled Eggs
- Food Coloring
- Paper Towel
- Water Spray Bottle
- Tiny Elastics or Twist Ties
- Table Fan

Instructions

- Tear apart the paper towels into small rectangles.
 Place a cool, dry egg in the middle of the paper towel.
- Wrap the paper towel up and around the egg so it's completely covered. Twist the top of the paper towel so it's tight against the egg and secure it with a tiny hair elastic or a twist tie.
- Wearing rubber gloves, gently squeeze drops of food coloring directly onto the paper towel wrapped egg (3 or 4 drops at a time), leaving some white space between each color. Repeat until there are large food coloring dots around the whole egg.

4. Using a spray bottle, gently spray a small amount of water into the center of each food coloring dot. Keep spraying until the colors bleed and there is no more



white space. The less water you spray, the brighter the colors on the egg will be.

- 5. Gently squeeze the wet paper towel wrapped egg over the sink to drain any excess water. Even if there's no extra water, gently squeeze the egg to make sure the color on the paper towel transfers to the egg.
- 6. Place the wet, paper towel wrapped eggs in a baking dish. Point a table fan at the eggs and allow them to dry for 3 to 4 hours. (Without a table fan, you'll have to wait overnight for them to dry).
- 7. When the paper towels are completely dry, remove the elastics and unwrap each egg.

Lolly Pop Bunnies

By: one little project.com

Materials

- 1 Tootsie Pop
- 1 Styrofoam Craft Ball 1" diameter
- 1 White Pipe Cleaner
- 2 Medium Googly Eyes
- 2 Tiny White Pom Poms
- 1 Tiny Pink Pom Pom
- 3 Small White Pom Poms
- Sparkly Craft Foam cut into the shape of bunny feet
- Ribbon
- Hot Glue Gun



Instructions

- 1. Use a knitting needle or meat thermometer to poke a hole through the styrofoam ball.
- 2. Slide the styrofoam ball over the lolly pop stick, twisting as you go to make sure the wrapper is covered. If the wrapper gets in the way, use a sharp pencil to make the hole slightly larger at one end.
- 3. Bend a 2" loop at the end of the pipe cleaner and wrap the end a few times to keep the loop in place. Bend the other end of the pipe cleaner into another 2" loop and wrap the end around to make bunny ears. Bend the bunny ears upwards and use hot glue to attach the ears to the top of the styrofoam ball.
- 4. Attach the two googly eyes and tiny pom poms in place to make the face.
- 5. Attach two small pom poms for the paws and one small pom pom for the tail.
- 6. Attach the craft foam feet to the bottom of the lolly pop.
- 7. Cut a piece of ribbon and tie a bow around the bunny ears or around the neck.

PARKS AND RECREATION OPEN INTERVIEWS for summer seasonal positions









PAYNE RECREATION CENTER

WED. April 7th 4p-7p OR SAT. April 10th 10a-1p

3800 Main Street Moraine, OH 45439 (937) 535-1060 ci.moraine.oh.us/employment/



Gerhardt Civic Center (GCC)

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

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



SELF GUIDED ACTIVITY

APRIL 1 - 30



Like the classic board game that includes Colonel Mustard, Professor Plum, Mrs. Peacock, Miss Scarlett and Rev. Green, our local parks version of Clue is a murder mystery game. However, instead of the usual suspects, Parks and Recreation staff are potentially guilty. (Don't worry, it's all pretend and you can take your kids out to enjoy the fun!) The victim is the evil Dr. Covid, responsible for the pandemic and ruining play time in the parks this year.

Local citizen "detectives" walk through the parks while searching high and low for laminated paper clues along the way. Are you a good enough detective to figure out which Parks and Recreation employee finally snapped? Who did it? Where did they do it? What weapon did they use? Clues will be hidden in the parks to help solve this crime. Be sure to maintain appropriate social distancing while you investigate, and please do not remove the clues.

Once all the clues are found, and you've identified the suspect, murder weapon and location of the crime, visit the City of Moraine's website to submit your answers.

