

Moraine Messenger

2025 FALL EDITION

September, October, November

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BOB ROSENCRANS
COMMUNITY

HALLOWEEN



PARTY

COSTUME CONTEST

PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUMES

HOT DOGS
CANDY
TREATS
AND MORE

OCTOBER
31st
8:00 PM

Payne Rec Center

3800 MAIN STREET
MORAINE, OH 45439

Council



TERI MURPHY
Mayor



ORA ALLEN
At-Large



MIKE DAUGHERTY
Ward 1



SHIRLEY WHITT
Deputy Mayor
Ward 3

The City Council meets for Regular Meetings on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at the Payne Recreation Center located at 3800 Main Street in Moraine.

The Regular Meetings begin at 6 pm and are immediately followed by the Committee of the Whole meetings.



DONALD BURCHETT
At-Large



DAVE MILLER
Ward 2



JEANETTE MARCUS
Ward 4

MAYOR'S COURT
Monday-Friday
Hours 8 am-4 pm
937-535-1010

COUNCIL
Monday-Friday
Hours 8 am-5 pm
937-535-1005

TAXES
Monday-Friday
Hours 8 am-5 pm
937-535-1026

NON EMERGENCY
Police & Fire
937-535-1166

POLICE RECORDS
Monday-Friday
Hours 9 am-3 pm
937-535-1163

TRASH/BULK PICK-UP
Single and Double Family
Houses Only
City of Dayton
937-333-4800

WATER
Montgomery County
937-781-2500

Jefferson Regional Water
937-866-0002

Any other inquiries
937-535-1000

City Offices Closed

New Year's Day, MLK, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Day After Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve

New Signage

Our new signage is a part of Moraine's Comprehensive Plan and brings a fresh branding image to the City as patrons who pass by can identify Moraine in a new, unique way. The new signage was created by Insignia and graphics incorporate the Wright Seaplane on the Great Miami River and the incorporation of Moraine as a City of 60 years.

Thank you to Wilfab Signs and Solar for their installation during the hot summer.



Memorial Bricks

Order your bricks now for our Veterans Memorial. Our All-Veterans memorial was constructed in 2002. It has a large monument with each branch of the military, as well as 582 bricks to remember our veterans.

To honor a loved one with a brick go to <https://ci.moraine.oh.us/downloads/> and fill out the form.

Leaf Collection

This program is offered to Moraine residents for a total of six weeks during the fall season. Street Division 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 below in your area.

West Side of River

Oct 29-30, Nov 5-6, Nov 12-13, Nov 19-20, Nov 26, Dec 3-4

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

East Side of River

Oct 27-28, Nov 3-4, Nov 10-11, Nov 17-18, Nov 24-25, Dec 1-2

Blanchard, Bowman, Cadillac, Champion Oak, Dixie, Dryden, East River, Ellery, Fulton, Genoa, Gladstone, Holman, Hoylelake, 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

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.

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.

Haunted Angelo's Drive-In Restaurant

by: Dave Miller

Here's a spooky tale for the Halloween season! At the corner of Kettering Boulevard and Marconi Avenue stands a small restaurant building that has undergone several name changes over the years. When it opened in 1954, Angelo's Drive-In featured carhops, allowing customers to dine in their cars or eat inside at tables. Each table was equipped with its own jukebox controller. Angelo's was renowned for its famous "Chickie in a Quickie" plate, which included deep-fried chicken, fries, coleslaw, and a hot roll for just \$1, as well as the Chubby Boy double-decker hamburger and shrimp with fries. For teenagers and young adults, Angelo's was a popular hangout spot. With 23 carports, patrons could pull in and place their orders through a microphone box while seated in their cars. A waitress would then bring out the food and collect payment. The fence behind the carports bordered the backyards of homes on Fulton Avenue.

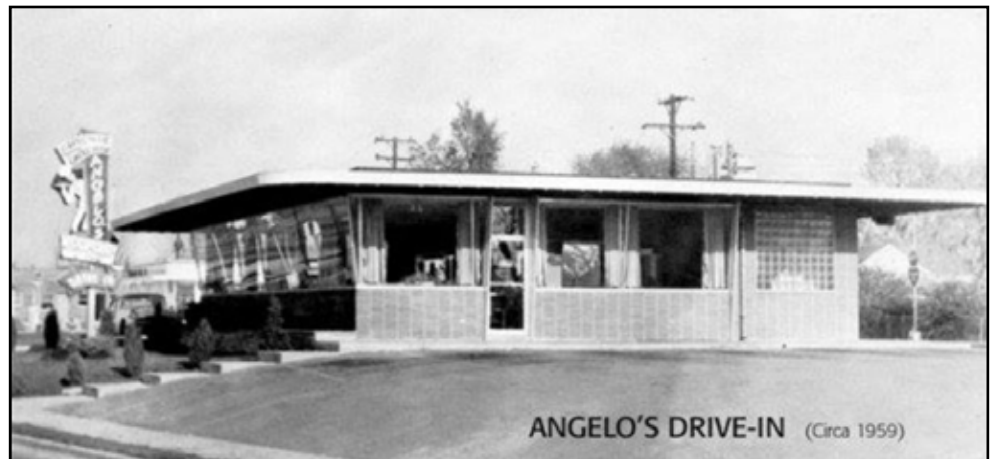
Sometimes, when teenage patrons cruised their cars through the parking lot, the sounds of voices, shouts, and revving engines often became loud, much to the annoyance of residents sitting in their backyards or nearby homes. Due to occasional fights and calls from neighbors, the Moraine Police regularly patrolled the parking lot.

