



**CITY OF  
MORaine**  
COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Moraine, OH 45439  
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# MESSENGER

October  
2021

*Progress Through Unity*

## **Moraine is Honored to Become a Purple Heart City**

The City of Moraine is proud to honor our military men and women as we become an official Purple Heart City on October 28, 2021.

The Order of the Purple Heart for Military Merit, established by General George Washington during the Revolutionary War at Newburgh, New York, on August 7th, 1782, is the oldest military decoration in the world in present use. The Military Order of the Purple Heart began in 1932 and was chartered by an Act of Congress in 1958. It was also composed of military men and women who received the Purple Heart Medal.

The Military Order of the Purple Heart was formed for the protection and mutual interest of all who have received the combat decoration and is composed exclusively of Purple Heart Recipients and is the only congressionally chartered veterans service organization comprised strictly of “combat” veterans. The Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to members of the Armed Forces wounded in combat with an enemy force or posthumously to the next of kin of Armed Forces members killed in combat.

A ceremony will take place during the Council Meeting on Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building located at 4200 Dryden Road. The Military Order of the Purple Heart Honor Guard will present a plaque and Mayor Elaine Allison will read a proclamation. All are welcome to attend.



# 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

## 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 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 snow-plowing. 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 535-1040.



## City Construction Spotlight Using Grant Funding to Stretch Paving Dollars

Infrastructure improvements and street paving work around the City were in full force in 2021! With the City Capital Improvement Program (CIP), paving funds were used to make needed repairs and resurfacing on the west side of the City. The paving work included Hemple Road, Soldiers Home-Miamisburg Road, Shank Road, Soldiers Home-West Carrollton Road and Pinnacle Road.

In addition to the City's CIP budget, additional paving work was completed thanks to partial grant funding secured by the City Engineer. Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) grant dollars were secured for the paving of Vance Road, cutting the City's cost for this project by nearly 60%. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding was secured for the Haverstick South Improvements Project (which included Lehigh Place, Pensacola Blvd., Lauderdale Drive, Genoa Avenue, Jomar Avenue, Nyack Lane, Butler Avenue and Mays Avenue). This CDBG funding reduced the City's cost for the project by nearly 50%.

Looking forward to 2022, Moraine will continue to see the positive effects of grant funding. The northern portion of Dryden Road will be repaired and resurfaced using a combination of a \$1.05 million STP grant and a \$400,000 Ohio Public Works Commission Grant, bringing down the City's cost for the project by more than 99%! The City will also see a new traffic signal installed with safety improvements at the intersection of SR 741 and W. Dorothy Lane. This project will be funded by a 100% safety grant through the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Further grant funds are being pursued by the City Engineer's office for future STP and CDBG grants to continue similar projects throughout the City. State and Federal grant dollars are often only able to be used on high volume and main roadways. Securing these grants for the City's thoroughfares allows the local CIP dollars to be used on our residential and rural roadways.

### Hemple Road Paving Project



**LEAVES ARE FUN!**



**...UNTIL THEY'RE NOT**



Raking leaves out of your neighborhood street drains can prevent flooding.

# RESEARCH, DISCOVER AND UNCOVER MORAINE'S HISTORY

## WATER RECREATION THROUGH THE YEARS ON THE GREAT MIAMI RIVER - PART 2

By: Dave Miller

Last month's article was about the 1930s promotions in the Miami Shores for lots that were available for permanent dwellings or summer cabins. This was in hopes of attracting people to live in the area and to enjoy the recreational opportunities the river had to offer. The housing development continued into the 1950s.

During the 1930s, the Miami Valley Sports Club located near the old Main Street steel bridge, promoted recreational canoeing, boating, skiing and motorboat races.

In the 1950s and 1960s several ski ramps were placed in the river opposite Miami Shores. Just south of the Main Street Bridge and just north of Holes Creek was a small island called Wizard Island where you could anchor your boat and fish.

