



**CITY OF
MORaine**
COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Moraine, OH 45439
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MESSENGER

April
2022

Progress Through Unity



EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA

April 9 • 11a
Ora Everetts Park

Food Trucks

Inflatables

Rock Wall

Egg Hunt

must pre-register at
moraineparkandrec.com

RESIDENTIAL LARGE TRASH PICK-UP

Listed below are the guidelines for large trash pick-up along with the dates the Street Division will be in your neighborhood. Please note: several trucks from the Street Division will pick-up the items separately. The Street Division is asking residents to assist in separating their unwanted 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.

West Side of River

May 2 - 6

Amelia, Angus, Aviation, 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, Wright

East Side of River

May 16 - 20

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.

Fire Hydrant Testing

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.



2021 CITY INCOME TAX DUE APRIL 18, 2022

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/unfiled tax returns.

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

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

If you can't make it during business hours, we have a drop box located in the Municipal Building lobby where you can leave copies of your documents to file in a sealed envelope (please don't leave original documents if you need them). We also now have a new online filing system that can be used if you have filed with us previously www.mitstaxonline.com/moraine. Please be sure to include all required documents such as: W-2s, W-2G, Schedule C/E, 1099-MISC, 1099-NEC and your Federal 1040, etc.

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.

Parking Ordinance Changes

To address safety and property damage concerns, the City has updated its on-street parking ordinances to reflect the following changes effective March 13th, 2022.



Trailers that are unattached from their tow vehicle will no longer be permitted to be parked on the roadway at any time. This includes campers, boat trailers, flatbed trailers, car haulers, box trailers, cargo trailers and any other trailer designed to carry passengers or property. Unattached trailers are subject to towing in addition to parking citations.

Additionally, all vehicles that remain parked, standing or abandoned upon any street for a continuous 48 hour period are hereby designated as obstructions to traffic and may be removed from the right-of-way. Vehicles parked on the roadway for longer than 48 continuous hours are subject to towing in addition to parking citations.

These updated ordinances involve all roadways in the City including highways, through roadways, residential streets, cul-de-sacs, dead end streets, etc.

The City realizes this will impact some of our residents that have used the roadway to temporarily park trailers and vehicles. Please make plans now to remove your long-term parked vehicles and trailers from the roadway.

For questions regarding the change in parking ordinances and enforcement of those ordinances, please contact the Police Division's Community Service Officer Jerry Dunn at 937-535-1180.

RESEARCH, DISCOVER AND UNCOVER MORaine's HISTORY

MORaine's "DEAD MAN'S CROSSING"

By: Dave Miller

Sounds like something paranormal or a cheap “B” horror movie title but in reality back in the 1920’s this was a small stretch of road and a railroad crossing in Moraine that was scary because quite often it led to fatal results. The road was the Great American Turnpike in Moraine, also called Dixie Highway or Cincinnati Pike. This is the section of the road that goes west from today’s Frisch’s Restaurant and Waffle House past Dryden Road onward past the I-75 northbound and southbound entrance ramps and on into West Carrollton (Central Avenue).

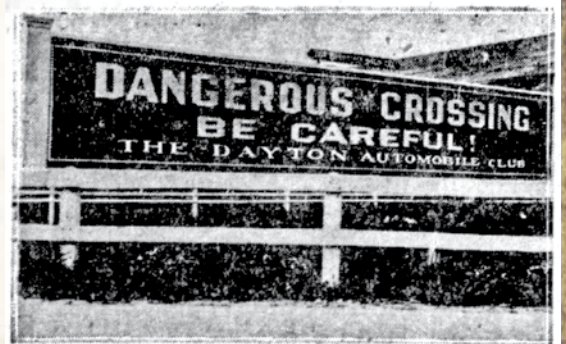
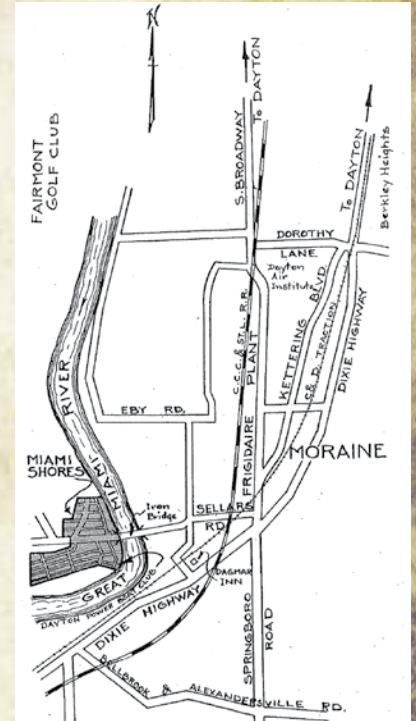
One hundred years ago, the two lane Dixie Highway crossed the Big Four Railroad tracks at ground level just east of Dryden Road. No overpass existed. Visibility was very poor due to the curve and a couple houses preventing drivers from seeing the fast approaching trains. A June 1926 Dayton Daily News article states that due to frequent deadly accidents “state and county officials will build a bridge over the tracks as buildings near the tracks have obstructed the view of trains that come at a sharp angle.” Elevation of the road would begin 500 feet on either side of the tracks and give trains a 30 foot clearance. Several houses/buildings would be removed and the road would be raised to safeguard the lives of the drivers.