SUSPECTS

JOSEPECIS				
Kristen Gopman				
Director				
Carol Wantz				
Secretary				
Tiffany Doakes				
Program Coordinator				
Brent Shane				
Program Coordinator				
MyKaelah Mercer				
Operations Manager				
Robin Fancher				
Program Supervisor				
Adam Ramsey				
Operations Supervisor				
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WEAPONS

Baseball Bat		
Dumbbell		
Golf Cart		
Hammer		
Jump Rope		
Lawn Mower		

LOCATIONS

Baseball Field		
Horseshoe Pit		
Parking Lot		
Playground		
Shelter House		
Walking Trail		

CLUES CAN BE FOUND AT: Wax Park 3800 Main Street







Solve the crime to win: **Free Ice Cream Treat Coupon**

Thanks to our sponsor: **Dairy Queen on Springboro Pike**

Appleseed Park

3000 Dorf Drive

Deer Meadow Park

4321 Pinnacle Road

DP&L Park

2916 Cadillac Street

George Taylor Park

4709 E. Venetian Way

German Village Park

370 Blumen Lane

Lehigh Park

2607 Lehigh Place

Pinnacle Park

3060 Charlotte Mill Drive

Pinnacle Park Tot Lot

3300 Charlotte Mill Drive

Riverview Park

3021 Lakehurst Court

SPECIAL EVENTS

CLUE – Self Guided Activity

Location: Wax Park
Date: April 1-30
Age: All Ages
Cost: FREE

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ARBOR DAY COLORING CONTEST 2021

Location: PRC

Date: April 1-24, 2021

Age: Pre-School (3-5), Youth (6-12)

Cost: FREE

Did you know that in the 1820s John Chapman, alias "Johnny Appleseed" planted trees near the Moraine Garden Plots west of Dorf Drive right here in Moraine? In honor of Arbor Day on April 30, youth are encouraged to participate in the 12th Annual Arbor Day Coloring Contest. Contest forms are located at the PRC or on the City's website. Once completed, please return your coloring contest entry to the PRC by April 24. Each category (Pre-School and Youth) will have two winners and their artwork will be displayed on the City's Social Media Page on Arbor Day. In addition, all coloring contest entries will be displayed at the PRC in early May.

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE WEEKEND

April 30 - May 2

Our Annual Community Garage Sale Weekend begins at the end of this month! Check out the list of participating addresses on the City's website at http://ci.moraine.oh.us/. We look forward to everyone joining us here in Moraine for a safe weekend full of good deals! Please contact the Parks and Recreation Division at

937-535-1060 for more information or to add your address to the participant list. Be advised that all participating addresses are expected to abide by the guidelines, restrictions, and protocols designated by the Ohio Department of Health.

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, April 7, 14, 21 & 28

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.

COFFEE AND CRAFTING

Location: GCC Commons

Date: Mondays, April 5 & 19

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. Preregistration is required and space is limited. You may register online or at the PRC.

April 5: Marble Sun Catcher April 19: Soap Making

BINGO

Location: GCC Commons

Date: Mondays, April 12 & 26

Time: 12pm - 1pmAge: 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.

SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM

Location: GCC

Date: Mondays, April 5, 12, 19 & 26

Time: 11:30am – 12:30pm

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 937-535-1097.

SHUFFLEBOARD

Location: GCC

Date: Tuesdays, April 6, 13, 20 & 27

Time: 10am – 12pm Age: Seniors (55+)

Cost: FREE

Shuffle on over to play a game of indoor Shuffleboard. This will be a non-competitive game to enjoy while having fun. You may register online or at the PRC.



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 2021 positions. We are seeking applicants interested in a part-time commitment 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 \$9.41/hour.

Open Interviews start on Wednesday, April 7 from 4pm-7pm or Saturday, April 10 from 10am-1pm.

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



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



ELAINE ALLISON Mayor



Offices Closed

ORA ALLEN At-Large



City offices close in observance of the following

Good Friday, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor

holidays: New Year's Eve Day, New Year's Day,

Day, Thanksgiving Day, day after Thanksgiving,

Christmas Eve Day and Christmas Day.

At-Large



DONALD BURCHETT RANDY DAUGHERTY TERI MURPHY Ward 1



Deputy Mayor Ward 2



SHIRLEY WHITT Ward 3



JEANETTE MARCUS Ward 4