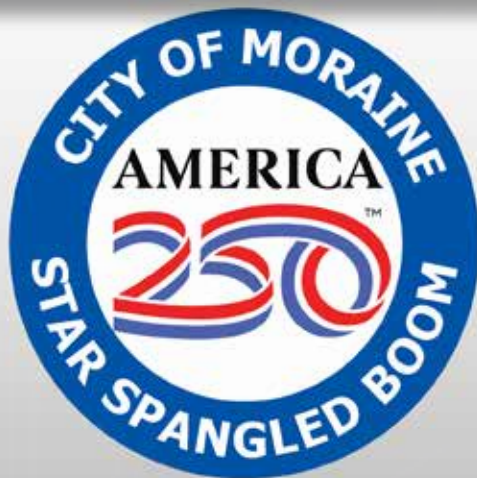


Moraine Messenger

2026 SUMMER EDITION

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST

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JUL 3 & 4 WAX PARK MORAIN, OHIO

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Celebrate America250 with us



July 3: 6p - 10p

July 4: 12p - 10p

Food Trucks • Inflatables • Games
Kids Zone • Hotel California at 7p

Food Trucks • Inflatables • Games
Kids Zone • Trampoline Show at 3p
Stranger at 7p • Fireworks at 10p



Events subject to change

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 Municipal 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.



BRANDEN DELPH
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 8:30 am-4:30 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

Vacation/Security Check Program

With summer in full swing and vacation plans being made, the Police Division wants to remind our residents of our Vacation / Security Check Program.

When you register with us, we will schedule a patrol officer to check on your residence multiple times a day. If any problems are located, you or someone you designate will be contacted about the situation.

To request a Vacation House Check, just call the Police Division Dispatch Center at 937-535-1166.

Have a Safe and Fun Summer!



Railroads in Moraine

Written by: Dave Miller

The arrival of railroads in the mid-to-late 1800s marked the beginning of the end for the once-thriving Miami & Erie Canal, which stretched from Lake Erie in northern Ohio to the Ohio River, passing through what is now Moraine. Canal boats, pulled slowly by oxen or mules, could not compete with the speed and efficiency of trains. Railroads quickly became the dominant force for transporting people, goods, and supplies. In later years, they played a vital role in carrying automobiles and freight produced in Moraine to destinations across the country.

Rail development in the Miami Valley began in 1846 with construction of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railroad (CH&D). Completed in 1851, the line connected Cincinnati to Dayton and eventually extended north to Toledo and Detroit. The project drew large numbers of German and Irish immigrants seeking work. Many remained after construction was finished, contributing to the region's industrial growth by working in factories that sprang up along both the railroad and the canal.

On Moraine's west side, train lines run beneath the dramatic Wright Brothers Pinnacles' cliffs and alongside Apple Plat and Wright Landing, tracing the path of these early rail routes. Meanwhile, on the east side of the city, tracks running parallel to Springboro Pike tell a different chapter of railroad history. These lines—once adjacent to major industrial sites such as Frigidaire, General Motors, DMAX, and Fuyao Glass America—originated as the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Indianapolis Railway (CCC&I) and two additional railroads in Indiana and Illinois.

In 1889, these lines merged to form the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railway (CCC&StL), commonly known as the Big Four Railroad. The name reflected the major cities it served—though notably not Indianapolis, which functioned as the system's operational hub. The railroad was controlled by the Vanderbilt family, who also owned the New York Central Railroad. By 1900, Big Four operations were fully integrated into the New York Central system. Decades later, in 1968, New York Central merged with the Pennsylvania Railroad to form the Penn Central Transportation Company.

For much of the 20th century, however, the benefits of railroads came with challenges for local residents. Long trains frequently blocked crossings, causing significant traffic delays—especially at Springboro Pike and Dorothy Lane. From the 1950s through the 1970s, rows of boxcars parked on a siding north of Dorothy Lane created dangerous conditions, limiting visibility and making it difficult for drivers to see approaching trains until it was nearly too late.

Over time, improvements were made to address these issues. The Dorothy Lane crossing was eventually closed, and the construction of the Bob Rosencrans Memorial Bridge on Northlawn Avenue provided a safer, more efficient way to cross the tracks—eliminating the traffic bottlenecks that had long frustrated Moraine drivers.



