



**CITY OF
MORAINE**
COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Moraine, OH 45439
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MESSENGER

November
2022

Progress Through Unity

QUARTERLY MESSENGER 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.

RESIDENTIAL LEAF COLLECTION

This program is offered to Moraine residents for a total of six 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, Aviation, 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, Wright

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

DON'T FORGET TO FALL BACK



When Do We "Fall Back"

The first Sunday in November is when Daylight Savings Time ends in most areas of the U.S., so in 2022 we'll "fall back" one hour and return to Standard Time on Sunday, November 6, 2022, at 2 am. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour before bed Saturday night!

Snow Removal Guidelines

In order for the Street Division to properly and efficiently plow and clear roadways, cooperation and assistance is needed from residents. Please follow these snow removal guidelines:

- Do not clean your driveway until your street has been plowed and salted. If you choose to clean your driveway prior to plowing and salting of your street, be sure to push the snow to the right of your driveway so when we plow it doesn't block your driveway. If using a snow blower, we ask that you avoid blowing snow back into the street.
- If a snowstorm consists of 2 inches or more, please park all vehicles in your driveway. This will greatly assist the Street Division in properly clearing and plowing all roadways and residential streets. Our goal is to make road conditions as safe as possible for travel throughout the City.

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.

Go Vote on Tuesday, November 8

Participating in elections is one of the key freedoms of American life. No matter what you believe or whom you support, it is important to exercise your rights.

Voting is a privilege for citizens of the United States. The City of Moraine encourages everyone who is eligible to vote!

Check the Board of Elections for your voting location.



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY
BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

451 W. 3rd Street, Dayton, OH 45422
office 937.225.5656 | direct 937.225.5659
www.montgomery.boe.ohio.gov

RESEARCH, DISCOVER AND UNCOVER MORAINE'S HISTORY

21st ANNIVERSARY OF THE MORAINE ALL-VETERANS MEMORIAL

Written by: Dave Miller

The Moraine All-Veterans Memorial was dedicated on November 10, 2001. The idea for the memorial came from original committee members Alex Merch, Phyllis Wagers, Councilman John Shady, Mayor Roger Matheny and me. Alex Merch was a veteran of WWII and Korea. I spent a great deal of time working with Alex on how to fund the project. We decided we would solicit corporate and individual donations and sell engraved bricks to create a pathway in front of the memorial.



After researching several companies, Alex and I worked with Dodds Memorials in Xenia to design the memorial. Dodds Memorials had vast experience in designing and building war memorials in the Dayton and southwest Ohio areas and provided the brick engraving service. The Moraine All-Veterans Memorial design consisted of five dark grey granite pillars each representing a branch of the military atop a light granite footing. Above the 12-foot-tall memorial is an eagle and the words "Lest We Forget."

Alex and I presented the design idea to Moraine City Council with a five-year plan to raise enough money to fund the project. City Council liked the idea and Councilman Ron Payne recommended a resolution to fund \$35,000 through the Moraine Foundation to provide additional money needed to immediately start the project.

Thanks to local companies (Wells Electric, Barnett Brothers Construction, Siebenthaler Co., Gerdies Turf Farm, Snyder Brick & Block and Mainline Road & Bridge Construction), shrubs, flowers, landscaping materials and labor were donated to beautify the area around the memorial. Susie Leet (formerly of the Moraine Street Division) added the wonderful military statues around the bricks and did an outstanding job keeping the beautiful flowers weeded and growing.

The walkway consisted of over 575 bricks. The dedication in 2001 was hosted by Mayor Roger Matheny, the West Carrollton VFW Post 3438 provided Taps and a 15-gun salute, Tiffany Thompson sang the national anthem, the invocation was presented by Pastor Henry Watts, Jr. and the guest speaker was Air Force Col. Mark Shackelford. Fourth and fifth grade students from Moraine Meadows performed patriotic songs.

Today, the walkway of engraved bricks, dedicated to family or friends who served in war or peacetime, continues to grow. To order an engraved brick, please contact Public Information Officer Aaron Vietor at 937-535-1016.

Moraine's Veterans Day Ceremony and the dedication of new engraved bricks are held on Memorial Day and around Veterans Day. Don't forget to attend this year's ceremony on November 11th at 11am.

