



**CITY OF  
MORaine**  
COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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# MESSENGER

October  
2022

*Progress Through Unity*

**COMING  
SOON!**

The December issue of the Moraine Messenger will be the City's first quarterly issue. The Winter issue will contain information about events, programs and news that are happening in Moraine during the months of December, January and February.



# RESEARCH, DISCOVER AND UNCOVER MORAINE'S HISTORY

## REMEMBERING MORAINE HALLOWEEN HAUNTED ATTRACTIONS

Written by: Dave Miller

Halloween is always a fun time in Moraine. Let's take a trip down memory lane and visit the history of the Moraine Haunted House from its humble beginning to it becoming a major attraction.

Fresh out of college, I brought a program to Moraine that my fraternity administered on campus to raise money for needy families. It was a haunted house attraction. The first Moraine Haunted House began in October 1979. After the Thursday evening City Council meeting ended, I returned to the Gerhardt Civic Center (GCC) and met a dozen local teens. We worked until midnight transforming the entire GCC into over 15 scenes of terror utilizing all the rooms ... making castle walls out of painted refrigerator boxes and creating laboratories and graveyards. Open on a Friday and Saturday for two hours with free admission, over 300 attended each night.

In the mid-1980's, the haunted house moved to Wax Park to become the Moraine Haunted Trail, then the Haunted Village. The trail was now outside, longer in length and had scenes constructed in the shelter houses, in the woods, multiple scenes in a 40 x 60-foot tent, and eventually scenes in the Natatorium Swimming Pool. The darkness and outdoor aspect made the haunt more realistic. Still open only one Friday and Saturday in October (from 7 to 11pm), crowds grew to over 450 per night. We utilized more fog machines, strobe lights, chainsaws and rented a real hearse.

Then in 2007, we took the big leap to grow from a community-wide special event to a Dayton area-wide haunted attraction. City Council gave us an increased budget to purchase professional props, animatronics, and advertising. City employee, Jim Hall came up with the name "Slash Moraine" as we began using Splash Moraine Waterpark as part of the haunted attraction. An admission fee of \$7 provided an opportunity to bring in revenue for the waterpark in the off-season months. The Natatorium, waterpark locker rooms, deck and lazy river had multiple scenes. The final scene was a chainsaw man chasing patrons into the parking lot. Slash Moraine expanded from one to four weekends drawing good attendance. A "Not-So-Scary Haunted House" was offered for three hours on Saturdays for kids 4 to 11 for only \$3. In 2010, local TV Horror Host, Dr. Creep entertained the kids, one of his last public appearances before his death.

A staple of all the haunted houses were the volunteers of all ages. There were often over 50 volunteers each year serving as actors, special effects and make-up assistants, guides or helpers at the food concession stands or ticket booths. The Covid-19 Pandemic brought an end to the haunted attraction in 2019 after a 40-year run. The Parks and Recreation Department went a different direction and placed emphasis on a new community-wide Halloween attraction, the Boo Bash. Looking back, the haunted house/trail was an event supported by the community and fun for the entire family.





# RESIDENTIAL LEAF COLLECTION

This program is offered to 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. The Street Division requests that interested residents rake their leaves into piles and place them next to the street curb. Please do not place grass clippings 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.

## Leaf Pickup: West Side of River

Oct 31-Nov 1, Nov 7-8, Nov 14-15, Nov 21, Nov 28-29 Dec 5-6

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

## Leaf Pickup: East Side of River

Nov 2-3, Nov 9-10, Nov 16-17, Nov 22, Nov 30-Dec 1, Dec 7-8

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

## Hydrant Testing

The Fire Division will be performing the semi-annual test of the City's hydrants starting October 1st and continuing throughout the month. The hydrants are checked twice a year to ensure that 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.



## Senior Citizen / Handicap Driveway Plowing

During the winter season, the Street Division provides driveway plowing services for senior citizens and handicapped residents only when snow accumulation is 2 inches or more. Please note: this is the Street Division's last priority for snowplowing. Requirements for receiving this service are:

- Must be 60 years of age or older.
- Must live alone.
- Exceptions: Handicapped persons who have a verified medical problem may qualify for this service.

Along with meeting all requirements, senior citizens must register in person each year at the Street Division (4720 Vance Road) in order to be eligible for this service. Our list of registrants is updated yearly. Please note - if you do not register yearly, your driveway will not be plowed that particular year. If you have any questions, please contact the Street Division at 937-535-1040.

## MORaine STAFF MADE GOING BACK TO SCHOOL EASIER FOR STUDENTS



Before school kicked off this past August, Parks and Recreation was able to distribute nearly 150 bags of school supplies to children in our community.

Thank you to our members at the PRC who donated school supplies to contribute to those bags. All in all, we handed out over \$2,000 worth of school supplies.

