



FALL
2015

FALL FOR SYMMES

A Festive Time of Year for Families and Friends



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When:

Friday, October 9, 5:00pm–9:00pm

Where:

Symmes Park, 11600 Lebanon Road

What:

Hayrides, a straw maze, petting zoo, a trick-or-treat “haunted trail,” luminaries, a pumpkin patch, and much more!

Admission & Parking:

FREE!

More Info:

Call the township office at 683-6644

Fall is a festive time of year in Symmes Township, especially on Friday, October 9, when the Township celebrates Fall for Symmes, a colorful day on the calendar for hundreds of families to enjoy the season.

Symmes Township Park is the site for the community event which falls between 5:00pm and 9:00pm around the Leming Shelter. It includes the usual fall favorites such as the petting zoo, hay maze, and a big pumpkin patch. There are other popular attractions including the very “haunted” trail with trick-or-treat stations and the hayrides.

“The event is really a lot of fun,” said Trustee Jodie Leis. “When I take a step

back and look at the venue itself—a park full of beautiful trees and filled with people—it makes me appreciate the season more than ever.”

The event will also include a few activities that were introduced last year. There will be a digital photo booth with props to wear, a candy necklace workshop in which you can eat what you design; and, you will be able to dip your hands into liquid wax and create your own hand impressions.

The Cincinnati Horticultural Society will provide fun craft activities for the children and the Symmes Township Historical Society will sell refreshments.

It is recommended that children bring a flashlight if they plan to walk the trail at night.

“This is a fun event for my wife and three children” said Trustee Phil Beck. “There are so many fun activities in such a beautiful setting; it’s no wonder that this is one of my family’s favorite events!”



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RAINOUT!

A Symmes Summer that Wasn't!

Showers and rainstorms stopped a lot of summer fun in Symmes this season. The new Yappy Hour for dog socials never got off the ground—the wet ground! Walk and Be Fit included an umbrella at times. Symmes Day in the Park didn't make the day!

“This has been a disappointing summer for our seasonal events,” said Trustee Jodie Leis. “The good news is that our budget will allow us to have a great list of events next summer.”

A few great events did make the summer calendar:

- **Saturday Morning Yoga:** The turnout was phenomenal for yoga this summer. In fact, it was extended for a month because of its popularity. “The classes offered a great way to relieve stress, connect with nature and the opportunity to make new friends,” said Trustee Jodie Leis. “We look forward to seeing everyone next summer.”
- **Movie Night at Home of the Brave Park:** Movie *Big Hero 6* was featured on the big screen in August. An exciting scavenger hunt provided some excitement prior to the movie. A second movie night could not be held due to rain.
- **Concerts in the Park:** Social Hermits had a rain shortened performance on Sunday, July 19th at Symmes Park. Big Trouble Blues performed on September 13th. The Ping Pong Drop was held at both events.

NEW BUSINESSES MOVE TO TOWNSHIP

- Wealth Planning Corporation/Franz CPAs, 8370 E. Kemper Road—A team of financial planners, investment advisors and tax specialists that provides a single source of unbiased financial management tools and time-tested strategies resulting in the most comprehensive approach to ensuring your future wealth.
- Rose & Remington, 9261 Governors Way—A unique fashion boutique with a wide variety of styles. The tagline reads: *Our Style...Our Lines...Our Brand.*
- Fleurish Home, 9471 Loveland Madeira Road—A new store that sells lots of unique items for your home and for all your entertaining.
- Ruchi Mess, 12082B Montgomery Road—A family owned business offering fresh, home-cooked traditional south Indian food.
- TLC Pet Care Centers, 12121 Montgomery Road—One of many locations that offer caring, friendly veterinary and pet boarding services.



SAFETY LEVY ON NOVEMBER BALLOT

Facts You Need to Know

Earlier this month the trustees passed a resolution asking the Hamilton County Auditor to certify the amount of money a 1.5-mill, five-year levy would generate.

