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## THE GREAT SYMMES EGG HUNT

*Sweetens the Season*



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**When:**  
Saturday, March 19, 11:30 A.M.

**Where:**  
Home of the Brave Park

**Cost:**  
FREE!

**Who:**  
Children 10 & under

The Great Symmes Egg Hunt returns to the Township on Saturday, March 19th at 11:30 a.m. at Home of the Brave Park. Kids can come early and enjoy free, fun activities and visit with the Easter Bunny. This year the “colorful” obstacle course will be held prior to the event. Children should dress in old, white clothing if they want to participate.

During the egg hunt kids will have the opportunity to win “Fun Money” where they can go to the Township’s General Store to shop for toys and candy.

The egg hunt is appropriate for children ages 10 years and younger; a section for handicapped children will be provided.

The Symmes Township Historical Society will sell refreshments.

*For more information, please go to [www.symmestownship.org](http://www.symmestownship.org) or call the Township office at 683-6644.*



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## SAFETY LEVY PASSES

### *Secures Fire, EMS and Police Services for Five Years*

The Safety Levy on the November ballot that is used to pay for fire, EMS and police services in Symmes Township passed. It included a 1-mill renewal and an additional 0.5-mill for five years. The 1.5-mill, five-year levy will generate an estimated \$879,335 and cost homeowners about \$46.45 per \$100,000 valuation annually.



## POLICE REPORT

### *Things are Good But...*

Symmes Township contracts with the Hamilton County Sheriff's office for police service throughout the Township. The current contract runs out March 31st and efforts are underway to reach agreement on a follow-on contract for the next four years.

"We are doing well in terms of crime in the community," said Lt. Chris Ketteman from District 3 of the Hamilton County Sheriff's office. "But the Heroin epidemic you are hearing and reading about every day in the media is not only in the area, it is in Symmes Township as well. "We need your help, it takes a community-wide effort to stop crime, so if you see something suspicious, say something"

Application of this concept has already resulted in a major drug bust in Symmes Township within the past month.

"There are two dedicated lines to call for help—911 for emergencies and 677-7000 for non-emergencies," said Ketteman. "We encourage people to call us."

## NEW BUSINESSES IN THE TOWNSHIP

-  Out of Thyme Kitchen Studio, 11915 Montgomery Road: Jaime Carmondy, a Personal Certified Executive Chef with over 20 years of professional culinary experience, has opened a studio specializing in freshly made take-home meals, baked goods, personal chef services and regular cooking classes. To find out more about her services, please go to [www.outofthymechef.com](http://www.outofthymechef.com).
- Menchies Frozen Yogurt, 11397 Montgomery Road: The new store offers high quality, delicious self-serve frozen yogurt with a friendly atmosphere. Guests can choose from a variety of rotating yogurt flavors and delicious toppings for unlimited combinations, ensuring happiness in every cup. For more information, go to [www.menchies.com](http://www.menchies.com).
- Block Advisors, 11318 Montgomery: Block Advisors offers year-round tax preparation, planning, and business services and a reliable relationship that goes beyond the return. To schedule an appointment, please go to [www.blockadvisors.com](http://www.blockadvisors.com).
- Viva Wraps, 12130 Royal Point: The shop offers 3M and Avery Supreme Vinyl wrap material in a wide variety of colors and finishes for cars, trucks, boats, and more. For more information, please go to [www.wrapcinci.com](http://www.wrapcinci.com).

## LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES

### Township Expands Read It Replace It Program in Parks



Libraries are “popping up” in Symmes Parks. They don’t require library cards or late fines, don’t insist that patrons whisper or stay quiet, and don’t mind if you do not return a book. The concept is simple: Pick a book from the box, read it, return it or replace it.

The portable bookstore is for every type of reader. There are children’s books and

bestselling novels, magazines and vintage masterpieces.

The books come from all kinds of readers and non-readers in the community. In fact, some say they like giving as much as—or perhaps even more than—taking books.

The creativity, generosity and commitment of the people who created and support this innovative project in Symmes is a bestseller too.

Bailey George, a junior at Loveland High School, was in Chicago when she saw the Little Libraries throughout the downtown area in the suburbs of Chicago. As an avid reader, she was inspired by the project and told her mom—who happened to be Trustee Jodie Leis—that this would be a great addition to the Symmes community.

With her mom’s support, Bailey brought the idea home and got to work. “I love to read and I love the outdoors,” said Bailey George who is also an avid soccer player. “So being able to put the two together so that more people could read more was a

lot of fun.” She contacted the Friends of the Hamilton County Library to sponsor the books. Dave Heider, Parks Manager, built the little “libraries” and creative DAAP student, Andrew Felter, took on the task of painting. “The hardest part of the project was coming up with a design concept that would attract viewers eye to the program,” said Andrew. “But it was great to be part of the project since reading is important.”

