

Letter from LEADERSHIP

At every turning of the seasons, we take stock of our successes, inventory the Township's strengths, and plan for new projects and growth ahead. This year, we have experienced tremendous growth in our general infrastructure, improved roads/sidewalks, executed the beautification of our parks, and improved fire department safety. In addition, our extensive list of family events continues to bring the community together in so many ways. Together is better!

Of course, there is challenging work in 2023 to continue this progress. We believe with solid fiscal accountability, the teamwork of all our residents, and the strength of our leadership, we can continue to make our Township the best place to live, work, and enjoy life.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter and our website-- symmestownship.org. Most importantly, we hope you look forward to another great year together as we close out a successful 2022.

*With enormous gratitude for
your support and commitment
to Symmes Township,*

Jodie, Ken, Phil, Joe, Kim



OCTOBER is National Fire Prevention Month

"Fire Prevention month is the perfect time to talk with your entire family about fire safety," says Otto Huber, Fire Chief at Loveland Symmes Fire Dept. "Testing your smoke alarms, learning how to use a fire extinguisher, and planning an escape route in your home are a few significant activities that could save your family's life."

Alarming Facts about Fire!

- **3 of every 5** home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no working smoke alarms.
- **More than 50%** of homeowners have NO strategic escape plan.
- Carbon monoxide (CO) is the **#1 cause** of accidental poisoning in the US.
- **60%** of consumers do not test their smoke and CO alarms monthly.
- Only **47%** of people report having CO alarms in their home.
- Unattended cooking is the **#1 cause** of home fires

Fire Safety Tips from the Loveland Symmes Fire Department:

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms, and outside sleeping areas.
- Test smoke alarms every month.
- Talk with all family members about a fire escape plan and practice the plan twice a year.

If a fire occurs in your home,
**GET OUT,
STAY OUT and
CALL FOR HELP.**

Events

Fall for Symmes An Evening of Family Fun!

The annual **Fall for Symmes** will be on **Friday, October 7th** from **5pm to 9pm** at Symmes Park. The whole family can enjoy free pony rides, hayrides, petting zoo, crafts, games, and much more. It's such a festive way to celebrate the season. Food will be sold by Boy Scout Troup #617. For information, go to symmestownship.org.



Operation Santa A Holiday Street Party

Santa Claus is coming to town—Symmes Township—on **Saturday, December 3** from **5pm to 8:30pm**. It's so much fun to believe in Santa for one special night as he sleighs his way through the Township. His strategic route—below—touches as many families and homes as possible. In return for his goodness, you too can touch others by making an optional gift or cash donation to the Dragonfly Foundation. This wonderful nonprofit helps pediatric cancer patients and their families find strength, courage, and joy.

OPERATION SANTA 2022

Route #1		Route #2		Route #3	
Arrival Time		Arrival Time		Arrival Time	
5:00 p.m.	Morgans Trace & Farmcourt	5:00 p.m.	Shadowglen Drive	5:00 p.m.	Paulmeadows & Heritage
5:20 p.m.	Arabian & Roan	5:20 p.m.	Chatham Woods & Windy Hill	5:20 p.m.	Patrilla & Kemperwoods
5:40 p.m.	Walnutridge Court	5:40 p.m.	Riveroaks & Brentmoor	5:40 p.m.	Pemmican Run & Birchbark
6:00 p.m.	Stablehand & Steeplechase	6:00 p.m.	Willow & Foxgate	6:00 p.m.	Iron Liege & Calumet Way
6:20 p.m.	Withers & Cummings Farm	6:20 p.m.	Richland Park & Waters Edge	6:20 p.m.	Cypresspoint & Nathanshill
6:40 p.m.	Gateway & Solon	6:40 p.m.	Near 10103 Plantation Pointe	6:40 p.m.	Symmescreek & Symmesknoll
7:00 p.m.	Bainwoods & Hopewoods	7:00 p.m.	Stonebridge & Farmstead	7:00 p.m.	Pinewood & Retview
7:20 p.m.	Shadyside & Stonecrest	7:20 p.m.	Meadownoll & Colebourne	7:20 p.m.	Terwilligersvalley & Terwilligersridge
7:40 p.m.	Kempergrove & Oakvalley	7:40 p.m.	Bentcreek & Streamside	7:40 p.m.	Donwiddle & Souffle
8:00 p.m.	Southport Lane (meet in cul-de-sac)	8:00 p.m.	Somerset & Carter Grove	8:00 p.m.	Loveland Trace
				8:20 p.m.	Symbola & Kosine

Please note that all times are approximate.

Light Up the Township Symmes Township Merry & Bright Light Contest

Decorating for Christmas is an exciting and fun way to celebrate the holiday in Symmes, and it can be a real showstopper too! That's because it's almost time for **The Merry & Bright Light Contest**.

Pick a theme — maybe that enormous inflatable Santa or a big red sleigh on your rooftop — and get started soon. Official judging will take place December 1st through December 16th. The winner will be announced on December 19th and awarded a \$50 gift card.

