



**CITY OF  
MORaine**  
COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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# MESSENGER

September  
2022

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**Gravity Games**  
MORaine, OHIO

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# RESEARCH, DISCOVER AND UNCOVER MORAINE'S HISTORY

## 1958: A NOSTALGIC LOOK BACK

Written by: Dave Miller

Originally a part of Van Buren Township and Miami Township, Moraine became a village just a year before in July 1957.

The Moraine Village Mirror newsletter provides us with a glimpse of life back then. A regular column was Moraine Civic Association news, which included everything from organizing the annual Easter Egg Hunt in the grass field where DMAX is today, to which female members would boil and color the eggs, to sponsoring Scout Troops, repairing the backstop in a ball field, providing amusement rides and games for the city festival or writing letters to the Village Council about dogs running loose. A big headache expressed by many were trains tying up traffic at both the Dorothy Lane and Springboro crossings for prolonged periods of time. The Moraine Village Mirror also included food recipes submitted by residents, the Kid Next Door column highlighting a local youth, local business ads including one from IGA and the Fairmont Band holding a raffle (for \$1 per ticket) to win a Chevrolet Corvair!

A letter to the Editor complimented the village leaders on their great progress in the first year as a village stating that “they have a modern police force (fully uniformed and equipped), a fine and vigorous volunteer fire department, construction of our own school, the Moraine Civic Association and Moraine Fireman’s Association who sponsor a Teen Club, the playground in West Moraine Plat, the Christmas Party, the Fall Festivals and other events.” The letter also states that “in the year to come (1959), we will construct sidewalks and streets in West Moraine Plat, modern streetlights along Springboro and Dryden Roads, new street signs at major intersections and, going forward, to prove to Montgomery County that it was NO mistake in forming our village.”

Another regular newsletter column was the Village Council Reports. In a fall issue, a Village Council member stated a portion of East River Road that was washed out had been filled completely and was ready for blacktop. In a funny note, it states “the scar on (Village Councilman) Mr. Sorah’s neck is not the result of domestic troubles or heated council combat, but the result of recent surgery.” Hmmm, were village meetings a battlefield back then?

In November 1958, the Frigidaire Division of the General Motors plant on Springboro Pike extended an Open House invitation to all citizens in the Village of Moraine. Frigidaire’s staff and the Moraine Civic Association rolled out the red carpet and provided a meal and tour of the plant.

In the 1958 photo, a group of school children from West Moraine Plat, including sisters Gloria Jean Roberts and Sylvia (Roberts) Harlow, are actively serving the City of Moraine today as members of the Parks & Recreation Board.



Front row - Janice Wheeler, Gloria Jean Roberts, Sue Whittington, Sylvia Roberts and Jim Moore.

Back row - James Woodruff, Sandra Moore, Judy Whittington and Shirley Reed.





## Yard Waste & Water Quality

**How can something as natural as yard waste impact our water quality?** In nature, a balance forms between growth and decay and when a natural system (such as a stream habitat) becomes out of balance, the system becomes dysfunctional. When a stream habitat has to process more decaying vegetation than it naturally generates, the system becomes unhealthy.

*Leaves, grass clippings, twigs and other yard waste are naturally composed of nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorus. Dumping these excess nutrients into the storm drain (a nearby stream, ditch or lake) disrupts the stream's natural ability to keep itself healthy, which then impacts the water quality and aquatic life.* It causes things like naturally occurring algae to grow much larger than they should which ultimately depletes the oxygen from the water for the fish and other stream life, making it difficult for them to survive. **But the good news is you can reuse your yard waste as free fertilizer for your yard and gardens!**



### Save Money by COMPOSTING & Help Keep Our Water Clean!

1. Compost yard and food waste in a home-made or purchased compost bin creating reusable, free fertile soil.
2. Use a mulching mower to reapply the clippings back onto the yard which helps feed the lawn, retain moisture and protect from the hot sun. Mow in different directions each week to prevent thatch build up.
3. Blow your leaves into your garden areas in fall. This protects perennial roots from cold temps, smothers spring weed growth, provides winter habitat for beneficial insects and adds free nutrients to your garden as they decay. Mulching on top of the leaves the following year can help prevent mold growth on the compressed layers of older mulch from repeated years of mulching.
4. Mulch walkways between your garden rows with yard waste to help smother weeds and save on buying wood mulch.
5. Keep your grass at least **3** inches long to reduce your amount of clippings and grow healthier, more drought-resistant grass.
6. And remember, storm drains are for clean rain water *only*.



