

Moraine Messenger

2024 FALL EDITION
September, October, November
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Fall Events

Fire Safety Fest
MORaine
FIRE DEPT.

A Free Family Fun Event
BOO BASH

**BOB ROSENCRANS
COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN PARTY**

*Tree
Lighting
Ceremony*

Christmas  *Smiles*

Council



TERI MURPHY
Mayor

The City Council meets for Regular Meetings on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at the City Administration Building, located at 4200 Dryden Road in Moraine.

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



ORA ALLEN
At-Large



DONALD BURCHETT
At-Large



MIKE DAUGHERTY
Ward 1



DAVE MILLER
Ward 2



SHIRLEY WHITT
Deputy Mayor
Ward 3



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

Back-to-School Safety Tips for Drivers



School is back in session and this is the perfect time to refresh your driving skills to prevent any potential incidents. Keeping our students safe is every driver's responsibility, so here are some back-to-school safety tips for drivers.

- Be aware of school buses. Never pass a bus that has the stop arm out. Even if you're driving in the opposite direction.
- Stay focused and eliminate distractions.
- Follow speed limits and be aware of school zones.
- Watch for pedestrians, children, and cyclists.
- Prepare and give yourself extra time.
- Be mindful of drop-off.
- Don't block the crosswalk.
- Be cautious of new drivers on the road.
- Ensure your kids are in the right seat. The right car seat installed correctly reduces the risk of injury in an accident by 82%!

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 28-29, Nov 4-5, Nov 11-12, Nov 18-19, Nov 25, Dec 2-3

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 30-31, Nov 6-7, Nov 13-14, Nov 20-21, Nov 26, Dec 4-5

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

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.

The Last Canal Boat on the Miami & Erie Canal

by: Dave Miller

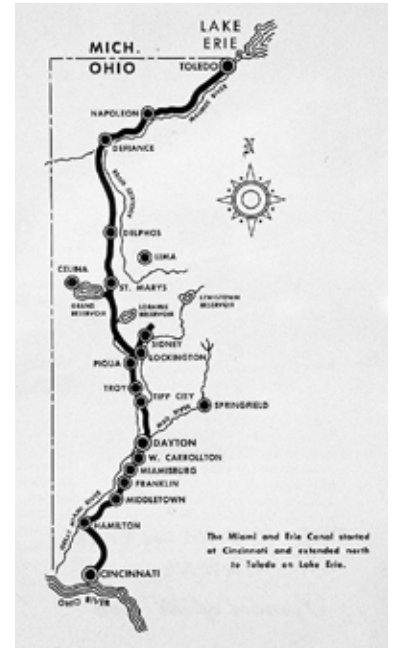
The Miami and Erie Canal was one of the greatest accomplishments of the 1800s as it linked Lake Erie to the North with the Ohio River to the South. It ferried settlers, livestock and supplies into the new growing state of Ohio. The first canal trip in our area was in December 1828 as a party of Daytonians aboard the packet boat "Alpha" and journeyed through Moraine to Holes Creek. During a 24-hour trip from Dayton to Cincinnati, the boat would make two stops; one at 9 am and the other at 2 pm to allow passengers to disembark the boat to stretch their legs, build a fire on the canal bank and cook a meal. The canal meant prosperity for entrepreneurs. You could work on the canal as boatman or toll collector, locate stores or businesses near the canal, or acquire rights to power generated by the canal locks for use in operating gristmills or sawmills.

In the 1880s, the canal was still a popular recreational destination for a family out for a Sunday excursion where they sat on the top of the canal boat deck and enjoyed the scenery. The development of train transportation and the catastrophic Great Dayton Flood of 1913 put canal boat trafficking and canals out of business.

Captain Billy Combs was a spry 82 year old when he brought the last boat up the canal in 1909 through Moraine. The canal boat was called the "DeCamp Statler." Combs was hauling a big load of gravel from Newport on the last run on record from a payload on the upper canal. Harry Newton, whose father had brought the canal boat over from Wabash was on the last run with Combs.

Is there any visual evidence today remaining of the canal in Moraine? Not much. A canal lock still exists at Carillon Park and the canal wended around Calvary Ridge into Moraine from the north and follows Arbor Blvd. and Dryden Road south. You can see the canal contour of land at Dryden and Kreitzer Road. The old canal toll booth was a log cabin that still exists inside of the business at the corner of Kreitzer Road and Springboro West.

