

# Morrow e-News

*The Official News Source of the Village of Morrow*

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## Village of Morrow News

### Happy New Year!

Best wishes for a healthy, happy and prosperous 2015 from the Village of Morrow. Happy New Year!

### Honor our Veterans with an Engraved Paver at the Morrow Veterans Memorial

Engraved 4" x 8" brick pavers with veteran's names may be purchased for \$30.00 each. If you are interested in purchasing a brick or making a donation to help with the construction of the Park, please contact the Village of Morrow at (513) 899-2821 for a paver order form or click on the Paver Order Form link below.

**Morrow Veterans Memorial Park  
Paver Order Form**

Purchased by: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Veteran: \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Veteran: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Please fill out this form as you would want the brick to read. Only one character per space is allowed.
2. Please print clearly.
3. Veterans must provide proof of service such as a DD214.
4. Please make all checks payable to Morrow VFW Post 8202.
5. Mail to Morrow VFW Post 8202, Post Office Box 115, Morrow, Ohio 45152.

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A scale model of the proposed Veterans Memorial Park and actual brick paver is available for viewing at the Village Administration building located on Pike Street. Please make your check payable to Morrow VFW Post 8202. Please mail your completed brick form and check to:

Morrow VFW Post 8202  
Post Office Box 115  
Morrow, Ohio 45152

If you have any questions concerning the Morrow Veterans Memorial, please call Bob Blankenship at 513.678.4410 or the Village of Morrow at 513.899.2821.

### Morrow Tree Board Presents "Tree Care in Morrow" – February 21

The Village of Morrow Tree Board presents "Tree Care in Morrow." Learn why it is so important to take care of your trees and how easy it is to do it. This program will share how to prune and plant trees to make them healthy, as well as diagnose common problems. Speaker Wendi Van Buren is an ODNR Urban Forester and ISA Certified Arborist. This free event will be held at **10:00 am – 12:00 pm on Saturday, February 21, 2015**, at the Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152. For more information, please <http://www.vil.morrow.oh.us/boards-commissions/tree-board/news-events/>.

### Winter 2015 Warren County Electronic Newsletter

Warren County has published the Winter 2015 edition of their electronic newsletter, which can be found at <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/commissioners/Newsletters/2015/Winter-Newsletter.pdf>

## Salem Township News

### **CPR Classes Offered Salem/Morrow Fire Department**

Our instructors are certified by the American Heart Association and will teach you how to perform CPR, how to save a choking victim, use an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) and Basic First Aid. The Salem/Morrow Fire Department is offering CPR classes on the following dates and times:

- Wednesday, **February 11, 2015**, at 6:00 pm
- Saturday, **May 16, 2015**, at 9:00 am
- Wednesday, **August 19, 2015**, at 6:00 pm
- Saturday, **November 7, 2015**, at 9:00 am

We are also more than happy to set up private classes for groups of 4 or more people upon request. Dates and times of those classes are subject to instructor availability. CPR classes consist of 3-4 hours of classroom time and the cost is \$35.00 per person. All classes will be held at the Salem/Morrow Fire Department, 5270 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152. To enroll in a class please contact the Salem/Morrow Fire Department at 513.899.2222.

### **Get Your Car Seat Safety Inspection at the Salem-Morrow Fire Department**

Did you know these Child Passenger Safety Facts (from [safekids.org](http://safekids.org))?

- Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among children ages 3 to 14.
- Correctly used child safety seats are extremely effective and reduce the risk of death as much as 71%.
- Nearly 73% of child restraints are not installed or used correctly.
- Nearly half of kids 14 and under who died in crashes were completely unrestrained.

You can come to the Salem-Morrow Fire Department for car seat checks which are conducted by National Child Passenger Safety Board certified technicians. Appointments can be made by calling Salem Morrow Fire Department at 513-899-2222 or emailing [jzwerling@station71.com](mailto:jzwerling@station71.com). Please allow approximately 30-45 minutes per car seat. When you come in for a car seat check please have the following:

- The car seat (not in the box if new)
- The car seat instructions
- The vehicle owner's manual

All parents/caregivers and any children riding in the car should try to be at the appointment.

### **Help the Salem-Morrow Fire Department Protect Your Dreams**

The quicker the Salem-Morrow Fire Department's firefighters or EMT's can locate you, the quicker we can begin helping you and your family. In an effort to locate your home or business in an emergency, the Salem-Morrow Fire Department is providing a 6" x 18" reflective sign that will clearly display your street address. These signs are invaluable to firefighters, EMT's, and police officers, who may be looking for your home in your time of need. Similar signs have been installed in other communities with startling results. The Salem-Morrow Fire Department is selling these signs at the low cost of \$12.00 each. If you wish to have the SMFD mount your sign for you, they will do so for \$14.00. Each sign has your street address prominently displayed on both sides in highly reflective 3" numbers against a green background similar to those on an interstate sign. The signs are installed in such a way that assures their visibility, even in high grass and snowy weather conditions. If you would like to purchase one of these signs, simply stop by the Salem-Morrow Fire Department, 5270 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152, to complete an order form. In approximately 7 days, your sign will be ready for pickup or installation. Generally, the signs can be made, while you wait, in less than 10 minutes. Isn't \$12.00 worth the peace of mind of knowing that help can find you in your time of need?

## **Salem/Morrow Fire Department Cadet Program**

The Salem/Morrow Fire Department Cadets is a youth oriented program directed at helping young adults who have an interest in the field of firefighting and Emergency Medical Services, as well as, to assist the Salem/Morrow Fire Department when able.

The program meets on the 1st (first) Monday of the month at the fire station at 1800 hrs. Cadets are required to participate in the department's fire training, held the 2nd (second) Monday of each month at 1830 hrs. Cadets are taught the basic skills of firefighting and first aid. Much of the training is hands-on and is supervised by Fire Department personnel. Meetings also include public service projects and fund raising activities.

Cadets are allowed to respond with the department to any "station response", provided that he/she is not serving any type of suspension – school or program. During the school year, cadets are permitted to make runs from the time that school is dismissed for the day until 9:30pm, only if school assignments are complete or at the discretion of parents/guardians. If cadets are on a response close to the 9:30pm cut-off, every attempt will be made to return them to the station to meet their parents/guardians or to take them home. During school vacations/breaks, cadets are allowed to run around the clock, but only at the discretion of his/her parent/guardian.

Cadets will learn how hard work, discipline, and a structured work environment in the fire service promote safety and teamwork toward successfully completing a common objective. All members shall be trained and certified in Basic First Aid and C.P.R. Cadets will also gain a sense of pride in serving the community. Parents will witness the positive outcome by having their child enroll in this growing program.

The Cadets are always in search of energetic young men and women who are eager to learn more about the fire service. Any student between the ages of 14 and 18 years of age with a grade point average of 1.0 or greater is eligible to apply.

Anyone interested in becoming a cadet contact:

Salem/Morrow Fire Department · 5270 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3 · Morrow, Ohio 45152 · 513.899.2222

Join the TEAM! Make a change for the better!

Program Advisors

Lieutenant Richard Oeder, FF/EMT

Mike Belanger, FF/EMT

## **Smoke Detectors**

The Salem/Morrow Fire department offers smoke detectors to the community it serves. Please contact the station for more details at 513.899.2222.

## **Free Blood Pressure Checks at the Salem-Morrow Fire Department**

The Salem/Morrow Fire department staffs a member of the department at the fire station at all times.

Anybody is welcome to stop by for a free blood pressure check or for any health concern. That's what we are here for. If you feel you are having a medical emergency please call 9-1-1 and we will come to you.

## **KNOX-BOX® Rapid Entry System**

The KNOX-BOX® Rapid Entry System was specifically developed for the fire department. With one master key, you can gain access to commercial and residential property. More than 7,000 departments nationwide use Knox key boxes, vaults, Haz-Mat cabinets, key switches, locking FDC caps, padlocks and the Knox-Scan heat sensor.

Many of these departments use Sentralok(tm), the master key security system, to control the Knox Master Key®. Property owners in your community store entrance keys, access cards and floor plans in high-security Knox-Boxes mounted near their building entrances.

### **Commercial Properties**

Each KNOX-BOX® purchased by the property owner is keyed to a single master key controlled by your department. With the Knox System, there is no cost to the fire department, no waiting for a property owner to unlock the door in the middle of the night, and no forcing the door open to gain entry. The Knox Rapid Entry System reduces response time, property damage and the liability for lost keys. The Salem-Morrow Fire Department is currently using the Knox System on several properties in the area.

### **Residential KNOX-BOX® Program**

The Salem / Morrow Fire Department has started a Residential Knox Box Program to help us help you. What is Knox Box? It's a heavy duty box that we hang on your door that has your home key in it. We have a Master key that we use to open the box in an emergency situation so we can make access to your home and let use help you.

The reason we started the program is to help us make entry to our citizens with out causing damage to their property. We receive calls to residents homes and when we get there we are unable to make access do to the house is locked up tight. We end up breaking into the house to help with their emergency and then they have an extra expense fixing what we had to break. Residents stop by and offer us keys so we do not have to break in. That would be a lot of keys for us to have and maintain. This would cause more of a hindrance then help. This program is for residents that have chronic medical problems, elderly folks that live alone, persons with disabilities that would make it hard for them to let us in, and that live in our protection area. If you are not sure if you qualify, contact Chief LaFollette or Assistant Chief Harrison. This is a free service provided to our residents for as long as they need it.

This program was started by donations to the fire department. We have purchased 6 Knox Boxes and Key Secure Systems. The Key Secure Systems secures the key to the vehicle and tracks who uses it. This gives us an accountability system on the use of the key. Supplies are limited.