# David O'Brien Retires

On August 31, 2022, David O'Brien officially retired from the Street Division as an Equipment Operator II with 25 years of service with the City of Moraine.

Although David began his career working in the Street Division as a Laborer, he also worked in the Parks Division for a year. Throughout David's career with the City, his duties included, but were not limited to, mowing, road painting, park maintenance, snow removal, concrete installation and repair, leaf pick up, pothole patching, tree removal, drywell/catch basin maintenance, crack sealing, sweeper operator, backhoe operator and weed control. During that time, he attended many training classes: Work Zone Safety and Traffic Control, Snow and Ice Control, Fall Protection and Trenching and Shoring, just to name a few. David holds a Commercial Pesticide Applicator License that he obtained through the Ohio Department of Agriculture.



After graduating from Walter E. Stebbins High School, he went on to further his education at The Ohio State University, where he majored in Park and Recreation Administration obtaining a Bachelor of Science Degree in Natural Resources in 1982.

After college he served our country and is a proud veteran. David was in the Air Force from 1983 to 1987 and the Army from 1988 to 1992.

He currently resides in Kettering with his wife of 38 years, Ruth Ann. They have two grown children Rebecca and Daniel. When asked how he plans to enjoy retirement, David said cross-country camping (including a visit to Yellowstone National Park) is on the agenda. He also enjoys scuba diving and plans to take many diving trips not only locally, but in the Caribbean, too.

David is a great person, co-worker, and friend, and it has been our pleasure working with him over the years!

Congratulations and Happy Retirement, David. We will miss you!

## Improvements to the Fire and Police Memorials





# Thank You Dayton Armor

**We would like to thank Dayton Armor for their generous donation of ballistic panels to the City's Police Division and officers. This will add another level of safety for our officers. We greatly appreciate Dayton Armor's willingness to help protect us.**



## SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

Written by: weather.gov

Launched in 2004, National Preparedness Month (NPM) is FEMA's national annual preparedness outreach. NPM is managed and sponsored by FEMA's Ready Campaign. The Ready Campaign, in conjunction with the Ad Council, aims to educate and empower Americans during NPM and throughout the year to prepare for and respond to all types of emergencies, including natural disasters and potential terrorist attacks.

If you haven't taken the time to think about how different disasters could affect you, then we challenge you to take the necessary steps to become informed and develop a family plan for such events. These simple steps could **SAVE YOUR LIFE!**

### Step 1: Learn Your Risks & Responses - Be Informed!

- **Emergency Alerts:** You can receive important lifesaving alerts no matter where you are home, school, or work.
- **Social Media:** Some weather and safety information can also be relayed through social media. However, please remember that this is NOT an official means of receiving important lifesaving information.
- **Natural Disasters:** Know which natural disasters can occur in your area and how to prepare and stay safe.
- **Other Hazards:** Remember to plan for things such as pandemics, terrorist attacks, etc.
- **Shelter & Evacuation:** Make sure you know where the nearest shelters are, as well as the appropriate evacuation routes/plans for specific situations.



### Step 2: Make a Plan!

It is important to make a family emergency plan that can be put into action as soon as disaster strikes. Make sure to include plans for children, seniors, disabled, and don't forget pets!

### Step 3: Build a Supply Kit!

A supply kit is a must when planning for potential disasters. You need to make sure you and your family have the necessary food and supplies to sustain you until the power returns or help arrives. It is also important to keep the kit maintained by keeping food/water fresh and supplies working properly. It is typically best to store the kit, along with any pet supplies, in a closet or the basement.

### Step 4: Get Involved!

Find opportunities to support community preparedness. There are many ways to get involved before disaster strikes. So, ask yourself, "How can I help?"



## PRC hosted the MVRAC Summer Fun Day!

On Wednesday, July 13th, the PRC hosted 450 kids and camp counselors from neighboring communities who played games, enjoyed a glow party, ran around jumping on inflatables, and watched a magic show.

It was a great day with the weather and the kids got to spend half their day playing and eating outside!



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2022 FISHING DERBY WINNERS. THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED.





## Jim McGuire Hook Kids on Fishing

The reception and turnout for this year's event was phenomenal. All the kids were engaged and had fun catching fish using the techniques they were taught by our wonderful volunteers.