In July 1966, Angelo's was the scene of a tragic homicide. A man from Miami Shores became involved in a confrontation inside the restaurant. Unfortunately, he was shot in the stomach outside and succumbed to his injuries later that day.

After remaining dormant for several years, Angelo's was sold and transformed into Grannies 4200 Place. It was subsequently resold and renamed 4200 Place. Currently, the Taqueria Del Pueblo resides at the location.

Whether or not the homicide is connected to the paranormal claims, many years later, the staff at 4200 Place reported numerous personal experiences at the restaurant, particularly in the basement, that they cannot explain. Several former waitresses mentioned feeling ghostly sensations whenever they descended into the basement alone, as if they were being watched. Another former employee recounted that when you entered the basement, the hair on your arms or neck would stand on end, and you would sense a presence. On other occasions, employees discovered stock scattered across the floor without any explanation. Even a service technician once rushed out of the basement, claiming to have seen and heard unsettling things.

Does this restaurant have a ghostly presence, or is it merely an urban legend? Happy Halloween!



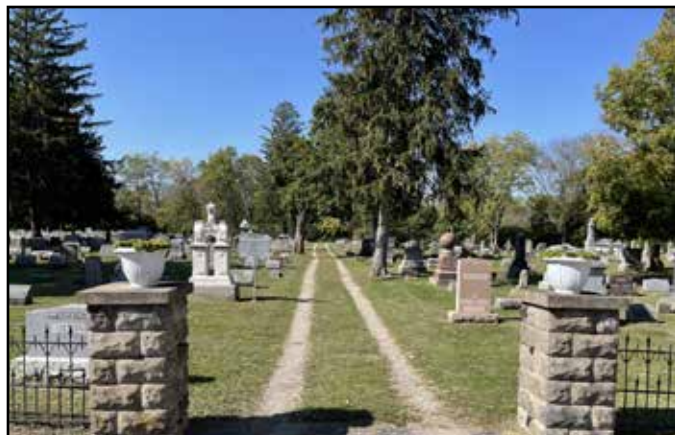
Ellerton Cemetery is Now Digital

By: Nick Sorice, City Planner

What makes Moraine's City Planner unique is that he also serves as the Cemetery Manager for the Ellerton Cemetery, located at 4573 S. Union Road. Throughout the spring and summer, a large amount of information needed to be digitized, including burial records, maps, deeds, and various historical data, to develop a comprehensive modern cemetery management software. In February, the City entered into a contract with webCemeteries to initiate this process, aiming to transition away from paper records and manual map locating.

Ellerton Cemetery has a very historic significance with the City of Moraine.

From the Montgomery County, Ohio Cemetery Inscriptions, Volume V, Book B: "John Mikesell purchased Section 28 in 1802. In 1815, William Brown sold a quarter-acre of land to the Lutheran and German Reformed congregations for a union church and burial ground, having previously acquired part of the section from Mikesell. In 1908, both churches transferred their interests in the cemetery to the Ellerton Cemetery Association, as it was then being maintained by the general community. Additional land was added over the years, expanding the cemetery to its current size. One of the earliest recorded burials occurred on March 28, 1812. As the community grew, it was initially known as Gettersburg, named after Jacob Getter, who was selling lots for a village around 1875. Later, prior to 1879, the name was changed to Ellerton to avoid confusion with nearby Gettysburg. The new name, Ellerton, was suggested by Charles Routzahn, who, along with several other local residents, had come from Frederick County, Maryland. In that county, along Bear Creek, there is a town named Ellerton."



As the cemetery digitization project progresses, you will be able to locate individuals buried in the cemetery directly from your phone or computer. You will also have the ability to add memorials or obituary information. The City of Moraine aims to honor those interred at Ellerton Cemetery by preserving their legacy in a new digital format.

