



**CITY OF
MORaine**
COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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MESSENGER

September
2021

Progress Through Unity



DEER MEADOW COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

4321 Pinnacle Road
Wednesday, September 22 at 5pm – 7pm

Help us clean up Deer Meadow Park! Deer Meadow Park features shelter houses, a playground, a disc golf course, fishing pond and pier, paved pathway, exercise station and skate park. Gloves, trash bags, and water will be provided.

Contact Brent Shane 937-535-1062 for further information.

RESIDENTIAL LEAF COLLECTION

This program is offered to the Moraine residents for a total of five weeks during the fall season. Collection begins the first week of November and continues through the first week of December. Public Service requests that interested residents rake their leaves into piles and place them next to the street curb. Please do not place grass clipping and sticks in the piles of leaves. Please rake your leaves into piles and place them next to the curb before the scheduled dates shown in your area.

Bulk Pickup: West Side of River

Nov 1-2, Nov 8-9, Nov 15-16, Nov 22, Nov 29-30

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

Nov 3-4, Nov 10-11, Nov 17-18, Nov 23, Dec 1-2

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

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**.

Hydrant Testing

The Fire Division will be performing the semi-annual test of the City's hydrants starting October 1st 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.



POLLEN NATION PROGRAM

By: The Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden

The Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden is embracing pollinator conservation through our Pollen Nation program. From butterflies and bees to hummingbirds and moths, pollinators are vital to the health of our environment. They also pollinate a third of the world's crops and are critical to our agricultural system. Food connects all of us, and we have pollinators to thank for keeping our bellies full.

The Zoo is working to boost pollinator populations which are in severe decline worldwide. At Bowyer Farm, a 600-acre property in Warren County, we are propagating pollinator-friendly plants, restoring pollinator habitat, and helping out honeybees through bee-keeping. The Horticulture team conducts trials to determine which plants benefit pollinators most in our region and partner with growers and local garden centers to promote and sell these selections as the Zoo's "Best Plants for Pollinators" line. They also work with communities to establish pollinator gardens in public spaces.

And, the Zoo invites you to join in the increasing pollinator habitat by taking the "Plant for Pollinators Challenge." You can provide beautiful, vital habitat and enjoy colorful blooms all season that bring many beautiful butterflies to your yard. It's easy to do! Whether planting just a few pots or a larger garden, you can do real conservation at home to support our pollinator friends as they do their job to keep our environment healthy. Together, everyone can make a big difference for our littlest friends and most important neighbors!

Take the "Plant for Pollinators Challenge" with 3 easy steps.

- Plan your garden. A successful pollinator garden will not only provide for pollinators and lots of other wildlife but, it will also provide you with the beauty of plants and flowers, healthy activity, connection with nature, and the joy and satisfaction of making a difference. But none of that happens without an honest assessment of your site, adequate bed preparation, wise plant choices and proper care.
- Choose the best plants. The Zoo recommendations include both native and exotic plants. Research suggests that the nectar and pollen of any plant, whether exotic or native, is good food for pollinators. If your plants are providing these, you are feeding pollinators. Some exotic plants are heavily favored by pollinators, while others are not. Some native plants get heavy visitation, while others receive almost none. The primary indicator of whether a plant is providing pollen and nectar is heavy visitation to its flowers.
- However, it's important to note that almost all host plants for butterflies and moths are native plants. We suggest that any urban or suburban landscape consist of a rich diversity of plants that includes a strong percentage of native plants. The larger and more natural the landscape, such as in parks and preserves, the more natives it should contain.
- Register your garden and order an optional yard sign at cincinnatizoo.org/horticulture/plant-for-pollinators/#registergarden.



Congratulations to the City's newest Certified Pollinator Habitats!

Tim and Tammy Ferguson and Mike Daugherty

RESEARCH, DISCOVER AND UNCOVER MORAINE'S HISTORY

WATER RECREATION THROUGH THE YEARS ON THE GREAT MIAMI RIVER - PART 1

By: Dave Miller

Moraine is fortunate to have a major river waterway flowing north to south through the city. The river has been a focal point of recreation for over 100 years.