## **Little Miami Food Pantry News**

### **Thank You for your Generous Donations!**

Sometimes hidden within the celebration of this season is the gift of Thanksgiving Day—a day traditionally celebrated with food and family. It really is the season of 'Thanks' and 'Giving'. The Little Miami Food Pantry has much to be thankful for. Within the past month Salem Elementary has collected a generous amount of food that has been given out to those who come for food assistance. Little Miami High School under the direction of Mrs. Cook and the National Honor Society delivered a huge load of food Friday (11/14). It will soon be on the Pantry shelves and ready to hand out.

Recently Frank and Mary attended the Chamber of Commerce lunch and were asked about the needs of the pantry. That talk resulted in Linda Hurst contacting the Kroger store in Goshen and asked about the possibilities of getting whole chickens donated. With the aid of Kroger employees, Warren and Mike, not only did they arrange for the donation of \$100 worth of chickens but also added a gift card. Linda and her husband picked up the chickens and delivered them to the Pantry. This can be no better way to celebrate Thanksgiving and all those associated with the Pantry say "Thank you!"

### Morrow Area Historical Society News

#### **2015 Morrow Area Historical Society Executive Board**

The following Executive Board members were elected at the December 17, 2014, Annual Meeting:

- Joey Hansted, President
- John Poe, Vice President
- Marlene Schwartz-DeBoard, Secretary
- Rod Smith, Treasurer
- Jerri Short, Historian
- Judy Warman-Neal, Immediate Past President

#### **Morrow Area Historical Society Seeking New Members**

The mission of the Morrow Area Historical Society is simple, to promote the appreciation of the rich local history of the Village of Morrow and the surrounding area. More specifically, "To aid in the discovery, collection and preservation of every variety of material illustrative of the history of the Village of Morrow and the surrounding area; such as letters, diaries, journals, memoranda, pioneer reminiscences, newspapers, account books, school and church registers, commemorative addresses, genealogies, biographies, photographs, pictures and paintings, aboriginal relics, material objects illustrating life of pioneers, maps, histories, records, etc. and to own both real and personal property to be used in the furtherance of these objects."

The Morrow Area Historical Society has filed the necessary organizational paperwork with the appropriate federal, state, and local agencies and is actively working on getting their website up and running, as well as publishing the fifth issue of their newsletter, *Pathways*, and finding a home to house the MAHS museum. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in the history of our area. If you would like more information on the Morrow Area Historical Society, please call 513.899.2821 or view the MAHS Membership brochure here:



#### **Historical Information Needed – Bridge over Todd’s Fork**

We are interested in learning more about the history of the bridge that crosses Todd’s Fork along the Little Miami Scenic Trail. Do you know who the bridge manufacturer is? When was it constructed? Do you have any photos of the bridge you would like to share? Any historical information would be greatly appreciated. Please email any information you would like to share to [administrator@vil.morrow.oh.us](mailto:administrator@vil.morrow.oh.us).

### **Heritage Advisory Council Awards Grant to MAHS!**

The Morrow Area Historical Society was recently awarded a \$250 matching grant from the Heritage Advisory Council. The Heritage Advisory Council is a group comprised of historical societies and museums in Warren and Clinton counties who support each other in preserving and sharing our local history. We will use the grant money to purchase digital picture frames that will display a slide show of historical photos of the area and photos of some of the wonderful items in our collection. We are very excited to begin showing our artifacts to the community so please look for them at the Morrow Municipal Building, Salem Township Public Library, Pine Ridge Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation and other supporting businesses around town! Thank you Heritage Advisory Council!

### **Please Donate Your Aluminum Can Pull Tabs to Help Support the Morrow Area Historical Society**

The Morrow Area Historical Society is collecting aluminum can pull tabs to help support our efforts to preserve our local history. Please drop off your aluminum can pull tabs at the Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152.

### **South Lebanon Historical Society News**

#### **South Lebanon Historical Society Monthly Meetings**

The South Lebanon Historical Society meets regularly on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the old South Lebanon Elementary School building. We occasionally have our meetings at historic homes throughout South Lebanon. All meetings are open to the public. Please join us! Future meeting dates:

- Tuesday, **January 20, 2015**, at 6:30 pm
- Tuesday, **February 17, 2015**, at 6:30 pm
- Tuesday, **March 17, 2015**, at 6:30 pm

For more information, please visit the South Lebanon Historical Society's website at <http://www.southlebanonhistoricalsociety.com/>.

### **Warren County Historical Society News**

#### **The 67th Annual Lebanon Antique Show – January 17-18**

January 17 & 18, 2015, Saturday 10 - 5 Sunday 11 - 4

New Location: Warren County Fairgrounds, 665 North Broadway, Lebanon, Ohio 45036

50+ Dealers

18th, 19th, & 20th Century American and Continental Furnishings & Decorative Arts, Textiles, Jewelry, Primitives, Folk Art and Fine Art. Admission \$8.00 (WCHS members are free) Good Both Days. Receive \$2.00 off with this Article. Managed by Queen City Shows. For the benefit of the Warren County Historical Society.

### **Morrow Area Church News**

#### **“Meals for Morrow” Riversway Ministry, Feeding the Morrow Community – January 17 & 31**

Riversway Ministry recently began serving “Meals for Morrow.” Meals are served at the Old Train Depot on Main Street in Morrow, where people may eat at tables provided. Meals are provided at no cost to those in need every other Saturday from 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm. Future meal dates are: **January 17 & 31, 2015**. We will be putting up flyers around town and will be going door to door on the Friday night before, so we hope to have a big crowd. We have had a lot of interest in helping with this ministry, so we are hoping that on that day there will be plenty of help. For more information, please contact Melonie at [meloniemetz@embarqmail.com](mailto:meloniemetz@embarqmail.com) or call 513.932.9678.

## **Caregiver Resource Connection at Morrow United Methodist Church**

Caregiver Resource Connection: Who is a caregiver? You are a caregiver whether you devote as little as 5 minutes a week or as much as 24 hours a day to providing or supervising the care for a loved one who is disabled, frail, or elderly. It can be both physically and emotionally demanding! Meet others who share your experience to discuss topics like maintaining balance as a caregiver, solving caregiving problems, the guilt/stress of caregiving, and learning to care for yourself. There is a group at Morrow United Methodist that normally meets every month on the **2nd Monday of each month** from 4:00 - 5:30 pm in the Church Library. This group is free and open to the public and is here for you! We are also in need of facilitators for several new groups forming in the Greater Cincinnati Area. If you, as a current or former caregiver, feel called to this service, have questions about our groups, or about caregiving in general, please call the Caregiver CAREline at (513) 929-4483 for more information.

## **Morrow/Maineville MOMS Club®!**

Seeking all stay-at-home moms, either full or part time. We want YOU to join us and become a member of The Morrow/Maineville MOMS Club®! MOMS stands for Moms Offering Moms Support®. We are an international non-profit organization supporting stay-at-home moms. Become a member of MOMS Club® and discover a wonderful local group of supportive moms who, like you, know the ever changing needs and challenges of being a stay-at-home mom! Here are just a few things our local chapter offers:

- \* Daytime activities for moms and children
- \* Book Club
- \* Moms night out each month
- \* Monthly meeting with speakers and/or discussions and crafts for the children and Much More!
- \* Weekly playgroups
- \* Community service projects
- \* Holiday parties

For more information about membership and/or the Morrow/Maineville E MOMS Club® chapter, please email: [MorrowMainevilleMomsClub@gmail.com](mailto:MorrowMainevilleMomsClub@gmail.com). We look forward to hearing from you! The Morrow/Maineville MOMS Club®! meets at Grace Community Presbyterian, 6246 Turning Leaf Way, Maineville, Ohio 45039, but is not affiliated with the church.

## **Church News and Event Information Needed!**

Is your Church having a special event that you would like to share with the community? If so, please email your news and events to [administrator@vil.morrow.oh.us](mailto:administrator@vil.morrow.oh.us).

## **Morrow Area Business News**

### ***"It's Just Wine, Beer & Music" Every Thursday at Valley Vineyards***

Come and enjoy great music featuring local artists, with all of your friends at Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152 **every Thursday** evening from 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm. Available are selected half-priced glasses of wine, seasonal hors d'oeuvres and light fare. No reservations necessary so come in and enjoy complimentary live music every Thursday with *"It's Just Wine and Music."* This fun filled, relaxing evening will begin at 6:00 pm and go until 10:00 pm. For more information, please contact Valley Vineyards at 513.899.2485 or visit their website at <http://www.valleyvineyards.com/events.html>.

### **Healthy Solution Yoga & Cardio Drumming Drop-In Classes**

Exciting News! Drop-in classes have begun for Yoga and Cardio Drumming. Yoga classes will be held on Mondays from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Cardio Drumming classes will be held on Mondays at 7:45 pm and Thursdays at 6:30 pm and 7:45 pm. Get a jump on your New Year's resolution to lead a healthier lifestyle. For more information, please contact Jennifer Kavensky, Wellness Coach with Herbalife International, 513.387.9745, [jkprezteam@yahoo.com](mailto:jkprezteam@yahoo.com) or [www.JenniferKavensky.com](http://www.JenniferKavensky.com).

### **Plain Folk Café Offering Some of the Area's Finest Food & Entertainment**

Whether you're looking for a place to gather with friends for a great meal or you're looking for great live music, look no further than the Plain Folk Café, 10177 State Route 132, Pleasant Plain, Ohio 45162. For more information, please check out Plain Folk Café's calendar of events at [http://plainfolkcafe.com/CALENDAR\\_OF\\_EVENTS.html](http://plainfolkcafe.com/CALENDAR_OF_EVENTS.html).

### **Marks Xpress Trucking & Hauling, LLC**

Marks Xpress Trucking & Hauling, LLC is a Woman Owned Small Business provider of Transportation and Logistics Solutions. We are a family owned and operated company that makes a commitment to treat customers like family. Our company is staffed by a group of dedicated transportation and logistics specialists that strive to solve our customers' needs. Our drivers and dispatchers operate by our company motto of "Safety. On time. Every Time." We look forward to serving your future needs! Flatbed hotshots 33' and 35' trailers, 10,000 lbs. capacity. For more information, please contact Marks Xpress Trucking & Hauling, LLC, 9173 Wilson Road, Waynesville, Ohio 45068, at 937.974.6327 or [cwarego@aol.com](mailto:cwarego@aol.com) for all your hauling needs.