Summer Safety Tips



Activity safety



Never swim near a boat, marina or boat launching ramp.



Always use U.S. Coast Guard-approved life safety jackets.



Adults need to stay with children when they are around water.



Keep the pool and deck clear of floats, balls and toys after you get out of the pool.



Always swim with a buddy.



Always wear a bike helmet and bright clothes when cycling so people can see you. Put reflectors on your bike.

Ride with both hands on the handlebars. Ride in single file with traffic. Stop at all stop signs and obey traffic lights.



Modernization Project



Admin. Conf. Rm.



Clerk of Court



Admin. Front Desk



Front Lobby

Storm Sewer vs. Sanitary Sewer

Have you ever wondered where the water from your shower drain goes—or where your sump pump sends all that excess water? In most cases, indoor drains connect to the sanitary sewer system, while outdoor drains and sump pumps discharge into the storm sewer. Though both are essential parts of urban infrastructure, they serve very different purposes.

Storm sewers are designed to carry rainwater, melted snow, and groundwater away from streets, rooftops, basements, and other surfaces. During rainfall, water flows into storm drains and travels through a network of pipes, often discharging directly into nearby rivers, lakes, or streams. Here in Moraine, unique soil conditions allow much of this water to be managed through dry wells and natural infiltration, reducing the need for extensive piping.

Because stormwater is not treated before it enters local waterways, storm sewer systems are intended only for relatively clean runoff. However, pollutants such as oil, trash, fertilizers, and chemicals can easily enter the system, ultimately impacting the environment.

Sanitary sewers, by contrast, handle wastewater from homes and businesses—including water from sinks, toilets, showers, and appliances. This wastewater is transported to treatment facilities, where it undergoes a series of processes to remove contaminants before being safely released or reused.



The key difference between these systems lies in treatment: storm sewers move excess water without treatment, while sanitary sewers carry wastewater that must be cleaned. Keeping these systems separate is critical. When they become overwhelmed—especially during heavy rainfall—untreated water can lead to flooding or environmental contamination.

That's why it's so important to keep storm drains free of grass clippings, leaves, trash, and other debris. These materials can clog drains and contribute to localized flooding. As they break down, they also release nutrients and chemicals that can pollute nearby waterways.

By taking simple steps to keep storm drains clear, we can all play a role in protecting Moraine's waterways and supporting the health, safety, and well-being of our community.

Summer Property Maintenance Reminder

Summer is here, and maintaining your property helps keep our community safe, attractive, and enjoyable for everyone. A well-kept yard improves curb appeal, supports property values, and contributes to a healthier environment. Please review the following City of Moraine guidelines:

Lawn Care

All exterior property areas must be kept free from weeds, grass, or other vegetation exceeding 8 inches in height.

Parking

Vehicles must be parked in designated areas on approved hard surfaces such as gravel, asphalt, or concrete.

Outdoor Storage

Outdoor storage is not permitted in residential districts. This includes (but is not limited to): bicycles, lawn equipment, auto parts, construction materials, and general debris.

Driveways & Sidewalks

Keep driveways and sidewalks clear of grass and weeds. Do not blow grass clippings into the street, as this can create hazards—especially for motorcycles—and may clog storm drains.

Trees & Shrubs

Maintain a clearance of 8 feet above sidewalks and 14 feet above streets. Remove dead branches and any limbs touching your roof to prevent damage.

Garage Sale Signs

Do not place signs in the public right-of-way or attach them to poles or street signs. Include specific sale dates (e.g., June 5–7 rather than “Thursday–Saturday”). Please remove signs promptly after your sale ends.

Trash Containers

Trash cans should remain out of view except within 24 hours before and after scheduled pickup. All trash must be placed in approved containers with lids.

Questions and comments are always welcome. Please contact the Building & Zoning at 937-535-1038 or email ccarpenter@moraineohio.gov.