If you have any questions regarding Ellerton Cemetery, please reach out to Nick Sorice at 937-535-1037 or nsorice@moraineoh.org. Please visit the Ellerton Cemetery Website for additional information: <https://ci.moraine.oh.us/ellerton-cemetery/>

Exercising Your Right to Vote- November 4

by: Montgomery County Board of Elections

Every year, it is the duty of the citizens to make decisions on laws, taxes, and the officials that will make or enforce them. Before you can vote, you have to make sure you are registered to do so.

Voter Registration

Before you are able to vote, you must be registered. For your convenience, Montgomery County offers multiple methods for you to register to vote. As a reminder, you must be registered to vote thirty days before the day of the election.

Ways to Vote

To ensure that every citizen has the opportunity to cast their ballot, the state of Ohio offers multiple ways to vote such as mail-in, early voting, election day, special case voting, uniformed and overseas citizens.

Identification Requirements

Identification must be presented to vote. Ohio law requires that every voter, upon appearing at the polling place to vote on Election Day, must announce his or her full name and current address and provide proof of identity.

Montgomery County Board of Education (BOE) is available to provide any support or information you may need. You can contact them at 937-225-5656 or by email web@montgomery.boe.ohio.gov.

Deputy Chief Jason Neubauer FBI National Academy Graduate

Deputy Chief Neubauer was one of 239 law enforcement officers who graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia on June 5, 2025. The 294th session of the National Academy consisted of men and women from 48 states and the District of Columbia. The class included members of law enforcement agencies from 14 countries, six military organizations, and four federal civilian organizations.

Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy offers 10 weeks of advanced communication, leadership, and fitness training. Participants must have proven records as professionals within their agencies to attend. On average, these officers have 21 years of law enforcement experience and usually return to their agencies to serve in executive-level positions.

FBI Deputy Director Dan Bongino delivered remarks at the ceremony. Class spokesperson Brandt "BT" Carmical with the Camp Robinson Police Department in North Little Rock, Arkansas represented the graduating officers.

FBI Academy instructors, special agents, and other staff with advanced degrees provide the training; many instructors are recognized internationally in their fields. Since 1972, National Academy students have been able to earn undergraduate and graduate credits from the University of Virginia, which accredits all the National Academy courses offered.

A total of 56,180 graduates have completed the FBI National Academy since it began in 1935. The National Academy is held at the FBI Training Academy in Quantico, the same facility where the FBI trains its new special agents and intelligence analysts.



Congratulations on your Retirement, Lt. Lutz!

Christopher Lutz began his distinguished career with the Fire Division on November 22, 1993. Over the next three decades, he dedicated himself to serving and protecting the community with unwavering commitment and professionalism.

On July 22, 2008, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, a position in which he demonstrated strong leadership, mentored younger firefighters, and played a pivotal role in shaping the department's operations and culture. His steady guidance and extensive knowledge were respected by his peers and valued by the Moraine community.

After more than 31 years of dedicated service, Lieutenant Lutz will retire on July 26, 2025. His legacy embodies integrity, leadership, and a steadfast commitment to public safety. The Fire Division and the community express their gratitude for his many years of exemplary service and wish him all the best in his retirement.



Congratulations on your Retirement, Firefighter Montgomery!

After 25 years of dedicated service, Derek Montgomery is retiring from the Moraine Fire Division. He began his career on August 15, 2000, and has since been a reliable and esteemed member of the team.

Over the years, Derek played a vital role in protecting the Moraine community. Whether responding to emergency calls, assisting with training, or supporting public safety initiatives, he was always someone the Division could rely on.

As he retires on August 23, 2025, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Derek for his years of hard work and dedicated service. His commitment will be fondly remembered, and he will undoubtedly be missed by all who had the pleasure of working alongside him. Congratulations, Derek, and best wishes for a happy and relaxing retirement!



Sgt Dyer PELC Graduate

Deputy Chief Neubauer and Sgt. Parish had the honor of traveling to Columbus last Friday to attend the graduation ceremony for Sgt. Andrew Dyer, who successfully completed the Police Executive Leadership College (PELC) Class 91.

PELC is an intensive, three-week executive leadership program conducted over three months. It offers law enforcement professionals a rare and valuable opportunity to develop and apply practical leadership skills that make a lasting impact in their careers and communities.

Please join us in congratulating Sgt. Dyer on this outstanding achievement and commitment to professional growth!

Fall Back November 2

The first Sunday in November marks the end of Daylight Saving Time in most areas of the United States. In 2025, we will set our clocks back one hour and return to Standard Time on Sunday, November 2, at 2 am. Be sure to adjust your clocks before going to bed on Saturday night!



Clocks and Batteries

by: National Fire Protection Association

On November 2, 2025, many people will use this opportunity to change their home's smoke alarm batteries as well.

Working smoke alarms are a critical element of home fire safety. However, today's smoke alarms are not all designed the same.