### **Shelton's Produce and Glory Farms at Deerfield Farmers Market & Lebanon Farm Market**

Look for us at the Lebanon Winter Farmers Market on Thursdays and the Deerfield Farmers Market on Saturdays.

Sylvia / Glory Farms / Wild Holly Farm / Shelton Produce

937 725 8773 call or text / [gloryent@tds.net](mailto:gloryent@tds.net) / [www.wildhollyfarm.com](http://www.wildhollyfarm.com)

### **Village of Morrow Welcomes New Business – I Heart Zing Studio & Design Gallery**

A few words from the owner: "I am a Morrow resident and have been making handcrafted jewelry and accessory items for friends and family for many years. Over the past 5 years I have been designing and selling my creations online and at local craft fairs. I have outgrown my home studio and my husband and I have made a leap of faith into the Village of Morrow. The I Heart Zing Studio & Design Gallery is located at 101 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152. My design studio is at this location. Also, I will be hosting private jewelry parties and special events. In addition, we will have seasonal public retail hours. In our public retail area you will find a large selection of necklaces, bracelets, earrings, Christmas themed jewelry, hair bows, floral hair clips, stock show "bling" jewelry, Christmas ornaments, hardwood wine stoppers, wine bottle charms, and fleece spirit scarves in a variety of unique colors and styles. Each piece in my shop was designed and crafted by hand. Each style is limited or single quantity so you are sure to find something you've never seen before. I also do custom jewelry orders to match a specific need, dress or event. We will begin scheduling private jewelry parties in 2015. Hostess will be able to earn free product just by having a great time with her girlfriends at the I Heart Zing Design Gallery! For more information on I Heart Zing, LLC you can check out [www.iheartzing.com](http://www.iheartzing.com) and [www.shop.iheartzing.com](http://www.shop.iheartzing.com). Be sure to watch for our official grand opening event in 2015."

### **Little Miami Area Chamber of Commerce News**

#### **January LMA Chamber Meeting – January 8**

We hope the holidays went well for all of you and that the New Year brings you happiness and success! We invite you to attend this Thursday's Chamber meeting at Valley Vineyards in Morrow from 11:45 am until 1:00 pm. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while now is a great time to attend: meet some of last year's new members, tell us about your business, promotions and sales, and learn more about what the Chamber has planned for 2015! We want the Little Miami community to know what YOU do and how to reach YOU so please TELL US HOW TO HELP YOU! There is a lot we accomplished last year as a Chamber and as a



community. Join us as we continue to grow and move forward into the New Year! Please RSVP to Peoples First Savings Bank at 513-899-2040 with the number attending.

Little Miami Area Chamber of Commerce January Meeting  
Thursday, January 8, 2015  
11:45 am until 1:00 pm  
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152

Have a great week and we'll see you January 8th at Valley Vineyards!

### **Morrow VFW Post 8202 News**

#### **Rent the Morrow VFW Post 8202 Hall for Your Upcoming Event**

Do you have an upcoming wedding, anniversary, birthday, retirement party, or other special event? The Morrow VFW Post 8202 hall offers the perfect setting for your special event. If you'd like more information on renting the Morrow VFW Post 8202 hall for your special event, please call Gary at 513.899.2612.

### **Morrow Masonic Lodge No. 265 News**

#### **Rent the Morrow Masonic Lodge for Your Upcoming Event**

Do you have an upcoming wedding, anniversary, birthday, retirement party, or other special event? The Morrow Masonic Lodge offers the perfect setting for your special event. If you'd like more information on renting the Morrow Masonic Lodge for your special event, please call Paul at 513.850.5788.

### **Salem Township Public Library News**

#### **A Winter's Treat**

Come in out of the cold and find a nice warm winter's treat at your library! Enjoy all the library has to offer and receive special treats. Prizes awarded for your 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> visit.

- Sign up (18 years of age and older)
- Visit the library often and check out some of your favorite things.
- Receive weekly treats.
- Receive drawing slips with each weekly visit for a chance to win a tablet.

Contact the library for more information!!!

#### **Writers' Circle Group Meetings**

Calling all adults and high school students who are interested in writing: the library's Writers' Circle is a group that meets twice monthly on Saturdays from 10:30 am-12:00 pm at the library to share their creative writing pieces. Prompts are decided by the group and sharing ideas is welcomed and encouraged. Free coffee is served at each meeting. Join the group by contacting the library or emailing Dylan at: [mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us](mailto:mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us). Future dates:

- **January 10 & 24**
- **February 7 & 21**
- **March 7 & 21**

## How-To: Knitting & Crocheting Classes

Perfect for beginners and anyone who enjoys knitting and crocheting, the library will be holding several how-to classes with instructor and library employee Lani Trinh. Lani's years of experience working with both knitting and crocheting will have you casting off and creating pieces in no time. Please bring at least one skein of yarn of your choice, knitting needles, and size G, H, or I crochet hooks.

The class schedule is as follows:

- Knitting Classes:
  - **Monday, January 12 from 6:30-7:30 pm**
  - **Saturday, January 17 from 12:30-1:30 pm**
- Crocheting Classes:
  - **Monday, February 9 from 6:30-7:30 pm**
  - **Saturday, February 14 from 12:30-1:30 pm**

## Pre-School Story Time and Toddler Story Time

Two of the most popular and well-loved programs are back at the library this fall! Register your little book worm for Pre-School Story Time or Toddler Story Time, beginning in January. Preschool Story Time for 3-6 year-olds focuses on listening to stories, playing games, making friends, and creating crafts. Each thirty-minute Story Time class is held on Tuesdays at 11:00 am or 2:00 pm. Toddler Story Time for young children ages 18-36 months and a caregiver focuses on listening to short stories, rhymes, finger plays, and songs. Each 15-20 minute class is held on Wednesdays at 10:45 am. Call or stop in the library to sign up; registration is under way: (513) 899-2588.

## Reading with Raider and Friends

Reading with Raider and Friends is one of the most beloved programs...and for a good reason! Kids can drop in to read to the sweet certified therapy dogs **the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30-7:30 pm**. The dogs are calm and welcoming, which creates a great atmosphere for children to practice their reading. Reading with Raider is tail-wagging fun for all!

## Adult Book Discussion Group

Join a lively discussion group of book lovers and get in on the fun! Adults are welcome to sign up to attend monthly book discussions, which take place **the first Tuesday evening of each month from 6:30-8:00 pm**. The group discusses a different book each month, which can be picked up at the library. Interested participants can stop in to pick up the next book. Future dates:

- **February 3:** Winter's Tale by Mark Helprin
- **March 3:** Me Before You by Jojo Moyes

You may register for one or multiple sessions. Please contact the library if you have questions and to register for classes.

## Teen Movie Night – with Snacks! – January 20

Join Dylan on **Tuesday, January 20** for an evening of relaxation with a good movie and free food! We'll gather in the library's Meeting Room from 5:30-8:00 pm for some food, fun and a movie on our big projection screen. Bring a friend or two with you! You'll also receive information on our newest books and movies and upcoming parties and events, plus important information about how you can win prizes at your library! Contact the library for more information or send an email to Dylan at: [mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us](mailto:mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us).

## **Download eBooks and Audiobooks for Free to Your Devices**

Did you receive a tablet, eReader, computer, or smartphone during the holidays? You can use your device to download and enjoy thousands of free eBooks, Audiobooks, Music and Videos, all for free from the library. Your library card enables you to borrow digital materials without the responsibility of returning physical items or being charged overdue fees—borrowing, reading, and returning eBooks can be done anywhere, anytime—you don't even need to leave home! Enjoy bestsellers, popular series, classics, children's and teens' titles, audiobooks, and more. Get started by visiting [www.ohioebooks.org](http://www.ohioebooks.org) or visit the library in order to sign up for a library card.

Please contact the library for more information and to sign up for events.

Salem Township Public Library

535 West Pike Street

Morrow, OH 45152

513-899-2588

There's more news to know! Like us on [Facebook](#) to keep up with upcoming events, new materials, pictures, and more. Contact the library to sign up for all events. Receive more information by calling or visiting the library.

## **Little Miami Local School District News**

### **"Book in a Day" event a hit at LMJH and LMIS**

Students at the Junior High and Intermediate School enjoyed spending a relaxed day reading an entire book. Junior High kids read "Out of My Mind" by Sharon Draper today. At LMIS, sixth graders arrived today in pajamas (!) to read "Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life" by James Patterson. Yesterday, fifth graders read "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" by Barbara Robinson. To see a photo album, [click here](#).

### **Rock concert caps successful semester**

Greg Robinson's three new rock 'n roll classes at LMHS were big hits. Two of them, the Careers in Music "rock band" class and the Beginning Guitar class, combined for a "School of Rock" event last night. To see an album of photos, [click here](#). For performance videos, [click here](#) to see the band's original song "By the End of Tonight," [click here](#) to see its rendition of "Good Riddance (Time of Your Life)," and [click here](#) to see Lien Nguyen's acoustic version of "Let It Go." Lastly, to see the Careers in Music class's official music video, [click here](#).

### **Steve Chabot visits LMIS**

Congressman Steve Chabot dined at LMIS Monday and discussed school lunch programs with Food Service Director Rachel Tilford. He also compared notes with students about the lasagna (consensus: yum!), then chatted with Superintendent Greg Power, Treasurer Terry Gonda and Board of Education member Nancy Journeay. See photos from his visit [here](#).

### **RAPTOR Inc. brings birds of prey to LMIS**

The LMIS PTO sponsored a visit from RAPTOR Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of birds of prey through rehabilitation, education and conservation. All sixth graders saw a program that included a great horned owl, a red-shouldered hawk, and a peregrine falcon. See an album of photos [here](#). To see brief video clips, [click here](#) to see the owl, [here](#) to see the hawk, and [here](#) to see the falcon.