Instead of building a bridge overpass, engineers first considered building the roadway under the railroad tracks but due to the close proximity of the interurban traction (trolley) line viaduct and the nearby Miami and Erie Canal, it was deemed inadvisable.

“Dead Man’s Crossing” or officially Stop 9 Crossing, according to the Dayton Automobile Club, stated that more fatalities occurred at this crossing than any other crossing in the city or Montgomery County due to the heavy volume of traffic on Dixie Highway. Estimates to build the new overpass would cost \$200,000 (over \$3 million dollars today).

The overpass was completed and many lives were saved due to the safety of the overpass.

A quick historical note: some of the original ground level Great Miami Turnpike/Dixie Highway still exist today. The original two lane brick road is just north of the railroad tracks (see photo) about an inch underground if you were to dig the surface dirt and weeds away. It is solid and 16 feet 11 inches wide.



MAMMOTH DANGER SIGN AT DEAD MAN'S CROSSING, FOUR MILES SOUTH OF DAYTON.

PHOTOS AND DRAWINGS Show How "Dead Man's" Crossing on Cincinnati Pike Will Be Eliminated After Causing Many Fatalities—Highway to Be Raised Over Big Four Railroad Tracks



CITY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

2022 is expected to be a big year for roadway improvements in Moraine! Please be cautious while driving through construction zones and obey all signs, cones, barricades, and the directions of the construction workers while in these zones.

Updated information regarding construction zones will be posted on the City's social media pages.

Concrete Program

The City will be replacing curb and curb ramps in German Village. All work is expected to be complete by Fall 2022. Concrete curb and sidewalk repairs in Moraine are not assessed to the property owners.

Paving Program

The City will be resurfacing Charlotte Mill Drive, Loveland Court, Pinnacle Park Drive, Parallel Road, Paris Drive, Sellars Road, Angus Lane, and Herford Trail. A large repair will also be made on the north end of Arbor Blvd, near Carillon Blvd. All work is expected to be complete by Fall 2022.

Concrete Pavement Program

Concrete pavement will be replaced at the southern intersection of Dryden Road and East River Road. New concrete pavement will be installed on eastbound Stroop Road at South Dixie Drive and on westbound Northlawn Avenue at Dryden Road. All work is expected to be complete by Fall 2022.

Dryden Road North Water Main Replacement

The water main along Dryden Road, north of the East River Road traffic signal, will be replaced by Montgomery County Environmental Services prior to the resurfacing work.

Dryden Road North Resurfacing

Dryden Road will be resurfaced from Kreitzer Road to the City's north Corporation limit. Curb repair, sidewalk and curb ramp installation, and a traffic signal replacement at Dryden Road and East River Road are also included in this project. This project is partially funded by a federal grant through the Ohio Department of Transportation and MVRPC. This project is also partially funded by an Ohio Public Works Commission Grant. All work is expected to be completed by October 2022.

Cobblegate Drive Improvements

Roadway resurfacing, curb replacement, and curb ramp installation will be completed on Cobblegate Drive. Construction is expected to begin this Spring and will be completed by October 2022. This project is partially funded by a Community Development Block Grant through Montgomery County.

For questions about roadway construction, please contact Alisha Burcham, City Engineer, at 937-535-1031.

Be prepared for slow or stopped traffic as you approach a work zone, and follow these safety rules:

1 PLAN YOUR TRIP  You may avoid travel delays if you choose an alternate route around the work zone.	2 OBEY FLAGGERS  Flaggers authority overrides conventional control devices.	3 DOUBLE YOUR FOLLOWING DISTANCE  The most common crash type in work zones is the rear-end collision.	4 PROCEED CAUTIOUSLY  Keep moving at a safe speed as you drive through the work zone; do not slow or stop to watch roadwork.
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SEVERE WEATHER!

