



The Official Newsletter of Symmes Township, Ohio

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Letter from LEADERSHIP

As we begin another year together, what a great opportunity to recognize the tremendous growth, strength, and success of the Township. Over the past decade, we have followed a strategic plan that has resulted in a list of accomplishments too long for this publication, yet highly visible to us every day of our lives. There have been unprecedented changes to our infrastructure—sidewalks, roads, parks—along with many new events, new businesses, added resources, and more. This is due to the challenging work, fiscal accountability, and most importantly, the teamwork of all our residents. Some of that work is featured in our newsletters, social media, and other publications; but most of it is the quiet work of all the residents who work every day to make our Township better.

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

Jodie, Ken, Phil, Joe, Kim



New Playset at Seven Gables Park WE NEED YOUR INPUT



It's time for a new play set at Seven Gables Park. The current structure is old, tired, and too costly to repair. And if you ask the kids — "It's no fun to play on anymore."

The Township's goal is to go one step beyond fun to create a park playground that keeps children thrilled, active, and makes every trip to Seven Gables Park a rewarding, memorable, and exciting experience for the entire family.

The Township has a wonderful opportunity to apply for grant funding from the Ohio Division of Natural Resources to fund a beautiful and safe play space for our families. However, we need to gather hundreds of creative ideas from you and your children. Just imagine how incredible the Park can be with the help of everyone in the Township!

There are so many questions that need to be addressed: Should we include swings? What about a rope bridge? Crawl tubes? Motion play? Exercise equipment? Special surfacing? And what age group should we target—early childhood, school age children?

➔ The ideas will come alive with your thoughts and wisdom and make our grant application significant. Let us know what you think via email: klapensee@symmestownship.org.



The Great Egg Hunt Returns

The Great Egg Hunt is back after a two-year absence due to COVID. This free family event will be held on Saturday, April 9th at 11:30am at Symmes Park. Kids can come early and enjoy face painting, a game, crafts, and a visit from the Easter Bunny! The event is appropriate for children ages 10 years and younger. A section for handicapped children will also be provided.

➔ For information, go to www.symmestownship.org



Parks Update

It's time to spend time in our beautiful parks! You can play, picnic, exercise, rest, read, do yoga, and so much more from sunrise to sunset. Everything you need to know is on our website. However, here are some highlights:

- At **Storywalk**® this month, we will feature the book *Finnigan Finds His Special Job* by Symmes Township author Rebecca Moeggenberg. It's a beautiful story about a dog named Finnigan who has no future until he is rescued, adopted into a loving home, and trained to help others through his work as a therapy dog.
- **Yoga in the Park:** The Township will be offering free yoga classes for every skill level at Hopewell Meadows Park on Wednesdays at 6:30pm & Saturdays at 9am from June through September. A special thank you to Energy Alliances for their generous sponsorship.
- The roofs on the shelters and bathrooms at Symmes Park will be replaced this spring.
- The dog park will remain closed until further notice.

Rumpke Accepting Plastic Cups for Recycling

Rumpke will now accept disposable paper, plastic and aluminum cups in curbside and drop box programs. This includes paper and plastic beverage cups and lids from fast-food restaurants—like Starbucks, McDonalds—plastic souvenir cups and Ball brand aluminum cups. However, Styrofoam and polystyrene cups will not be accepted at this time.

Like all other material, cups should be clean and empty prior to placing in the recycling container. Please remove any straws or stoppers.

➔ For information: www.rumpke

Fire Department Door-to-Door Safety Campaign

The Loveland Symmes Fire Department is on a mission to be sure everyone has working smoke detectors. From March through August, officials will walk door-to-door to meet with residents, help test their smoke detectors, replace batteries, and give out free smoke detectors where needed. The Fire Department will also be installing special smoke detectors for the hearing impaired.

Funding for this project is through a FEMA Fire Prevention grant. If you miss their visit, they will leave a note at your door so that you can take advantage of this potentially life-saving opportunity.

Electronics Recycling Returns

The Loveland Sustainability Council will hold an Electronics Recycling Drop Off on Saturday, April 23rd at the Loveland Public Works Building (10980 Loveland Madeira Road) from 1pm-4pm. Residents can drop off electronics for free except for the following items:

- CRT computer monitors - \$10
- LCD/LED/Plasma TVs - \$20
- All other TVs - \$40

Batteries, light bulbs, items with refrigerant, or televisions larger than 48x40x36 will not be accepted. **For information:** lovelandsustainabilitycouncil@gmail.com.



Street Light Repair

If you see a street light that is not working, please use this website address to request a repair: www.duke-energy.com/customer-service/request-light-repair-ky-oh.