Following is information to help make sure all smoke alarms have working batteries, accounting for the multiple types of smoke alarms on the market and their varying battery requirements:

- Smoke alarms with non-replaceable 10-year batteries are designed to remain effective for up to 10 years. If the alarm chirps, warning that the battery is low, replace the entire smoke alarm right away.
- Smoke alarms with any other type of battery need a new battery at least once a year. If that alarm chirps, warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.
- When replacing a battery, follow the manufacturer's list of batteries on the back of the alarm or manufacturer's instructions. Manufacturer's instructions are specific to the batteries (brand and model) that must be used. The smoke alarm may not work properly if a different kind of battery is used.

Halloween Safety Tips

by: <https://www.safekids.org>

Walk Safely

- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.
- Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.

Trick or Treat With an Adult

- Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, remind them to stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.

Keep Costumes Both Creative and Safe

- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.
- Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.
- Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.
- When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.

Drive Extra Safely on Halloween

- Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
- Eliminate any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
- Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.

Thanksgiving Fire Safety

by: <https://www.nfpa.org/>

For many, the kitchen is the heart of the home, particularly during the holiday season. From experimenting with family recipes to decorating cakes and cookies, everyone takes pleasure in participating in the preparations.

Keeping fire safety at the forefront in the kitchen during this joyous yet hectic season is crucial, particularly when there is a flurry of activity and many people at home. As you begin to prepare your holiday plans and organize that large family feast, remember that by following a few simple safety tips, you can enjoy quality time with your loved ones while ensuring the safety of yourself and your family from fire hazards.

Thanksgiving Fire Statistics – NFPA Research

- Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires with more than three times the daily average for such incidents. Christmas Day and Christmas Eve ranked second and third, with both having nearly twice the daily average.
- Unattended cooking was by far the leading contributing factor in cooking fires and fire deaths.
- Cooking causes half (52%) of all reported home fires and nearly two of every five (36%) home fire injuries, and it is a leading cause of home fire deaths (17%).
- On Thanksgiving day alone, an estimated 1,610 home cooking fires were reported to U.S fire departments in 2022, reflecting a 399 percent increase over the daily average.

Top Safety Tips

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stove top so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey, and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay three feet away.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children – up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

The use of turkey fryers

Turkey fryers that utilize cooking oil pose significant safety risks. These fryers require large quantities of oil and operate at high temperatures, which can result in severe burns. If you desire a fried turkey for your Thanksgiving meal, consider purchasing one from a grocery store or restaurant, or opt for a fryer that does not use oil.



Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

The Fire Division is offering free Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide Detectors while supplies last. One detector per household. Home Safety Evaluations are also available by request. Please contact the Fire Division Secretary at 937-535-1132 or msmith@moraineoh.org to request a detector or schedule a Home Safety Evaluation.

Don't Leaf It to Chance: Prevent Flooding and Pollution

Fallen leaves are a beautiful sign of autumn, but when they end up in storm drains, they can cause serious problems. During heavy rainfall, these leaves can clog the drains, leading to localized flooding. Water backs up into streets, yards, and even homes, causing damage to property and potentially creating hazardous conditions.

Leaves can also harm our waterways. As leaves decompose in storm sewers and waterways, they release nutrients like phosphorus and nitrogen. While these are natural elements, excess can lead to an overgrowth of algae, a process called eutrophication. Algae blooms deplete oxygen in the water, harming aquatic life like fish and insects. Decaying leaves can also carry pollutants like pesticides and other chemicals from our yards, further contaminating the water.

Instead of raking and bagging, consider leaf cycling by mulching leaves directly into your lawn or garden beds. This practice provides a natural and cost-effective way to nourish your landscape. As leaves decompose, they release vital nutrients back into the soil, enriching it and reducing the need for synthetic fertilizers. This natural recycling process saves you money and minimizes environmental impact.

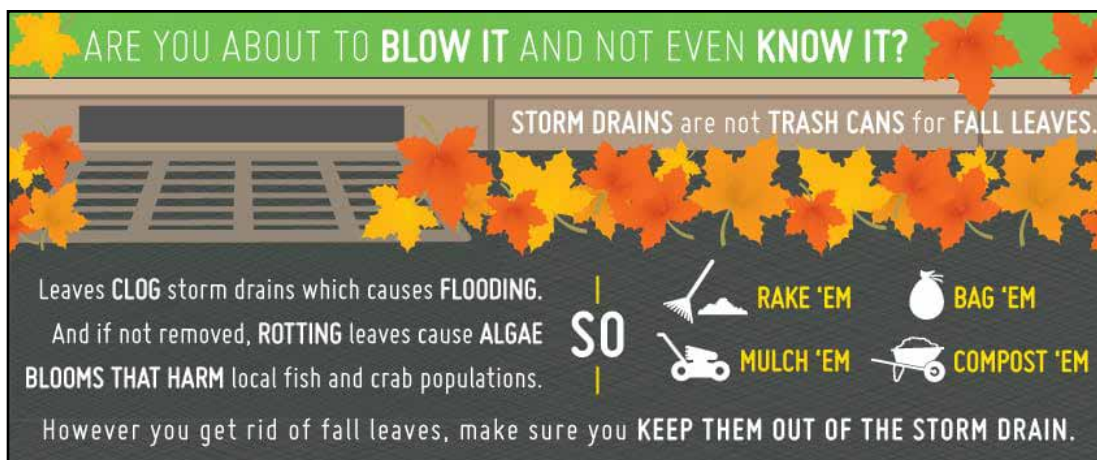
It's time to leaf a green legacy (not a clog!) When dealing with fallen leaves, try to keep them on your property. Mulching them into your lawn or composting them are great ways to help your landscape stay healthy and protect our waterways. If you must remove leaves, please dispose of them properly at a designated compost site or through your local yard waste collection program.