The Moraine Historical Marker at the corner of Dryden Road and E. River Road is the spot where Canal Lock #23 was located, lowering the water level going south. Lastly, where Dryden Road dead ends into Central Avenue/Dixie Drive, the canal turned right or southwest and headed into West Carrollton. Although not much remains today of this major transportation route that brought pioneers to Moraine, its history remains a vital part of how early Moraine was developed.



Exercising Your Right to Vote- November 5th

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.

Clocks and Batteries

by National Fire Protection Association

On November 5th, 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.

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.

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 2024 we will "fall back" one hour and return to Standard Time on Sunday, November 3, 2024 at 2 am. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour before bed Saturday night!

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

The Fire Division is offering free Dual Sensor 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.

Hydrant Testing

The Fire Division will be performing the semi-annual test of the City's hydrants starting October 1st and continuing throughout the month. The hydrants are checked twice a year to ensure that they are working properly. These tests enable the Fire Division to be better prepared to protect and serve the public. During these tests, the water may turn brown. Residents should avoid doing laundry and drinking water from the tap until the discoloration clears.

Halloween Safety Tips

By: Safe Kids Worldwide



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. Walk, don't run, across the street.
- Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
- 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.



Deep Frying Safety

By: National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

The NFPA discourages the use of outdoor, gas-fueled turkey fryers, which can lead to devastating burns, destruction of property, and other injuries. If you still plan on using a turkey fryer, please follow these safety guidelines.

- Always use the fryer outdoors on a flat surface, safely away from structures, wooden decks, and covered patios.

DO NOT use the fryer in a garage.

- Have the correct kind of fire extinguisher nearby and ready to use.
- To ensure the right amount of oil, place a thawed turkey in the fry pot and add enough water to cover the bird by half. Remove the turkey and mark the water level. Dump the water, thoroughly dry the pot and turkey. Fill the pot with oil to the marked level.
- Do not leave the fryer unattended. Monitor the oil temperature with a thermometer to prevent the oil from overheating and catching fire. If the oil begins to smoke, immediately turn the gas off.
- Make sure the turkey is COMPLETELY THAWED to prevent a fire or explosion hazard.
- Raise and lower the turkey slowly to prevent oil splatter, burns, and a fire.
- Keep children and pets away from the fryer to prevent tipping, even after the turkey is done. The oil is dangerously hot for hours.
- Use oven mitts, gloves, and safety goggles.

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Thanksgiving Safety

By: National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)



The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving. Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations. Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home.

- 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 3 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 the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- 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 a room with a lit candle.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

Fire Safety Fest
MORaine
FIRE DIVISION

**FIRST TUESDAY
IN OCTOBER • 6P - 8P**

SPRINGBORO PIKE PLAZA

**TOUCH A TRUCK • GOODIE BAGS
PRIZE WHEEL • FIRE DEMOS
FREE REFRESHMENTS**

featuring
Paul James Sound

**Annual Benefit
Gospel Singing**

Friday, November 1 Starting at 6:30pm
Payne Recreation Center
3800 Main Street, Moraine, OH 45439

- * All proceeds go to benefit needy families at Christmas and throughout the year!
- * No charge at the door! A love offering will be received.
- * Food and bake goods for sale!
- * Lots of door prizes!

Musical Entertainment
Darrell & Wanda Webb & Sam & Kim Gabbard
Formerly with the Southern Aires

The Branches



Just a Reminder

If you are in our parks, your animal **MUST** be on a leash at all times. Also, please pick up after your animal.

Remember...when going out with your dog, leash up and bring a bag!

WE ALL PAY FOR LITTERING & ILLEGAL DUMPING

The cost is more than just the money we pay to have someone clean it up.

Litter and dumping can increase the health and safety risks of residents through disease and hazardous objects, as well as degrade natural resources, the esthetics of a community, and the local economy.

Discarded plastic bags, bottles, wrappers, fast food packaging and tires are among the most common types of litter known to create the perfect breeding habitat for mosquitos and other vermin. These "floatables" can also clog storm drains and cause flooding. Debris such as cigarette butts, broken glass and aluminum cans create cutting and choking hazards for humans and wildlife.