Memorial to veterans on way in Moraine

City's foundation will pay for project

By CATHY MONG
Xenia Daily News

MORAINE.—A lasting memorial to veterans will soon rise in Moraine, the vision of an 80-year-old Moraine man who served in World War II.

Alan Merch appeared before the city council this summer and asked for financial assistance for the endeavor, and the city's charitable arm, the Moraine Foundation, agreed to provide the \$35,000 funding.

The money will be used to build the memorial, which will consist of five dark grey granite pillars representing the five branches of the military, atop a light granite footing. Above the pillars is another light gray slab inscribed with Moraine Veterans Memorial and a dedication.

Atop the 12-foot-tall memorial is an eagle and the words Lest We Forget.

Dodds Monuments in Xenia

designed the memorial, which is expected to be finished in time for dedication on Nov. 11, Veterans Day.

It will be built on the lawn in front of the Moraine Municipal Building, 4200 Dixie Drive, at Main Street.

Mercy is working with the Moraine All Veterans Memorial Committee and plans to sell bricks to memorialize a loved one who served in the military. The bricks will form a pathway around the monument and include walkways.

The bricks sell from \$50 for a 4x12 8-inch brick, to \$200 for a 12x12 inch brick.

Money contributed to the project will also be used to help defray costs of lighting, benches and landscaping, he said.

Merch bought his first brick last year and has since bought two more. Phyllis Wagers and Karen Sharpe, in memory of their father, George Sharpe, a Navy veteran who died of leukemia.

Merch, who had throat cancer 17 years ago and speaks with the assistance of a neck brace, attended most city council meetings.

He said he thought the memorial

would be an asset to the city and something that could bring pride to the community.

The idea for the memorial came about, Merch said, when he and Wagers attended a meeting of V. Matheny and Councilman John Shady, who attended the 50th anniversary of the start of the Korean War on June 25, 2000, at the memorial on Riverside Drive in Dayton.

Assisting Merch on the committee is David Miller, who works for the city's parks and recreation department.

Miller also has purchased a brick for his father, Eugene, 85, of Florida, who served in the Pacific during World War II, and whose Navy ship was torpedoed by enemy fire.

He said his father was playing cards with a friend in Philadelphia when he was drafted.

"My dad doesn't like to talk about the war, but he has an undying love for the country. That's my interest in getting up on this," Miller said.

Anyone who wishes to make a contribution to the memorial or dedicates a brick may do so by sending a check or money order to Alex Merch, Moraine All Veterans



THIS IS A virtual image by Dodds Monuments of what the completed memorial will look like.

Memorial Committee, 3845 Trillium Road, Moraine 45449. Questions may be directed to Merch at 937-535-2353 or Miller at 262-6611.

Contact Cathy Mong at 225-2353 or e-mail her at cathy_mong@coxohio.com

Cooking Safety

Cooking brings family and friends together, provides an outlet for creativity and can be relaxing. But did you know that cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries? By following a few safety tips you can prevent these fires.

"COOK WITH CAUTION"

- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.

If you have a small (grease) cooking fire and decide to fight the fire...

- On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire...

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home.



Cooking and Kids

Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 meter) around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

FACTS

- ! The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.
- ! Most cooking fires in the home involve the kitchen stove.



NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

The leading information and knowledge resource
on fire, electrical and related hazards

CHRISTMAS SMILES

SPONSORED BY THE MORaine FOUNDATION

HELP YOUR COMMUNITY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

Christmas Smiles is a free program where we provide gifts and food to children in need in our community.

Christmas Smiles would not be possible without the contributions of local residents, organizations, and businesses who choose to give back. Please share in the spirit of the holidays by helping put Christmas Smiles on the faces of Moraine children!



Donations Accepted At:



Gerhardt Civic Center (GCC)
3050 Kreitzer Road
Moraine, Ohio 45439



Payne Recreation Center (PRC)
3800 Main Street
Moraine, Ohio 45439

Through the Years

The 2022 holiday season marks the 14th year that the Christmas Smiles program has been in operation. This program has provided relief for members of our community when they needed it most.

From someone who participated in the program last year...

"I am in awe of this program and of you all, I truly can't express how thankful I am for your generosity. Each box of gifts were so customized for each of my children, and so well thought out with so much detail. As a single mom I can't put into words how much this means. I am so excited for Christmas now and this has relieved so much pressure and anxiety, I'm now able to enjoy the season and just love on my babies."

WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

ADOPT A CHILD OR FAMILY



Come into the PRC or GCC to select the child or family you want to adopt. Adoptions open on Wednesday, 11/2/2022, and close on Wednesday, 11/23/2022.

DONATE NON-PERISHABLE FOOD



We provide a box of food to every family. To help us fill those boxes, you can bring in non-perishable, non-expired food items to the PRC.

MAKE A MONETARY DONATION



We accept monetary donations in the form of check or cash. These donations go through the Moraine Foundation, a tax credit charitable organization.

DON'T FORGET

You can help Christmas Smiles all year long by registering your Kroger Plus Card with Community Rewards. Simply create an account on their website or mobile app. Link your Kroger Plus Card to our organization (The Moraine Foundation).

Fire Safety Fest



**Fire Safety Fest
WAS A BIG DILL!**



VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

Please join City Council in celebrating Veterans Day on November 11th at 11am in front of the Municipal Building.

Also, if you would like to recognize your favorite veteran with a brick in our All-Veterans Memorial, please download the form from the City's website: ci.moraine.oh.us. For any questions, please call PIO Aaron Vietor at 937-535-1016.



MUNICIPAL BUILDING MEMORIALS

The City has two memorials to recognize our former employees and veterans.

The Police and Fire Memorial was constructed in 2012. It has two large bronze statues: one firefighter and one police officer, with plaques, as well as 275 bricks to remember our Fire and Police personnel.



The All-Veterans memorial was constructed in 2001. It has a large monument with each branch of the military, as well as 575 bricks to remember our veterans.

Deadlines to Order Bricks

Memorial Day: January 15th

- Bricks will be installed in early May and dedicated during the Memorial Day Ceremony.

Veterans Day: June 15th

- Bricks will be installed in early November and dedicated during the Veterans Day Ceremony.

Join our amazing team!

Come join our Parks & Recreation team!

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.

Recreation Monitor

- Senior and Youth Programs
- Childcare
- Weight Room

we are hiring

→ **Recreation Front Desk Services**

→ **Recreation Monitor**

Interested in the positions?
Find more information and fill out an application at:
<http://ci.moraine.oh.us/employment/>.

EVENTS



TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Location: Municipal Building
Date: Friday, December 2
Time: 6pm - 8pm
Age: All Ages
Cost: FREE

Join us for our annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, December 2nd at the Municipal Building. Come enjoy watching the lights illuminate the City! There will also be light refreshments, entertainment, and visits with Santa.

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.

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) OR AT THE PRC.

COFFEE AND CRAFTING

Location: GCC Commons
Date: Mondays, November 7 & 21
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.

ARTventure

Location: PRC Reach Room
Date: Mondays, November 7 & 14
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.

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 Everettts Park

3050 Kreitzer Road

Wax Park

3800 Main Street

COUNTRY JAM

Location: PRC Meeting Room
Date: Mondays, Except November 28
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.

SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM

Location: GCC
Date: Mondays
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.

NEEDLEWORK MEET-UP

Location: PRC Multipurpose Room
Date: Mondays
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. To find out more information or how to register, please call 937-535-1060.

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Location: GCC Commons
Date: Tuesdays and Thursdays,
Except Thanksgiving
Time: 11:30am – 2:30pm
Age: Seniors (55+)
Cost: FREE

Don't miss this fun chance to socialize, meet new friends, improve your coordination and exercise your mind. No experience necessary.

BINGO

Location: GCC Commons
Date: Mondays, November 14 & 28
Time: 12pm – 1pm
Age: Seniors (55+)
Cost: FREE

Join us for a game of B-I-N-G-O! We have a wide variety of prizes for the game winners. Bring a friend and wear your lucky socks!



Appleseed Park

3000 Dorf Drive

Deer Meadow Park

4321 Pinnacle Road

DP&L Park

2916 Cadillac Street

George Taylor Park

4709 E. Venetian Way

German Village Park

370 Blumen Lane

Lehigh Park

2607 Lehigh Place

Pinnacle Park

3060 Charlotte Mill Drive

Pinnacle Park Tot Lot

3300 Charlotte Mill Drive

Riverview Park

3021 Lakehurst Court



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

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

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.



TERI MURPHY
Mayor



ORA ALLEN
At-Large



DONALD BURCHETT
At-Large



RANDY DAUGHERTY
Ward 1



DAVE MILLER
Ward 2



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Deputy Mayor
Ward 3



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Ward 4