

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.

CITY OF  
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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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# MESSENGER

September  
2020

*Progress Through Unity*

## Camp To Go

This year, the City's Parks and Recreation Division knew how important it was to provide activities to children and hosted the City's very first "Camp To Go" Program. This Program was a major success! Each week, registration filled up quickly and in just four weeks, were able to distribute over 250 boxes full of fun things to do at home. Activities included ice cream in a bag, tie-dye, word searches, puzzles, bubbles, rock painting, canvas painting, DIY lava lamps, making homemade playdough and so much more.

Here are some comments on what the participants thought of the Camp To Go boxes:

"I just wanted to say that these boxes are awesome! I plan on signing up for the next three weeks. The kids love them!"

"My child was super excited about all of it. Thank you guys for doing this!"

"I LOVE the City of Moraine and all the fun things they do for our community all year long. Because they couldn't do their camps this summer, they made up boxes for kids to pick up based on age group with activities and all the utensils and necessities you needed to do the crafts."



ARE YOU ABOUT TO **BLOW IT** AND NOT EVEN **KNOW IT?**

STORM DRAINS are not TRASH CANS for FALL LEAVES.

Leaves **CLOG** storm drains which causes **FLOODING**.  
And if not removed, **ROTTING** leaves cause **ALGAE BLOOMS** THAT **HARM** local fish and crab populations.

SO



**RAKE 'EM**



**BAG 'EM**



**MULCH 'EM**



**COMPOST 'EM**

However you get rid of fall leaves, make sure you **KEEP THEM OUT OF THE STORM DRAIN.**

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



“Orange Barrel Season” is still with us! Please drive cautiously and respect all construction zones. These zones are designed to protect the workers and drivers!

Wright Landing is a new subdivision, located off of Vance Road. This new plat is the next step in the City’s partnership with Ryan Homes to bring fresh, new housing to Moraine.

Site work and road construction are complete at Wright Landing and new homes will be under construction soon! The City is proud to be moving on to another great addition to our residential market.

The City will be conducting crack sealing operations on thoroughfares and main roads throughout the City in 2020. This will help prolong the life of our roadways. This is a rolling operation and moves very quickly. Please follow the directions of work crews and respect the construction vehicles. This project is expected to be complete by Fall 2020.

The City will be placing the final layer of asphalt in the Pinnacle Ridge subdivision in the upcoming fall months. This will complete the Pinnacle Ridge project. Homes may still be under construction in the coming months.

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





On June 30, 2020, Rick Baker retired from the Street Division as a Semi-Skilled Street Worker with 20 years of service.

Rick began his career in the City's Parks Division as a Maintenance Worker and in August of 2010, Rick was assigned to the Street Division where he became a Semi-Skilled Street Worker.

During his career, his responsibilities included a certified pool operator, mowed the City facilities, painted, janitorial work, maintained and repaired park equipment, concrete work, snow removal, fence installation, cleaned parks, building construction and many other tasks. Rick

also assisted with training seasonal employees and managed the former Youth Corp Program.

Rick is originally from Virginia and currently resides in West Carrollton with his wife, Sheila. Their son Luke and his wife Megan, of Texas, have 5 children (with another one the way). An active member of the Miami Shores Baptist Church, Rick enjoys fishing, Nascar, woodworking, household projects and spending time with his family and friends.

Congrats and Happy Retirement Rick!

## *Alan August 1961 -2020*

### *Street Division Remembers Co-Worker*

On June 21, 2020, Alan passed away unexpectedly. He was 58 years old and is survived by his wife Nancy of 35 years; 2 daughters, Kaitlyn and Kelsey and 2 granddaughters, Molly and Adelyn. Alan is also survived by his father, Don and many other relatives and friends.



Alan began his career with the City in 1995. His job positions ranged from Park Maintenance Worker, Semi-Skilled Street Worker, Equipment Operator and even Acting Street Superintendent.

Alan was also a two-time winner of the Public Works Officials of Southwest Ohio Snow Plow Rodeo both in 1999 and 2001. In 2002, Alan attended the State Invitational Snow Plow Rodeo competition in Cleveland and took home the first place trophy.



Alan enjoyed boating and camping along the Ohio River and was also an active member of the

Milton Athletic Club. Alan loved sports and his favorite teams included the U.D. Flyers, Ohio State Buckeyes, Cincinnati Reds and the Cincinnati Bengals. Along with being a basketball, baseball and football fan, Alan also enjoyed Nascar racing.

Sports weren't his only passion, we can't forget that he especially loved four wheeling, cruising in his jeep and listening to rock and roll music!

His greatest love, however, was being an amazing husband, dad, grandpa, son, brother, uncle, family member and friend!

"We are very saddened by his death. He was not only our co-worker, but our friend and family as well. We thank you for your 25 years of service with the City. Rest easy brother, we will take it from here! Thank you for all the memories and we love and miss you so much!" - Your co-workers and friends at the Street Division

# Preventing Strangulation and Suffocation Among Infants and Children

Many infants and children die each year from strangulation and suffocation. These deaths can often be prevented if parents and care givers watch their children more closely and take steps to improve safety in the home, especially in sleeping areas.