This preparedness guide explains weather hazards and suggests life-saving actions you can take. With this information, you can 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 the 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

Flash floods are the #1 cause of deaths associated with thunderstorms with more than 140 fatalities each year. Most flash floods 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 test 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 plants that are native to the area 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 pest-eaters 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.

WELCOME TIRES UNLIMITED



Tires Unlimited announced their new location in City at 3578 Kettering Blvd and Hoyle Place (across from Fuyao Glass America).

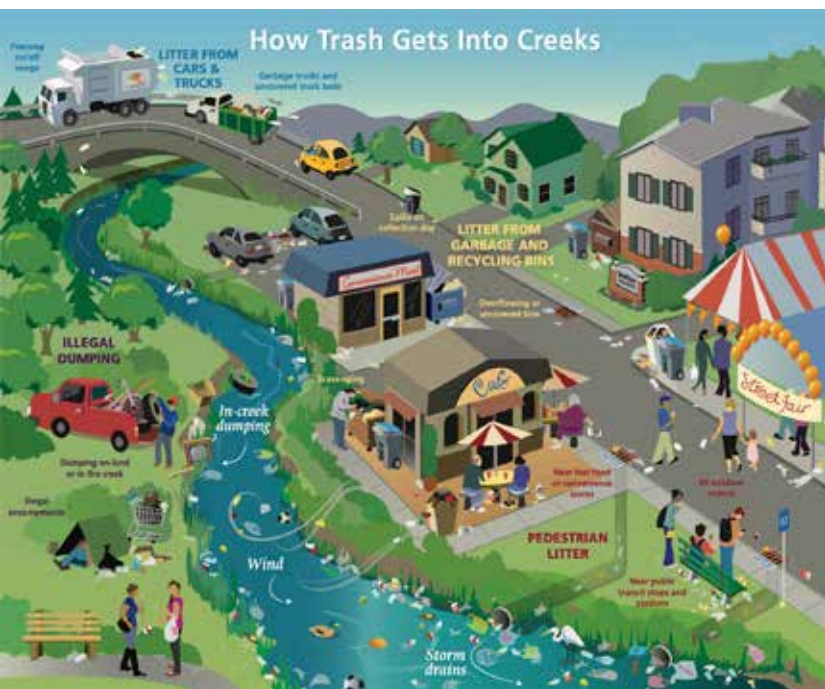
The company opened for business in 1976 in north Dayton and quickly grew into one of the premiere tire distributors in the area.

Tires Unlimited (a locally owned company) carries tires for just about every wheel position. Many brands to choose from for any car, truck, motorcycle, or ATV.

Bill Pfeiffer (managing partner) says he looks forward to the new location in Moraine. "Growing with the community to serve their tire needs is our goal!"

Pfeiffer said, "we share the facility with Troy Racing, a motorcycle, ATV sales and service business. You can browse while you wait."

Tires Unlimited is open Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm and Saturday 8am to 12pm. You can call with any inquiries at 937-433-8600.



Park & Recreation Events 2022

APR 9 **Easter Egg-Stravaganza**
Ora Everetts Park

Community Garage Sale Weekend
City wide (Fri - Sun)

APR 29

MAY 20 **Movie Night**
Wax Park

Cardboard Boat Regatta
Deer Meadow Park

JUN 18

JUL 4 **Star Spangled Boom**
Wax Park

Jim McGuire Hook Kids on Fishing
Deer Meadow Park

JUL 15

JUL 22 **Fishing Derby**
Deer Meadow Park

Movie Night
Wax Park

AUG 5

SEP 24 **Gravity Games**
Main Street Hill

Boo Bash
Payne Rec Center

OCT 15

OCT 31 **Community Halloween Party**
Wax Park

Tree Lighting Ceremony
Municipal Building

DEC 2

EVENTS

HAPPY EASTER



Easter EGG-STRAVAGANZA

Location: Ora Everetts Park – GCC
 Date: April 9, 2022
 Time: 11am - 2:30pm
 Age: Pre-School (0-5), Youth (6-12),
 Teen (13-17)
 Cost: FREE
 Fee: Free Activities for youth
 (Food Vendor Prices Vary)



Egg Hunt

You must PRE-REGISTER to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt. The hunt will begin promptly for each age bracket. Do not forget to bring a bag or basket to the Easter Egg Hunt. There are 25 openings for each age bracket and only registered children will be allowed to take part in the event.