Toxins from cigarette butts, oils, paints, liquid wastes and chemicals leach into and can contaminate nearby water sources and soil. The accumulation of aged food, drinks, pet waste and stagnant rain water can increase harmful, disease-spreading bacteria and other contaminants that find their way to the stream.

...these are just a few of the problems caused by littering and illegal dumping....



But the good news is...

It's easily preventable and the solution is free!

It's as simple as choosing:

- ⇒ Not to litter.
- ⇒ To reuse what we can instead of throwing it away. This prevents new natural resources from being unearthed and reduces the amount of trash that goes to the landfill.
- ⇒ To put all trash in the trash can.
- ⇒ Not to throw anything out your car window, pour, sweep or hose anything down the storm drain or in the street.
- ⇒ To call your city's hotline and report others who may have forgotten that littering is wrong.
- ⇒ To be a volunteer and help with a local cleanup event such as the "Adopt-a-Highway" program or other non-profit.
- ⇒ To be an example for others and pick up that plastic bag that is tumbling its way across the parking lot.
- ⇒ To use sturdy reusable bottles, grocery bags, plates etc. instead of the disposables. Disposables, especially plastic water bottles, have become a very large litter problem.

A nation-wide study done by Keep America Beautiful discovered that litter clean up costs the U.S. an estimated \$11.5 billion each year.

Your actions say a lot to others, make a big difference and can save all of us money!

Parks & Recreation

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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

The Parks and Recreation Division had an amazing summer with all the events and programs that we had to offer. The Star-Spangled Boom was once again one of the best fireworks shows in the region! The event was action packed with free inflatables, free rides, a dunk tank, and many food trucks. The Nashville Crush band did a great job performing some covers of classic country songs!

Summer camps were a overwhelming success! We were excited to offer this again for the first time in five years. Children experienced the Air Force Museum, SunWatch Indian Village, tour of the Dayton Dragons stadium, and the Boonshoft Museum. If you didn't get a chance to have your child(ren) participate this year, we are planning to do it again in 2025.

Going into the Fall of 2024, we have lots of programs and events in store. Please look through the Messenger to see what you want to be a part of this Fall.

My final thoughts for now and into the next year is the Parks and Recreation Division's 10-year Master Park Plan, and we will need your valuable input. There is going to be a survey coming out soon. This Master Park Plan will be based on what you, the resident, would like to see at our parks and facilities. There will also be an open house which we will encourage every Moraine resident to attend. The future is in your hands!

Summer 2024 Beautification Award Winners

This year the Parks and Recreation Board members nominated houses and yards for the City Beautification Awards.

The time frame for the selection was between the months of May and June when the grass is green, and the flowers were blooming.

The winners this year are: 3001 Charlotte Mill, 3338 Paris Drive, and 107 Payne Place

Congratulations to the winners on a great job with your yards!

Event Spotlight

Boo Bash

Witches, ghost, zombies, oh my! Come one, come all, it's Boo Bash Time! Trick-or-treat, inflatables, hayrides, and more. We have so much for you in store!

Saturday, October 12
Payne Recreation Center
5 pm – 9 pm
All ages are welcome - Free



Moraine Parks and Recreation
— PRESENTS —
MOVIES
Under the Stars



Join us during Boo Bash in Wax Park!
Admission: FREE
Food Vendors will be available

Showtime: 7:30pm
Oct 12, 2024

Pinnacles Hiking Trail

Payne Recreation Center
Saturday, September 21
11 am

Please join us for the Grand Opening for the Wright Brothers Pinnacles Hiking Trail located just off Main Street, between the Payne Recreation Center and Fire Station 30.

Guided trail hikes and other opening day activities will follow the ribbon cutting ceremony.



Payne Recreation Center Membership



The Payne Recreation Center has two main levels. The first level includes our rentable multi-purpose room and meeting room, clubhouse for kids, and our beautiful gymnasium. The second level includes our weight room, a walking/running track, cardio theater room, cardio room, and our aerobics room. To see the Payne Recreation Center in person, please stop by our facility for a guided tour.