The rain could not stop the kids from having a good time. Even when the rain began to fall, we still had some dedicated young fishing enthusiasts braving the elements and reeling in fish!

The event ended with everyone having a chance to enjoy some hot dogs and chips under the picnic shelter.



# JOIN THE FUN!

Grab your cleats and do your stretches - NFL FLAG is officially here and we are excited to welcome NFL Flag into our community.

Coed Leagues for ages 7-9 and 10-12 • Season runs Oct 8 - Nov 12

Each kid will receive an NFL Flag Jersey to play in and keep!



The City of Moraine  
parks and recreation

## Register by September 11th



## REGISTER FOR FLAG FOOTBALL

<https://clubs.bluesombrero.com/cityofmoraineff>

# CITY OF MORAINE PARKS AND RECREATION



## YOUTH SPORTS SKILL-BASED PROGRAMS

Skyhawks Sports Academy provides sports programs where children discover and develop athletic skills and social values, such as teamwork, respect and sportsmanship. We offer children a positive sports experience while promoting a healthy, active lifestyle.

FALL 2022

### DISC GOLF

(course)	(dates)	(days)	(time)	(ages)	(fee)	(location)
SSA144146	8/29 - 9/26	Mon	5:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.	6-12	\$70/80*	Dear Meadow Park
SSA144147	10/03 - 10/24	Mon	5:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.	6-12	\$70/80*	Dear Meadow Park

### MINI-HAWK (BASEBALL, BASKETBALL & SOCCER)

This multi-sport program was developed to give children a positive first step into athletics. Sports are taught in a safe, structured environment filled with encouragement and fun. Through exciting games and activities, campers explore balance, hand/eye coordination and skill development at their own pace.

SSA144148	8/30 - 9/20	Tue	5:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.	4-8	\$70/80*	3800 Main Street
SSA144153	10/06 - 10/27	Thu	5:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.	4-8	\$70/80*	3800 Main Street

### BEGINNING GOLF

Skyhawks Beginning Golf is powered by Payne Stewart Golf Experiences, the recommended entry-level golf program for PGA Junior Golf Camps. The unique, games-based play program and modified learning equipment make it easier for kids to hit the ball and experience success. Putting, chipping, pitching and full swing, are taught through games and learning rhymes. All golf equipment is provided.

SSA144152	9/01 - 9/22	Thu	5:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.	5-9	\$70/80*	3800 Main Street
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### MULTI-SPORT (BASEBALL, BASKETBALL & SOCCER)

Our multi-sport camp is designed to introduce young athletes to a variety of different sports in one setting. Athletes will learn the rules and essentials of each sport through skill-based games and scrimmages. By the end of the week, your child will walk away with knowledge of multiple sports along with vital life lessons such as respect, teamwork, and self-discipline.

SSA144149	10/04 - 10/25	Tue	5:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.	6-12	\$70/80*	3800 Main Street
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\* Non-resident fee



SPACE IS LIMITED!

**REGISTER TODAY**

Online:  
skyhawks.com

Phone:  
800.804.3509



# PROGRAMS

## NFL FLAG FOOTBALL

Location: PRC & GCC

Date: Practice Begins  
Monday, September 26

Age: 7-12

Cost: \$45 Per Session



This program will focus on teaching children the fundamentals of flag football while creating a fun competitive atmosphere. Flag football season will run over six weeks, which will include a minimum of six games, plus the potential for additional games depending on how far your team goes in the tournament. Practices will be one hour in duration once a week Monday-Thursday. Games will be played on Saturday mornings/early afternoons starting October 8 – November 12. For more information, call 937-535-1062.



## SKYHAWKS SPORTS

Location: PRC & Deer Meadow Park

Date: Check flyer for dates

Ages: Pre-School (up to 5), Youth (6-12)

Cost: \$70 Resident/\$80 Non-resident  
Per Session

We are proud to partner with Skyhawk Sports to bring a wide variety of youth sports programs to our community. Skyhawks provides a fun, safe environment that allows children to learn and develop new skills in sports. Skyhawks camps and programs are located throughout the State of Ohio and the entire country. For more information, call 937-535-1062.

