



CITY OF
MORAINE
COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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MESSENGER

December
2020

Progress Through Unity



Big THANK YOU to DMAX Ltd.

Employees from DMAX Ltd. held a Community Cleanup on October 8, 2020. Over a dozen plant employees picked up litter along the 1.5 mile stretch of Dryden Road between Main Street and Northlawn Boulevard.



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 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 937-535-1040.

Christmas Tree Disposal

The Street Division will be collecting Christmas trees for disposal after the holidays. If you would like to dispose of your Christmas tree, please place it at the curb for pick-up.



WINTER STORMS

What Can I Do?

Prepare Your Home

Make your home winter ready. Buy needed supplies before the storm arrives. Have a plan in case you lose power or are unable to leave your home.



Monitor Your Forecast

Stay up to date with the latest forecast information as the storm approaches, monitor your favorite source for weather information.



Prepare Your Vehicle

Make your vehicle weather ready. Be sure to include a safety kit, cold weather gear, and all the necessities you may need to deal with the storm ahead.



Have A Plan

Before weather threatens, be sure to have a communications plan, change travel plans, and prepare for the impacts to your routine.



Know The Terms

Winter Storm Watch: There is potential of a significant winter weather event. Conditions are possible but not imminent.

Winter Weather Advisory: Winter weather is imminent and may cause inconveniences.

Winter Storm Warning: A significant winter storm is imminent and is a danger to life and property.

Blizzard Warning: A significant winter storm with strong winds, snow, and low visibility is imminent and is a danger to life and property.

Ice Storm Warning: Dangerous ice accumulations are imminent

Move Over or Slow Down for ALL Vehicles with Flashing Lights

Ohio's Move Over law requires motorists to shift over one lane – or slow down if changing lanes is not possible – when passing any vehicle with flashing lights on the side of a road. Its purpose is to protect everyone who works on our roads and everyone who travels on them.

SLOW DOWN MOVE OVER

For ALL Roadside Workers

MoveOver.Ohio.Gov

Ohio's **NEW** Move Over Law requires motorists to move over or slow down for **ALL** roadside workers.

Why Move Over?

Because across the nation, in roadside accidents...


1 tow truck driver is killed every six days.

23 highway workers and **1** law enforcement officer is killed every month.


6 firefighters are killed every year.

Move Over for Safety. Every Worker, Every Time.

Partners in Safety:





WAYS TO HAVE A HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON

Brighten the holidays by making your health and safety a priority. Take steps to keep you and your loved ones safe and healthy—and ready to enjoy the holidays.

- Wash hands often to help prevent the spread of germs. It's flu season. Wash your hands with soap and clean running water for at least 20 seconds.
- Bundle up to stay dry and warm.
- Manage stress. Give yourself a break if you feel stressed out, overwhelmed, and out of control.
- Don't drink and drive or let others drink and drive.
- Fasten seat belts while driving or riding in a motor vehicle.
- Get exams and screenings. Ask your health care provider what exams you need and when to get them. Update your personal and family history.
- Get your vaccinations.
- Monitor children. Keep potentially dangerous toys, food, drinks, household items, and other objects out of children's reach. Protect them from drowning, burns, falls, and other potential accidents.
- Practice fire safety. Most residential fires occur during the winter months, so don't leave fireplaces, space heaters, food cooking on stoves, or candles unattended. Have an emergency plan and practice it regularly.
- Prepare food safely. Remember these simple steps: Wash hands and surfaces often, avoid cross-contamination, cook foods to proper temperatures and refrigerate foods promptly.
- Eat healthy, stay active.



RESEARCH, DISCOVER AND UNCOVER MORAINE'S HISTORY

EARLY MORAINE PIONEERS

A walk through Zion Memorial United Church of Christ Cemetery on South Dixie Drive is a virtual history book or a "Who's Who" of early Moraine pioneers. Familiar names such as Hetzel, Dryden, Kreitzer, Snyder, Gebhardt, Apple, Caylor and Hammel are names found as landowners in the 1800's to early 1900's maps.

The cemetery was built in 1820 next to the original church, one of the earliest churches in the county. Between 1820 and 1826, the first ministers were circuit riders on horseback.

Here are some of the prominent Moraine pioneers buried at Zion Cemetery.

Joseph Dryden - of which Dryden Road is named after, the 1875 map shows he owned a large parcel of land where today's West Moraine plat and DMAX is located all the way south to where the Municipal Building now stands. The Miami-Erie Canal ran through his property. He was a successful farmer.