## Reduce the chances of suffocation:



### At Bedtime

- Place babies to sleep on their backs on a firm, flat mattress.
- Do not use pillows or heavy comforters in your baby's crib.
- Make sure your baby's crib mattress is big enough for the crib. The space between the crib slats and the mattress should be smaller than the width of two adult fingers.
- Never let your baby sleep in bed with you. Babies have died when their breathing was blocked by pillows, bedding, and even their parents.
- Never let a baby sleep on a water bed.

### Around the House

- Keep plastic shopping bags, garbage, and dry cleaning bags away from babies and children. Never use a plastic shipping bag or other plastic film as a mattress cover.
- Choose a toy chest without a lid. If your child's toy chest has a lid, make sure it has a safety latch that stays open in any position. And make sure there are holes in the back or bottom of the chest to allow air flow, in case your child gets stuck inside.

- Lock your car-including the trunk-when it's not in use. Keep the car keys away from children. Children have died after climbing into car trunks and becoming trapped. Always supervise children around cars.

## Reduce the chances of strangulation:

### In the Crib

- Make sure the slats on your crib are no more than 2 3/8 inches apart-this is really important for second-hand cribs that are a few years old. If slats are wider than 2 3/8 inches apart, babies can slide through the slats and strangle when their heads get stuck.
- Do not use cribs with cut-outs in the end panels or with corner posts more than 1/16 inch higher than the end panels. Strangulation can occur if a baby's head gets caught in a cut-out.
- Remove your baby's bib before bedtime or nap time.
- Remove mobiles and crib gyms as your baby is five months old or can push up on hands and knees.

### Around the House

- Pull drapery and mini-blind cords out if children's reach and away from cribs. If the cords have a loop, cut the loop and attach separate tassels to avoid strangulation.
- If your child has a bunk bed, check the guard rails on the top bunk. There should be only a very small space between the rail and the mattress or bed frame so your child's body cannot slide through.
- Don't let your child lie in or play with a hammock that doesn't have spreader bars (wooden strips at the ends of the hammock that stop the netting from bunching up). Mini-hammocks, often used to store toys and stuffed animals, are also a hazard. Your child can get entangled in them.
- Remove hood cords and drawstrings from your child's clothing. These cords can get caught in playground equipment or on crib parts and strangle your child.



- Remove loose ribbons or strings on toys and stuffed animals. Never use a string or ribbon to tie a pacifier or toy to your baby.

### Who is affected?

Each year, products that are thought to be safe for children, namely cribs and clothing, caused deaths from suffocation or strangulation. Approximately 50 babies suffocate or strangle each year when they become trapped between broken crib parts or between parts of an older crib with an unsafe design. Clothing with drawstrings also presents a hazard for children. Drawstrings can become entangled in playground equipment, fences, and furniture, causing strangulation. Such entanglements were associated with 17 deaths and 42 nonfatal incidents between 1985 and 1994.



Car trunks present a special risk for children. Between 1987 and 1998, nearly 20 children between 2 and 6 years old died from being trapped inside car trunks. The children had either climbed into trunks that were open or managed to open the trunks themselves, with or without keys. While hyperthermia (becoming too hot) was the most frequent cause of death, asphyxia (suffocation) was a contributing factor in half of the cases.

*Information was obtained from: American Academy of Pediatrics, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association, and the National Safety Council*

## Can-Tastic

Each year we receive complaints about trash cans being left out in the open before and after trash day as well as trash not being properly placed in approved cans. Please refer to Moraine's Codified Ordinance 923.05 (MCO) which states the following.

### 923.05 PLACING CONTAINERS FOR COLLECTION

(a) It shall be the duty of the owner, occupant or person in charge of premises to place or cause to be placed not earlier than twenty-four hours prior to or later than 7am on the days scheduled for the collection of waste from the premises, the vessels or containers containing waste materials in the yard in a readily accessible location so as to be easily seen by waste collectors. This applies to both alley and street collections. No owner, occupant or person in charge of the premises shall place any vessels or containers containing waste materials or any waste materials not in containers or vessels in their yard or in public view earlier than twenty-four hours prior to a scheduled collection. (Ord. 743-86. Passed 2/27/86)

Please remember to place all of your trash cans out of view before and after trash day either on the side or rear of your house or in your garage or shed.



Also keep all trash in approved containers with a proper secured lid so it does not attract unwanted animals and bugs. The simple task of keeping your cans out of sight and sealed properly will have a positive effect on your home, neighborhood and cities appearance.

### 1414.02 DISPOSAL OF RUBBISH OR GARBAGE.

Every owner or occupant of occupied premises, shall dispose of all rubbish or garbage in a clean and sanitary manner by placing such rubbish or garbage in approved leak-proof, covered containers. All containers, dumpsters, or trash receptacles shall be kept closed or covered at all times. The premises around all rubbish or garbage containers shall be kept free from glass, garbage, rubbish, or debris.

(Ord. 1459-02. Passed 5-9-02.)

