



# Welcome Directory

Symmes Township  
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EXPLORE YOUR TOWNSHIP

## Welcome to Symmes Township

Symmes Township is one of the premier residential communities in Hamilton County. It offers excellent schools, a beautiful park system, outstanding police and fire services and a zero earnings tax.

Symmes Township is situated almost entirely within the northeast corner of Hamilton County. Two conveniently located interchanges provide access to I-71 and I-275. The Township is bordered by Deerfield Township, Miami Township, Sycamore Township and the municipalities of Montgomery, Indian Hill and Loveland.

Symmes Township was formed in 1824. Stagecoach roads and railroads were at the forefront of the area's initial growth. In 1853 the Little Miami Railroad was completed, connecting the Township with the rest of Ohio and major east coast cities. It allowed Symmes Township residents to commute to Cincinnati, and provided Township merchants with easy access to Cincinnati's commercial center. Though commercial and residential development has been a consistent feature of the Township's proud history, Township leaders and residents alike are dedicated to preserving the residential beauty and quality of life that has attracted people to the area for more than 200 years.

Symmes Township is governed by a Board of Trustees, comprised of three Trustees and a Fiscal Officer. Township officials are elected to four year staggered terms, one trustee and fiscal officer being elected on odd numbered years and the two remaining trustees elected two years later. As the governing body of the Township, the Board is responsible for developing policy and overseeing the Township administration. They are supported by administrative staff members, led by the Township Administrator, and maintenance department personnel.

Elected Trustees and the Fiscal Officer are also neighbors and are eager to discuss resident and business issues, listen to ideas and welcome interest from their fellow citizens. Trustees meetings are broadcast on area public access cable programming as a service of the Intercommunity Cable Regulatory Commission of Southwest Ohio (ICRC).

### Board of Trustees



Jodie Leis



Ken Bryant



Phil Beck



Carol A. Sims,  
Fiscal Officer

Symmes Township adopted local zoning in 1996. A five member Zoning Commission reviews zone change requests for recommendation to the Trustees and approves final development plans. The Board of Zoning Appeals, also comprised of five members, reviews applications for zoning variances. These Boards are comprised of Township residents which are appointed by the Trustees for five year terms.

The office is open weekdays from 8:00am to 5:00pm except on State and Federal holidays.

The Township offers special events such as The Great Symmes Egg Hunt, Fall for Symmes and Operation Santa to bring the community together. In addition it offers its residents opportunities for recycling, and yard waste disposal.

Recycling

The Township participates in Rumpke’s drop-off box recycling service. Under this program, residents may collect acceptable recyclables at home and deliver them to a drop box site in Symmes Township free of charge. The items do not have to be sorted making recycling very easy and convenient.

Brush Drop Off

Symmes Township has contracted with LA Supply at 10776 Loveland Madeira Road to accept yard waste material. The program runs from March 1 through November 30. For more information, please visit [www.lasupply.net](http://www.lasupply.net).

Clean Up Day

Symmes Township offers two clean up days a year. This event allows residents to bring trash, metal items, old furniture, appliances, tires, car batteries and used motor oil for disposal. Please check our website at [www.symmestownship.org](http://www.symmestownship.org) for more information.

<u>Schedule of Township Meetings</u>	
Trustees 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday 7:00pm	Board of Zoning Appeals 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday 7:00pm
Zoning Commission 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 7:00pm	Finance & Audit Scheduled as needed 7:00pm

# Safety Services

## Fire and Emergency Medical

The Loveland-Symmes Fire Department (LSFD) is one of only six in Ohio to achieve an ISO Class 2 rating from the Commercial Risk Services of the Insurance Services Office, bringing unusually favorable insurance rates for Symmes residents and commercial properties. There are just 17 Class I departments nationwide; none of which are in Ohio.

This highly trained, nationally accredited Department operates out of four stations located in strategic areas of Symmes Township and Loveland, and uses the most modern equipment available. The Department is composed of 48 firefighters who are assigned to ambulances and fire trucks and work on one of three rotating shifts. With this group of professionals, LSFD is able to provide not only advanced life support medic units, but also rescue service unparalleled in the region.

In 1999, a non-emergency public safety dispatch center was added to better serve Symmes Township and Loveland. The Northeast Communications Center, staffed by certified telecommunicators, features a fully operational Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) System that contains every address and business name within the two communities.



## Police

Symmes Township, under contract with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Patrol, provides top quality police protection. The Township owns a fleet of police cruisers manned by the Sheriff's deputies who patrol the Township 24 hours a day on three overlapping shifts.

The Sheriff's Patrol District 3 headquarters is located in the Symmes Safety Center at 8871 Weekly Lane. The Sheriff's Patrol provides sophisticated specialized services to the Township.



## Parks

Symmes Park – 11600 Lebanon Road - This 61-acre park has three playgrounds, basketball and volleyball courts, a soccer/softball field, a seasonal dog run, bird sanctuary and six walking trails that vary in length from 1/10 to 7/10 of a mile. Three shelters located in different parts of the park can accommodate 48 to 80 people depending on the shelter.