The beautiful boxes are displayed at Home of the Brave Park and Hopewell Meadows Park. We hope to continue to add more “little libraries” throughout the Township soon.

The program has a lot of potential. “I hope everyone continues to keep the boxes filled with books and magazines,” said Bailey. “I will work to protect and promote them, and come up with new ways to make it bigger and better.”

***If you would like to help, please bring your books and magazines to the boxes or to the Township Office.***

## LOVELAND-SYMMES FIRE DEPARTMENT GETS A NEW FIRE TRUCK

“There are great things going on at the Loveland-Symmes Fire Department from advancements in technology, training, increased staffing, and equipment,” said Otto J. Huber, Fire Chief of the Loveland-Symmes Fire Dept. “Our new fire truck is just another sign of progress.”

Fire Apparatus is replaced on a fleet replacement schedule every 15 years so the new fire truck was part of the strategic plan. “This new truck will replace an aging fire engine at the Remington Fire Station,” said Chief Huber.

The Loveland-Symmes Fire Department provides fire and emergency medical services to 28,000 residents to the City of Loveland and Symmes Township. Located throughout the city and Township are four firehouses, which house personnel and equipment that respond to emergencies when needed. The department is composed of nearly 60 firefighters who are assigned to ambulances and fire trucks.

“Maintaining our emergency vehicle fleet in top running condition is a priority,” said Chief Huber. “Public safety depends on it.”



## A SUNNY SUMMER OF EVENTS PLANNED FOR SYMMES' PARKS

*There Won't Be Rainouts, Washouts, or Rain Delays...We Hope*

The only event going on in Symmes Township last summer was the big rain affair. Torrential downpours stopped almost all of the planned summer fun in the Parks. Hopefully, this summer season everyone will enjoy a successful do-over.

If you like concerts, movies, yoga and fun, the Parks are the ticket to happiness. In addition to the normal stuff—walking trails, a memorial, a historic log home museum, a fishing lake, sports fields, picnic shelters and a fantastic variety of playgrounds—there are plenty of summer events to attend. You have an open invitation!

### CELEBRATE MEMORIAL DAY TOGETHER

*Honor the Men and Women Who Serve Our Country*

#### DON'T MISS IT!

**When:**

Friday, May 27th, 7pm–8pm

**Where:**

Home of the Brave Park

**How Much:**

FREE

On Friday, May 27th, Township residents will have the opportunity to join with their family and friends to honor our veterans and celebrate Memorial Day together. Home of the Brave Park will host the evening of remembrance for those who sacrificed and died in our nation's service.

According to Township historical records, there are 467 buried veterans in the Symmes Township cemeteries, some of which date back to the Civil War.

### YOGA IN THE PARK!

*Stay in Shape This Summer*

Due to popularity, yoga will be offered twice a week this summer! The free classes will be held by a certified yoga instructor on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm and Saturday mornings at 9:00am at Hopewell Meadows Park from June through September. All levels are welcome even if it's your first experience. The event is sponsored by Constellation Energy Services and Energy Alliances.

### YAPPY HOUR

*Play Time for Your Dog*

The Township has thought of everything this summer including playtime for dogs. The happy hour—or rather yappy hour—provides dogs a time and place to play with other dogs in a safe environment. The event will be held at the Bark Park located in Symmes Park. The free event will be held the first Thursday of every month from 6:30–7:30pm beginning in June.

### MOVIE NIGHTS IN THE PARK

Sit back and enjoy a fun night out under the stars while we play your favorite movies on the big screen at Home of the Brave Park on Friday, June 17th and Saturday, July 30th. The Township has tentatively scheduled *Star Wars: Episode VII, The Force Awakens* on June 17th if the movie is released. We should receive confirmation of the movie's availability in April. The other movie will be determined.

Please check [www.symmestownship.org](http://www.symmestownship.org) for updated information.

The event is sponsored by Rumpke, Constellation Energy Services and Energy Alliances.

### CONCERTS IN THE PARK

The Loveland Symmes Firefighters Association will be sponsoring concerts in the park this summer on Sunday nights at Symmes Park. Please check our website at [www.symmestownship.org](http://www.symmestownship.org) for updates.

### FRESH AIR SCHOOL THIS SUMMER!

*Cincinnati Horticultural Society Presents a Fun Way to Learn*

If you're raising children, chances are you're all too familiar with kids saying they are bored especially in the summer. But what do you do?