## REGISTER IN ADVANCE!

*All classes require a minimum number of participants. If a class minimum is not met by the deadline date, it is subject to cancellation. We kindly request that you register at least five days prior to the class.*

**REGISTER ONLINE ([moraineparkandrec.com](http://moraineparkandrec.com))  
OR AT THE PRC.**

## EUCHRE

Location: GCC Extension

Date: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Time: 11:30am – 2pm

Age: Seniors (55+)

Cost: FREE

Come play Euchre every Tuesday and Thursday for fun (with a little competitive streak). Don't miss this fun chance to socialize, meet new friends, improve your coordination, and exercise your mind. Open to all players, No experience necessary. There is no need to bring a partner, we will match you up.

## COUNTRY JAM

Location: PRC Meeting Room

Date: Mondays, September 12, 19 & 26

Time: 4pm – 6pm

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

Cost: FREE

Enjoy good ol' down home country and gospel pickin' and singin'. All guitar pickers are welcome. Admission is free, but please bring a non-expired canned good for the Moraine Food Pantry. This popular drop-in session meets most Mondays except September 5.



# PROGRAMS

## NEEDLEWORK MEET-UP

Location: PRC Multipurpose Room  
Date: Mondays, September 12, 19 & 26  
Time: 5pm – 7pm  
Age: Adults (18-54), Seniors (55+)  
Cost: FREE

This meet-up offers a place for people to work on their life-long journey expressing their creativity and personal style through needlework. Whether you like to quilt, knit, crochet, needlepoint, cross stitch or embroider, you are welcome to come and socialize with other crafters. Bring your own project to work on and have fun. Experienced quilter(s) on sight if you need help or wish to start quilting. To find out more information, please call 937-535-1060.

## SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM

Location: GCC  
Date: Mondays, September 12, 19, & 26  
Except Monday, September 5  
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 5. To find out more information or how to register, please call 937-535-1095.



## BINGO

Location: GCC Commons  
Date: Mondays, September 12 & 26  
Time: 12pm – 1pm  
Age: Seniors (55+)  
Cost: FREE

Are you feeling lucky? We have a wide variety of prizes from your household items such as paper towels, toilet paper to cards, puzzles, and games.

## PAPER CRAFTING MEET-UP



Location: PRC Multipurpose Room  
Date: Wednesday, September 14  
Time: 5pm – 7pm  
Age: Teens (13-17), Adults (18-54), Seniors (55+)  
Cost: FREE

This meet-up offers a place for people to start a hobby while having company from other people. Whether you like to make cards, scrapbook, decorate your planner, or create a bullet journal, this is just the place to have fun and share ideas with others. Bring some supplies, share some tips, and have fun.

## 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

## 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





Location: GCC Commons  
 Date: Monday, September 19  
 Time: 12pm – 1pm  
 Age: Seniors (55+)  
 Cost: FREE  
 Craft: Wood Burning Project

Calling all seniors to come have a relaxing afternoon while drinking some coffee and creating a masterpiece of your very own. You will have a lot of fun expressing yourself through art while visiting with others. Whether you are a professional artist or a beginner we welcome all skill levels.



Location: PRC Reach Room  
 Date: Mondays, September 19 & 26  
 Time: 5:30pm – 6:30pm  
 Age: Youth (6-12)  
 Cost: \$24 Per Session

ARTventure is designed to engage youth in a variety of art activities and explorations. They will be challenged to use their creativity to make masterpieces of their own. ARTventure will be 9 weeks long (September 19 – November 14), with no program on October 31. Register early to reserve your spot. Min. 4 / Max. 15



**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

## Teen Room

The Teen Room at the PRC will be open on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 4:30pm-7pm. Come enjoy Table Tennis (Ping Pong), PlayStation 4, games and much more.

## 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.**



### MAYOR'S COURT

Monday-Friday  
Hours 8a-4p  
**937-535-1010**

### POLICE RECORDS

Monday-Friday  
Hours 9a-3p  
**937-535-1163**

### COUNCIL

Monday-Friday  
Hours 8a-5p  
**937-535-1005**

### TRASH/BULK PICK-UP

City of Dayton  
**937-333-4800**

### TAXES

Monday-Friday  
Hours 8a-5p  
**937-535-1026**

### WATER

Montgomery County  
**937-781-2500**  
Jefferson Regional Water  
**937-866-0002**

### NON EMERGENCY

Police & Fire  
**937-535-1166**

Any other inquiries  
**937-535-1000**



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