Montgomery County Sheriff’s Deputy Joshua Haas was named 2020 Officer of the Year by the Montgomery County Association of Police Chiefs.

A 15-year veteran of the Sheriff’s Office, Deputy Haas was recognized for two local incidents. In the first, he was patrolling on Salem Avenue and noticed an occupied, suspicious vehicle in a gas station parking lot. When the vehicle fled the lot, he caught up to it and checked the registration, which revealed it was stolen during an aggravated robbery with a handgun. Given permission, he pursued the vehicle. When the suspect ran from the vehicle, Deputy Haas was able to apprehend the driver immediately with the help of Dayton officers.

In a second incident, Deputy Haas heard the broadcast of a grease fire at an apartment building. He took the initiative to respond to the call and found heavy smoke. He immediately began helping tenants from the building. When he learned there was a female with a broken foot in the basement unit, he reentered the smoke-filled building to help her to safety.

“Deputy Haas is one of the more senior deputies assigned to Harrison Township,” said Captain Dave Parin, Harrison Township Substation commander. “With his wealth of knowledge, range of experiences and commitment to the job, make him a great asset to the Harrison Township community.”
New Trustee Named

Longtime Harrison Township resident and business owner, Charles M. Waldron, Jr., has been appointed as Township Trustee, to fill the unexpired term of Trustee Ron Casey, who passed away February 2. Mr. Waldron has lived in the Township since 1975, first in the Castlewood neighborhood and then Catalpa Woods. He has owned and operated a general contracting business since 1979 and has served on the Board of Zoning Appeals for many years.

Mr. Waldron and his wife, Diann, have four children and eight grandchildren.

From the Township Trustees

Having survived the many challenges of 2020, we are now four months into a new year that has brought hope, resolve and opportunities to take small steps toward recovery of our normal, pre-pandemic lifestyles. While our progress will be gradual, there is some “light at the end of the tunnel.”

Our optimism for 2021 has been tinged with grief in the passing of Harrison Township’s ultimate public servant and leader, Trustee Ron Casey, who died February 2. You can read about Mr. Casey’s career and achievements on page 3 of this newsletter. But there are no adequate words to express our deep sadness in losing our good friend and colleague who served this community with integrity for nearly five decades.

We were pleased to appoint longtime Township resident, Mr. Charles M. Waldron, Jr., to fill the trustee vacancy.

Now we must move forward with facing our challenges. A number of our residents and businesses are focused on restoration efforts after the devastation of the 2019 tornadoes. In 2020, we used CARES Act money to purchase a speed trailer to support traffic enforcement and buy protective supplies for our Fire Department and EMS providers. We were also able to reimburse the Township’s budget for the many staff overtime hours required during pandemic recovery.

In the fall of 2020, the Trustees approved a strategic plan, a road map that will address residential property revitalization, improve the Township’s image along our busy corridors and situate our business areas for growth. The plan guides us in remaining flexible enough to adjust to unpredictable changes. We want residents to work with us to arrive at a shared vision for the future – one based on big ideas and big aspirations, although the actions we pursue must be realistic, shaped by data and budgets.

As the Board continues to look forward, we will continue to be vigilant in enforcing property maintenance codes. We will continue to repave certain streets, reduce criminal activity in neighborhoods and ensure our EMS and other first responders remain safe and healthy as they come in contact with sick residents.

We ask that you personally do your part for the good of your community: Be good neighbors, stop littering and speeding in our streets, participate in virtual neighborhood association meetings, communicate problems you see and support your children’s education as well as their physical and mental health.

As Harrison Township Trustees, we value your being caring, responsible residents. We want a safe, vibrant community, and we are committed to making our township the best Ohio has to offer.

Roland Winburn, President
Charles M. Waldron, Jr., Vice President
Georgeann Godsey, Trustee
Trustee Leaves a Legacy of Service

Harrison Township and the entire Dayton region lost a model public servant and friend to many with the passing of Trustee Ron Casey February 2, at the age of 72.

A lifelong Harrison Township resident, Mr. Casey had served as a Township trustee since 2007.