It's not just a good idea, it's the law!

Per the Codified Ordinances of the City of Moraine, Ohio, Chapter 945, Storm Sewer System Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination, it is unlawful to leave your leaves in the street. The purpose and intent of this Chapter is "to provide for the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of Moraine through the regulation of non-storm water discharges to the storm drainage system to the maximum extent practicable as required by federal and state law." Further on in section 945.02 (q), it defines a pollutant as "anything which causes or contributes to pollution" and provides examples such as "non-hazardous liquid and solid wastes and yard wastes."

If a property is found to be in violation of the code, a written Notice of Violation will be sent to the responsible person. If the violation is not corrected within 7 days, the owner may be fined and charged for remediation costs. If the property is vacant, it will be corrected by the City's Street Division and the fees billed to that property's taxes. If you receive a notice and feel you have a special situation that requires exemption, please contact the Building and Zoning so that we are aware of your situation. It is best to deal with any property maintenance issue in a timely manner as it will have an effect on your home as well as your neighborhood.

All of Moraine's ordinances may be viewed on the City's website at www.ci.moraine.oh.us. If you have a question, comment, or concern regarding a property maintenance issue or questions about a permit, you may contact Community Development at 937-535-1030 or by email at ccarpenter@moraineoh.org. Let's work together to keep our storm drains clear, our waterways healthy, and our community safe!



MORaine SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Come to the Gerhardt Civic Center, 3050 Kreitzer Road, Moraine and see what you've been missing. Finger foods and beverages will be provided.

Members meet every Wednesday at 12:00 pm at the Gerhardt Civic Center. Individuals 55+ can become a member! Membership fees are \$10 for a Moraine resident and \$15 for a non-resident.

Meet

Share stories, laughs and meet new friends

Participate

Carry-ins, cook-offs, holiday luncheons, and more!

Wellness

Free blood pressure screening

Speakers

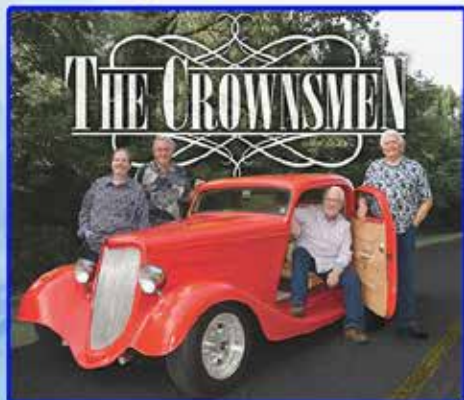
Guest speakers and live entertainment

Activities

Games, meals, raffles, trips and more

Annual Benefit Gospel Singing

Featuring The Crownsmen



Friday, November 7, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Payne Recreation Center, 3800 Main St, Moraine, OH 45439

Join us for an evening of gospel music and fellowship!

- Food and baked goods will be available for purchase!
- Lots of door prizes!
- All proceeds goes to benefit needy families at Christmas and throughout the year.
- No charge at the door! A love offering will be received.

Musical Entertainment by:

Darrell & Wanda Webb along with Sam & Kim Gabbard

The Branches

Hosted by: First Freedom Independent Church with Moraine City First Church of God



CITY OF MORaine SHREDDING EVENT

Saturday, October 4, 2025

**Moraine residents can bring their paper documents for shredding to
Payne Recreation Center, 3800 Main Street from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.**



Welcome Frey's Place

4792 S. Dixie Drive, Moraine, OH 45439

Phone: 920- 672-2525

<https://bahatiandfreys.com/>

Frey's Place offers a unique daycare, training, and rewarding experience for your dog. The owner, Maria Ochs, is an AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Instructor and Evaluator, an IAABC Certified Dog Behavior Consultant (CSB-D), and an ACCS-KA Certified Advanced Behavioral Dog Trainer. She is also a Herm Sprenger Certified Professional, a Certified Pet CPR and First Aid Consultant, a Certified Fear Free Professional, and a Professional Member of the International Association of Canine Professionals (IACP). Additionally, she holds the CYNX-L Certified Dog Trainer designation, is McFarlane Advanced Trainer Certified, and is an AKC Certified FIT Dog Club instructor.