### **Student/Staff Member of the Month named**

Sophomore Izzy Davidson has won the LMHS Student of the Month award, presented by Skyline River's Bend. She participates in the drama program and the Academic Team and performed last night in the Careers in Music class's rock concert. Greg Robinson won the Staff Member of the Month, presented by Valley Vineyards. Mr. Robinson returned to LMHS this year and has done an excellent job teaching three new courses. Congrats to both!

### **LMHS parents: Please take our survey**

Every five years, Little Miami High School is reviewed through an accrediting agency. In February, LMHS will be reviewed for accreditation through AdvancED. Part of this process includes a parent survey. We value your opinion and ask that you take the time to complete our anonymous survey. Please [click here](#) for details and the link to the survey.

### **"Stay Campaign" set for Jan. 15**

The Little Miami Athletic Boosters, along with the High School administration, is hosting a "Stay Campaign" at Little Miami High School from 6-7:30 p.m. Jan. 15. All of our high school sports programs will be represented. Coaches and players will be available for questions and tours of our facilities. Current seventh and eighth graders and community members are encouraged to come in and see why Little Miami is the place to be!

### **Substitute bus drivers needed**

Substitute bus drivers for routes and field trips are needed. Requires a Class B CDL license with "S" and "P" endorsement. Hours vary, with regular routes between 6 a.m-5 p.m. and field trips 2-11 p.m. We prefer those with knowledge of the district. We may supply training. Call 513-899-2941 or email [gblake@littlemiamischools.com](mailto:gblake@littlemiamischools.com).

### **Open letter from the Athletic Boosters**

The Athletic Boosters posted an open letter to their website as an update on the planned weight room expansion and fund-raising efforts. Please [click here](#) to access the letter. Also, [click here](#) to read a story in Today's Pulse about this effort.

### **Follow Little Miami news on social media**

Are you following the school district on Facebook and Twitter? The main district Facebook page is accessible [here](#), and the district's Twitter handle is [@LM\\_Schools](#). You can also follow Superintendent Greg Power on Twitter; his handle is [@LM\\_GPSuper](#). Our YouTube channel is [youtube.com/littlemiamischools](http://youtube.com/littlemiamischools).

### **Quality Profile released**

Little Miami has released its second annual Quality Profile. The report is a comprehensive, community-oriented companion to the state's School District Report Card, and it includes additional accountability measures that better define a high-quality education and are not included in the state's report. The Quality Profile can be accessed [here](#).

## **Little Miami Athletic Boosters News**

### **Inaugural Youth Baseball Clinic Set – January 19**

The Athletic Boosters are proud to present their inaugural Youth Baseball Clinic on January 19, 2015. The event will be 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm that day at Little Miami High School, and is open to boys and girls in grades 3-

8. The special guest will be Cincinnati Reds catching coordinator Mike Stefanski. Four different clinic options are available: catching, pitching, hitting, or fielding. The registration deadline is January 12, 2015. For more information and to access the registration form, [click here](#).

### **Little Miami Athletic Boosters Creating New Panther Athletic Center**

The Boosters are transforming the old Industrial Arts room into a PAC. Yes, we will have a PAC at LM. Panther Athletic Center will offer state of the art training to all of our Panther Athletes. It is going to be the difference between being competitive and becoming dominant. Join the team and help us raise the funds to support the teams. We really need help spreading the word throughout the community. Contact any of the Booster team to see where you can plug in. Let's build something that we all can be proud of.

### **Call to Arms for All Boosters**

Little Miami School District is one of the fastest-growing areas in southwest Ohio. Our community is primarily rural, covering 98 square miles of mostly farmland. The economic upswing in recent years has brought new development into our area, and we now have our largest enrollment ever.

The education our school district provides continues to be rated excellent by the state of Ohio. We are proud of this accomplishment and feel this helps make our community attractive for potential homebuyers.

The LMABC currently supports over 850 athletes in grades 7-12. Our plan is simple: to bring our sporting teams up to the level of our education. It is with this spirit that we come to you seeking aid for our student-athletes.

One of the problems our athletes face is an inadequate training facility. Our current weight room is 900 square feet and can't house more than 15 kids at a time. The school board has given the Boosters the opportunity to transform the former Industrial Arts room (3,600 square feet) into a training facility, but the Boosters must pay 100% of the costs. With several initiatives going forward, this state-of-the-art training facility is by far our largest, with an estimated cost of \$175,000. We are now beginning a fund drive to accomplish this goal.

There is opportunity in the corporate world for us to raise money. There are a few organizations who might match funds with us for the advancement of sports. The Cincinnati Bengals, for example, recently announced a matching grant for \$150,000 to Harrison High School for the installation of a new turf field. The Bengals have done this for numerous schools, but seemingly always for the installation of a turf field, and always in a matching-grant scenario. We have feelers out with them as well as many other corporations in the Cincinnati area. We are trying to reach out to any businesses that can help us advance our athletic facilities.

These opportunities are exciting and yet unsure. The bottom line is that we have to have a plan in place to assure that this training center comes to fruition. That is where we must begin: with you! We need our alumni base, parents of student-athletes, parents of non-student athletes, parents of past student-athletes, local businesses, and companies you work for or with. In other words, we need to pull from every aspect of our lives.

The average citizen, who does not have a student-athlete or care much for sports, may ask how athletics would affect his/her life. A National Center for Education Statistics study shows that children who participate in extracurricular activities will have a higher GPA, have a higher percentage of post-secondary education, have a healthier lifestyle (by percentage of non-smokers and non-binge drinkers), earn a higher average income, and tend to stay in (or return to) the school district they grew up in. This makes our school district more desirable

to live in, and thus raises our property values and provides us with a greater customer base for our local businesses. We truly are all in this together.

It would be easy to say that if everyone in the school district would donate \$100 then we would probably exceed our goals. Honestly, the reach is not far from that. If our local businesses could partner with us in exchange for advertising, we would encourage everyone to give those businesses a better consideration.

If the loss of one outstanding young man this year taught us anything, it's that we are truly a community that cares. It is with that sense of closeness that I ask you kindly to support the initiative before us. Let us build something we all can be proud of.

The Green & Gold Committee is the point of contact for this fund drive. You may call 513.476.8610 or email us at [lmgreenandgold@gmail.com](mailto:lmgreenandgold@gmail.com). A member of our team will contact you.

Contributions should be sent to:

LMABC 3001 US 22/3 Morrow, Ohio 45152

Thank you,

The Green & Gold Team

Biff Arnold (chairperson)

Patty Wehrung, Darrick Davidson, Delanna Oeder, Pat Kilgore, Casey Shirey, Stacy Becker, Keith Becker, Joy D'Andrea, Dave Glaser, Steve Burgess, Chrissy Bailey & Lorri Lykins

### **Use Your Kroger Rewards Points to Support the Little Miami Athletic Boosters**

It is that time again! Kroger requires that you sign up yearly to enroll your Kroger Reward card to support the Little Miami Athletic Boosters.

Go to [www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com](http://www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com)

1. Select Cincinnati, Ohio as your location
2. Scroll down the page and select ENROLL NOW
3. If you already have an account you will sign in with your Email and Password
4. If you do have an account please make sure that all of your information is correct (name etc.) go to step 7
5. If you do not have an account. You must create an account by selecting the "Create An Account"
6. After you have created an account, return to step 1
7. Under Community Rewards select Little Miami Athletic Boosters or Organization No. 81640
8. Once you select Little Miami Athletic Boosters select SAVE CHANGES
9. When you look at your Account Summary you should see a box on the right hand side:  
Community Rewards  
Organization Name: Little Miami Athletic Boosters  
Organization No.:81640  
Enrollment Date: xx/xx/xxxx (your date of enrollment)

After 7-10 days, you will see "At your request, Kroger is donating to "Little Miami Athletic Boosters" at the bottom of your Kroger receipt.

Thank you for supporting the Little Miami Athletic Boosters.

### **Little Miami Pantherfest – February 7**

Little Miami Pantherfest 2015 sponsored by Little Miami Athletic Boosters will be held Saturday, February 7, 2015, at Little Miami High School, 3001 U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152. Pantherfest kicks off at noon and features Food, Booths, Performers, Craft Booths, Chili Cook-Off, Pie Bake-Off, TNT Nitro, Premier Tumbling, Hills Martial Arts, ShowBiz Dance, Games & More! Special performance by Ballet Tech of Ohio. Enter your prize winning chili in our Chili Cook-Off. Purchase booth space. See community performers. Fun for the entire community! Admission is free! For more information, please contact Susan Knippenberg at 513.728.1402 or [susan.knippenberg@gmail.com](mailto:susan.knippenberg@gmail.com).

### **Warren County Career Center News**

#### **Sophomores and 8th Grade Students Visit WCCC**

Nearly 4,000 Warren County sophomores and eighth-graders visited the Warren County Career Center during the first week of December for career exploration activities. Franklin, Kings, Lebanon, Little Miami, Springboro and Waynesville school districts participated along with some area private and charter schools. Pictured at right is a scene from our Open House on Dec. 11. Students were checking out a new program offering, Advanced Technology and Robotics. Enrollment is going on now. Online enrollment [HERE](#). Read more [HERE](#). See all the photos on our [Facebook](#) page!

#### **New Year, New Career with Adult Technical Center Programs, Open House for Medical Programs Jan. 13**

Many programs for adult learners begin in January and February and the time to enroll and apply for financial aid is now! See our [New Catalog](#) to explore your career options. Prepare for careers in healthcare, advanced manufacturing, information technology, site construction, electrical power generation, public safety, cosmetology, HVAC, welding, and business. Our student placement rate upon successful program completion is an average of 99%. Those interested in Medical Career Training may attend our Open House at the Greentree Health Science Academy Jan. 13, details [HERE](#). Watch our video at right to learn more about all of our program offerings!