A 1966 Chaminade High School graduate, he attended Sinclair Community College. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and served two tours of duty in Vietnam.

Mr. Casey retired from the Harrison Township Fire Department after serving 41 years, the last 14 as fire chief. He also retired from the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office as the chief deputy after 33 years of service. After that, he served as Vandalia Municipal Court bailiff for seven years.

In 2008 Mr. Casey was inducted into the Northridge Hall of Fame for his contributions to Harrison Township and especially Northridge. He was also a charter member and past president of the Police Athletic League, serving the children of Montgomery County.

He was married to his wife, Mary, for 41 years and leaves two daughters, one son and seven grandchildren.

Various officials from around the Miami Valley reacted to Mr. Casey’s passing, expressing their respect and admiration.

County Commissioner Judy Dodge

“Ron Casey was the type of person who knew everyone at every event and was so well respected in the community. I think that was because he was always willing to lend a hand to help out in any situation – and always with a smile.”

State Representative and former Montgomery County Sheriff Phil Plummer

“Ron Casey was an outstanding public servant who deeply cared about his community. He was instrumental in starting the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office Police Athletic League, which was a tremendous outreach program for the youth in our community. Ronnie was a great person, and he will be sorely missed.”

Vandalia Municipal Court Judge Cindi Heck

“Ron Casey was hired as a bailiff in 2007 and worked for the Vandalia Municipal Court for seven years. In 2007, he was also the head of our License Intervention Program and was dedicated to helping individuals in the community get through the complicated maze of obtaining a valid driver’s license. Ron had a very positive demeanor and always greeted others with a smile. He will be sorely missed by all his friends at the Vandalia Municipal Court.”

Montgomery County Administrator Michael Colbert

“The qualities that made Trustee Ron Casey so respected is that he was ‘old school.’ He was a Marine veteran who looked you in the eye, shook your hand, and when he gave his word, it was his bond. Ron showed strong commitment and dedication to the citizens of Harrison Township, as well as Montgomery County. He will be missed by many people, especially those local citizens whom he helped to protect during his lifetime of commitment to his community.”

Harrison Township Trustee Georgeann Godsey

“To the man who loved his family and community. It was my privilege to learn from him and to serve with him. You will be with us always.”

Harrison Township Trustee Roland Winburn

“Ron Casey was a servant leader. He was authentic, insightful, and decisive in his various leadership roles he held over his 41 years of public service that included Chief Deputy in the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office and Fire Chief in Harrison Township, and, more recently, as Trustee. I want to believe that, other than his family and grandkids, he reveled being inducted into Northridge High School’s Hall of Achievement by the community in which he was reared. The Board has lost a valued colleague and the community has lost a cherished member.”

Harrison Township Fiscal Officer Debbie Merrick

“Ron Casey was devoted to his family and to serving the residents of Harrison Township. It was my privilege to serve with him. He will be greatly missed by all!”
Public Safety on Front Lines of Pandemic

Like so many organizations around the country, the departments in charge of public safety for Harrison Township have been facing the challenges of employee safety while providing services to citizens during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As first responders, Township paramedics routinely practice rigorous infection-control procedures. Still, they received additional training to deal with COVID-19. For extra layers of safety, they have also been wearing more personal protective equipment, gowns, eyewear and face masks.

Sheriff’s deputies were instructed to limit in-person calls as cases of the virus increased throughout the pandemic and conducted business by telephone, when possible.

Deputies also received personal protective equipment – and instruction on its use – to wear while on calls. In addition, the district acquired a fogging system to disinfect facilities and patrol cars.

“These measures were instrumental in maintaining uninterrupted service to the community throughout the pandemic,” said Captain Dave Parin, Harrison Township Substation commander.

Despite precautions, approximately 20% of the Sheriff’s Substation workforce had to take leave due to exposure to or contracting the virus. Fortunately, most cases were mild and required minimal time off.

No Increase in Tax Rate Levy Renewal Ensures Continued High-Quality Police Services

Harrison Township voters will have the opportunity on May 4 to vote on the renewal of a levy to continue high-quality police services in the community. The 6-mill levy funds the Township’s contract with the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office.