As always at any time if you have a question, comment or concerns regarding a property maintenance issue or questions about a permit you may contact Building & Zoning Administrator Tony Wenzler at 535-1038 or email [twenzler@moraineoh.org](mailto:twenzler@moraineoh.org).



# RESEARCH, DISCOVER AND UNCOVER MORAINE'S HISTORY

## FOLLOWING IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS

Written by: Chaplain David A. Rodehaver

Having grown up in Moraine and having lived here the majority of my life, I would have never known the reasons I always returned to this City. I was born in 1969 and lived in the former trailer park on Kettering Blvd. In 1974, our house was the tenth home to be constructed in the new housing development in German Village. I was 4 1/2 years old when we moved to 120 Schloss Lane. My friends and I would spend hours playing in the woods surrounding the plat, building forts/tree houses, riding our bikes and just tromping through the creek bed looking for snakes and crawdads. At age 15, my Dad and I moved to West Carrollton, but I would return to my "old stomping grounds" on occasion to tromp through the woods between Pinnacle Road and German Village.

Know matter where I lived, I always felt an overwhelming need to come home to Moraine. Several years ago, I understood why I had that gravitational pull back to this area. I know there are places that folks think are a far better place to live, however my roots ran deeper than I could have ever imagined.

I started looking into my family genealogy through Ancestry.com about 4 years ago and discovered many wondrous facts about my rich history. One of the most eye opening was the account of my 5th Great Uncle Samuel Rodeheffer. After serving in the war of 1812, he and his family moved westward into the great western expansion of these United States from what is now Preston County, West Virginia. In 1813 Samuel and the family settled in what was then known as Jefferson Township, Ohio. They homesteaded for some time with Heinrich Sr. and Eva Appel (Apple) family and eventually Samuel's daughter Elizabeth married Heinrich Apple Jr. In the area of what we now know as Apple Plat. The original Apple home still stands near the intersection of Vance Road and Sellars Road just west of the railroad tracks.

Eventually Samuel and his wife moved west further into Jefferson Township with Elizabeth and Heinrich Jr. into what we now know as Farmersville, Ohio. After purchasing land in the area, they were instrumental in establishing Slifer's Church which was a German Lutheran church at that time. The Church is still in operation as a Presbyterian Church on Clayton Road. Today my ancestors rest in the original Slifer Cemetery that has approximately 300 original grave sites and is one of the oldest in Montgomery County. Their children and their children's children are all buried there as well.

I understand now why it is important to preserve the great history of Moraine. There is rich genealogy history that lies hidden beneath the archival pages just waiting to be discovered! I implore you to uncover the great history of our little City, you may be pleasantly surprised. There is more to you and your family history than what you could ever imagine. Just think of the great stories you can pass on to your children and loved ones!





## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Location: GCC

Date: Mondays - Fridays

Time: 2:45pm – 6pm

Age: Kindergarten– 5th

Cost: Resident FREE

Non-Resident \$125 per month

2nd child \$100 per month

This program offers children the opportunity to participate in team-building activities, crafts, games and time to complete homework with assistance from staff if needed. Through funding provided by the State of Ohio, a snack is given each day. This program coordinates with the Kettering Schools calendar. Student transportation to the program available for Southdale Elementary Students only.

## PRC Fitness Operations

### Current PRC Hours

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

Saturday 9am - 1pm

Closed on Sunday

On June 1, 2020 the

PRC reopened following the March shutdown. The PRC is open to current and new members including SilverSneakers and Silver & Fit customers. The weight rooms, cardio rooms, indoor walking track and gym are accessible. In addition, we offer 11 aerobics classes per week. The Kids Kastle, locker rooms and rental rooms remain closed. Call 937-535-1060 for more information.

## Deer Meadow Park Pond Improvements

The City continues to improve Deer Meadow Park (4321 Pinnacle Road). A new aeration system was installed at the pond this spring, which is bottom-based diffused air system. The ripples caused by the rising water help control weed and algae growth.

In addition to the aeration system, a pond management treatment plan was designed to treat the pond and decrease the level of underwater and floating vegetation including shoreline grass, cattail and brush. A monthly application of blue pond dye further improves the water's appearance.

Residents can enjoy catch and release fishing at the pond as well as other amenities such as picnic shelters, skate park, walking path, disc golf course, playground, PAR exercise system and walking path.



## Summer Meals for Kids

The Parks and Recreation Division was busy this past summer! It was our first time serving summer meals in a drive-through style. Each child that attended received a bag of 10 meals (5 breakfasts and 5 lunches). We served a record of 10,760

meals to children in our community this year and are so proud of our hard working staff who put in the effort to make this program possible. We would like to thank the Ohio Department of Education, Ohio Department of Agriculture and the City of Moraine who helped fund this amazing program.



Senior citizens have been able to continue receiving meals this summer. The Parks and Recreation Division have been distributing food to seniors in our community since the Governor closed congregate meal sites. We are glad we were able to partner with the Senior Resource Connection and Area Agency on Aging to provide meals to seniors.

## 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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