Seven Gables Park – 11680 Seven Gables Road - This 8.3 acre facility features a playground, tennis and basketball courts, a half-mile paved walking trail and a shelter which can accommodate up to 20 people.

Meade Park – 11887 Lebanon Road - The centerpiece of this 27-acre park is a stunning 1906 Greek Revival mansion. The Symmes Township Historical Society and Symmes Township Trustees collaborated to move and reconstruct the 1830s Ross Family Log House in the park several years ago. Several walking trails also meander throughout the grounds.

Camp Dennison Nature Trail – c/o Munson and Campbell Aves. - This 12-acre nature site contains a half-mile crushed limestone trail.

Hopewell Meadows – 9131 Hopewell Road - The 14-acre residential park features tennis courts, shelters, a playground and a two-thirds mile paved walking trail. The main shelter, which can accommodate up to 68 people, is located near the playground; a smaller shelter at the northeastern edge of the park is a more private setting for groups up to 38 people.

Home of the Brave Park – 11605 Lebanon Road - The focal point for this 54-acre park is team sports. It contains five multi-purpose fields for baseball, softball, soccer and lacrosse. Other amenities include wet and dry playground areas, a large shelter that can hold up to 60 people, and a Veteran's Memorial plaza containing an engraved wall honoring past and present veterans of all the armed services.

Park shelters are available for rental from April 15 to October 15. Symmes Township residents may reserve a shelter after October 15 for the coming calendar year. Non-residents are allowed to reserve a shelter, but only one week prior to the date of the event. To make a reservation, please call 683-6644. A deposit and Maintenance Impact fee will be required within three working days after the reservation is made or the reservation will be canceled. Payment of the deposit fee must be made with a check.



## Points of Interest

### Waldschmidt House

The 1804 home of Christian Waldschmidt, one of the founding pioneers of the area, is owned today by the Ohio Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and is located in historic Camp Dennison.

### The Meade House

Dr. Charles Meade, a former president and director of the Hamilton County Fair Board, built this historic home in 1906. The house is owned and maintained by Symmes Township.

### Ross Log House Museum

This log home is located within the Meade park complex. The house is 20 x 24 feet and is a full two-story log house. It is owned and maintained by the Symmes Historical Society and is opened to the public and school groups.

### Lake Isabella

Lake Isabella is a 77-acre park operated by the Great Parks of Hamilton County. It features a 25-acre fishing lake with rowboat rentals and pier, picnic areas, a playground and indoor and outdoor dining areas.

### Chateau LaRoche

Chateau LaRoche is a replica of a historical European castle on the banks of the Little Miami River. Boy Scout Troop Leader Harry Andrews built it over the course of 50 years.

### Little Miami Bike Trail

This 70 plus mile trail was built along the right-of-way of the old Little Miami Railroad. Most of the trail runs along a dedicated, car-free corridor providing a great place to ride bikes, roller blade, run or walk.



## School Districts

Symmes Township residents are served by three excellent public school districts:

**Indian Hill Exempted Village Schools** serves the Remington area and Camp Dennison in the southern portion of the Township.

Board of Education Office                      272-4500  
6855 Drake Road  
Cincinnati, OH 45243

The **Loveland City School District** serves the northeastern portion of the Township.

Board of Education Office                      683-5600  
757 S. Lebanon Road  
Loveland, OH 45140

The **Sycamore Community School District** serves the western portion of the Township.

Board of Education Office                      791-4848  
5959 Hagewa Drive  
Cincinnati, OH 45242

There are also a number of excellent private schools located in or near Symmes Township. Among these are:

Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy  
St. Columban Elementary School  
Moeller High School  
Ursuline Academy High School  
St. Margaret of York Elementary School



# Service Directory

Non-Emergency for Public Safety Personnel	677-7000
EMERGENCY – Police Fire & Emergency Medical Service	911
Loveland-Symmes Fire Dept.	583-3001
Hamilton County Sheriff's Dept.	683-3444

## **TOWNSHIP**

Administration Office	683-6644
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## **HAMILTON COUNTY**

Auditor	946-4000
Board of Elections	632-7000
Building Department	946-4550
Commissioners	946-4400
Engineer	946-4250
Health District	946-7800
Household Hazardous Waste Hotline	946-7700
Park District	521-7275
Poison & Drug Information	558-5111
Public Works	946-4750
Recycling Hot Line	946-7766
Regional Planning Commission	946-4500
SPCA	541-6100
Symmes Library	369-6001
Symmes Post Office	697-9120
Treasurer	946-4820
Zoning	946-4550

## **UTILITIES**

Cincinnati Bell	565-2210
Cincinnati Water Works	591-7700
Duke Energy	421-9500
Loveland Water Works	683-0150
Indian Hill Water Works	561-6679
Metropolitan Sewer District	352-4900
Republic Services	771-4200
Rumpke	742-2900
Time Warner Cable	489-5000
Warren County Water Dept.	925-1377