Why is the levy so important to Township residents?

The levy is the primary source of funding for the Township’s police services budget, which amounts to just over $6 million per year.

Although ongoing road patrols, investigations and other traditional police work are important components of the services Harrison Township residents enjoy, innovative policing programs help to maintain safety and address community problems.

For example, through the Community-Oriented Policing Program, an officer works with neighborhood groups in Harrison Township, providing a vital link between neighbors and law enforcement. These positive relationships generate trust, which leads to cooperation and support for crime prevention.

Another innovation is the Crisis Intervention Team, which is a new approach to providing help for residents experiencing a mental health crisis. Sheriff’s deputies receive training to recognize the signs of someone experiencing a behavioral crisis and resources to help them. They also are provided access to the services of a certified mental health professional.

What will the Police Levy renewal cost homeowners?

The owner of a home valued at $80,000 pays $147 per year or $12.25 per month for the Police Levy.

Look for the Police Levy renewal when you vote on May 4

If you have any questions about the levy renewal, please contact Township Administrator Kris McClintick at 937-890-5611.
Police Calls for Service Change during COVID-19

How did the Ohio Department of Health’s initial stay-at-home orders last spring affect calls for service for Sheriff’s deputies?

Overall, calls during that period decreased by 30%, on average. However, during this time, officials saw a 73% increase in mental health-related calls and a 20% increase in disorderly-conduct calls.

Calls for service have returned to normal or slightly higher levels since the initial decrease last spring.

Sinclair Park Cleanup Continues

The beautiful, wooded park that took just seconds for tornadoes to destroy is still being restored after two years. In fact, so bad was the damage that officials anticipate it will take several more years to complete restoration.

In just the past few months, crews have removed all the debris with the exception of the salvage timber, which was relocated this spring for eventual sale. Construction of the new picnic shelter and repairs to existing facilities have also begun.

“It wouldn’t be possible to determine exactly what is left to do,” said Harrison Township Services Director Merle Cyphers. “As one step in completed, two new ones tend to pop up.”

At the closing of the Federal Emergency Management Agency phase of the park cleanup project, the reported cost was $474,000. The Township was reimbursed $419,000 by FEMA. The cost of rebuilding Sinclair Park will likely exceed $1 million over the next few years.

Stay tuned for details about Sinclair Park’s reopening to the public this summer. A date has not been set.

Operations Manager a Leader

Well before Craig Brooks was promoted from service worker to Services Department operations manager, his superiors recognized his leadership qualities. On every job, he was always the one who took responsibility for completing the project correctly.

As operations manager, Craig oversees the Service Department crew’s daily work activities, including storm cleanup, storm drainage maintenance and repair, sign maintenance and replacement, snow removal, leaf collection, nuisance and road repairs.

A Harrison Township native, Craig began his career with the Department in 1996 as a seasonal employee, while still a student at Northridge High School.

“Craig demonstrates the qualities of highest character,” said Service Department Director Merle Cyphers. “I would describe him as a servant leader with dedication to his work crew, this community, and any task he undertakes.”

Multipurpose Tool Aids Speed Enforcement

Even though more people are working from home and avoiding outings, police report that one impact of COVID-19 has been an increase in motorists speeding.

To assist with traffic enforcement while minimizing personal contact, Harrison Township used CARES Act funding to purchase a speed trailer. Outfitted with radar speed-detection technology, the unit displays the speed of traveling cars and posts the speed limit should the driver need to slow down.

The message board can also be used to alert traffic of a road closure or other important information.

Two attached cameras provide additional capabilities. In the aftermath of the 2019 tornadoes, for example, the device could have supported recovery efforts by surveilling damaged businesses and homes. It also can be used to map large crime scenes.

You will see the trailer throughout the township reminding motorists to be respectful of the posted speed limits for the safety of others.
Demolitions Key to Neighborhood Vitality

Harrison Township continues to take aggressive action to promote safe, attractive neighborhoods by demolishing vacant, dilapidated housing.

“Blighted properties reduce surrounding property values and create nuisances for neighbors,” said Township Administrator Kris McClintick. “Removing these properties grows neighborhood pride and maintains good property values.”