Frey's Place is an intimate, fully immersive enrichment daycare designed to provide a comprehensive sensory experience for dogs. It features herb gardens, constant access to swimming, a variety of toys and balls, DogTV, nosework activities, see-through tunnels, a ball pit, and sound bowls. The facility emphasizes the reinforcement of desirable training and life skills for both dogs and their human companions. By catering to a range of sensory needs—from auditory to olfactory—Frey's Place ensures that dogs leave with a well-rounded experience.



Parks & Recreation

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Parks & Recreation Board

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Patricia Bond, Vice Chair
Sharon Duff
Jeanie Gay
Erica Groomes

Facilities

Payne Recreation Center (PRC)
3800 Main Street
937-535-1060
Monday-Friday: 7 am to 7 pm
Saturday: 9 am to 1 pm

Gerhardt Civic Center (GCC)
3050 Kreitzer Road
937-535-1095
Monday-Friday: 10 am to 4 pm
Saturday: 12 pm to 6 pm

Parks

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

Ora Everetts Park
3050 Kreitzer Road

Pinnacle Park
3060 Charlotte Mill Drive

Pinnacle Park Tot Lot
3300 Charlotte Mill Drive

Riverview Park
3021 Lakehurst Court

Wax Park
3800 Main Street



Director's Message

Brent Shane
Director of Parks and Recreation

Looking back at the summer of 2025, the City of Moraine Parks and Recreation Department hosted a variety of events and programs. The Parks and Recreation staff was busy assisting with the City's 60th Anniversary Celebration, as well as the Star-Spangled Boom, summer camp, and other programs that were offered. If you missed any of these events or programs, you can stay informed by following the City's Facebook page and reading the quarterly Messenger publication. Next summer will be as action-packed as the summer of 2025. We hope to see you at one of our events or programs in Moraine.

This fall continues to build on the wonderful experiences we had this summer. We have many exciting events and programs planned for you to enjoy. The highlight of the season will be our Boo Bash event, which will be relocated to the Gerhardt Center this year due the City building remodel.

The Boo Bash will take place on October 11, 2025, from 5 pm to 9 pm. We encourage everyone to dress up in costume this year, with a theme inspired by the Haunted Mansion. Our staff has some really cool surprises in store!

Don't forget to join us for spooky trick-or-treating after the event at the Payne Recreation Center for the Bob Rosencrans Community Halloween. We will also host a costume contest and provide food!

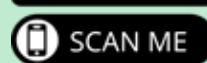


For more information
about rentals.

We're Hiring!

Join the Parks and Recreation Division!

The Parks and Recreation Division seeks part-time staff members to assist with classes, programs, special events, sports leagues, and more! Successful candidates must be customer service oriented, have excellent interpersonal skills, verbal, and written communication skills, and be willing to work a varied schedule. Join our team by applying today! Visit our website for more information at <http://ci.moraine.oh.us/employment/>.



Event Spotlight



"Friendly ghosts, fun scares, good times."

Date: October 11th, 2025

Time: 7:00pm

Location:
Gerhardt Civic Center
3050 Kreitzer Rd
Moraine, Ohio 45439

Admission: FREE!!

The City of Moraine
parks and recreation

Boo Bash

This spook-tacular event will be packed full of fun for the whole family! Hayrides, pumpkin patch, trick-or-treat, food trucks, and MAGIC! Stay for the whole event to enjoy movie in the park featuring Haunted Mansion!

If your organization or business is interested in signing up to participate in the Trick-or-Treat line, please contact Deah at dhubbs@moraineoh.org.

2025 Fall Fitness Class Calendar



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9:00a Silver Sneakers Rio	9:30a HIIT Travis	9:00a Low Impact Total Body Strength Rio	9:30a HIIT Travis	9:00a Silver Sneakers Rio	9:30a Power Circuit Rio/Michelle D.
10:00a TRX Express Rio	4:15p Hip & Knee Strength & Stretch Rio	9:45a Ab Express Rio	5:15p Power Hour Rio	10:00a Hip & Knee Strength & Stretch Rio	10:30a Zumba Michelle D.
5:15p Pilates Deb	4:45p Restorative Movement Rio	5:15p Tabata Travis	6:00p Cycle Journey/TRX Rio	10:45a Cycle Express Rio	
	5:30p Zumba Fusion Shelly				

Fitness Spotlight

Fall Into Fitness Bingo Challenge

Looking for a fun way to stay active and motivated this October? Join our Fall Into Fitness Bingo Challenge! Complete five tasks in a row to win a prize, or aim for a full blackout to enter our grand prize drawing! Bingo cards will be available at the Payne Recreation Center starting October 1, 2025. All cards must be submitted at the front desk on October 31, 2025.