Start Time	Age Bracket	
11 AM	Under 2yrs	3-4 yr. old
11:30 AM	5-6 yr. old	7-8 yr. old
12 PM	9-10 yr. old	11-12 yr. old
12:30 PM	13-17 yr. old	
1 PM	Under 2yrs	3-4 yr. old
1:30 PM	5-6 yr. old	7-8 yr. old
2 PM	9-10 yr. old	11-12 yr. old
2:30 PM	13-17 yr. old	

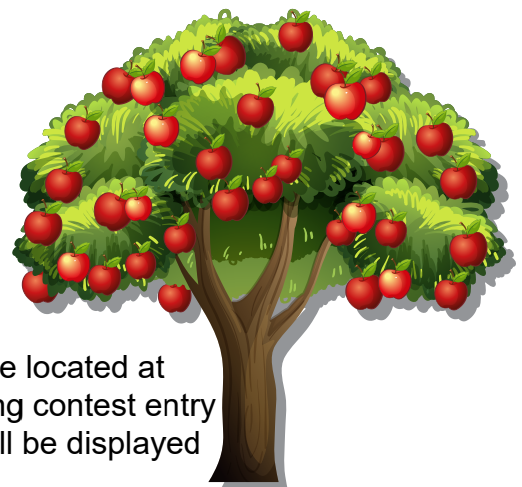
The City is ready to have an EGG-XTRA special Easter Event at Ora Everetts Park! Come ready to have fun! At this family fun event there will be games, crafts, inflatables, music, and food trucks. The Easter Bunny will be taking pictures with the children throughout the day so make sure to bring your camera to capture the memories. This event is rain or shine.

ARBOR DAY COLORING CONTEST

Location: City Wide
 Date: April 15-29
 Age: Pre-School (0-5), Youth (6-12)
 Cost: FREE

Did you know that in the 1820s John Chapman, alias “Johnny Appleseed,” planted trees near the Garden Plots west of Dorf Drive right here in City?

In honor of Arbor Day on April 29, youth are encouraged to participate in the 13th Annual Coloring Contest. Contest forms are located at the PRC or the GCC. Once completed, please return your coloring contest entry to the PRC or the GCC by April 29. All coloring contest entries will be displayed at the GCC during late April and early May.



PROGRAMS

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.**



COFFEE AND CRAFTING

Location: GCC Commons
Date: Monday, April 4 & 18
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. We have all the supplies you need to create a masterpiece of your own. Please register ahead of time so we are sure to have enough materials for everyone.

BINGO

Location: GCC Commons
Date: Monday, April 11 & 25
Time: 12pm – 1pm
Age: Seniors (55+)
Cost: FREE

Join us for a game of B-I-N-G-O. We have a wide variety of prizes for the game winners. Bring a friend and wear your lucky socks! Enjoy the fun as we play 6 fun filled games.

EUCHRE

Location: GCC Commons
Date: Tuesday and Thursday,
April - 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28
Time: 11:30am – 2:30pm
Age: Seniors (55+)
Cost: FREE

Players should arrive at 11:45am 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

QUILTING MEET-UP

Location: PRC Multipurpose Room
Date: Mondays, April 4, 11, 18, 25
Time: 5pm – 7pm
Age: Adults (18-54), Seniors (55+)
Cost: FREE

We are offering a place for people to start a life-long journey expressing their creativity and personal style through quilting. Whether you are an experienced hand quilter or thinking about starting up a new hobby.

MOVIE AND DESSERT

Location: GCC Commons
Date: Thursday, April 21
Time: 12pm
Age: Seniors (55+)
Cost: FREE

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



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

SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM

Location: GCC

Date: Mondays, April 4, 11, 18, 25

Time: 1pm – 1:30pm

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 937-535-1095.



PLANNER & BULLET JOURNAL MEET-UP

Location: PRC Multipurpose Room

Date: Wednesday, April 13 & 27

Time: 5pm – 7pm

Age: Adults (18-54), Seniors (55+)

Cost: FREE

Whether 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.

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE WEEKEND
APRIL 29TH - MAY 1ST

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 here: <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.

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



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
Jefferson Regional Water
937-866-0002

Any other inquiries
937-535-1000

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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