Honeysuckle Removal

Symmes Township is working to minimize the impact of invasive plants by removing loads of honeysuckle from our parks. These invasive plants, by nature, do not stay where they are planted, grow wildly to surrounding natural areas, and damage the environment by forming pure, dense thickets totally void of other vegetation. The Township will be clearing honeysuckle around the perimeter of the trail at Meade Historic Preserve and other areas to preserve the natural beauty of the Parks for years to come.

New Businesses

Salt & Light Salon & Spa, 11355 Montgomery Road – A salon and spa that creates what they believe in—helping others look and feel beautiful. **Information at www.saltandlightsalonandspa.com.**

Puppy County, 12121 Montgomery Road – Step inside their doors to enter a true pet lover's paradise. They have a wide variety of puppies and all the food and supplies they need to be happy, healthy pets. **Information at www.puppycountry.net.**

Mobili Cabinetry & Designs, 11928 Montgomery Road - A premiere retailer and supplier specializing in building and remodeling accessories for kitchens, baths and every other room in your home and business. **Information at (513) 273-1322.**

Plastic Free July®

Join millions of people reducing their plastic waste. Plastic Free July® is a global movement that helps millions of people be part of the solution to plastic pollution so we can have cleaner streets, oceans, and beautiful communities. Will you be part of Plastic Free July by choosing to refuse single-use plastics?

➔ Accept the challenge at www.plasticfreejuly.org.

Celebrate Memorial Day Together

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY

Township residents will have the opportunity to join others to honor and celebrate our veterans at Home of the Brave Park, Friday, May 27th, beginning at 7pm in front of the Veterans' Memorial.

The Symmes Honors Veterans ceremony is an annual patriotic event of recognition and remembrance for those who sacrificed and died while serving our country. The free event includes special musical performances, a 21-gun salute, and guest speaker, the Honorable Louis Terhar, a U.S. Naval Academy graduate and retired U.S. Navy Commander, Ohio House Representative, and an Ohio Senator.

According to Township historical records, there is more than five hundred veterans buried in Symmes Township cemeteries, some of which date back to the Civil War.



Clean-Up Day: One Stop Drop

Symmes Township and the Loveland Sustainability Council are sponsoring a "One Stop Drop" collection site for recycling all your old stuff on Saturday, May 21st from 9am to 3pm at Home of the Brave Park. Residents can bring trash, tires, old furniture, car batteries, metal, and more. The website will have a complete list of items.

Road Resurfacing Update

The Township hired John R. Jurgensen to execute the Township's Road Resurfacing Plan. The work is estimated to start sometime in May. The paving cycle—15-17 years per street— includes:

- Sadler Circle
- Carrousel Court
- Stonebridge Drive
- Geromes Way
- Shallowcreek Drive
- Riversedge Court
- Plantation Pointe Drive
- Elmfield Drive
- Jefferson Avenue
- Washington Avenue
- Victor Avenue
- Adams Avenue
- Shadow Glen Drive
- Weekly Lane
- Mayrow Drive
- Greenhedge Lane
- Pinewood Drive
- Retview Lane

The Township has also hired Adleta Construction to repair/replace the catch basins and curbs in the Montgomery Trace neighborhood which includes Chapelsquare Lane, Harbortown Drive, Cypresspoint Lane, Nathanshill Lane, and Logansfield Court. Paving for all these streets will follow in 2023.



Summer Vacation Protection for Your Home

If you are heading out of town this summer and would like the police to keep a watchful eye on your house, call Deputy Jones at the Hamilton County Sheriff's office at **683-3444** or call the non-emergency number at **677-7000**.

Also, if you see any suspicious activity, please report it to our non-emergency dispatch at **677-7000**.



9323 Union Cemetery Rd.
Symmes Township, OH 45140

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.

Lincoln Road Water Line Replacement News

Due to the old age of the water line, the Village of Indian Hill—with the help of Symmes Township—would like to replace a water line on Lincoln Road from State Route 126 to the river.

During the replacement phase, the Township would also like to add a water line on Campbell and Munson that would tie into Ulrich and Zumstein and complete the water loops. This will help us significantly increase the pressure of the line.

The Village of Indian Hill has completed the drawings for the project and has been unsuccessful in securing a grant to fund the replacement—even though the water line has been on a replacement list for many years.

The Township would like to use Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) to help pay for a portion of the project, but the service area must meet the income guidelines set by the federal government – 80% of the median household income for our area.

To meet this requirement, income surveys were mailed to all those households who reside from Zumstein to Lincoln and State Route 126 to the river. Please help us by responding to the survey. The results of this survey could make a tremendous impact on the future funding for a variety of public infrastructure projects for this area.