We look forward to continuing this program in the years to come!



The Police Division's school supply drive has come to an end. Special thanks to Hole N One Donuts and MV Mopar Club Dayton who dropped off donations. All supplies will go directly to students living in Moraine or going to West Carrollton City Schools.



A HUGE Thank You to Sandy's Towing for sponsoring this year's Back-to-School shopping for some of the kids in the City! The Police and Fire Divisions enjoyed helping the kids get what they needed for a successful first day!

### West Carrollton Intermediate School Ribbon Cutting

School Board members were joined by community leaders and school officials for a ribbon cutting ceremony for the district's new Intermediate School that will house 5th and 6th grade students.





# GRAND OPENING RICHARD W. SCHWARTZ CENTER FOR INNOVATION AND WINSUPPLY OF DAYTON

Written by: Adam Marshall, Director of Communications, Winsupply

Winsupply continues investing and innovating with the grand opening of the Richard W. Schwartz Center for Innovation and reopening of Winsupply of Dayton.

For the first time in Winsupply history, the Support Services teams have the ability to work alongside a successful Local Company to quickly develop, test and refine innovations. These innovations include everything from IT solutions, inventory management, warehouse operations, merchandising and product deliveries, customer communications, vendor marketing and showroom displays. Upon testing, these innovations can then be rolled out nationwide to help every Local Company at Winsupply be more competitive in their markets.



Lt. Governor Jon Husted, Winsupply, Inc. President John McKenzie, Winsupply Chairman of the Board Richard Schwartz, Governor Mike DeWine

“The ability for our support services teams to work side by side with an operating Local Company will be invaluable and will actually help speed up the time to market for our newest services. I thank the leadership team for naming the facility in the spirit of what I believe in,” said Rick Schwartz, Chairman of the Board and whom the Center for Innovation is named after.

Jeff Williams is proud to be President and owner of Winsupply of Dayton and is thankful for the opportunity to combine his Local Company with the Center for Innovation. “This will allow my company to try out new services and technology that will help us better serve our customers,” said Jeff. “Our team will be able to provide feedback before the services are expanded to all Local Companies.”

Winsupply is one of America’s leading suppliers of materials for residential and commercial construction and owns a majority equity stake in more than 640 local companies across the United States. Collectively, Winsupply is known as “The Winsupply Family of Companies” and includes Win-branded locations, Noland Company, Carr Supply, Security Plumbing & Heating Supply, APCO, and other regional suppliers the company has acquired. The companies conduct business-to-business wholesale distribution of supplies and materials in plumbing and heating; hydronics; pipe, valves and fittings; HVAC and refrigeration; electrical; fastening hardware; waterworks and utility; pumps; turf irrigation and landscape; and fire system fabrication.



## The City Welcomes The Rug Parlor

The Rug Parlor is a family owned business and a division of SaulClean Carpet and Rug Dyeing. Owner Scott Stuart has been cleaning rugs for seven years and decided it was time to open a standalone facility. Their facility located at 3312 Encrete Lane, offers the most up-to-date equipment and cleaning techniques allowing them to provide the best care for your area rugs.



The Rug Parlor offers the following services of area rug cleaning: pet urine and odor removal, stain protection, rug padding, moth deterrent, Color Dye Correction, Area Rug Repairs, wrapping and storage, and specialty fibers as well as pick-up and delivery. Visits to the store are by appointment only by calling 937-672-7233.

## Fire Safety Fest



MORaine  
FIRE DIVISION

**Tuesday, October 4**  
**6pm - 8pm**

**Springboro Pike Plaza**

**Free Refreshments**

**Fire Demos**

**Touch a Truck**

**Goodie Bags**

**Bounce House**

**Car Seat Checks**

## 2022 CHRISTMAS SMILES PROGRAM

Christmas can be a very stressful time. If you need help providing Christmas gifts to your family, the City might be able to help you this holiday season. Through this free program, we provide Christmas gifts and a food box for children in need in our community. We collect basic information for each child, including clothing sizes and Christmas wishes. Once we gather all of that information, the children are selected by individuals and families in our local community that want to help.



Those individuals and families purchase Christmas presents for your child, which typically include clothing, shoes, winter necessities, and items from your child's wish list. We coordinate a day in December for you to come and pick up everything well before the actual holiday, to allow you time to wrap your child's gifts and have a wonderful meal on Christmas day. If you are interested in this program, please see the information on the next page regarding the application process.

# 2022 CHRISTMAS SMILES APPLICATION PROCESS

## Qualifying for the Program

To qualify for the program, your child must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Child must be a Moraine resident.
2. Child must be on free or reduced lunch program\* through their school.
3. Child must be between the ages of newborn to 17 at the time of application.

\*Qualifications for the free and reduced lunch program will be validated through the child's school.