Jacob Hammel - after trafficking on the Miami-Erie Canal in a canal boat, is considered having Moraine's first business after starting the Crume Brick Company. Hammel owned the land where today's Moraine Airpark is located in Miami Shores. After brickmaking he became a well respected tobacco farmer. Hammel died in December 1903.

Apple Family - over thirty family members are buried at Zion. Apple's owned land all over Moraine. One of the Apple family owned land across from Frank Nicholas Elementary School in Miami Shores called Apple Plat today. Vance Road was originally called Apple Road. Hereford and Angus Lane are named for the path where the Apple family drove their cattle.

William Lohman - the Lohman family had a large farm at 2770 Springboro Pike near today's intersection of Cardington Road and Springboro Pike. Successful farmers, they raised melons, corn and other crop plus pigs for sausage. A circa 1890 Brougham carriage used by the family was donated to the Kettering-Moraine museum.



Peter & David Hetzel - Peter arrived in Moraine in May 1806 and settled around West Dorothy Lane. His small house, where they reared five children, was donated to the Kettering-Moraine Museum. A carpenter, he built hand-looms and furniture. He died in 1859. His son David manufactured fanning mills for cleaning wheat and invented a sausage cutter. He also invented a velocipede for a crippled man, which enabled him to propel himself from place to place. He died in 1891.

How To Clean a Dryer Vent

Famliy Handyman

Do you know how to clean a dryer vent? When's the last time you checked yours?

A lack of routine maintenance could put your home at risk for a fire if you don't regularly clean your lint filter and dryer vent. In fact, the U.S. Fire Administration reports that every year clothes dryers are the cause of more than 2,900 home fires. And, aside from being a fire hazard, a dirty dryer vent can increase drying time and spike energy costs.

Here's How To Remove Dryer Lint:

When's the last time you cleaned your dryer vent? A lack of routine maintenance could put your home at risk of having a fire if you don't know how to clean a dryer vent.



Signs of Lint Buildup

Is your laundry taking longer to dry? Do you have to run the same load twice? Is the top of your dryer hot to the touch after each use? Rather than a faulty dryer, clogged ductwork may be the culprit. The removable dryer lint filter catches most of the lint as it passes through a load of laundry. But, pieces of lint can sneak past the filter and get stuck in crevices along the dryer duct. When there's a buildup of lint, airflow is restricted, which can lead to overheating. If the air inside the duct gets hot enough, it can ignite the lint and cause a dryer fire.



How to Clean a Dryer Vent Duct

Rather than hire a professional, a DIY cleaning job saves money. The tools and supplies you need to clean a dryer vent duct include a vacuum with a long hose attachment, dryer vent brush kit, screwdrivers and UL-listed metal foil duct tape.



Step one: The first thing you have to do is locate where the duct begins and ends. Most dryers will have a short 4-inch diameter exhaust in back that connects to the ductwork through an aluminum elbow. Hot air goes through those pipes and exits your house through an opening on an outside wall.

Step two: Safely disconnect your dryer by unplugging the power cord from the outlet or turning off the gas or propane valve. Remove any clamps or metal tape so that you can pull the dryer vent pipe free from the exhaust. If you own a dryer that runs on natural gas, be extremely careful you don't disturb the dryer's gas line when disconnecting the power. A gas leak is serious; call a professional if you're unsure of the process.

Step three: Pull the vent pipe away from the wall duct. And then remove the duct cover from the exit point outside so that you have clear access to the entire ductwork. The dryer vent brush kit will come with a lint brush and flexible segments that you can connect together, depending on the length of your dryer ducts. You do need special vent brushes in order to effectively clean a dryer vent duct.

Step four: Insert the vent brush into the ductwork and spin it counter-clockwise while pushing the brush as far as you can down the dryer ducts. If you need more length to reach the other end of the duct, add another segment from your brush kit. The brush should loosen lint that has become lodged along the ductwork.

Pro tip: enter from the outside of the house if it's located higher than the dryer. Gravity can help clear lodged debris and it's easier to clean lint on your laundry room floor than have it clutter any landscaped areas. While you have the vacuum out, remember to clean out the inside of the dryer outlet as well.

Step five: Clean all of the lint that comes out of the duct work with a vacuum. (Heads up: It may be a lot!) Use the flexible hose attachment to clear out the openings on both ends, as well as the lint trap housing. Repeat as needed until there is no more existing lint that needs to be removed.