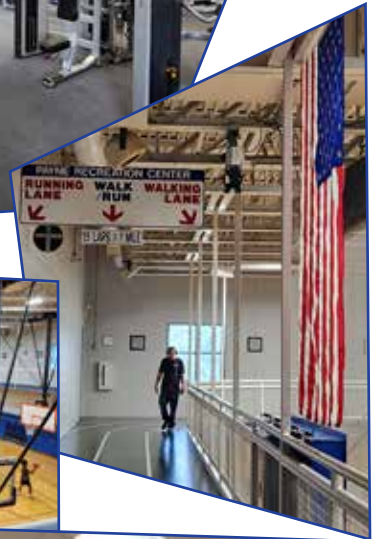
To purchase any membership, new or renewal, all guests must provide a valid driver's license. To be eligible to receive the Moraine resident or Moraine business rate, guests must provide one of these documents as proof:

- Moraine resident (only required if the resident's driver's license does not list their Moraine address): utility bill, lease agreement, or Ohio Interim Documentation from the Ohio BMV.
- Moraine business: Document must include name, address, and dated within the last 30 days, i.e.: a pay stub showing Moraine taxes taken out.

If you are unable to provide one of the forms of proof shown above, alternate documentation may be accepted based on manager approval only.

Military members who show proper identification are eligible to receive a 10% discount off any membership.

	Resident	Non-Resident
Youth (Up to Age 12)		
Annual (12 Months)	\$0	\$100
6 Months	\$0	\$56
Teen (Ages 13-17)		
Annual (12 Months)	\$50	\$100
6 Months	\$28	\$56
Adult (Ages 18-54)		
Annual (12 Months)	\$85	\$170
6 Months	\$50	\$100
Senior (Ages 55+)		
Annual (12 Months)	\$50	\$100
6 Months	\$30	\$60
Family		
Annual (12 Months)	\$175	\$350
6 Months	\$100	\$200



Fitness Spotlight

Fall Senior Walking Challenge

Join us for a walking challenge! Participants will pre-enter the time they think it will take them to walk a mile (1 lap on the outside track). Once you predict your time participants will walk a mile and we will record your actual time and see how close you were to your prediction! Prizes will be given out for the most accurate predictions.

Thursday, September 26
Wax Park
9 am - 11 am
For ages 55+ - Free



[sign up](#)

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 January 6. Each team practices once a week for one hour. Games will be played on Saturdays starting January 18 - February 22

Registration Info	Practice	Ages	Fees	Location
Deadline: Sunday, December 15	Begins: Week of Jan 6	1 st -4 th Grade	\$40 - Resident \$50 - Non Resident	Payne Rec Center

Adult Basketball

The fall basketball 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 T-shirt.

Registration Info	Game	Ages	Fees	Location
Deadline: October 13	Begins: Oct 28 Mondays	18+	\$350 per Team	Payne Rec Center

Fall Disc Golf League

Welcome to the Disc Golf League! This league is for recreational players only. Our league will last a total of 6 weeks. Weekly rounds will be played on Tuesday evenings starting September 10 - October 15. Tee time will be 6 pm. Players will earn points based on their performance each week.

You MUST use the UDisc App for scoring. There will be no physical score cards. You can download UDisc on your Apple or Android App/Play Store for free. We will be using the league standings in UDisc to keep track of scoring.

Registration Info	Game	Tee Time	Ages	Fees	Location
Deadline: September 8	Begins: Sept 10 - Oct 15 Tuesdays	6 pm	18+	\$10 - Resident \$15 - Non Resident	Deer Meadow Park

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!

Community Quilting

Payne Recreation Center	All Ages
Mondays	5 pm — 7 pm
FREE	

Want to learn to quilt by hand and socialize? Do you enjoy other hand needlework/knitting? Bring your project to work on or we can get you started on a new project.

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!

Senior Meal Program

Gerhardt Civic Center	Ages 60+
Wednesdays	1 pm — 4 pm
FREE	

This program is a partnership with the Senior Resource Connection. Patrons who want to participate in this meal program must register at the Gerhardt Civic Center.

Country Jam

Payne Recreation 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.

Build a Scarecrow

Gerhardt Civic Center	All Ages
Saturday, October 5	10 am — 11:30 am
Fee: \$2	

Join us for a fun and spooky program where we will bring our scarecrow creations to life like Frankenstein! Get creative and design your own scarecrow while enjoying some delicious festive treats during this magical time of the year! Registration is requested.