Federal Community Development Block Grant funding has been tapped for two initiatives: The first provides $75,000 to demolish up to ten vacant properties throughout the township. The second will see $109,000 used to remove the few remaining properties that have been abandoned since the 2019 tornadoes, including the highly visible Lofty Oaks condominium complex.

Yet another initiative, with a nearly $147,000 price tag, will receive one-half funding from the Montgomery County Land Bank and one-half from the Township. It will focus on demolishing five or six abandoned and fire-damaged houses. Because of environmental testing and disposal rules, these properties are up to three times more expensive to remove.

Finally, the Township has budgeted $75,000 in local funds for demolitions of abandoned properties that need to be removed, but don’t qualify for any grant program.

“This investment by the Township aligns with our planning roadmap and upcoming strategic plan,” said McClintick. “We see it as a way to promote neighborhood vitality.”

Road Closure to Be Brief

Philadelphia Drive has been closed in the area of Markey Road to allow for the replacement of a deteriorated culvert and inlet. (A culvert is a tunnel-like structure that allows a stream to flow under a roadway.) This Montgomery County Engineer's Office project will finish with roadway reconstruction in the immediate vicinity.

The road is open only to local traffic during most of the construction, which should be completed by mid-summer.

70-Year-Old Storm Drains Being Replaced

Residents on a portion of Grant Avenue will see major improvements to the storm drainage in their neighborhood with the replacement of rusted and decaying metal drain tile that was first installed in the 1950s. Seven hundred feet of drain tile and catch basins will be replaced from Holyoke Drive south to the dead end of Grant Avenue.

This project, and several similar ones, will be paid through motor vehicle license fees that have been allocated to Harrison Township.

The road will also be repaved after the storm drainage project is completed.
Interested in forming a neighborhood association?
Call the Development Office at 937-890-5611 for advice and assistance to get your group started.

Ditch Cleanup will Reduce Flooding Risk

Cleanup after the Memorial Day 2019 tornadoes continues with the removal of the massive amounts of debris deposited in the storm drainage ditch that runs parallel to Swallow Drive and Shoup Mill Road.

“The broken trees and brush piles need to be removed to continue bringing back the area’s appearance,” said Harrison Township Services Director Merle Cyphers. “However, our major objective is to reduce the flooding risk in the Lorretta and Swallow neighborhood.”

Total project cost of nearly $175,800 is being paid with funding from the federal government, State of Ohio and Harrison Township.

The project will begin this month.

Tornado Survivors: Housing Assistance Still Available

After the May 2019 tornadoes ravaged the Miami Valley, the community came together to help survivors. Organizers formed the Miami Valley Long-Term Recovery Operations Group to coordinate assistance from multiple sources, including nonprofit and faith-based organizations, as well as local, state, and federal agencies.

Case managers have been helping survivors navigate the available processes and resources. A major focus has been coordinating financial assistance with the donations of time and talent by hundreds of volunteers, especially in the area of home repair and reconstruction.

Of the 469 Harrison Township residents who have signed up for recovery assistance – ranging from finding new housing and home repairs to restoring utilities and replacing possessions, 412 (85%) have seen their cases successfully closed. Of the cases that remain open, most represent individuals who still need help to rebuild or repair a home, but may be dealing with insurance or contractor issues.

If you need assistance, you must do so soon

If you’re a tornado survivor and homeowner in need of assistance to rebuild or make repairs, it’s not too late to apply for help, but you must do so soon as programs such as the Federal Home Loan Bank’s Disaster Reconstruction Program (offers eligible survivors grants of up to $20,000 toward tornado repair of a primary residence) will expire shortly. To request assistance with tornado-related needs, contact Catholic Social Services at 937-223-7217 ext. 1137 to be connected to a disaster case manager.

Additionally, if you’re a tornado-impacted renter, you may be eligible for $5,000 toward a home purchase. Please call Huntington (513-639-3006) or KeyBank (Laura Sandmann, 513-830-1261).

For more information on recovery efforts and volunteer opportunities, please visit the website at mvstrong.org.