Fitness

Winter Youth Basketball

This program aims to promote physical activity, teamwork, sportsmanship, and a love for the game of basketball. Fundamentals such as dribbling, passing, shooting and defense will be taught and introduced to new players. Practices will begin the week of December 15. Each team practices once or twice a week for one hour. Games will be played on Fridays starting January 9. Registration begins October 6 through December 7.

Registration Info	Game	Ages	Fees	Location
Deadline: December 7	Games Begins: January 9 Practice Begins: December 15	7-12	\$40 - Resident \$50 - Non Resident	Travel league in partnership with Dayton Parks and Recreation

CO-ED Adult Volleyball

The fall co-ed volleyball league will feature a 6-week regular season followed by a single elimination tournament. This will be a Monday night league. Individuals on the winning team will receive a championship prize. Games start times will vary from 6 pm to 8 pm. Registration is taken by teams not individuals.

Registration Info	Games	Ages	Fee	Location
Deadline: October 19	October 27 - December 8	18+, Co-Ed	\$150/Team	Games: Payne Recreation Center

Youth Basketball Clinic

Coach Thom Townsley, a professional shooting instructor promoting the Indiana Pacers is coming to the Payne Recreation Center! Coach Townsley has over 30 years of experience in running clinics worldwide for players between the ages of 4 to the professional level. The clinic will focus on ball handling, shooting, and offensive concepts and drills.

Registration Info	Date	Ages	Ages & Time	Fee	Location
Deadline: December 4	December 6	7-12	7-9: 9 am – 10:15 am 10-12: 10:30 am – 11:45 am	Free	Payne Recreation Center

Programs & Classes

Bingo

Gerhardt Civic Center	Ages 55 and up
Mondays	12 pm — 1 pm
FREE	

Come and join us and several community partners for a great game of B-I-N-G-O! See if you have luck on your side to win a prize!

Country Jam

Gerhardt Civic Center	All Ages
Mondays	4 pm — 6 pm
FREE	

Come for some pickin' and singin'! Hear some good ole' country and gospel songs while socializing with friends. This is a free gathering, all that's asked is that participants bring a non-perishable food donation for the Payne Recreation Center's food pantry.

Euchre

Gerhardt Civic Center	Ages 55 and up
Tuesdays & Thursdays	11:30 am — 1:30 pm
FREE	

Try your hand at this popular card game! This program is all about socializing and exercising your mind in a fun way!

Seeds to Sunshine

Gerhardt Civic Center	All Ages
Wednesday, September 3	5:30 pm — 7 pm
Fee: \$2	

Come learn about sunflowers and grow one of your own! From decorating pots to planting sunflower seeds, you'll become a pro-gardener! Registration is required

Geocaching 101

Wax Park	Ages 7 — 13
Saturday, September 13	10 am — 12 pm
Fee: \$2	

Join us and discover the exciting world of geocaching! Geocaching scavenger hunts and prizes await in this adventurous program! Registration is required.

Clay Fairy Houses

Gerhardt Civic Center	All Ages
Saturday, September 20	10 am — 12 pm
Fee: \$2/Family - Only 10 spots available.	

Spend a whimsical morning crafting fairy houses out of clay! No prior clay experience is necessary! Each family will receive a 2-pound pre-rolled slab of clay, which can be used to create one large fairy house or several smaller ones. We will learn fundamental clay techniques, such as scoring and slipping, to build the foundations of our fairy houses, and then it's time to decorate! Create fences, windows, doors, and more! Finally, glaze your creations with an assortment of vibrant colors! Participants will be notified when their fairy houses are ready for pickup.

Family Scavenger Hunt

Deer Meadow Park	All Ages
Saturday, September 27	10 am — 11:30 am
Fee: Free	

Ready for some family fun? Spend the morning hunting for items in nature, get as many points as you can, and possibly win a family prize! Registration is required. This is not a drop-off program.

Bubbling Cauldron Mug Pottery Painting

Gerhardt Civic Center	All Ages
Saturday, October 4	10 am — 11:30 am
Fee: \$2 - Only 15 spots available.	

Get into the "bubbly" spirit during this fun pottery painting workshop, where we will experiment with bubble solution and glaze to create fun (and slightly messy!) creations! Participants will also have the opportunity to explore various textures, such as sponges and mini bubble wrap, as well as use squeeze glazes for embellishment. Cauldron mugs will be clear-coated to ensure they are food-safe and ready for your favorite bubbly beverages, whether it's coffee, cocoa, tea, or whatever you prefer! Participants will be notified when their creations are ready.