#### **Important Request to our High School Parents/Guardians**

Please take a short survey (5-10 minutes) to assist us in our accreditation process. Read details [HERE](#). Link directly to survey [HERE](#).

#### **WCCC Education Foundation a Great Way to Give**

The Warren County Career Center Education Foundation benefits students through scholarships and enhanced learning opportunities. If you are looking for a worthy cause this holiday season, please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the foundation. Learn more [HERE](#).

### **Friends of the Little Miami State Park News**

#### **Little Miami Scenic Trail Hotline**

Call 513-212-6958 to report downed trees or other non-emergency safety issues, or email to [adopt-a-trail@flmsp.org](mailto:adopt-a-trail@flmsp.org).

## Warren County Convention & Visitors Bureau News

### [2015 Warren County Visitors Guide](#)

Plan your escape to Ohio's Largest Playground today with our all new 2015 Visitors Guide! Packed full of lodging, dining, shopping, and attraction information, it's your go-to tool for Warren County fun!

[\[ Get your FREE Guide! \]](#)

### [Find Your Fun!](#)

From high-flying adventure to low-key cuisine, there's something for everyone in Warren County! Love the outdoors? Soar through the skies at Ozone Zipline Adventures, or zoom down Beach Mountain's 400 foot snow tubing hill. How about a grown-up getaway? Pair shopping, dining or even a thrilling night at Miami Valley Gaming with a comfortable stay at a cozy and convenient bed & breakfast. Check out all of our expertly assembled itineraries, and find the trip that's right for you today!

[\[ Plan your getaway! \]](#)

### [Get the inside scoop!](#)

What's the word on Warren County? Read up on popular attractions and uncover some of Southwest Ohio's best kept secrets on [Stories from the Playground](#), the official blog of Ohio's Largest Playground!

[\[ Check it out! \]](#)

## Warren County Community Services News

### **Winter Heating Assistance Available through the E-HEAP Winter Crisis Program**

Warren County Community Services offers low-income households help in avoiding disconnection through financial assistance. Warren County Community Services provides assistance for people facing disconnection of primary or secondary heating sources, where service has been disconnected or in cases where less than a 10 day supply of bulk fuel is on hand. The E-HEAP Winter Crisis Program, a federally funded program, began accepting applications this month and will continue **through March 31, 2015**. Households with incomes at or below 175 percent of the 2014 federal poverty guidelines may apply. For more information, please call 866.747.1042.

### **Enjoy a Healthy Lunch at the Earl J. Maag Center**

Are you tired of always eating alone? Is cooking becoming too much work? Are you looking for somewhere else to eat? Would you like to meet new friends and enjoy stimulating conversation? Are you finding it hard to make ends meet? If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, then you may not be living as healthy as you can. Recent studies have shown that seniors who live alone are at high risk for malnourishment and for dehydration. "Five days a week, fresh, nutritious meals are cooked in the WCCS 741 Center kitchen. Lunch is a special time of day and we try to make it even more so. Sometimes the WCCS lunch is that person's only full meal of the day. You can find a healthy, delicious meal at the Earl J. Maag Center, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152," says Mary Catherine Faller, MS, RD, LD, Manager of WCCS' Nutrition Services. Lunch with two menu options is served at 12:00 pm (noon) every Monday-Friday. Find the daily menus online at [www.wccsi.org](http://www.wccsi.org). Suggested meal donation for anyone aged 60 or over (or the spouse or disabled child of someone aged 60 or over) is \$3.00. Meal cost for anyone under age 60 is \$6.00. To make a reservation, simply call the Earl J. Maag Center at 513.889.8886 by 1:00 pm the day before. WCCS is a local non-profit 501(c)(3)



organization. Donations help fund the “Promote Healthy Living Among Older Adults” campaign. For more information about WCCS and its services, please visit the website at [www.wccsi.org](http://www.wccsi.org).

### **United Way of Warren County News**

#### **The Community Resource Directory Is Available**

United Way of Warren County has copies of the 2014 Community Resource Directory available for distribution. This community resource is made possible through the support of your local United Way of Warren County.

The First Call for Help Community Resource Directory has been a recognized valuable tool for many years. If your organization would like to receive bulk copies of the directory, please call Jerri Langworthy, Community Impact Director at 513-932-3987 Ext. 102 or email [jlangworthy@wcuwl.org](mailto:jlangworthy@wcuwl.org). The Resource Directory is also available on the United Way of Warren County website – [www.warrencountyunitedway.org](http://www.warrencountyunitedway.org).

United Way of Warren County is a local, independent nonprofit serving all of Warren County. The organization currently supports 53 different non-profit programs advancing education, income stability and health. For more information, visit [www.warrencountyunitedway.org](http://www.warrencountyunitedway.org).

### **Big Brothers and Sisters of Warren and Clinton Counties News**

#### **Big Brothers Big Sisters Recruiting Volunteer Mentors**

Big Brothers and Sisters of Warren and Clinton Counties is currently recruiting volunteers to serve as mentors for the 2014/2015 school year. The Agency has three programs in Warren County located at Donovan Elementary School in Lebanon, Anthony Wayne Elementary, located in Franklin, and Western Row Elementary School in Mason. Volunteer mentors are matched one-to-one with a Little Brother or Little Sister and meet once a week in the school setting during the school year. Applications are being accepted for both adult and high school volunteers. Volunteers must be able to commit to the program for the school year, provide their own transportation to and from the program location, and complete the screening process. Screening includes application, references, and applicable record checks. Applications can be obtained online at [www.bbbswarren.org](http://www.bbbswarren.org) or by contacting the agency office at 513.932.3966.

#### **About Big Brothers Big Sisters**

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Warren and Clinton Counties is a non-profit organization that provides children facing adversity with strong, enduring, professionally supported one-to-one relationships that change their lives for the better, forever. Big Brothers Big Sisters holds itself accountable for: higher aspirations, greater confidence, and better relationships, avoidance of risky behavior, and educational achievement among the children we serve. For more information visit [www.bbbswarren.org](http://www.bbbswarren.org).

### **Warren County Chamber Alliance News**

#### **Incumbent Training for Advanced Manufacturing Now Available**

In response to workforce needs being expressed by the private sector, our office created WIIN; a program that bundles like-minded training needs within Warren County businesses. Once bundled, WIIN interfaces with area educational partners to secure the best curriculum and rate to meet training needs.

WIIN's first training offering involves businesses in the manufacturing space, and classes are currently underway. Enrollment is on-going and once the appropriate number of employees are gathered, training modules can begin.

### Flexible Training

The training program will cover 16 needed skills that have been expressed by the private sector. These skills cover a broad range of electric and mechanical needs from programming to blueprint reading.

To allow maximum flexibility, each skill is taught in a separate module, and can be taken individually or in combination with other training. For specific details of each module, and to participate, please [e-mail](#) Matt Schnipke.

### Partnering Organizations

This effort would not be possible without collaboration from multiple sources including the Warren County Small Business Development Alliance, the Warren County Chamber Alliance, and the Warren County Port Authority. With the help of these participating organizations, WIIN hopes to deliver a quality training opportunity at a reduced cost to employers.

Ohio Means Jobs · Sinclair Community College · Warren County Career Center  
Warren County Chamber Alliance · Warren County Port Authority

### **Warren County Small Business Development Alliance News**

#### **Free Seminar “Steps to Starting Your Own Business” – January 7**

The Warren County Small Business Development Center is sponsoring a FREE SEMINAR “Steps to Starting Your Own Business” on **January 7, 2015 from 3:30PM – 5:30PM**. The seminar will be held at the Warren County Career Center, Century Link Room, 3525 N. State Route 48, Lebanon, Ohio 45036.

Topics to be discussed: Business Plans, The Business Name, Professional Service Providers, Taxes, Licenses, Permits, Legal Issues, Record Keeping, Business Loans and Alternative Financing and much more...

Anyone considering starting up a business or anyone who recently started a business should attend. You have three ways to register for the event:

- Register on line at <https://clients.ohiosbdc.ohio.gov/events.aspx>
- Call Angela Steffen at 513-695-2090,
- Email Angela Steffen at [Angela.Steffen@co.warren.oh.us](mailto:Angela.Steffen@co.warren.oh.us)

### **Women’s Business Center of Ohio News**

#### **Women’s Business Center of Ohio January Training Calendar**

#### **Positioned to Prosper: Advertising and Marketing Tips for the New Year - January 8, 6:00PM-7:30PM**

Join the WBC and Sharon S. Gordon of Urban Trendsetters, LLC a Columbus, OH based newspaper, advertising and media outreach company for simple tools and steps to help you create your 2015 Marketing Plan and Strategy. This class is open to all, free for WBC/ECDI clients and \$10 for non- WBC/ ECDI clients.

### **Creating Your Small Business Website - January 15th, 6:00PM-7:30PM**

Join the WBC for step by step hands on instruction on creating a new website on WordPress.com. You will learn how to create an account, select a design, and add pages for a live website to market your business. This class is open to all, free for WBC/ECDI clients and \$10 for non-WBC/ECDI clients. This class is limited to 10 participants.

### **Trademarking For Your Small Business - January 20th, 6:00PM-7:00PM**

Join the WBC and Jonathan Bryant of Bryan Legal Services, LLC for an overview on trademarking, difference between copyright or patents, and the process of registering a trademark. This class is open to all, free for WBC/ ECDI clients and \$10 for non-WBC/ ECDI clients. (Nominal fee covers venue costs)

### **Dames Bond: Product to Market for Artisans, Creators, and Hobbyists - January 22nd, 4:00PM-6:00PM**

In partnership with Dames Bond LLC, you are invited to attend the first session in the Thrive Series. You will walk away with branding ideas for your product, outline of various fee structures, and other helpful tips. This class is open to all, \$25 for WBC/ Dames Bond members, \$35 for non-WBC/Dames Bond members. To register for the Thrive Series, click [here](#)

### **Intro to DreamBuilders: An Innovative Business Plan Tool - January 27th, 5:30PM-7:30PM**

The WBC invites the Latino community to learn about Dream Builder, an innovative and online tool used to create a business plan. This pilot session will provide an overview of the new program to attendees and is free to attend.