“We currently have a 1-mill, five-year safety levy in effect for the Township that is used to pay for fire, EMS and police services,” said Fiscal Officer Carol Sims. “That levy will expire at the end of this year.”

The newly proposed levy includes a 1-mill renewal and an additional 0.5-mill. The increase is necessary to meet increasing costs. “Fire and police contracts, and overall operations for all those services continue to increase each year,” said Sims.

The expiring 1-mill safety levy generates about \$607,730 a year, and costs homeowners about \$29.80 per \$100,000 valuation annually. The newly proposed 1.5-mill, five-year levy will generate an estimated \$879,335 and cost homeowners about \$46.45 per \$100,000 valuation annually.



TOWNSHIP TO BE FEATURED IN CINCINNATI MAGAZINE

The Next Hot Neighborhoods November Issue

Symmes Township has partnered with *Cincinnati Magazine* to produce a community spotlight section that will be featured in the November “The Next Hot Neighborhoods” issue.

The community spotlight will feature everything great about living, working, eating, shopping and playing in Symmes Township. The section will reach over 160,000 *Cincinnati Magazine* readers and tell the story of the rich history of Symmes Township as well as the people who thrive there.

“We will have information about the fabulous parks, beautiful neighborhoods, top ranked schools, restaurants and businesses,” said Township Trustee Ken Bryant. “As a twenty-five year resident, I’m very proud of all the great features that make Symmes Township so unique and successful.”

The November issue will be available in early October. “Pick up a copy of *Cincinnati Magazine*,” said Maggie Goecke, Account Manager at *Cincinnati Magazine*. “It’s a great feature.”



OPERATION SANTA IN SYMMES

Tradition Benefits The Dragonfly Foundation & Toys For Tots

On Saturday evening, December 5th, the Township will celebrate the holiday season with Operation Santa. As in previous years, the holiday crew arrives in a huge red fire truck and hands out fun treats.

In the spirit of the giving season, the Township hopes that you will help Santa refill his bag with new unwrapped toys or cash gifts for The Dragonfly Foundation and/or the Marine Toys for Tots program.



DON'T MISS IT!

What:
OPERATION SANTA

When:
Saturday, Dec. 5, 5:00pm–8:30pm

Where:
Three routes with many stops through the Township

Why:
To bring joy to families, and collect toys and money for Toys for Tots and the Dragonfly Foundation. You can also give money or checks to specific charities.

Cost:
FREE (optional contribution of toys or money)

More Info:
683-6644

WHAT IS THE DRAGONFLY FOUNDATION?

The Dragonfly Foundation brings comfort and joy to kids and young adults with cancer. “We provide distractions from the emotional, physical, and financial toll of cancer and bone marrow transplants,” said co-founder Ria Davidson. “We also work to establish connections and community at a time when patients, siblings, and caregivers feel the most alone and isolated.”

WHAT IS TOYS FOR TOTS?

The U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program collects new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distributes those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community.

OPERATION SANTA ROUTE SCHEDULE

ARRIVAL TIME	ROUTE #1	ARRIVAL TIME	ROUTE #2	ARRIVAL TIME	ROUTE #3
5:00 P.M.	United Methodist Church (Camp Dennison)	5:00 P.M.	Shadowglen Drive	5:00 P.M.	Paulmeadows & Heritage
5:30 P.M.	Morgans Trace & Farmcourt	5:20 P.M.	Chatham Woods & Windy Hill	5:20 P.M.	Patrilla & Kemperwoods
5:55 P.M.	Arabian & Roan	5:40 P.M.	Riveroaks & Brentmoor	5:40 P.M.	Chesney & Avart
6:10 P.M.	Walnutridge Court	6:00 P.M.	Willow & Foxgate	6:00 P.M.	Pemmican Run & Birchbark
6:25 P.M.	Mistymorn Court	6:20 P.M.	Richland Park & Waters Edge	6:20 P.M.	Iron Liege & Calumet Way
6:45 P.M.	Stablehand & Steeplechase	6:40 P.M.	Stonebridge & Farmstead	6:45 P.M.	Cypresspoint & Nathanshill Lane
7:05 P.M.	Withers & Cummings Farm	7:00 P.M.	Meadowknoll & Colebourne	7:00 P.M.	Symmescreek & Symmesknoll
7:25 P.M.	Gateway & Solon	7:20 P.M.	Bentcreek & Streamside	7:20 P.M.	Terwilligersvalley & Terwilligersridge
7:40 P.M.	Shadyside & Stonecrest	7:40 P.M.	Somerset & Carter Grove	7:40 P.M.	Donwiddle & Souffle
8:00 P.M.	Kempergrove & Oakvalley	8:00 P.M.	Symbola & Kosine	8:00 P.M.	Loveland Trace