Step six: Put all of the dryer components back together and plug it in. Then give it a trial run before sliding it back into place. Check to make sure all of the venting remains connected and there are no gas leaks, if your dryer runs on natural gas. While you're at it, checking to ensure that your outside dryer vent is in good working order, too. "Make sure it's well fastened or caulked to the building. A poor installation can lead to extra heat or air conditioning costs and allow pests to enter your home.

Safety Precautions to Consider

When you hook your dryer back up, avoid using a soft foil-style vent that connects to the wall duct, as these are a known fire hazard. These and other flexible plastic tubes are forbidden by most building codes. Go with an adjustable, rigid, 90-degree elbow at the exhaust end of the dryer instead.

BRICK ORDERS BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE CITY'S MEMORIALS

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

The Moraine Police and Fire memorial was constructed in 2012. It has two large bronzes 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 2002. It has a large monument with each branch of the military, as well as 575 bricks to remember our veterans.

To honor a loved one with a brick, download the form from the City's website: ci.moraine.oh.us. For any questions, please call Aaron Vietor at 535-1016.

Deadlines to Order Bricks

Memorial Day: January 15

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

Veterans Day: June 15

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





HELP MAKE CHRISTMAS SMILES!

There are children in our community in need of some Christmas Smiles! The 12th Annual Christmas Smiles program provides toys, clothes, and food to Moraine children in need. Last year, Christmas Smiles helped 113 Moraine children. That included 62 families who received gifts and food at Christmas time!

Want to Help?

- Stop in at the Payne Recreation Center (PRC) or the Municipal Building during current modified operating hours and sign-up to make donations for our families between Monday, November 9 - Wednesday, December 2, 2020.
- Donations are accepted at the PRC or Municipal Building during business hours in the form of cash or check (please make checks out to the Moraine Foundation).
- Donations need to be dropped off at the PRC on or before Monday, December 7, 2020.

Volunteers

- We are accepting a limited number of volunteers for our Christmas Smiles program now! This is an excellent way for high school students to obtain their community service credit hours.
- Volunteers can help with sorting canned goods, preparing food boxes, and assisting us with pick-up day on Saturday, December 19th at the PRC from 10am-12pm.

Now more than ever is a great time to give back to your community if you have the means to do so this holiday season. Please share in the spirit of the holidays by helping to put Christmas Smiles on the faces of Moraine children. 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
- MyKaelah Mercer, Operations Manager at (937) 535-1077 or mmercerc@moraineoh.org

PLEASE NOTE: Parks and Recreation is following all of the guidelines and restrictions from the Governor while running the Christmas Smiles program this year. Our priority is ensuring this program is implemented in the safest way possible for our community. Modifications may be made to the published information for the Christmas Smiles program if necessary. Please check our website for the latest information at <http://ci.moraine.oh.us/>.

SPECIAL EVENTS

PROGRAMS

The City will abide by the Governor's directives and executive orders regarding COVID-19. Please go to the City's website for updates/cancellations on hours, programs or events.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Location: PRC

Date: December 1 - December 18

Pre-School (ages 3-5), Youth (ages 6-10)

Cost: FREE

Kids, hurry up! Santa is waiting for your letter. Send him your wishes for Christmas.

Drop off your letters to his mailbox at the PRC, or simply mail your letter to the address below and we will forward it to the North Pole. Letters must be received by December 18 in order to forward them onto Santa in time.

Moraine Parks and Recreation

Attention: Letter to Santa

4200 Dryden Road

Moraine, Ohio 45439



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 or at the PRC.

All programs will follow the Parks and Recreation COVID-19 Guidelines.

DROP & SHOP

Location: PRC

Date: December 5

Time: 9am - 12pm

Age: Youth (ages 6-10)

Cost: \$5 per child

Parents Day Out! Drop your children off at the PRC to have fun while you finish your holiday errands. This is the extra time you need before the holidays to wrap gifts, go grocery shopping or just relax. We have hours of activities planned for the kids; arts and crafts, games and even a snack. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. You may register online or at the PRC. This program will be following the Moraine Parks and Recreation COVID-19 Program Guidelines.

Min. 3 / Max.



COFFEE AND CRAFTING

Location: GCC Commons

Date: December 7 & 21

Time: 12pm

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. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. You may register online or at the PRC. This program will be following the Moraine Parks and Recreation COVID-19 Program Guidelines.

Min. 3 / Max.



BINGO

Location: GCC Commons

Date: December 14 & 28

Time: 12pm

Age: Seniors (55+)

Cost: FREE

Join us for an exciting game of B-I-N-G-O. Bingo games begin at 12pm sharp. Enjoy the fun as we play as many games as we can. Prizes awarded for game winners. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. You may register online or at the PRC. This program will be following the Moraine Parks and Recreation COVID-19 Program Guidelines.