Coffee 101 with ContempRoast

Gerhardt Civic Center	Ages 12 and up
Saturday, October 19	10 am — 11:30 am
FREE	

Explore the basics of coffee including the history; the plant; modern American production; first-, second- and third-wave coffee; bean choices; home brewing methods; water composition; and a Q&A session. We will do a guided tasting with one of ContempoRoast's most popular blends.

Ghost Hunting Talk with Dave Miller

Gerhardt Civic Center	Ages 13 and up
Tuesday, October 22	6 pm — 7:30 pm
FREE	

Local paranormal Ghost Hunter Dave Miller will share his photos, stories, and findings of some of his investigations around the country such as Waverly Hills Sanatorium in Kentucky, the Queen Mary in California, the Stanley Hotel in Colorado, Fort Jefferson in the Gulf of Mexico, and Little Bighorn National Battlefield in Montana. In Ohio, Miller will share investigations at the Ohio Reformatory in Mansfield, former Moraine's Upper Deck Tavern and 4200 Place and many more. The event is free and fun for the entire family. Share your ghost sightings or stories after the meeting.

Arrowhead Reptile Rescue

Gerhardt Civic Center	Ages 5-99
Saturday, October 26	10 am — 11 am
Fee: \$2	

Arrowhead Reptile Rescue is back with more amazing reptiles! This program will focus on scaly critters and their amazing adaptations. Registration is required for parents and kids, this is not a drop-off program.

The Hunt for Bigfoot

Gerhardt Civic Center	All Ages
Saturday, October 26	1 pm — 2:30 pm
FREE	

The Ohio Night Stalkers tell the story of being chased out of their research area, but not before recording some of the best audio evidence ever collected. This evidence was later analyzed by professional sound analyst David Ellis. Come hear the evidence for yourself from that night and others. Registration is required.

Moraine History Talk with Dave Miller

Gerhardt Civic Center	All Ages
Thursday, November 7	6 pm — 7:30 pm
FREE	

Through vintage photos and stories, Council Member Dave Miller will enlighten you on the rich history of the City. Learn fascinating facts about the sixteen Historical Markers which include the Wright Brothers, Miami-Erie Canal, Johnny Appleseed, Moraine Field, and Dayton's first Municipal Airport.

Art Journaling

Gerhardt Civic Center	Ages 5 and up
Saturday, November 9	10 am — 11 am
FREE	

Unleash your creativity in a productive way with Art Journaling! Track habits and savings, create a personalized agenda, and much more! The opportunities are endless. Registration is requested for planning purposes.



Adopt a Child for Christmas Smiles

Help Make Christmas Smiles!

There are children in our community in need of some Christmas Smiles!

Want to Help?

- Stop in at the Municipal Building or the Payne Recreation Center and choose a child or family from October 30 - November 15!
- Monetary donations are accepted at the Payne Recreation Center by check (please make out to the Moraine Foundation) or cash.
- Donation items can be dropped off at the Payne Recreation Center anytime during normal business hours from November 11 - December 4. New unopened items will only be accepted.
- Start collecting your non-perishable items and canned goods for the food boxes to the families and bring them to Payne Recreation Center by December 4. Please check expiration dates.



Children's Gifts

If you are out shopping and see a great gift for any child, we will be more than happy to accept unwrapped new gifts or gift cards at the Payne Recreation Center by December 4.

Please share in the spirit of the holidays by helping to put Christmas Smiles on the faces of all Moraine children. For more information, phone Chris Hakes at 937-535-1077 or chakes@moraineoh.org.

2024 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 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 the questions on the online 'Christmas Smiles Application' form to submit the first portion of your application for the 2024 Christmas Smiles program with the Parks and Recreation Division. Registration will be open Friday, September 20 - Friday, October 18.
- Step #2: You are required to come in person to the Payne Recreation Center (3800 Main Street, Moraine) during one of our designated dates and times to verify your information for the 2024 Christmas Smiles program.
- Monday, October 21 between 4 pm – 7 pm
 - Tuesday, October 22 between 12 pm – 4 pm
 - Wednesday, October 23 between 4 pm - 7 pm
 - Thursday, October 24 between 12 pm – 4 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.****

Parent or guardian verification: State issued Photo ID, including a valid Driver's License or other valid state issued Photo ID.

Child verification: Parent or guardian must bring an official certified birth certificate or court issued documentation of custody for each child.

Pickup will be on December 14, 2024, at the Payne Rec Center from 10 am - 12 pm

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

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