Cops Start Conversations with Kids

Although every child who goes to live at a youth residential home has a unique story, they all have something in common: the need for positive role models.

Several local Sheriff’s deputies have made it a point to fill that role. They have taken it upon themselves to stop in and spend time talking – and listening – to the youths at the Seeds 4 Life home in Harrison Township.

Deputy Tori Bargo is a good example. She started organizing special events at Seeds 4 Life, with the assistance of the Northridge Wesleyan Church. In August, she organized a cookout where deputies, Township firefighters, church volunteers, staff and kids spent time together. They played basketball, grilled hotdogs, talked about life goals and discussed how to attain them.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 restrictions made it impossible to hold additional events in 2020, although deputies plan to continue the events when it’s safe to do so.
Medical Practice Offers Traditional Services… and More

A new — and somewhat unique — family medical practice has located in Harrison Township. In January, Colbert Family Health and Wellness opened its doors at 111 Turner Rd.

What makes the new practice different is its owner, a nurse practitioner. Marquetta Colbert, who has been treating patients in a Trotwood office for 11 years, offers services that parallel those in a traditional medical office: diagnosis and treatment of chronic illnesses, injections, screenings, physicals, non-narcotic prescriptions, referrals to specialists and telehealth visits.

Along with medical treatments, Colbert provides patients with education about their conditions, and she soon hopes to add the services of a mental health counselor.

“It’s a different experience for the patient,” she said.

Colbert was drawn to the new office in Harrison Township — and invested $200,000 in improvements — because of its ideal location and visibility, as well as potential patients.

“We have been welcomed by the Harrison Township trustees and administrator from the first day we inquired about the property,” she said. “The Trustees and fire marshal were very helpful.”

Complex Recovers, Thrives

When the 2019 tornadoes ripped through Harrison Township, one-half of the River’s Edge apartment complex was nearly demolished; the other half suffered only minor damage. The 500-unit complex of apartments and townhouses at the northern end of Riverside Drive, one of the area’s most desirable locations in the 1970s, had been renovated in 2015 after falling into disrepair and succumbing to bankruptcy.

With repairs completed to the less-damaged units and the debris from the devasted structures cleared, the complex’s 275 units continue to have strong appeal in the rental marketplace, and there’s a waiting list of potential residents.

Owners currently have no plans to rebuild the destroyed units, according to property manager Nikki Armbruster.

Pool Property in New Hands

In past generations, the Sherwood Forest Swim Club, located adjacent to Colbert Family Health and Wellness, was a community hotspot for families. In recent years, the pool was closed and the property left untended.

The club property was recently purchased, however, and the new owner is clearing the site. To date, no plans have been submitted for redevelopment, although neighbors and Township officials are pleased that the property is no longer overgrown and unsightly.

Crews Mow for Miles

If you think of summer as mowing season, you’re not alone. To keep Harrison Township both tidy and safe for traffic, the Services Department must mow 32 miles of right-of-way, which amounts to one-third of Harrison Township’s total road mileage. In a typical year, crews make three complete passes, each taking about 40 hours.

Cleanup of unsightly litter is also part of maintaining rights-of-way. Please do your part to keep Harrison Township clean by disposing of your trash properly.
Welcome, New Businesses

These businesses have recently opened their doors in Harrison Township:

Chemtag Fashions & African Market, 5254/5256 N. Dixie Dr.
Colbert Family Health & Wellness, 111 Turner Rd.
Dayton Village Pizza, 3630 N. Dixie Dr.
Elite Finishing & Coating, LLC, 3488 Stop Eight Rd.
Gem City Waterproofing & Home Improvements, 5850 N. Main St.
Home Depot U.S.A., Inc., 5800 Milo Rd.
L&S Automotive LLC, 3601 N. Dixie Dr.
New Frontier Investments, 6749 N. Dixie Dr.
Reclaimed, 2223 Needmore Rd.
Serene Home Health Services, 5520 N. Main St.
Verniquess Pet Salon, 5125 N. Dixie Dr.
With God's Grace, 5505 N. Dixie Dr.
ZAP! Tattoos, 6305 N. Dixie Dr.
Ziptite Windows & Doors, 5505 N. Main St.