For the best chance of holding kids' attention, The Cincinnati Horticultural Society has a bunch of activities planned to engage the senses and spirit of children ages 4–10 years old.

The summer fun will be held on Thursdays from 10:00am to Noon beginning June 9th thru July 28th at the historic Meade House, 11887 N. Lebanon Road. A different theme will be explored each week, incorporating cooking, gardening, arts and crafts.

You can register and find more class information online at [cincinnatihorticulturalsociety.com](http://cincinnatihorticulturalsociety.com).

## IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
MAR. 19	THE GREAT SYMMES EGG HUNT	HOME OF THE BRAVE PARK	11:30 A.M.
APR. 1	PARK SEASON BEGINS	—	—
MAY 21	CLEANUP DAY	HOPEWELL MEADOWS PARK	9 A.M.—3 P.M.
MAY 27	SYMMES HONORS VETERANS	HOME OF THE BRAVE PARK	7 P.M.—8 P.M.
MAY 28	WATER PARK OPENS FOR THE SEASON	HOME OF THE BRAVE PARK	OPEN DAILY: 11 A.M.—7 P.M.
MAY 30	HOLIDAY	OFFICE CLOSED	—
JUNE 1	WEDNESDAY YOGA IN THE PARK BEGINS	HOPEWELL MEADOWS PARK	6:30 P.M.—7:30 P.M.
JUNE 2	YAPPY HOUR	SYMMES PARK	6:30 P.M.—7:30 P.M.
JUNE 4	SATURDAY YOGA IN THE PARK BEGINS	HOPEWELL MEADOWS PARK	9 A.M.—10 A.M.
JULY 4	HOLIDAY	OFFICE CLOSED	—
JULY 7	YAPPY HOUR	SYMMES PARK	6:30 P.M.—7:30 P.M.
AUG. 4	YAPPY HOUR	SYMMES PARK	6:30 P.M.—7:30 P.M.
AUG. 20	CLEANUP DAY	HOPEWELL MEADOWS PARK	9 A.M.—3 P.M.
SEPT. 5	HOLIDAY	OFFICE CLOSED	—
SEPT. 5	WATER PARK CLOSES FOR THE SEASON	HOME OF THE BRAVE PARK	—
SEPT. 24	SATURDAY YOGA IN THE PARK ENDS	HOPEWELL MEADOWS PARK	9 A.M.—10 A.M.
OCT. 7	FALL FOR SYMMES	SYMMES PARK	5 P.M.—9 P.M.
OCT. 10	HOLIDAY	OFFICE CLOSED	—
OCT. 15	PARK SEASON ENDS	—	—

GO ONLINE — [www.symmestownship.org](http://www.symmestownship.org) for more news and events.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Township has plenty of fun events planned this year and subsequently needs lots of volunteers to make them all happen! Are you a student who needs to complete your community service hours? Do you like to volunteer on a regular basis and play an important role in community events?

This is a great opportunity to complete your requirements or just be part of something that makes our community a great place to play! If you're interested, talk to Luanne Felter at [lfelter@symmestownship.org](mailto:lfelter@symmestownship.org) or call 683-6644 x303.

## CLEANUP DAYS

If spring and summer cleaning and clearing is on your home calendar, take advantage of the Township Clean-Up Days on Saturday, May 21st and Saturday, August 20th from 9pm to 3pm at Hopewell Meadows Park.

Residents may bring trash, tires, appliances, old furniture, car batteries, metal items and used motor oil for disposal. Please note that hazardous household waste will not be accepted. Please call Hamilton County Environmental Services at 946-7700.



## **ENERGY ALLIANCES, CONSTELLATION ENERGY SERVICES AND RUMPKE SPONSOR EVENTS**

The Township received generous donations from Energy Alliances, Constellation Energy Services and Rumpke for yoga in the park and movie nights. Thanks to their generous donations we are able to continue offering these popular summer events in our parks.

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## **STREET REPAVING SCHEDULE ONLINE**

This spring and summer, the Township will continue executing the Road Repaving Plan, which will also include curb repairs, catch-basin improvements, and other street improvements. The paving schedule will be posted on the website when it's available at [www.symmestownship.org](http://www.symmestownship.org).

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## **SYMMES TOWNSHIP EXTERIOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE**

A draft of the Symmes Township Exterior Property Maintenance Code in its present form is available on the Township's website at [www.symmestownship.org](http://www.symmestownship.org) in preparation for a public hearing currently scheduled for April 7th at the Symmes Township Safety Center, 8871 Weekly Lane. Residents are encouraged to attend and provide their input.

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