



FALL 2016

## TOP TEN THINGS TO DO

*in Symmes This Fall Season*

1. **Attend a local high school football game** at Loveland, Indian Hill or Sycamore High School.
2. **Get lost in a hay maze** at “Fall for Symmes” on October 7th at Symmes Park.
3. **Enjoy a Pumpkin Spiced latte** at one of our local coffee shops.
4. **Go hiking** on the wooded trail at Symmes Park to view the fall foliage.
5. **Let your dog run free** in the crisp autumn air at the Symmes Township Bark Park.
6. **Snuggle under a blanket** with a book from one of our “Little Libraries”.
7. **Explore nature** at one our parks.  
*Check [www.symmestownship.org](http://www.symmestownship.org) for park hours.*
8. **Celebrate Halloween** by carving or decorating pumpkins. When Trick-or-Treating remember it's always best to decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape, choose face paint instead of masks, and have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.
9. **Teach your kids or grandkids about gratitude by creating a Thankful Tree.** There are plenty of ideas online to inspire you.
10. **Have a S'mores campfire** in your backyard.



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**SHERIFF OFFERS FINGERPRINTING AND BACKGROUND CHECKS**

*No Need to Drive Downtown*

The Hamilton County Sheriff’s personnel are now performing local background checks, BCI/FBI web checks, and fingerprinting at Tracy Winkler, Hamilton County Clerk of Courts office, 12139 Royal Pointe Drive, Symmes Township. The hours of operation are Monday thru Friday from 9:00am until 5:00pm (The office will be unavailable from Noon to 1:00pm). The office will only accept cash or business checks; no personal checks will be accepted.

SERVICES	COST
BCI WEB CHECK	\$32
FBI WEB CHECK	\$34
LOCAL BACKGROUND CHECK (HAMILTON COUNTY ONLY)	\$5
FBI FINGERPRINT CARD FOR OUT OF STATE CCW LICENSE	\$10/CARD

**PETIQUETTE**

Fall is the perfect season for you and your pet to enjoy long walks, dog park visits and socializing. In order to avoid any pet *faux pas*, experts recommend that you:

- **Keep Dog Leashed:** Even if your pet is perfectly trained to stay by your side, it is still important to keep your dog on his leash when you’re around others, at all times. This makes everyone else feel more at ease and comfortable. Being able to actually see that your dog is physically under control is being courteous to others.
- **Cleanup After Your Dog:** It’s also being a responsible dog owner by having poop pick-up bags on hand during outings. Whether you are walking your dog in your neighborhood or at the Symmes dog park, please pick-up your dog’s poop.
- **Stay Out of Neighbor’s Garden:** Also, when walking your dog through the neighborhood, be mindful of your neighbor’s flower beds and gardens. Stay on the sidewalk or in as close proximity to it as you can.
- **Dog Should Wear Collar and I.D.:** Make sure your dog is wearing his dog collar and I.D. tags with current rabies information.
- **Socialize Your Dog:** When someone approaches your dog, be sure to supervise carefully.



## YOU CAN HELP ROAD CREWS DURING SNOW SEASON

- **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.



## FIELDS-ERTEL/COLUMBIA ROAD TO CLOSE FOR ROUNDABOUT PROJECT



Beginning on Monday, September 19th, the intersection of Fields-Ertel Road and Columbia/Lebanon Road will be closed for 10 weeks, weather permitting, for the construction of a roundabout. The bid was awarded to Barrett Paving Materials Inc. for \$1,053,694.40. The project is funded by the Hamilton County Road and Bridge Fund, Warren County Road and Bridge Fund and the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC).

The detour for the closure will utilize Rich Road, Davis Road, Columbia Road, Montgomery Road, Union Cemetery Road, Lebanon Road and Loveland Avenue.

*For more information, please contact the Warren County Engineer's office at (513) 695-3301 or the Hamilton County Engineer's office at (513) 946-8430.*

## NEW BUSINESSES IN THE TOWNSHIP

- **Escapology, 9527 Fields Ertel Road:** Players are locked in a room and must work together to find clues and solve puzzles to escape. For more information, go to [www.escapology.com](http://www.escapology.com).
- **Opti-Bloom, 10484 Loveland Madeira Road:** Offers a large selection of garden supplies for hydroponic, aeroponic, organic and outdoor gardeners. For more information, go to [www.optibloom.com](http://www.optibloom.com).
- **Bacanora, 11928 Montgomery Road:** The Mexican-themed eatery puts a unique twist on typical Mexican fare but offers traditional and vegetarian options as well.
- **Inside Out Beauty, 9553 Fields Ertel Road:** Offers traditional spa services with personal and nutritional coaching. For more information, go to [www.insideoutbeauty.com](http://www.insideoutbeauty.com).

## EVENTS PLANNED FOR SYMMES

### FALL FOR SYMMES

**When:**

Friday, October 7, 2016, 5:00–9:00pm

**Where:**

Symmes Park, 11600 Lebanon Road

**Cost:**

**FREE!**

Join us as we celebrate the Fall season with hayrides, a hay maze, pumpkin patch, petting zoo and haunted trail. We hope it's part of your family fall tradition.