The Miami Shores area became known as the "Playgrounds of the Miami Valley." In the late 1920's to 1950's wealthy Oakwood and Dayton business owners and residents purchased lots and built small summer cottages. They came on weekends to relax, picnic, fish, boat and swim. Public docking places were available for launching boats and limited boat rentals were offered. Beautiful parkways and a natural swimming pool/hole fed by spring water was promoted. Lots were sold for only \$95 and up. Over 5,000 attended a July 4, 1929 promotional event at Miami Shores that featured free peanuts, popcorn, crackerjack and drinks.

On July 3, 1930, The Dayton Herald Newspaper advertised a promotion sponsored by The Moraine Development Company. The ad encouraged people to spend the 4th of July at the Community Recreation Park at Moraine Riverview. (The park is along the City's riverbank on the east side of the river just north of the old steel bridge.) This was a green space area located where the housing subdivision is across from today's Municipal Building along Main Street. People were invited to the park to relax and picnic on Independence Day.

A year later in the September 11th, 1931 issue of The Dayton Herald Newspaper was an article that promoted the 1st Annual Journal and Herald Outboard Motorboat Regatta. The races were held right on the Moraine/West Carrollton border near Holes Creek, just south of Old Sellars Road Steel Bridge (today's Main Street bridge). Grandstand seating was on the east side of the river with additional parking provided by the Miami Shores Co. by crossing the bridge to the west side of the river. The boat races were conducted under the supervision of the Miami Valley Boat Club.

These were some of the early special events in the Miami Shores area to promote water recreation and the sales of houses or cottages. Next month, Part 2 will look from 1940 through 2021 and how the use of the Miami River for water recreation continued to grow.

**FOURTH of JULY
OPENING OF MIAMI SHORES**
THE PLAYGROUNDS OF MIAMI VALLEY
Along the Miami River, West of the Moraine Freighter Plant



VIEW OF THE MIAMI SHORES PLAT VIEW OF MIAMI RIVER AT MIAMI SHORES

A Real Place to Have a Summer Cottage on a Large Lot with Graveled Roads and Electricity.
The Entire Miami Shores Plat Is Laid Out In Beautiful Parkway and Full-sized Lots.
Selling as Low as

Take a Dip
In a natural swimming pool, fed by spring water and surrounded by large forest trees and a beautiful lawn.

MIAMI SHORES
The Playgrounds of Miami Valley

Along the Miami river, west of the Moraine Freighter plant, a real place to have Summer Cottages on a lot with gravelled roadways and electricity. The plat is laid out in full size lots and beautiful parkways.

See the Power Boat Racing at Miami Shores, Sunday, July 20, at 2:30 P. M.

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Along the Miami River, West of the Moraine Freighter Plant.

Is a real place to have Summer Cottages on a lot with gravelled roadways and electricity. The plat is laid out in full size lots and beautiful parkways.

\$95 PER LOT AND UP

PAYMENTS
One and Two Dollars Weekly

No Interest or Taxes for One Year After Purchase

If you enjoy the outdoor life, see Miami Shores with its parks, bathing beaches, community docking spaces and home towns, which make it an ideal summer resort.



CAPTION: AT THE MIAMI SHORES BEACH, WATER RECREATION, JULY 1, 1930



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Taylor-McGarry Realty Company
Geo. A. Taylor
1305 Third National Building Resident and Developer of Miami Shores
Agents On All Rivers, Dips and Pools
Walter J. McGarry
Main 1275

2021 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AT WAX PARK!

Thank you for participating in this year's NNO on August 3! We had a blast!



Random Acts of Kindness

If ever there was a time for sharing a little kindness, it is surely now. The pandemic has led to many changes and disruptions in nearly every aspect of daily life. With mandates and guidelines changing all the time, it's easy to feel overwhelmed by our own anxieties. It is important to practice empathy and kindness during this time, not only for others but for yourself as well.

It's simply doing something nice for someone else without expecting anything in return. Here are some examples of how to spread kindness.