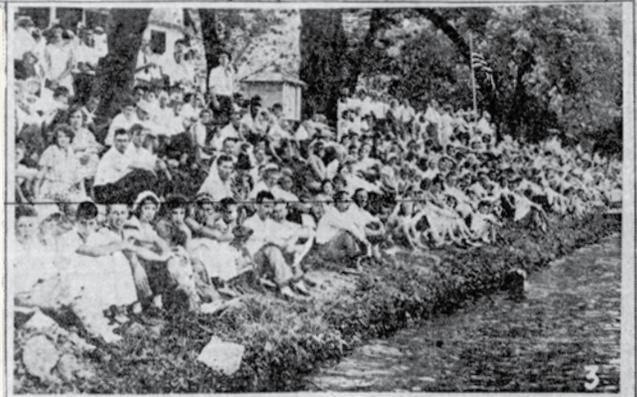
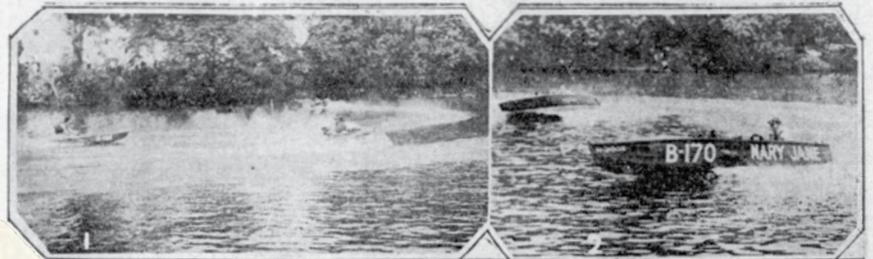
However, Miami Shores residents constantly dealt with seasonal flooding running over the riverbanks but the 1959 flood was the last straw. In 1960 and 1961, the Miami Conservancy District spent \$3 million dollars to build a levee around Miami Shores. Wizard Island was dredged and removed in 1960 as part of the levee plans. The low dams were added in the Miami River both north and south Moraine, which made the river depth consistent and safe for boating.

The Dayton Boat Club was founded in 2003 on East River Road and provides competitive-focused Junior (ages 11-18), Masters (ages 21+) rowing programs. The Club offers Learn to Row summer camps and is utilized by the University of Dayton Rowing Teams.

Today, there are countless water recreation opportunities to take advantage of such as boating, water skiing, jet skiing, tubing, kayaking, canoeing, rowing or fishing by boat. The river is accessible from the East River Landing Boat Ramp. When kayaking you could see turtles, beaver, deer, raccoons, geese, ducks, cranes, blue herons and fish galore jumping.

Even if you are not on the water, you can also enjoy the sights of the river by using the Moraine bike stairs on the Main Street Bridge to access the Great Miami Valley Recreation Bicycle/Walking Trail. With the pandemic and limited travel, America saw unprecedented sales of kayaks, bicycles and fishing gear as people have rediscovered outdoor recreation. Why don't you?

### Large Crowd Sees Speed Boat Races on Miami



Large crowds sought relief from city heat at Miami Shores and Moraine Riverview along the Miami river south of the city Sunday and in doing so witnessed some unusual speed contests on the broad expanse of water. The inboard motor race attracted unusual attention and the speeding boats are shown in No. 1, while the winner, "Shorty" Stiplein in his "Mary Jane" are shown and No. 2. A section of the enthusiastic watchers is shown in No. 3.



## 2021 Moraine Rotary Club College Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to three Moraine residents who recently graduated from high school and were awarded \$500 College Scholarships from the Moraine Rotary Club through the Dayton Foundation.



Megan Glenn graduated from West Carrollton High School

Olivia Lowery graduated from Kettering Fairmont High School



Bradley Scarce graduated from West Carrollton High School.

Resident high school seniors who will graduate in May or June 2022 and wish to apply for 2022 Moraine Rotary College Scholarships can look for application information in the February 2022 Moraine Messenger.



OCTOBER  
BREAST  
CANCER  
AWARENESS  
MONTH

## Cozy Night at Wax Park

Parks and Recreation hosted our first ever Movie Night in Wax Park in August! It was a perfect summer night to watch Disney's Raya and the Last Dragon.



We would like to thank everyone who attended our event this year, and a special thank you to Kona Ice for coming out to join us as well.



## School Supply Giveaway

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 the PRC members 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!



## 2021 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 pick everything up 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 below regarding the application process.

## 2021 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 2021 Christmas Smiles program with the City of Moraine Parks and Recreation Division. This form must be completed by Thursday, October 21st. You can find the form here: <https://ci.moraine.oh.us/christmas-smiles/>.

**Step #2:** You will be required to come in person to the PRC during one of our designated dates and times to verify your information for the program. See available dates and times below:

- Monday, October 25th between 4pm – 7pm
- Tuesday, October 26th between 4pm – 7pm
- Wednesday, October 27th 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. Child 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 either of the two coordinators over the event:

- Tiffany Doakes, Program Coordinator at (937) 535-1096 or [tdoakes@moraineoh.org](mailto:tdoakes@moraineoh.org)
- MyKaelah Mercer, Operations Manager at (937) 535-1077 or [mmercerc@moraineoh.org](mailto:mmercerc@moraineoh.org)

# HALLOWEEN COVID-19 SAFETY

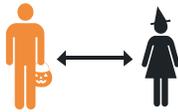


Dayton &  
Montgomery  
County

## Tips to keep you and your family safe this Halloween & help stop the spread of COVID-19:



Wear a face mask  
and make it part  
of your costume



Keep a safe  
distance of 6'  
from others



Avoid hosting  
or going to  
large parties



Hand out candy.  
Do not place candy  
in self-service bowls



Only trick-or-treat  
with members of  
your own household



Use hand  
sanitizer  
frequently



Wash your hands  
and face thoroughly  
when you get home



Stay  
home  
if you  
are sick



Visit fewer  
houses this  
year, lessen  
your typical  
route



Do not participate in  
activities if you are at  
greater risk of complications  
from COVID-19 (i.e. pregnant,  
older, have a health condition)



All candy should  
be wrapped.  
Avoid homemade  
treats made  
by strangers



## GET CREATIVE

If you do not feel comfortable trick-or-treating this year, try hosting a costume party or pumpkin carving contest online, or just leave treats for friends and neighbors!