Min. 3 / Max. 18



SENIOR STOCKINGS

Location: GCC

Date: December 21

Time: 11am - 12pm

Age: Seniors (55+)

Cost: TBD

Activity stockings are filled with things in hopes of bringing you joy this holiday season. Each box contains a craft project, game and treat to celebrate Christmas. Pre-registration is required and supplies are limited. You may register online or at the PRC. You can pick up your Senior Stocking (drive through style) at the GCC, 3050 Kreitzer Road on December 21st between 11am and 12pm.

Max. 20



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Location: GCC

Date: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Time: 1:45pm – 6pm

Age: Grades Kindergarten – 5th

Cost: Resident FREE

Non-Resident \$125 per month

2nd child \$100 per month

This program offers children the opportunity to participate in team-building activities, crafts, games and time to complete homework with assistance from staff if needed. Through funding provided by the State of Ohio, a snack is given each day. This program coordinates with the Kettering Schools calendar. Student transportation to the program available for Southdale Elementary Students only. This program will be following the Moraine Parks and Recreation COVID-19 Program Guidelines.

Min. 3 / Max. 9



Gerhardt Civic Center (GCC)

3050 Kreitzer Road

937-535.1095

Monday - Saturday

10am - 8pm

Sunday *Closed (Open for rentals only)

Payne Recreation Center (PRC)

3800 Main Street

937-535.1060

Monday - Friday

6am - 9pm

Saturday

9am - 6pm

Sunday

12pm - 5pm

Ora Everetts Park

3050 Kreitzer Road

Wax Park

3800 Main Street



Members of the Tree Board recently assisted in the planting of 6 new native Ohio trees at Deer Meadow Park, 4321 Pinnacle Road. The City selected 3 trees each of: Swamp White Oak and Native Flame American Hornbeam.

The purchase of these trees were made possible by the Keep Montgomery County Beautiful Beautification Grant Program and Siebenthaler Garden Center. The addition of these trees will provide shade, beautification, and help absorb moisture at the park.

Take a Paws - Buy Your 2021 Dog License

Once again it's time to purchase dog licenses for 2021!

Residents of Montgomery County may buy licenses between December 1 - February 1 at the Moraine Administration Building, 4200 Dryden Road. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8am - 5pm. A license for a spayed or neutered dog costs \$20, an unaltered dog is \$24. Dogs ages 3 to 9 months are \$20 without regard to spaying/neutering. Ohio law requires all dogs over age 3 months who reside in Montgomery County to be licensed. Cash or checks are accepted. Make checks payable to Montgomery County Dog License. (Sorry, no credit cards.)

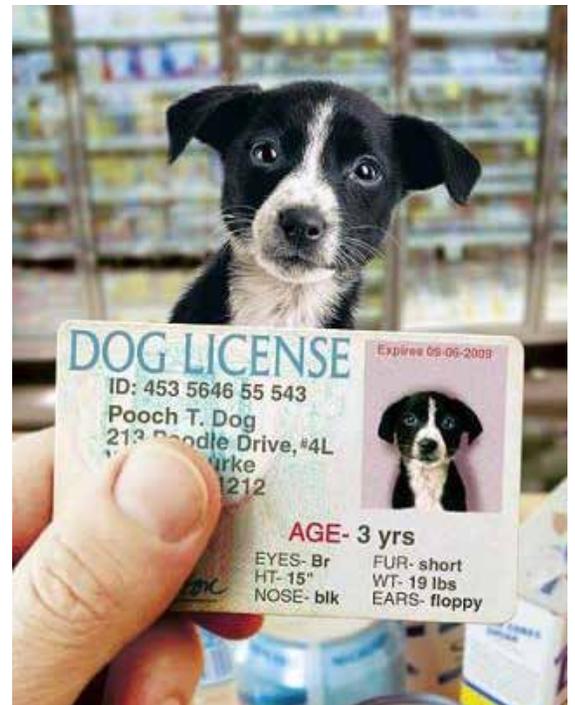
License fees support Montgomery County Animal Resource Center operations and licensing a dog is a valuable tool in getting your pet home should they get lost.

Dog licenses may also be purchased at the below facilities.

Animal Resource Center
6790 Webster Street, Dayton
898-4457

SICSA
2600 Wilmington Pike, Kettering
294-6505

Humane Society of Greater Dayton
1661 Nicholas Road, Dayton
268-7387



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.



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