- Bring a treat to a neighbor or coworker.
- Donate time or money to a local charity.
- Smile at a minimum of five people a day.
- Hold the door open for someone.
- Pick up trash around the neighborhood.
- Bring in your neighbor's trash cans.
- Offer to do some yard work for a neighbor such as water flowers, weed their garden or mow their lawn. Your neighbor might be going through a difficult time and might appreciate your thoughtfulness.
- Pick up groceries for someone who has difficulties getting out.
- Leave your neighbors a note that tells them how much you admire their flowers.
- If you haven't seen your neighbor in a while, check up on them. Your smiling face may make their day better.
- Greet your mail carrier with hot chocolate on a snowy day or a cold water bottle on a warm day.
- Share fresh produce with your neighbors.
- Someone new moving into the neighborhood? Help them carry in a few boxes.
- Let the person behind you in line go ahead of you.
- Go through your closet and find several items to donate to charity.
- Share your umbrella with someone who doesn't have one.
- Refrain from making negative comments for a week.
- Tell someone who works for the public—a teacher, police officer, nurse, mail carrier, etc.—how much you appreciate his or her service.
- Write a letter to someone who made an impact on you.
- Leave your waiter/waitress/barista a generous tip.
- Tell a teacher how much you appreciate him or her.
- If someone you know lost a loved one in the past year, send them a note or some flowers to let them know you are thinking about him or her as they mourn the loss.
- Take a container of homemade soup to a sick friend.
- Plant a few flowers where others can enjoy them.
- Shop at a locally-owned business and find something encouraging to say to the owner.
- Park at the back of the parking lot; you get more exercise and someone who might need it gets a closer spot!
- Give directions to someone who's lost.
- Help change a tire.
- Buy coffee for the person waiting behind you at the local coffee shop.
- Deliver a bouquet of flowers to a nearby nursing home.
- Buy a dozen bottles of bubbles and attach a fun note to each bottle. Leave the bottles at homes along your street.
- Buy something for someone behind you in line (pay for a meal in the drive-through, buy a cup of coffee, etc.).



Helping Neighbors: Signs They May Be In Need

By: State Farm

Most of us have a neighbor of some sort or another. That person may live miles away or just across the hallway. But many people, particularly neighbors without family or friends nearby or senior neighbors, may be at greater risk of isolation and loneliness. These burdens can have a serious impact on well-being.

No matter who you live next to, it pays to learn how to be a good neighbor and look out for one another.

Here are signs that your neighbor needs help and how to lend a hand.

Unopened mail and unclaimed packages

An overstuffed mailbox, newspapers that aren't promptly retrieved and packages that sit for days at a front door are all signs that a neighbor is either too ill or too overwhelmed to keep up with those daily tasks.



Ideally, when you or the neighbors first move in, you would exchange information such as phone numbers and emails as well as emergency contact information. That way you have multiple ways of trying to reach them or a loved one in case of an emergency. If you don't have this information, simply check in and say "hello." Sometimes it seems like knocking on the door can be an imposition — but the simple act of seeing your neighbor, face-to-face, builds connections.

A change in your neighbor's routine

Even if they live alone, many neighbors have well-established and visible routines, such as going for a walk at a certain time during the day. If that routine changes for more than a day or two, it may be cause for concern.

Take note of your neighbor's patterns — not to be nosy, but so you can notice if something is amiss and observe if your neighbor needs help. In that case, use your emergency contact information if you're unable to reach your neighbor in person.

Extremes in weather

Particularly for senior neighbors, snow, ice, heat and cold can pose dangers if they try to leave their homes.

Talk to your neighbors in need ahead of time and offer to retrieve groceries, shovel walks or run errands should conditions in your area worsen.



Yard upkeep or home-care issues

Take note of small changes in the outward appearance of their home or yard. For example, is the typically meticulously manicured lawn in disarray? Or, have you noticed damaged gutters, broken shutters or windows or other home-care issues? This may be a sign that your neighbor needs help.



If you're comfortable, try to gently approach the issue with your neighbor and ask if they need assistance with tasks around the house outside. You may not be able to fix the gutters but, you may be able to help with other things like mowing the lawn or putting out the trash bins.

National Good Neighbor Day - September 28!

National Neighbor Day celebrates the importance of being a good neighbor while contributing to one's community and each other. Relationships with neighbors can often lead to close friendships. Neighbors are almost like family. They're close to you in more ways than one.



That's why National Neighbor Day, held annually on September 28, promotes good relationships between neighbors. As Mister Rogers would say, "Please won't you be...my neighbor?"