United States Consumer Product Safety Commission

Fireworks

Injuries & Deaths

2024 DATA

#CelebrateSafely

Injuries & Deaths



14,700
people were
treated in ERs
for fireworks injuries in 2024

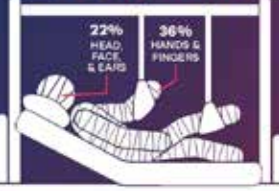
11 Deaths
from fireworks in 2024

Safety Tips

- ★ Never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks, including sparklers.
- ★ Make sure fireworks are legal in your area before buying or using them.
- ★ Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- ★ Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly.
- ★ Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- ★ Never use fireworks while impaired by alcohol or drugs.
- ★ More Fireworks Safety Tips: [cpsc.gov/fireworks](https://www.cpsc.gov/fireworks)

Most Injured Body Parts

37% of the injuries were **burns**



22% HEAD, FACE & EARS
36% HANDS & FINGERS

pets and fireworks:

a pet parent's guide to a safe 4th of July



keep comfortable

Keep your pet safely tucked away in a familiar room or, even better, their crate with the A/C on.



get a workout

Exercise beforehand by going for a long walk or playing several rounds of fetch during the day.



divert attention

Give them a special bone or new toy to act as distraction from the loud noises.



drown it out

Shut all windows, blinds/curtains, and doors, and leave the TV on to help mask the noise.



Fire Safety Fest



MORaine
FIRE DIVISION

BLOCK PARTIES • 6P - 8P

JUL 14: MORaine REC CENTER

AUG 18: MORaine CIVIC CENTER

SEP 22: PINNACLE PARK

**PRIZE WHEEL • FIRE DEMOS
GAMES • FREE REFRESHMENTS**

EMS Billing Rates and Their Impact on Residents

EMS (Emergency Medical Services) billing rates are what ambulance providers charge for services like transport, treatment on scene, mileage, and advanced life support care.

The City updated its EMS billing rates, which were last revised in 2014. This adjustment is intended to support the long-term financial sustainability of EMS operations while maintaining the high level of care residents expect and deserve. The primary purpose of EMS billing is to recover costs through insurance providers.

Moraine residents are not responsible for any remaining balance after insurance reimbursement, and EMS accounts are not sent to collections.

For questions or additional information, please contact the Fire Division at 937-535-1132.



Parks & Recreation

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Parks & Recreation Board

Sylvia Harlow, Chair
Patricia Bond, Vice Chair
Sharon Duff
Jeanie Gay
Erica Grooms

Facilities

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

Moraine Civic Center (MCC)
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 a very busy and productive spring. We are now in the final stages of designing and developing the new splash pad at Ora Everetts Park. Our team is excited to share this new feature with the community in the near future.

The spring season was filled with a variety of programs and events. The Adult Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt featured perfect weather, making it an enjoyable experience for all who attended. We would like to thank everyone who came out and participated. Although the morning started off a bit chilly, the Community Easter Egg Hunt still had a great turnout, with children searching for more than 6,500 eggs.

Now that summer is here, the City of Moraine is proud to participate in America250, celebrating the 250th anniversary of the United States. To mark this milestone, we will host at least ten different events and programs throughout the season.

The highlight will be our Independence Day celebration. Festivities will begin on the evening of July 3rd with food, entertainment, and live music. We are excited to welcome Hotel California, one of the nation's top Eagles tribute bands, to the stage. On July 4th, events will kick off at 12 pm with a full day of activities for all ages. Be sure to follow the City's Facebook page for updates and a complete schedule of events.

At 6:55 pm, arrive early to enjoy a special flyover by the United States Air Force before the band Stranger takes the stage. The evening will conclude with what promises to be the best fireworks show in the Dayton area—and the most spectacular display we have ever presented.

Summer camps are just around the corner! If you have not yet registered your child, now is the time. We have created an exciting and engaging lineup of camps that you won't want to miss. For more information, please visit the City's website or follow us on Facebook.

Fitness Spotlight

2026 Summer Walkathon!

Join us for a relaxing summertime walk around Wax Park! This free, family-friendly event is open to ages 13 and up. Enjoy a casual stroll at your own pace—no running required! Plus, participants will have a chance to win fun prizes and giveaways. Bring your friends and family and come enjoy a refreshing morning outdoors!