## Application Process

Step #1: Please complete all of the questions on the online 'Christmas Smiles Application' form to submit the first portion of your application for the 2022 Christmas Smiles program with the City of Moraine Parks and Recreation Division. This form must be completed by Thursday, October 20th. You can find the form at: <https://ci.moraine.oh.us/christmas-smiles/>.

Step #2: You will be required to come in person to the Payne Recreation Center (3800 Main Street, Moraine, Ohio 45439) during one of our designated dates and times to verify your information for the 2022 Christmas Smiles program. See available dates and times below:

- Monday, October 24th between 4pm – 7pm
- Tuesday, October 25th between 4pm – 7pm
- Wednesday, October 26th between 4pm – 7pm

To complete this portion of the application, you are required to bring the following items with you:

1. Proof of Moraine Residency
  - Acceptable proof must be in your name with your Moraine address listed, also dated within 30 days of the application date.
  - Water Bill (Montgomery County Environmental Services)
  - Gas Bill (Vectren, CenterPoint Energy, etc.)
  - Electric Bill (DP&L or AES)
2. Parent / Guardian Verification
  - State issued Photo ID, including a valid Driver's License or other valid state issued photo ID.
3. Verification - Each child must show one of the following
  - An official certified birth certificate
  - Court issued documentation of custody of each child

**For more information, please email or call MyKaelah Mercer, Operations Manager at 937-535-1077 or [mmercer@moraineoh.org](mailto:mmercer@moraineoh.org).**







## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

### **Moraine's Boo Bash Event**

### **Saturday, October 15**

The City will host a family fun, community, extravaganza at the PRC from 4pm to 8pm. Events will include inflatables, hayride and indoor trick or treat, and some amazing entertainment.

For an event this size to be successful, we need help from volunteers. Volunteers are needed to help City staff with this exciting event from 3:30pm to 8:30pm. Contact Brent Shane at 937-535-1061 or [bshane@moraineoh.org](mailto:bshane@moraineoh.org) if you are interested in volunteering.

#### **GAMES AND INFLATABLES**

Time: 3:30pm to 8:15pm  
Need 6-8 volunteers to oversee children/teens playing games and assist with inflatable safety.

#### **HAYRIDE**

Time: 3:30pm to 8:15pm  
Need 2-4 volunteers to assist with boarding and exiting the trailer.

#### **TRICK OR TREAT**

Time: 3:30pm to 8:15pm  
Need 2-4 volunteers to assist children with entering the room and monitor the area.





# BEGGARS NIGHT

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31  
6PM - 8PM

Put your little ghouls and goblins in their costumes and head out to collect that bag full of candy and treats! Residents who wish to participate can show their support by turning on their porch lights between 6pm and 8pm.



## BOB ROSENCRANS COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN PARTY

Oct 31 • 8p • Wax Park

after Beggars Night (6-8p)

Costume Contest • Hot Dogs  
Candy • Music



The City of Moraine  
parks and recreation

[moraineparkandrec.com](http://moraineparkandrec.com)  
3800 Main St. Moraine, Ohio

# EVENTS

## COFFEE AND CRAFTING

Location: GCC Commons  
Date: Mondays, October 3 & 17  
Time: 12pm – 1pm  
Age: Seniors (55+)  
Cost: FREE

Come enjoy a relaxing afternoon drinking coffee and crafting. We have all the supplies you need to create a masterpiece of your own.

## BINGO

Location: GCC Commons  
Date: Mondays, October 10 & 24  
Time: 12pm – 1pm  
Age: Seniors (55+)  
Cost: FREE

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.

# PROGRAMS

## 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.**



## PAPER CRAFTING MEET-UP

Location: PRC Multipurpose Room  
Date: Wednesdays  
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!



## DEA National Take Back Day

**Saturday, October 29**

**10am - 2pm**

**Municipal Building Lobby - 4200 Dryden Road**

Too often, unused prescription drugs find their way into the wrong hands which is dangerous and often tragic. Turn in your unused, unwanted or expired medication for safe disposal.

## 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



# PROGRAMS

## ARTventure

Location: PRC Multipurpose Room  
Date: Mondays – except October 31  
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.

## SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM

Location: GCC  
Date: Mondays  
Time: 1pm – 2pm  
Age: Seniors (60+)  
Cost: FREE – Donation appreciated



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.

## 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.

## NEEDLEWORK MEET-UP

Location: PRC Multipurpose Room  
Date: Mondays – except October 31  
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 (hand craft projects). 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. We have an experienced quilter on site if you need help or wish to start quilting.



## COUNTRY JAM

Location: PRC Meeting Room  
Date: Mondays  
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 November 28, December 5, and tentatively December 12.

## 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

## CITY BUILDING'S NEW NICE AND BRIGHT SIGN WITH LED BULBS.



### 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**

#### 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**



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