MAIN ST. HILL • SEP 25 • 10A

REGISTER ONLINE AT: MORAINEPARKANDREC.COM



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Rules:

- All Vehicles must check-in and report between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., racing begins at 10:00 a.m.
- All Drivers/Teams must sign a liability waiver (participants 6-17 are required to have parent or guardian sign the liability consent form)
- All vehicles will be inspected prior to 10:00am on race day and must meet all safety requirements in order to compete
- Each vehicle must accelerate from starting line by gravity without aid of external propulsion devices including human power

Race Divisions:

- Ages 6-12, 13-17, 18 & up

Vehicle Design:

- Freestyle Construction - any creative entry is acceptable providing it meets the below criteria
- Size: Maximum width: no wider than 42 inches, Maximum length: no longer than 7 feet
- Wheels: must have four wheels. Any type and size of wheel is legal
- Body: must have side walls and can be any material as long as the body is not in contact with the ground while in motion
- Braking System: vehicle must have some form of braking system which could be some type of drag brake
- Steering: most forms of steering are acceptable (such as rope steering or a solid fixed rod steering wheel) "tiller steering" is prohibited (this is where the steering wheel moves right or left and is not fixed solid)
- All vehicles must have an eyehook in the front of the car so that it can be towed up the hill
- No obscene or disrespectful stickers, writing, drawings, etc. on vehicle or driver apparel. All must be in good taste.

Driver Safety:

- Mandatory: Helmets, Eye Goggles/Glasses, Shoes (no open toed sandals)
- Gloves are recommended
- Costumes are encouraged
- Hand, feet inside vehicle at all times (feet cannot be used for braking, arms or legs cannot be used to propel the vehicle)
- Driver must remain in vehicle until all vehicles have crossed the finish line

Race Course:

- The course will run in a straight track down Main Street hill from just south of Pinnacle Road to near the entrance of Wax Park.

Awards:

- \$50 First Place Car Overall in each Division
- \$50 Best Car in Show
- Plaque for Best Dressed Driver

WE'RE HIRING

Visit
ci.moraine.oh.us/employment
to apply

Are You Ready to Join Us ?

Recreation Monitor

- Senior and Youth Programs: Help assist with programs, events, and activities.
- Childcare: Supervise children while their parents are using the facility.
- Weight Room: Monitor and clean fitness and weight rooms.

Recreation Front Desk Services

- Check in patrons to the facility.
- Sell memberships, collect fees, and issue receipts.
- Greet people as they enter the recreation facility and answer phone calls.



The City of Moraine
parks and recreation

Youth Basketball Camp

Parks and Recreation held a great Youth Basketball Camp July 12-16, 2021. Travis McAvene, a former college basketball coach, ran the basketball camp with the assistance of City staff.

The camp consisted of dribbling and shooting drills. The kids also got to learn how important film is in the development of their basketball skills. The basketball camp got to have a guest speaker in attendance, Mr. Lionel Garrett, who played for the Harlem Globetrotters in the NBA.



We look forward to next 2022 Youth Basketball Camp!

SPECIAL EVENTS

GRAVITY GAMES

Location: PRC – Main Street Hill
Date: Saturday, September 25
Time: 10am – 12pm
Age: Teens (13-17), Adults (18-54)
Youth (6-12)
Cost: FREE

Join the fun of building your homemade, creative, four-wheeled “vehicle” and race it down the Main Street Hill in Moraine. Check-in and inspection from 8:30am-9am with races beginning at 10am. Registration opens on September 1st for this event. Call Brent Shane at 937-535-1062 for more information.



Gerhardt Civic Center (GCC)

3050 Kreitzer Road	937-535-1095
Monday - Friday	10am - 4pm
Saturday	12pm - 6pm
Sunday	Closed

Ora Everetts Park

3050 Kreitzer Road

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, September 20
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.

BINGO

Location: GCC Commons
Date: Mondays, September 13 & 27
Time: 12pm – 1pm
Age: Seniors (55+)
Cost: FREE

Join us for a game of B-I-N-G-O and be a part of the exciting action. 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 as many games as we can.

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

SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM

Location: GCC
Date: Mondays, September 13, 20, & 27
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. Meals will not be available on Monday, September 6. To find out more information or how to register, please call 937-535-1095.

EUCHRE

Location: GCC Commons
Date: Tuesdays and Thursdays
Time: 11:45am – 1pm
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

Location: PRC Multipurpose Room
Date: Mondays, September 13, 20, & 27
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, we welcome everyone.

COUNTRY JAM

Location: PRC Meeting Room
Date: Mondays, September 13, 20, & 27
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 Food Pantry. This popular drop-in session meets most Mondays except September 6 and December 6.



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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