June 26, 2026

Check-in: 8:30 am

Wax Park

Walk begins: 9 am



2026 Summer 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 Jump Rope Travis
10:00a TRX Express Rio	10:15a Yoga Steve	9:45a Ab Express Rio	4:15p Hip & Knee Strength & Stretch Rio	10:00a Hip & Knee Strength & Stretch Rio	10:30a Zumba Michelle D.
	4:15p Hip & Knee Strength & Stretch Rio	5:15p Tabata Travis	5:15p Power Hour Rio	5:15p Yoga Steve	
	4:45p Restorative Movement Rio				
	5:30p Zumba Fusion Shelly				



Payne Recreation Memberships



**For more information
about memberships.**

Age	Resident/Business		Non-Resident	
	Annual	6 Mos	Annual	6 Mos
up to 12	Free	Free	\$100	\$56
13-17	\$50	\$28	\$100	\$56
18-54	\$85	\$50	\$170	\$100
55+	\$50	\$30	\$100	\$60
Family	\$175	\$100	\$350	\$200

Summer Multi-Sport Clinic Series New Program!

This fun and engaging Summer Sports Skill Clinic Series introduces participants to a variety of sports in a positive, non-competitive environment. Each clinic focuses on developing fundamental movement skills, basic sport techniques, teamwork, and confidence.

Designed for beginners and young athletes looking to grow their abilities, this program provides a supportive space to learn and improve. Each session is led by experienced coaches and current players, offering participants high-quality instruction and encouragement.

 Flag Football June 10 June 17 June 24 Led By Current College Football Player & Local High School Coach Ages 5-8 5:30pm-6:30pm Ages 9-12 6:45pm-7:45pm	 Volleyball July 8 July 15 July 22 Led By Former Varsity Coach & Current Club Coach: Rob Hayes Ages 8-12 5:30pm-6:30pm	 Basketball July 29 August 5 Led By Shooting Coach Sponsored By Indiana Pacers: Thom Townsley Ages 7-12 5:30pm-6:45 PM
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Sports Programs

NFL Flag Football

Each child receives an official NFL jersey to play in and keep after the season concludes. This league will focus on teaching kids the fundamentals of flag football while creating a fun competitive atmosphere. We have partnered with the City of Dayton's Parks & Recreation Department to create a bigger and more diverse league.

Registration Info	Practice	Ages	Fee	Practice	Games
Deadline: June 20	Week of July 6	3-15 Co-Ed	\$35 – \$50	Moraine Civic Center & Moraine Recreation Center	Centennial Field (504 E Helena St., Dayton)

4th Annual Shane Miller Disc Golf Tournament

This 18-hole course is perfect for both beginner and intermediate disc golfers. The tournament will feature a shotgun start, with two players assigned to each hole to begin play simultaneously. Prizes will be awarded to top finishers, along with special awards for select holes. Participants will also enjoy complimentary pizza and water during the event.

Date	Registration	Start Time	Ages	Fee	Location
Saturday, June 27	9:15 am – 9:45 am	10 am	18+	\$5 Resident \$10 Non-Resident	Deer Meadow Park

Jim McGuire Hook Kids on Fishing

Free kids' fishing program! Learn knot-tying, casting, fish ID, bait selection, and more. Free rods & reels provided while supplies last. Sign up today!

Date	Time	Ages	Fee	Location
Friday, July 10	6 pm – 8 pm	0-17	Free	Deer Meadow Park

Kids Fishing Derby

Catch a fish—any size counts! Then scan the QR code and submit a photo of yourself with your catch to be entered into a prize drawing.

- The fish must be caught at Deer Meadow Pond.
- The photo must also be taken at Deer Meadow Pond.
- All entries must be submitted by July 19.

Date	Ages	Fee	Location
Friday, July 10	0-17	Free	Deer Meadow Park

Splash Bash Nights

Join us for a summer of family fun, games, and food at your favorite Moraine Park! This year's Splash Bash Nights brings two evenings of water kickball, a bubble truck party, and plenty of summer fun. Bring the whole family for a night of games, splashes, and community spirit

Day	Time	Ages	Fee	Location
Fridays	6 pm – 8 pm	All Ages	Free	Ora Everetts Park – June 12 Pinnacle Park – July 24 Wax Park – August 14

Programs & Classes

Bingo

Moraine 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!

Euchre

Moraine 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!

Need school supplies?