### NEW EVENT!

#### *Merry & Bright Light Contest*

Decorating your house for the holidays has never been more fun or more competitive. This year the Township wants you to decorate your house in any type of holiday lights—Christmas, Hanukah, Kwanzaa etc.

Pick a theme—any theme—get excited and get started. Your neighbors can nominate you or you could nominate yourself. Nominations will be accepted on [symmestownship.org](http://symmestownship.org) or you can call the Township office at 683-6644.

Official judging will take place on December 15th and 16th, and the winner will be announced on December 19th. The first place winner will be awarded a \$50 gift card.

### OPEN HOUSE

#### *Safety Services*

**When:**

Saturday, October 15, 2016, Noon–3pm

**Where:**

8871 Weekly Lane

**Cost:**

**FREE!**

On October 15th, the Loveland-Symmes Fire Department and Hamilton County Sheriff's office will be hosting an Open House. There will be lots to see and do for the whole family. You can roam through the fire station, see the fire trucks, play in the Kids Zone Jump House, and much more. In addition, the Hamilton County Sheriff's office will have a display of their Sheriff Deputy vehicles, Hamilton County Bomb Squad and an appearance by their K9 dog.



### OPERATION SANTA—NEW DATE THIS YEAR!

**When:**

Saturday, December 3, 2016, 5:00–8:30pm

**Where:**

3 routes with stops through the Township

**How Much:**

Optional contribution of toys or money

Santa and his helpers will make their annual visit through Symmes Township neighborhoods this year on Saturday, December 3rd. The event date has been changed to a Saturday evening to help avoid any conflicts with school activities. In the spirit of the giving season, the Township hopes that residents will help Santa refill his bag with new, unwrapped toys or cash gifts for The Dragonfly Foundation and/or the Toys for Tots Organization.

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.	Pemmican Run & Birchbark
6:10 P.M.	Walnutridge Court	6:00 P.M.	Willow & Foxgate	6:00 P.M.	Iron Liege & Calumet Way
6:25 P.M.	Mistymorn Court	6:20 P.M.	Richland Park & Waters Edge	6:20 P.M.	Cypresspoint & Nathanshill
6:45 P.M.	Stablehand & Steeplechase	6:40 P.M.	Stonebridge & Farmstead	6:45 P.M.	Symmescreek & Symmesknoll
7:05 P.M.	Withers & Cummings Farm	7:00 P.M.	Meadowknoll & Colebourne	7:00 P.M.	Pinewood & Retview
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](http://www.symmestownship.org).

## IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
OCT. 6	YAPPY HOUR	SYMMES PARK	6:30 P.M.–7:30 P.M.
OCT. 7	FALL FOR SYMMES	SYMMES PARK	5:00 P.M.–9:00 P.M.
OCT. 10	HOLIDAY	OFFICE CLOSED	
OCT. 15	PARK SEASON ENDS		
OCT. 31	HALLOWEEN	TRICK-OR-TREAT IN SYMMES TOWNSHIP	6:00 P.M.–8:00 P.M.
NOV. 11	HOLIDAY	OFFICE CLOSED	
NOV. 24	HOLIDAY	OFFICE CLOSED	
NOV. 25	HOLIDAY	OFFICE CLOSED	
DEC. 3	OPERATION SANTA	VARIOUS NEIGHBORHOODS	5:00 P.M.–8:30 P.M.
DEC. 26	HOLIDAY	OFFICE CLOSED	
DEC. 26	CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING BEGINS	TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION BUILDING	DROP OFF ANYTIME

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

## SYMMES SUMMER EVENTS A HUGE HIT

### *No Rainouts This Year*

This summer was the best season on record for several Symmes events.

- Yoga in the Park:** Thanks to generous sponsorship from Constellation Energy Services and Energy Alliances, the Township was able to offer yoga twice a week this summer at Hopewell Meadows Park. Adults, teens and children all joined in the fun. If you haven't tried yoga in the outdoor atmosphere, we hope you will join us next summer!
- Yappy Hour:** The event finally took off this summer after a season of rainouts last year. The dog social offered dogs an opportunity to run and play with other dogs in a fun, safe environment while their owners socialized with other dog lovers. The event will continue to be held through the Fall on the first Thursday of the month at the Symmes Park Bark Park. Please check our website for updates.
- Movie Night in the Park:** Thanks to a generous sponsorship from Rumpke, Constellation Energy Services and Energy Alliances, the Township was able to show two movies on the big screen this summer. The feature presentations included Star Wars, The Force Awakens on June 17th and Zootopia on July 30th.



## ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM

Symmes Township is currently working on a new contract for electric aggregation to start when the current contract expires with the December 2016 reading (January billing). The Symmes gas aggregation contract runs through 2017. Trustee Ken Bryant says that current Symmes aggregation customers are getting better pricing on gas and electricity than Duke Customers or any unsolicited offers by phone or direct mail from other suppliers, even with free debit card offers.



## RECYCLING TIPS

- No yard waste or hard covered books are allowed in the recycling containers.
- To save space, cardboard boxes need to be broken down before placing them into the recycling dumpster.



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