Programs & Classes

Bat Buddies

Deer Meadow Park	Ages 8 and up
Wednesday, October 15	6 pm — 7:30 pm
Fee: \$2	

Go batty as we learn all about our nocturnal friends! We will observe a “bat runway” and watch our winged friends in action, as well as construct bat houses to provide them with a place to roost. Registration is required, and please note that this is not a drop-off program.

Howl-O-Ween

Wax Park	All Ages
Saturday, October 25	4:30 pm — 6:30 pm
Fee: Free with pet donation	

Come howl at the moon with us for an evening of spooky fun! Get ready to create your own doggy treat puzzles and make pup-cups for your furry friends. Capture a photo with your best buddy, enjoy a run through the pup pumpkin patch, and enter the doggy costume contest. The fee is waived with a donation to SICSA in support of their adoptable dogs.

Winter Wreath Workshop

Gerhardt Civic Center	Ages 10 and up
Saturday, November 8	10 am — 1 pm
Fee: \$2	

Creating wreaths is a delightful and creative endeavor. The array of beautiful colors and textures offered by our native flora is genuinely motivating. We construct our wreath bases from grapevines obtained from the forests of Deeply Rooted Landscape. Every material we utilize is both sustainable and compostable. Kindly be aware that registration is necessary to participate.



Clay Tree Luminaries

Gerhardt Civic Center	All Ages
Saturday, November 15	10 am — 12 pm
Fee: \$2/Family	

Enjoy a cozy morning of clay with a delightful luminary project, perfect as a charming nightlight or a thoughtful Christmas gift for someone special—no prior clay experience is necessary! These adorable tree luminaries are easy to create, but the decorating process is the most enjoyable part! Each family will receive a 2-pound pre-rolled slab of clay, which can be used to make approximately two medium luminaries or three to four smaller ones (maximum of four, please!). Additionally, an armature will be provided for wrapping the clay. Tools for making small punches and glaze for decoration will also be available! Please allow 2 to 3.5 weeks for drying time before firing. Each luminary will come with one LED tea light for pickup. Participants will be notified by Moraine when their luminaries are ready. Registration is required.



2025 Christmas Smiles Application Process

If you need help providing Christmas gifts for your family, the City of Moraine 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 who want to help.

Those individuals and families purchase Christmas presents for your child, which typically include clothing, 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.



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 (this will be validated through the child's school).
3. Child must be between the ages of newborn to 17 at the time of application.

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 2025 Christmas Smiles program with the Parks & Recreation Division. Registration will be open Wednesday September 17, 2025 - Wednesday, October 15, 2025
- Step #2: You are 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 2025 Christmas Smiles program.
- Monday, October 20 between 12 pm – 4 pm
 - Tuesday, October 21 between 3 pm – 7 pm
 - Wednesday, October 22 between 3 pm – 7 pm

****You must bring 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. You can provide a water bill (Montgomery County Environmental Services), gas bill (Vectren, CenterPoint Energy, etc.), or electric bill (DP&L or AES) to verify your Moraine residency.****

1. Parent or guardian verification: State issued Photo ID, including a valid Driver's License or other valid state issued Photo ID.
2. Child verification: Parent or guardian must bring an official certified birth certificate or court issued documentation of custody for each child.
3. Pickup Day will be on December 13, 2025 at the Gerhardt Civic Center from 10 am - 12 pm

Adoption Information:

- Adoption information can be found in person at the Payne Recreation Center starting on Wednesday October 29, 2025.
- The adoption window is open October 29 2025 - November 14, 2025
- Donation items can be dropped off at the Payne Recreation Center anytime during normal business hours from October 30 - December 4.

ALL DONATED ITEMS MUST BE NEW AND UNOPENED. WE CAN NOT TAKE USED ITEMS.

For more information, please email or call Chris Hakes, Operations Manager at 937-535-1077 or chakes@moraineoh.org.

2025 CHRISTMAS SMILES



ONLINE REGISTRATION:
SEPTEMBER 17TH 2025-OCTOBER 15TH 2025
YOU MUST REGISTER ONLINE TO
PARTICIPATE
OPEN TO MORAINES RESIDENTS ONLY

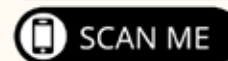


ADOPTION TIMEFRAME OPEN:
OCTOBER 29 – NOVEMBER 14



DROP-OFF DONATIONS:
OCTOBER 30 – DECEMBER 4 AT PAYNE REC

WE ACCEPT: NEW TOYS, NEW CLOTHES, GIFT
CARDS, AND MONETARY DONATIONS
(ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW AND UNOPENED).



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**"Join us for a night of
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Date: December 6th, 2025

Time: 6:00pm

Location:

**Payne Rec Center
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Admission: FREE!!

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