Budget-Friendly Meals

Moraine Civic Center	Ages 18 and up
Tuesday, June 16	6 pm — 7:30 pm
Fee: \$4	

Learn how to make delicious, satisfying meals without breaking the bank in this budget-friendly cooking class. Participants will prepare simple, affordable recipes using everyday ingredients while gaining practical tips for meal planning, smart shopping, and reducing food waste. Perfect for adults looking to eat well on a budget with confidence.

Stars, Strips & Snacks

Moraine Civic Center	Ages 6 — 14
Tuesday, June 30	6 pm — 7:30 pm
Fee: \$4	

Kids will celebrate the 4th of July by creating fun, festive recipes inspired by red, white, and blue! This hands-on cooking class introduces basic kitchen skills and simple patriotic snacks like a flag fruit pizza. Perfect for young chefs who love to cook, create, and celebrate together.



ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY

Free for School Aged Children
Must Register for Giveaway
from July 13-25, 2026

Pick Up
Friday, August 7, 2026,
from 11a-2p
at the
Moraine Recreation Center

Summer Camp



Ages 6-13

9 am-1 pm

Moraine Civic Center

\$50 per child, per week

June 8-12

Nature Explorers

Dive into nature where we explore everything from jungles to the Arctic! We'll adventure to both the Learning Tree Farm and the Wild Hearts African Farm to visit all of the animals they have, from chickens to emus and more!

June 15-19

Space Odyssey

To infinity and beyond! Let's take off on a week full of space travel! Campers head to the National Museum of the United States Air Force to get up close with planes and visit the Space Gallery.

June 22-26

Time Travelers

Travel back in time in this wacky week of time-bending shenanigans! Campers travel 800 years in the past at Sunwatch Indian Village and travel back from 1796 to the present at Carillon Historical Park.

July 6-10

Water World

Let's have a splash... I mean, a BLAST! Diving into lots of water-themed fun! Campers adventure to Charleston Falls Preserve and Holes Creek Park.

July 13-17

Fantasy

Get ready to experience the mystical and magical with trolls, unicorns, Bigfoot, and everything in between! Campers visit Aullwood Audubon to meet the trolls and also get to explore the whimsical Wegerzyn Gardens.

July 20-24

Spy Kids

We'll enter the world of investigation and espionage in this action packed week! Campers get a behind-the-scenes look at the Police Division while checking out their equipment and more!

July 27-31

Weather Watcher

Keep an eye on the sky and hang tight to your weather ropes! This week, we'll discover the science of storms and visit local station WDTN to learn all about meteorology!





The graphic features a blue background with a large American flag on the left and bottom edges. In the center, there is a circular logo for the City of Moraine, Ohio, established in 1965, featuring a bridge. To the right of the logo is the text "AMERICA 250 CELEBRATION" in a stylized font with red, white, and blue stripes. The background is decorated with numerous yellow and white fireworks exploding.

City of Moraine, Ohio
est. 1965

AMERICA 250 CELEBRATION

May 25: Memorial Day Ceremony
May 25 - June 6: National Anthem Singing Contest
June 1 - July 1: Liberty Rocks
June 13: Flag Day Ceremony
June 27: Americana Porch Sign Workshop
June 29 - July 2: Patriotic Home Beautification Judging
June 30: Star, Stripes, and Snacks
July 3 - 4: Star Spangled Boom
July 18: Betsy Ross Craft Fest
August 4: National Night Out & Americana Movie Night
September 11: Patriots Day Event
September 11 - November 11: Time Capsule Items
November 11: Veterans Day Ceremony



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LOCATED AT:
WAX PARK
3800 MAIN ST.



FREE FOOD AND WATER!



TIME: 6P - 8P

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: COMMUNITY AND POLICE UNITY!



ULTIMATE ATTRACTIONS!



INFLATABLES!



SLIP 'N' SLIDE!
AND MUCH MORE...



HORSE RIDES!



RAFFLE PRIZES!

FREE TICKETS FOR ALL ATTENDEES | CHANCE TO WIN LOCAL PRIZES!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026

A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT FOR ALL AGES!



City of Moraine
4200 Dryden Road
Moraine, OH 45439
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The City of Moraine
progress through unity

CITY OF MORaine SHREDDING EVENT

Saturday, October 10, 2026

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