Great Holiday Light Challenge Recycle Those Old Holiday Lights

The Loveland Sustainability Council is hosting The Great Holiday Light Challenge, a friendly competition between Symmes and Loveland to see who can recycle the most holiday lights between **November 25th and January 31st**. The money collected will benefit the Great Parks of Hamilton County. The drop-off site for Symmes residents will be at the Township Administration building.



Picture This! Township Photo Contest

Can you capture the beauty of Symmes Township in one photo? The Township is sponsoring the **5th Annual Photography Contest** from **October 1st through October 31st**.

Your challenge is to submit images that best depict Symmes Township's beautiful topography, dynamic people, and vibrant community life.

Send your high-resolution photos to lfelter@symmestownship.org. Photos not taken in Symmes Township will be disqualified.

Prizes: First Place - \$100 gift card of choice, 2nd place - \$50 gift card of choice, 3rd place - \$25 gift card of choice and Honorable Mention (Youth) - \$25 gift card of choice.

For information, go to symmestownship.org.

Trick-or-Treat

Our Township Trick-or-Treat night will be on **Monday, October 31st** from **6pm to 8pm**.

Retirement Celebrations at Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Congratulations!



Patrol officer Robert Halm, Joseph Grossi, Jodie Leis, Phil Beck, and Ken Bryant celebrate.

Robert Halm retired this year after 31 years with the Sheriff's office. He has been with Symmes Township since 2009. During his tenure in Symmes, he had taken over 707 police reports, participated in 187 criminal arrests, and made over 12,045 crime prevention contacts.



Rod Housley retired after 28 years of service with the Sheriff's office. He was assigned to Symmes Township from 2001 to 2012. During his tenure with Symmes, he served in many different capacities such as road patrol, bike patrol, K-9 handler and Loveland High School Resource Officer.



Joe Grossi, Sergeant Chris Sovern, Corporal Eric Kidd, Phil Beck, Jodie Leis, Patrol Officer Kenny Lawless, Major Chris Ketteyman, and Ken Bryant celebrate.

Ken Lawless retired this year after 30 years of service. He has been with Symmes Township for 26 years. During his tenure with Symmes, he has responded to 8733 dispatched details, taken 1505 police offense reports, performed 1124 vacation checks, and made over 16,284 crime prevention contacts.

New Businesses

La Michoacana, 8703 Fields Ertel – Produces high-quality and innovative paletas, Coolstix (traditionally known as bolis), and vasitos (cups).
michoacana.com

Cazador, 11309 Montgomery Road – Listed as one of the best places for a flavorful and tasty meal with authentic Mexican flavors.
cazadormontgomery.com

Empanadas, 12082 Montgomery Road – Walk up or preorder a variety of empanadas with great filling options. Breakfast and dessert options also available.
(513)485-9546.

Brakes for Less, 9185 Union Cemetery Road – A locally owned and operated business that provides expert service, quality workmanship and competitive pricing.
brakes-4-less.com

Parks Update

The fall and winter season is a great time to be in our beautiful parks! You can play, picnic, exercise from sunrise to sunset. Everything you need to know is on our website. However, here are some highlights:

- **New Play Set at Seven Gables Park!** The Township has received a \$200,000 grant to design and buy a beautiful and safe play space at the Park. Everything will be installed by spring or summer.
- **Meade Trail**—To celebrate the fall season, Township personnel will decorate the Meade Trail with all kinds of decorated pumpkins and more. Don't miss a beautiful walk through the annual display.
- **Storytime with the Library**—On September 26th at Symmes Park (Leming Shelter) and October 24th at Home of the Brave Park, the library will feature Storytime for children of all ages.
- The dog park will be open through November as weather permits.

Loveland Symmes Fire Department Receives Another Large Grant



FEMA has awarded the Loveland Symmes Fire Department \$184,090 in Federal funding as part of its Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. This is LSF D's sixth grant from the Federal government in the past two years for equipment and training.

"The award will be used for paramedic training, heart monitors for the ladder trucks, and thermal imaging cameras," said Otto Huber, Fire Chief of the Loveland-Symmes Fire Dept. "This allows us to keep the local millage low and stretch out our public safety levies all while keeping service level high."



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Calendar of Township Events

With so many wonderful events happening in our Township, please see our website or subscribe to our email newsletter for the most up to date information.

Gas and Electric Aggregation News

Energy Alliances, the Township's energy supplier, has locked in a new rate of \$0.839 per ccf through October 2024 with AEP Energy for the gas aggregation program.

A fixed price natural aggregation program protects Township residents from the risk for a winter spike in gas prices. According to market information, there is a high risk for increasing prices this winter due to low natural gas storage, increasing consumption, and increased exports.

Information will be sent to residents with the option to opt-out if they feel they can get a better rate. Residents are free to come and go out of the aggregation program any time they want without a termination fee if they find an offer that they feel is better for them than the aggregation program.

The electric aggregation program is currently under negotiations.