Please register in advance for these classes [here](#) or call The Women's Business Center at 614-732-0981 for more details.

## **News You Can Use**

### **Minimum Wage Increase in Ohio Became Effective on January 1, 2015**

On January 1, 2015, a number of states, including Ohio, increased their minimum wage. In Ohio, the minimum wage increased by fifteen cents per hour to \$8.10 for non-tipped employees and \$4.05 for tipped employees. Ohio's law applies to employers with gross revenue of \$297,000.00 and above. Ohio employers grossing less than \$297,000.00 must only pay the federal minimum wage, which is \$7.25 per hour to non-tipped employees and \$2.13 per hour to tipped employees. Ohio employers must only pay minors aged fourteen and fifteen the federal minimum wage as well.

Source: *Employment Law Alert*, December 23, 2014, Zashin & Rich Co., L.P.A.

### **Tax Extenders Passed**

In case you didn't hear...

Just before Christmas, Congress finally passed the "tax extenders" for 2014. These "extenders" refer to a set of about 60 tax incentives that are scheduled to lapse after a certain number of years. We have seen Congress act at the last minute three times in the past: October 2008, December 2010 and January 2013.

Perhaps Finance Chairman Ron Wyden (D-, Oregon) said it best: "Congress is turning in its tax homework eleven-and-a-half months late and expects to earn full credit".

In any event, we now know for sure that we can use the following popular tax breaks when preparing your

2014 tax return:

- Section 179-businesses can elect to immediately deduct up to \$500,000 for equipment purchases vs. depreciating over a number of years
- Bonus Depreciation- allows businesses to claim an additional 50% first year depreciation on new equipment purchases
- Teachers Classroom Expense Deduction- \$250 maximum
- Mortgage Insurance Premium Deduction (PMI)
- Higher Education Deduction- \$4,000 maximum
- State and Local Sales Tax Deduction-in lieu of income tax deduction
- Mortgage Debt Exclusion-if primary home is foreclosed
- Charitable Distributions from IRAs –if over 70.5 years old
- Charitable Deduction if making a Conservation Easement
- Research Tax Credit
- Work Opportunity Tax Credit
- 100% Exclusion for Gain on Qualified Small Business Stock

These are only some of the most commonly used tax incentives that were extended for 2014. Also, note that all of these incentives are subject to various rules and regulations.

Also, be aware that Congress granted these extensions for 2014 only! Hopefully, we will not have to wait so long to know what the 2015 tax code will look like.

We'll keep you posted.

For more information, please contact us at either of our offices in Centerville at 937.436.3133 and in Xenia at 937.372.3504, or visit our website at [www.bradstreetcpas.com](http://www.bradstreetcpas.com).

Source: Bradstreet & Co. CPA's Tax Tip of the Week | January 7, 2014 | No. 284

### **The "Impact of Giving Back" Contest**

From now through January 20, submissions are open for the second White House Student Film Festival. The theme of this year's festival is The Impact of Giving Back, and it's open to U.S. students, grades K-12. Students can tell their stories about paying it forward, about community service, or what making a difference looks like in their eyes and through their lens. It can be a fictional story or a short documentary, so break out the lights, write a script, get the camera ready, and show us your passion for service and giving back. Go the [White House Film Festival](#) website for more details. The official selections will be featured on the White House website, and shared across the world on White House sites and official social media accounts. Winners may have a chance to attend the film festival at the White House!

Source: KIDS.gov

### **Parents, Lock Up Your Drugs**

With the kids home on winter break, and friends and relatives visiting, it's an excellent time to [lock up your medicines](#)—and keep them that way—so the toddlers and teens can't get into them. [Toddlers may mistake pills for candy](#). And teens may steal them for "pharm parties." Avoid the anguish, and the trip to the emergency room. Take this simple step to be safe. If you have [expired or unused medicines](#), dispose of them properly.

Source: KIDS.gov

## Sign up for Health Insurance Under the ACA - then what? – Now through February 15, 2015

The healthcare open enrollment period starts soon (November 15th) at [Healthcare.gov](http://Healthcare.gov) - and lasts **until February 15, 2015**. Go to the site to explore health insurance options so you can [sign up for a plan](#). Once you've done that - then what? [This video series](#) from the [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services](#) (CMS) will help you make the most of your coverage with:

- Policy Tips
- Help finding a Provider
- Information on preparing for your first doctor visit
- Words and terms to know
- Ways to live a long and healthy life

Source: USA.gov

## U. S. - Cuba Relations: President Obama Announces a New Approach

On December 17, 2014, President Obama announced a new approach to U.S.–Cuba diplomatic relations.

The new approach includes:

- **Re-establishing diplomatic relations** in matters such as migration, counternarcotics, environmental protection, among others.
- **Adjusting regulations to improve travel and remittance policies**, support the flow of information between Americans and Cubans, and more.
- **Facilitate an expansion of travel to Cuba by Americans**. Travel licenses will be made available in 12 existing categories, such as family visits, humanitarian projects, journalism, import/export, professional meetings, etc.
- **Authorize expanded sales and exports to Cuba**. This expansion will empower the Cuban private sector, and Cubans will have access to certain lower-priced goods to improve their living standards.
- **Authorize American citizens to import goods from Cuba**. Those with travel licenses will be authorized to import \$400 worth of goods from Cuba, of which no more than \$100 can consist of tobacco products and alcohol combined
- **Initiate new efforts to increase Cubans' access to communications** and their ability to communicate , by allowing telecommunications providers to set up the mechanisms and infrastructure to provide commercial telecommunications and Internet services.

To find out more, [read the official announcement from the White House](#).

Source: USA.gov

## EPA Announces New Energy Star Tool for Homeowners to Save Money, Energy This Winter

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is launching its Energy Star Home Advisor, an online tool designed to help Americans save money and energy by improving the energy efficiency of their homes through recommended, customized and prioritized home-improvement projects.

“As we enter the winter months, homeowners can use our new Energy Star Home Advisor to increase energy efficiency and save money while reducing greenhouse gas emissions that fuel climate change,” said EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy. “When homeowners take advantage of this important tool and increase the energy efficiency of their homes, many families will notice savings on energy bills and improvements in the comfort of their homes.”

The updated Energy Star Home Advisor guides the homeowner through a “do-it-yourself” energy assessment to create an Energy Star home profile. Based on the newly created profile, the Home Advisor provides customized, prioritized recommendations for improvements. From these recommendations, users can create their own to-do lists of projects such as adding insulation to the attic or replacing an HVAC air filter.

Over time, users can update their home profiles as they make improvements, see the positive environmental impacts of the changes they've made, get additional recommendations, and update their "to-do" lists for future projects. The home profiles can also be printed and used at the time of sale.

The announcement is part of EPA's Energy Efficiency Action Week, during which EPA regional offices across the country will hold events to increase awareness about the energy and cost savings associated with energy efficiency upgrades, especially in the winter months. More on EPA's Energy Star Home Advisor: [www.energystar.gov/homeadvisor](http://www.energystar.gov/homeadvisor).

Homeowners can also use the following Energy Star tips to save energy and money at home this winter: Get a Home Energy Audit - Home energy auditors are trained and certified in how to find energy problems using specialized equipment to pinpoint key areas for improvement and provide customized recommended solutions. In select states, [Home Performance with Energy Star](#) offers an energy assessment that focuses on a systematic approach to improving energy efficiency and comfort.

Seal and Insulate - The average home spends \$2,000 on utility bills each year. Heating and cooling costs account for nearly half of that amount. Energy Star estimates that homeowners can save up to 10 percent on heating and cooling costs by sealing air leaks and adding insulation. Learn more through Energy Star's "Rule Your Attic!" campaign, which encourages homeowners to measure their attic insulation levels as a first step toward making their homes more energy efficient and comfortable. More: [www.energystar.gov/ruleyourattic](http://www.energystar.gov/ruleyourattic).

Heat Efficiently - Energy Star recommends that homeowners check their HVAC system air filters every month. A dirty filter will slow air flow and make the system work harder - wasting energy and possibly shortening the life of the system. A good rule to follow is change the filter every three months. Energy Star also recommends that homeowners have HVAC systems serviced annually by a licensed contractor to ensure they're running at optimum efficiency. If the heating system is over 15 years old, consider planning for its replacement with a high efficiency unit. Today's Energy Star certified condensing furnaces operate at over 90 percent efficiency. Depending on where one lives, replacing old heating and cooling equipment with newly certified Energy Star equipment can cut annual energy bills by more than \$115. More: [www.energystar.gov/heating](http://www.energystar.gov/heating).

Use a Programmable Thermostat - Avoid heating the house when not necessary, and save almost \$200 a year. Programming the thermostat to turn the temperature down 8 degrees for 7 hours each night and an additional 7 hours each weekday could result in a seasonal heating savings of approximately 12 percent. More: [www.energystar.gov/pts](http://www.energystar.gov/pts).

Make "Bright" Choices For Lighting - To get the energy efficiency and performance expected, look for the Energy Star label. LED bulbs that earn the label are independently certified to ensure they deliver on brightness and color and shine light where it's needed. More: [www.energystar.gov/led](http://www.energystar.gov/led).

Decorate for the Holidays with Energy Star Light Strings - Energy Star certified light strings use 50 percent less electricity than incandescent light strings and are available in a variety of colors, shapes and lengths. They are more durable, shock-resistant and cooler to the touch. Some models deliver features such as dimming or color shifting. More: [www.energystar.gov/dls](http://www.energystar.gov/dls).