At the time of publishing the October 2021 Messenger, new guidelines were not available.  
The flyer shows guidelines from 2020.



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

## Boo Bash - Saturday, October 16

The City will host a family fun, community, extravaganza at the PRC from 5pm to 8pm.

For an event this size to be successful, we need help from volunteers. Volunteers are needed from 4:30pm - 8:30pm to help City staff in this exciting event. Please contact Tiffany Doakes at (937) 535-1096 or [tdoakes@moraineoh.org](mailto:tdoakes@moraineoh.org) if you are available to volunteer.

### GAMES & INFLATABLES

4:30pm - 8:30pm

Need 6-8 volunteers to oversee children/teens playing games and to assist with inflatable safety.

### HAYRIDE

4:30pm - 8:30pm

Need 2-4 volunteers to assist with boarding and exiting the trailer.

### TRICK OR TREATING

4:30pm - 8:30pm

Need 2-6 volunteers to assist children with entering the room and to monitor the area.



# SPECIAL EVENTS

## BOO BASH

Location: PRC  
Date: Saturday, October 16  
Time: 5pm - 8pm  
Age: All Ages  
Cost: FREE

The City will host a family friendly Boo Bash! Activities include indoor trick or treat, inflatables, Kids Zone, hayride and entertainers. Costumes are encouraged, and please bring your own treat bag. This event is free and appropriate for all ages.

## CITYWIDE TRICK OR TREAT

Location: Moraine Neighborhoods  
Date: Sunday, October 31  
Time: 6pm – 8pm

The City will continue its practice of having trick-or-treat on Halloween Day, which is Sunday, October 31. Residents who wish to participate can show their support by turning on their porch lights between 6pm and 8pm.

## 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](http://moraineparkandrec.com))  
OR AT THE PRC.**



## BOB ROSENCRANS COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN PARTY

Location: Wax Park  
Date: Sunday, October 31  
Time: 8pm (Contest begins at 8:30pm)  
Age: All Ages  
Cost: FREE

After Beggar's Night, head to Wax Park for the Bob Rosencrans Community Halloween Party. Wear your costumes and enter the City's annual Halloween Costume Contest and win prizes. Enjoy a hot dog prepared by your local Council Member and mingle with your neighbors.



# PROGRAMS

## COFFEE AND CRAFTING

Location: GCC Commons  
Date: Mondays, October 4 & 18  
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.

## SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM

Location: GCC  
Date: Mondays, October 4, 11, 18, & 25  
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. To find out more information or how to register, please call 937-535-1095.

## QUILTING MEET-UP

Location: PRC Multipurpose Room  
Date: Mondays, October 4, 11, 18, & 25  
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, October 4, 11, 18, & 25  
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 29 and December 6.

## EUCHRE

Location: GCC Commons  
Date: Tuesdays and Thursdays,  
October 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, & 28  
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.

## 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

## BASKETBALL OPEN GYM

This is a great opportunity to work on your basketball skills for the upcoming season. The open gym will be on the back half of the gymnasium. Below are dates and times for Youth and Adult Basketball Open Gym. If you have any questions, please call Brent Shane at 937-535-1062.

### YOUTH

Location: PRC Gym  
Date: Tuesdays, October 5, 12, 19, & 26  
Time: 5pm – 7pm  
Age: Youth (6-12), Teens (13-17)  
Cost: Members are free or daily drop in rates per day apply

### ADULT

Location: PRC Gym  
Date: Thursdays, October 7, 14, 21, & 28  
Time: 5pm – 7pm  
Age: Adults (18-54), Seniors (55+)  
Cost: Members are free or daily drop in rates per day apply

## PLANNER & BULLET JOURNAL MEET-UP

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

Want to connect with other people working on their planners? This meet-up offers a place for people to start a hobby or indulge in their

addiction while having company from other people. Bring some supplies, share some tips and have fun, we welcome everyone.

## BINGO

Location: GCC Commons  
Date: Mondays, October 11 & 25  
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!

**WE'RE HIRING**  
Visit [ci.moraine.oh.us/employment](http://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

### **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**

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, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve Day and Christmas Day.**



**ELAINE ALLISON**  
Mayor



**ORA ALLEN**  
At-Large



**DONALD BURCHETT**  
At-Large



**RANDY DAUGHERTY**  
Ward 1



**TERI MURPHY**  
Deputy Mayor  
Ward 2



**SHIRLEY WHITT**  
Ward 3



**JEANETTE MARCUS**  
Ward 4