*Please note that all times are approximate. In addition, you can find a list of locations and time stops on the Township's website at www.symmestownship.org.

READ IT, REPLACE IT

Township Starts New Reading Program

Just imagine a box of books—a colorful box filled to the brim with donated books—located by the play sets at Symmes Park, Home of the Brave Park, and Hopewell Park. Count on it!

The Township and the Symmes Township Regional Branch Library have started a new reading program: Read It, Replace It. The concept is simple: Pick a book from the box, read it, and replace it.

You can return the same book or replace it with another one of your favorite books. The hand-crafted boxes—designed by Dave Heider, Parks Manager—are built to withstand weather of all kinds and hold 15-20 books at a time.

“It’s like a little, free library,” said Township Trustee, Jodie Leis. “The best part is that the collection of books will be constantly changing and shared by people of all ages and backgrounds.”

Leis was inspired by a similar program in Chicago when she was on vacation. “Reading good books in a park setting is a lot of fun,” said Leis. “It’s a great alternative to those of us who aren’t playing on the swings or walking our dog!”

The pilot program can be expanded to include other venues in the future.



HOW YOU CAN HELP ROAD CREWS IN SNOW

- Park vehicles off the street. Driving a plow is challenging enough. Imagine having to steer around parked cars on a slippery street.
- Remove items, such as basketball hoops and garbage cans from the street/public right-of-way. This will enable plow operators to clear the roadway more efficiently.
- If possible, wait until the plow has passed before shoveling the area of a driveway near the street. The snow must be pushed to the side of the road, which also includes driveway entrances.
- Do not deposit snow into the street when using a snow blower or shoveling a driveway. This will require additional attention by road crews on their next pass and can create an unexpected hazard on an otherwise cleared street.

IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
OCT. 9	FALL FOR SYMMES	SYMMES PARK	5 P.M.–9 P.M.
OCT. 12	HOLIDAY	OFFICE CLOSED	
OCT. 31	HALLOWEEN	TRICK-OR-TREAT IN SYMMES TOWNSHIP	6 P.M.–8 P.M.
NOV. 11	HOLIDAY	OFFICE CLOSED	
NOV. 26 & 27	HOLIDAY	OFFICE CLOSED	
DEC. 5	OPERATION SANTA	VARIOUS NEIGHBORHOODS	5 P.M.–8:30 P.M.
DEC. 25	HOLIDAY	OFFICE CLOSED	
DEC. 26	CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING BEGINS	TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION BUILDING	DROP OFF ANYTIME

GO ONLINE — www.symmestownship.org for more news and events.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Symmestownship Committee Information

There are many opportunities to volunteer in the community. If you would like to get more involved on a strategic level, here are the details of committee-level work:

- **Finance & Audit Committee:** Meets as needed to discuss financial issues and offers recommendations on Township budgets and levies.
- **Zoning Commission:** Reviews zone change requests for recommendation to the Board of Trustees. It also approves final development plans. The Commission meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. at the Township Administration building.
- **Board of Zoning Appeals:** Reviews applications for zoning variances, conditional uses and appeals. The Board meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at the Township Administration building.

If you are interested in any of these committees, simply obtain a Committee Application form online at www.symmestownship.org.

RECYCLING TIP

Just a reminder—to save space, cardboard boxes need to be broken down before putting them into the recycling dumpster.



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