Choose Energy Star Certified Electronics - A home equipped with TVs, set-top boxes, a Blu-Ray player, and a home theatre in a box that have all earned the Energy Star can save more than \$280 over the life of the

products. If streaming movies or videos over the Internet, remember that laptops and tablets use less energy compared to streaming over desktop computers or game consoles. More: [www.energystar.gov/holiday](http://www.energystar.gov/holiday).

Tips from EPA's WaterSense Program include:

Many Americans know about the importance of saving energy and water. But few know about the drops-to-watts connection – that it takes energy to pump, treat, heat, and deliver the water we use every day for showering, bathing, cooking and cleaning. In fact, homes with electric water heaters spend one-fourth of their total electric bills just to heat water.

- [Save 2,900 Gallons of Water at Home](#) - One of the easiest ways to save energy and water is to install water-efficient, high-performing WaterSense labeled products such as showerheads. By replacing just one showerhead with a WaterSense labeled model, EPA estimates the average family can save 2,900 gallons of water, or the amount of electricity needed to power an entire home for 13 days.
- [Install WaterSense Fixtures and Energy Star Appliances](#) - If every home in the United States were equipped with WaterSense labeled fixtures and Energy Star certified appliances, water and wastewater utilities could save 12 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity per year and save \$775 million in electricity costs per year.
- [Shower Better and Save \\$5 Billion in Water and Energy](#) - Simple changes made at home add up across the country. If every home in the United States replaced existing showerheads with WaterSense labeled models, the nation could save more than 260 billion gallons of water and more than \$5 billion in water and energy costs annually.

More on EPA's WaterSense Tips: [http://epa.gov/watersense/our\\_water/start\\_saving.html](http://epa.gov/watersense/our_water/start_saving.html).

Learn more about how saving water saves energy: [epa.gov/watersense/pubs/waterenergy.html](http://epa.gov/watersense/pubs/waterenergy.html).

Source: U. S. EPA

### **What Does a Wildlife Biologist Do?**

Do you have students who are interested in a career working with animals? Have them [watch this interview](#) with Chelsea McKinney, a Fish and Wildlife Biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the Patuxent Research Refuge in Laurel, Maryland. She discusses the types of animals she has worked with and how she uses data to help protect animal populations and conserve animal habitats.

Source: KIDS.gov

### **Taking the Kids to the Theater or Museum: Parents' Guides to Success**

It's a great time of year to take your kids to the theater, but if it's their first show, or they've been fidgety in the past, you may be hesitant. Don't worry! Whether you're going to a play, a concert or even the ballet, these tips will help you get ready for a successful family outing. And if it's a museum you're heading to, we've got you covered too.

- [Taking Kids to Their First Show](#)
- [Advice for First-Time Theater Goers](#)
- [A Parents' Field Guide to Ballet](#)
- [A Parents' Field Guide to the Symphony](#)
- [A Parents' Field Guide to Museums](#)
- [Making Art a Part of Your Teen's Life](#)

Source: KIDS.gov

### **Kids Can Make Resolutions Too!**

New Year's resolutions are a great opportunity to teach kids about setting and achieving goals. This [New Year's Resolutions](#) article gives kids the steps for creating specific, realistic goals.

Parents, use these resources to help your kids make healthy, meaningful resolutions, and to strengthen your bond with your kids:

- [Making New Year's Resolutions with Your Child](#)
- [Healthy Children Radio: New Year's Resolutions](#) (Audio)
- [How to Make New Year's Resolutions Fun for the Family](#)
- [New Year's Family Resolutions](#)

Teachers, use these lessons and classroom activities to teach achievable goal-setting to your students:

- [New Year's Resolutions](#)
- [Goal-setting](#) (pdf)

Happy New Year!

Source: KIDS.gov

### Top 5 Emails and Links From 2014

2014 was a very busy year for our Kids.gov email team. We sent 171 email bulletins to over 1.8 million subscribers. Our emails covered information in science, reading and writing, history, holidays and special events, tips for parents and a whole lot more. We've been crunching numbers and we thought you might be interested to know which emails were most opened. Here are their titles and the content they featured:

1. Valentine's Day Was Originally About Birds? Say What? ([History Behind the Holiday](#))
2. March Madness Isn't Just About Basketball. March is "Mad" With Learning Opportunities! Check Out Our Calendar ([Kids.gov March Calendar](#))
3. Get Your Students "Thinking Outside the Box" With This Fun Challenge ([Spark!Lab Invent It Challenge.](#))
4. Unlocking the Secrets in Bones. A Live Webcast with Guides for Teachers and Students ([Bone Whispering](#))
5. How Can Students Be Scientists in Their Own Backyards? Printables and Online Activities Included! ([The Great Backyard Bird Count](#))

We also looked at data on all of the clicked links. Here is what you clicked on the most:

1. [Ebola](#)
2. [Kids.gov Calendars](#)
3. [Kids.gov Winter Holidays](#)
4. [How to Become President of the U.S. poster](#)
5. [Helping Your Child with Test Taking](#)

Source: KIDS.gov

### Take a Peek at the KIDS.gov January Calendar

The holiday is just weeks away and we know teachers are busy wrapping up activities before the holiday break, but we wanted to give you a sneak peek at the Kids.gov [January calendar](#). We have compiled resources for National Diet Month, winter weather, Martin Luther King Jr. day, and more.

Source: KIDS.gov



## HELP WANTED

### **HELP WANTED: Marks Xpress Trucking & Hauling LLC Seeking Experienced Drivers**

Marks Xpress Trucking & Hauling LLC out of Waynesville, Ohio is looking for experienced drivers to join our team hauling LTL/general freight. A CDL is not necessary but a current DOT physical and drug screening is a must. Interested candidates must be at least 25 years of age and have a minimum of 2 years verifiable commercial driving experience along with a clean driving record. Experience with tarping, strapping and chaining cargo is preferred. To be considered, send resumes to [lthfreightapps@gmail.com](mailto:lthfreightapps@gmail.com) or call 518.238.3537 and ask for Marisa.

### **HELP WANTED: Pine Ridge Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation in Need of STNA's**

We are hiring! STNA's 12 hour shifts, 6:00 am – 6:00 pm & 6:00 pm – 6:00 am, FT & PRN. Competitive wages with full benefits package after 90 days. Qualified applicants are encouraged to stop by Pine Ridge Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation, 463 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152, or call 513.899.2801.

### **HELP WANTED: Salem/Morrow Fire Department Seeking Firefighters/EMTs/Paramedics**

Part-Time Firefighter/EMT: The Salem / Morrow Fire Department is continuously accepting applications for Firefighter/EMT's Position. Minimum requirements are Ohio EMT-B and Ohio FF I. Job description and application are available at the Salem / Morrow Fire Department, 5270 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3 Morrow, Ohio 45152, Monday – Friday 0800 – 1600 hrs.

Part-Time Firefighter/Paramedic: The Salem / Morrow Fire Department is continuously accepting applications for Firefighter/Paramedic Position. Minimum requirements are Ohio EMT-P and Ohio FF I. Job description and application are available at the Salem / Morrow Fire Department, 5270 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3 Morrow, Ohio 45152, Monday – Friday 0800 – 1600 hrs.

For more information, please call the Salem/Morrow Fire Department at 513.899.2222 or visit [www.station71.com](http://www.station71.com).

### **HELP WANTED: Little Miami Local Schools Seeking Substitute Bus Drivers**

Substitute bus drivers for routes and field trips are needed. Requires a Class B CDL license with "S" and "P" endorsement. Hours vary, with regular routes between 6:00 am – 5:00 pm and field trips 2:00 – 11:00 pm. We prefer those with knowledge of the district. We may supply training. Call 513-899-2941 or email [gblake@littlemiamischools.com](mailto:gblake@littlemiamischools.com).

### **HELP WANTED: Harveysburg Police Department Seeking Part-Time Police Officers**

The Village of Harveysburg Police Department located in Warren County, Ohio is currently accepting applications for the position of Part-Time Police Officers. Requirements: Certification as a Peace Officer by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission, LEADS Practitioner Certification, valid Ohio Driver's License, and CPR/AED Certification. Rate of pay is \$11.00 per hour. Interested persons must submit a cover letter and resume to:

Harveysburg Police Department  
Post Office Box 189  
Harveysburg, Ohio 45032  
Attn: Chief John Heisler

For more information, please call 513.276.0595. Deadline for receipt of applications is January 18, 2015.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Village of Morrow Seeking Applicants for 2015 Boards & Commissions**

The Village of Morrow is seeking applicants to serve in a variety of volunteer public service positions in 2015. These positions are voluntary and serve without compensation. The various boards and commissions serve in an advisory capacity to the Mayor and Council. The Village of Morrow utilizes the following boards and commissions:

- Citizens Housing Committee (no vacancies)
- Community Reinvestment Housing Council (7 positions available)
- Neighborhood Watch (several positions)
- Parks & Recreation Board (several positions available)
- Planning Commission (no vacancies)
- Records Commission (1 position available)
- Tax Incentive Review Council (7 positions available)
- Tree Board (1 position available)
- Zoning Board of Appeals (1 position available)

For more information, please visit <http://www.vil.morrow.oh.us/boards-commissions/> or contact the Village Administrator at 513.899.2821 extension 21 or [administrator@vil.morrow.oh.us](mailto:administrator@vil.morrow.oh.us).

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: A Few Good Men & Women to Serve on Salem Township Zoning Commission**

As a member of the Salem Township Zoning Commission, you will help guide the future of Salem Township by advising the Salem Township Trustees on issues, such as:

- Future development projects;
- Zoning Code updates;
- Requests for change in land use.

No experience necessary, only a desire to serve our community. Must reside in the unincorporated area of Salem Township. Please send a letter of interest to:

Zoning Commission · c/o Salem-Morrow Fire Department · Post Office Box 161 · Morrow, Ohio 45152

For more information, please call 513.899.9363 or visit [www.salemtownship-warrencounty.com](http://www.salemtownship-warrencounty.com).

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Join Our Dog Walking Team - Humane Association of Warren County Animal Shelter & Adoption Center**

Volunteer a few hours a week to walk our dogs. To qualify, those interested, must be a minimum of 19 years of age and must attend one orientation session held from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at our shelter. We do not accept volunteers requiring high school community service credit or to fulfill court appointed hours. For more information, please contact the Humane Association of Warren County Animal Shelter & Adoption Center, 230 Cook Road, Lebanon, Ohio 45036, 513.695.2537 or [www.homelesspets.org](http://www.homelesspets.org).

### **Calendar of Events**

January 7: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**  
Earl J. Maag Retirement Community, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231

- January 7: 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm **Free Seminar “Steps to Starting Your Own Business”**  
Warren County Career Center, Century Link Room, 3525 N. State Route 48, Lebanon, OH 45036  
Register on line at <https://clients.ohiosbdc.ohio.gov/events.aspx>, or contact Angela Steffen at 513.695.2090 or [Angela.Steffen@co.warren.oh.us](mailto:Angela.Steffen@co.warren.oh.us).
- January 8: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm **“It’s Just Wine, Beer & Music” at Valley Vineyards**  
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2485 or visit <http://www.valleyvineyards.com/events.html>
- January 10: 10:30 am **Writers’ Circle Group Meeting at Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
Join the group by contacting the library or emailing Dylan at [mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us](mailto:mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us)
- January 12: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm **How-To: Knitting Class at Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588
- January 13: 11:00 am & 2:00 pm **Preschool Story Time at the Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588
- January 14: 10:45 am **Toddler Lapsit Program at the Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588
- January 14: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**  
Earl J. Maag Retirement Community, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231
- January 15: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm **“It’s Just Wine, Beer & Music” at Valley Vineyards**  
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2485 or visit <http://www.valleyvineyards.com/events.html>
- January 17-18: **The 67th Annual Lebanon Antique Show**  
Saturday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm & Sunday 11:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Admission \$8.00 good for both days WCHS members admitted free  
Warren County Fairgrounds, 665 North Broadway, Lebanon, Ohio 45036  
For more information, please call the Warren County Historical Society at 513.932.1817
- January 17: 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm **How-To: Knitting Class at Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588
- January 19: **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** – Village of Morrow & Salem Township Public Library Closed

- January 19: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm **Little Miami Athletic Boosters Inaugural Youth Baseball Clinic**  
Little Miami High School, 3001 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45458  
The registration deadline is January 12, 2015.  
For more information and to access the registration form, [click here](#).
- January 20: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm **Teen Movie Night at Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588 or [mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us](mailto:mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us)
- January 21: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**  
Earl J. Maag Retirement Community, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231
- January 22: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm ***“It’s Just Wine, Beer & Music”* at Valley Vineyards**  
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2485 or visit <http://www.valleyvineyards.com/events.html>
- January 24: 10:30 am **Writers’ Circle Group Meeting at Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
Join the group by contacting the library or emailing Dylan at [mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us](mailto:mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us)
- January 28: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**  
Earl J. Maag Retirement Community, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231
- January 29: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm ***“It’s Just Wine, Beer & Music”* at Valley Vineyards**  
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2485 or visit <http://www.valleyvineyards.com/events.html>
- February 3: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm **Reading with Raider and Friends at Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588
- February 3: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm **Adult Book Discussion Group at Salem Township Public Library**  
February 3: *Winter’s Tale* by Mark Helprin  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588
- February 4: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**  
Earl J. Maag Retirement Community, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231
- February 5: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm ***“It’s Just Wine, Beer & Music”* at Valley Vineyards**  
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2485 or visit <http://www.valleyvineyards.com/events.html>

- February 7: 10:30 am **Writers' Circle Group Meeting at Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
Join the group by contacting the library or emailing Dylan at [mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us](mailto:mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us)
- February 7: **Little Miami Pantherfest 2015**  
Little Miami High School, 3001 U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please contact Susan Knippenberg at 513.728.1402 or  
[susan.knippenberg@gmail.com](mailto:susan.knippenberg@gmail.com)
- February 9: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm **How-To: Crocheting Class at Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588
- February 11: 6:00 pm **CPR Class at Salem/Morrow Fire Department**  
Salem/Morrow Fire Department, 5270 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
To enroll, please contact the Salem/Morrow Fire Department at 513.899.2222
- February 14: 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm **How-To: Crocheting Class at Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588
- February 14: **Valentine's Day**
- February 16: **President's Day** – Village of Morrow Offices Closed
- February 21: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm **Tree Care in Morrow**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please <http://www.vil.morrow.oh.us/boards-commissions/tree-board/news-events/>
- February 21: 10:30 am **Writers' Circle Group Meeting at Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
Join the group by contacting the library or emailing Dylan at [mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us](mailto:mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us)
- March 3: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm **Reading with Raider and Friends at Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588
- March 3: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm **Adult Book Discussion Group at Salem Township Public Library**  
March 3: *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588
- March 7: 10:30 am **Writers' Circle Group Meeting at Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
Join the group by contacting the library or emailing Dylan at [mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us](mailto:mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us)

- March 21: 10:30 am **Writers' Circle Group Meeting at Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
Join the group by contacting the library or emailing Dylan at [mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us](mailto:mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us)
- May 16: 9:00 am **CPR Class at Salem/Morrow Fire Department**  
Salem/Morrow Fire Department, 5270 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
To enroll, please contact the Salem/Morrow Fire Department at 513.899.2222
- August 4: **Third Annual Morrow Police Department National Night Out Against Crime**  
Morrow Police Department, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
More information to come.
- August 19: 6:00 pm **CPR Class at Salem/Morrow Fire Department**  
Salem/Morrow Fire Department, 5270 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
To enroll, please contact the Salem/Morrow Fire Department at 513.899.2222
- November 7: 9:00 am **CPR Class at Salem/Morrow Fire Department**  
Salem/Morrow Fire Department, 5270 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
To enroll, please contact the Salem/Morrow Fire Department at 513.899.2222

If your business, church or organization is planning an event, please be sure to let us know and we'll gladly include it in our Calendar of Events. Please email or fax the details of your event to Rod Smith, Village Administrator, at [rod.smith@vil.morrow.oh.us](mailto:rod.smith@vil.morrow.oh.us) or 513.899.3170.

### **Business & Government Meetings**

#### **Morrow Village Council**

Meets regularly on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152.

For more information, please call 513.899.2821 Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm or visit [www.vil.morrow.oh.us](http://www.vil.morrow.oh.us).

#### **Morrow Mayor's Court**

Meets regularly on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 5:00 pm at the Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152

For more information, please call 513.899.2821 Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm or visit <http://www.vil.morrow.oh.us/departments/mayor-s-court/>

#### **Morrow Neighborhood Watch**

Meets regularly on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152

For more information, please call 513.899.2821 Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm or visit <http://www.vil.morrow.oh.us/boards-commissions/neighborhood-watch/>

### **Morrow Parks & Recreation Board**

Meets regularly on the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2821 Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm or visit <http://www.vil.morrow.oh.us/boards-commissions/parks-recreation-board/>

### **Morrow Tree Board**

Meets regularly on the third Thursday of each month at 10:00 am at the Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2821 Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm or visit <http://www.vil.morrow.oh.us/boards-commissions/tree-board/>

### **Morrow Citizens Housing Committee**

Meets regularly on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm, as necessary, at the Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2821 Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm or visit <http://www.vil.morrow.oh.us/boards-commissions/citizens-housing-committee/>

### **Morrow Planning Commission**

Meets regularly on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm, as necessary, at the Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2821 Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm or visit <http://www.vil.morrow.oh.us/boards-commissions/planning-commission/>

### **Morrow Zoning Board of Appeals**

Meets regularly on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm, as necessary, at the Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2821 Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm or visit <http://www.vil.morrow.oh.us/boards-commissions/zoning-board-of-appeals/>

### **Hamilton Township Trustees**

Meets regularly on first and third Wednesdays of each month at 6:00 pm at the Hamilton Township Administration Building, 7780 South State Route 48, Maineville, Ohio 45039  
For more information, please call 513.683.8520 or visit <http://hamilton-township.org>

### **Little Miami Area Chamber of Commerce**

Meets regularly on the first Thursday of each month at 11:45 am at Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
Please RSVP to Peoples First Savings Bank at 513.899.2040, by 5:00 pm on Tuesday prior to the meeting  
For more information, please visit <http://www.littlemiamiareachamber.com>

### **Little Miami Local Schools Board of Education**

Meets regularly on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Little Miami High School Auditorium, 3001 U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information please call 513.899.2264 or visit <http://www.littlemiamischools.com/districtBoardEd.aspx>

### **Little Miami Local Schools Business Advisory Council**

Meets regularly on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Little Miami Intermediate School, 7247 Zoar Road, Maineville, Ohio 45039

For more information, please visit [http://www.littlemiamischools.com/content\\_page.aspx?cid=572](http://www.littlemiamischools.com/content_page.aspx?cid=572)

### **Salem Township Trustees**

Meets regularly on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the Salem-Morrow Fire Department, 5270 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152

For more information, please call 513.899.2222 or visit [www.salemtownship-warrencounty.com](http://www.salemtownship-warrencounty.com)

### **Warren County Career Center Board of Education**

Meets regularly on the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Warren County Career Center, Admin. Bldg. Board Room, 3525 North State Route 48, Lebanon, Ohio 45036

For more information, please visit <http://www.mywccc.org/BoardOfEducation.aspx>

### **Warren County Board of Commissioners**

Meets regularly on Tuesdays at 9:00 am at the Warren County Administration Building, The Board is also scheduled to meet on the first and third Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m., as needed

For more information, please call 513.695.1250 or visit <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/commissioners/>

### **Warren County Park District Board of Commissioners**

Meets regularly on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Warren County Park District, 1267 North State Route 741, Lebanon, Ohio 45036

For more information, please call 513.695.1109 or visit <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/parks/index.htm>

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