When you’re in the market for goods and services, be sure to “shop local” first.

More than a Grocery Store

Today's local grocery store has become more than just a place to buy food. It's a go-to spot for medicine when we're ill, fuel when the gas tank is running low or a last-minute bouquet for a special occasion. And for a society that no longer gathers in town squares, it's also a place to run into friends and catch up on the latest community news.

Fresh and friendly

A southwest Ohio institution, the Kroger Company has served many needs of Harrison Township residents for decades. It's been committed to keeping stores "fresh and friendly" for customers and recently invested in a major renovation of the store at 3520 W. Siebenthaler Ave., according to Corporate Affairs Manager Erin Rolfes. After the 2019 tornadoes, the store hosted activities for children and distributed water to victims.

Programs aim to banish hunger

A new corporate initiative is the Zero Hunger, Zero Waste program, an effort to end hunger and eliminate food waste. Local stores rescue fresh produce, meat and bakery items and donate them to organizations that feed the hungry, such as Dayton’s House of Bread.

At the corporate level, they make grants to organizations that combat food insecurity, such as The Foodbank, the Hall Hunger Initiative and the Gem City Market.

“This is a major part of our effort to feed people who are hungry,” Rolfes said. “In the process, we’re diverting food from our landfills.”

Beware of COVID-19 Scams

As Ohio continues to roll out the COVID-19 vaccines, scammers are wasting no time preying on trusting individuals. The Ohio Attorney General’s Office offers these tips:

It's not likely you’ll need to pay anything out-of-pocket to get the vaccine during this public health emergency. You can’t pay to put your name on a vaccination list or to get early access to the vaccine.

No one from a vaccine-distribution site or healthcare payer, such as a private insurance company, will call you asking for your Social Security number, credit card or bank account information to sign you up to get the vaccine. Do not provide your personal information to someone you don’t know over the phone, email, social media or text.

Look for the red flags of a scam, such as being asked to wire money or send a prepaid money card or gift card to a stranger; being pressured to act immediately; or being told to buy a product or service from a company that refuses to provide information in writing.

If you suspect a scam or need help to address a consumer problem, please contact the Ohio Attorney General’s Office at OhioProtects.org or 800-282-0515.
Heed the Tornado Alert System

Although Harrison Township residents know the importance of paying attention to tornado notifications, here are some reminders:

• If you hear a tornado siren, you must immediately take shelter.

• The siren sounds for a continuous three minutes and does not repeat unless there’s a new warning for the area.

• Montgomery County is divided into two sections, north and south of State Route 35. The north section hears tornado sirens if the projected path is north of SR 35; and the same applies for the southern portion of the county.

• If the path of the severe weather will hit both north and south, the entire county will be notified.

To receive weather-related notifications on your phone, you can download various apps — including from local television or radio stations. Another option is to purchase a weather radio that plugs into a wall outlet and has a battery backup.

Property Maintenance: Worth the Investment

For most property owners, their home represents their biggest investment. Increasing the value of that investment depends on proper care and upkeep.

Keeping neighborhoods attractive and safe is the purpose of Harrison Township’s property maintenance code. Inspectors enforce the code, actively surveying neighborhoods every day, year-round. They try, above all, to work with property owners to ensure violations are resolved.

Now is a good time to assess your property objectively

Inspectors most commonly find high grass, junk and debris in the yard, trash at the curb, cars in disrepair and structures that need exterior work. In commercial areas, they ensure new businesses have necessary permits and are complying with zoning regulations.

If they see a violation, inspectors will reach out to the property owner. They provide a notice of violation and a date for compliance.

On that date, they return to check the status. In the meantime, if a resident calls in need of an extension, it may be granted, in the spirit of cooperation.

“Inspectors always prefer compliance over punishment,” said Township Administrator Kris McClintick.

If no progress is made, a second notice is delivered as a last attempt to resolve the problem. Beyond that, the Township may correct the issue, such as mowing the grass and charging the cost back to the property owner, or taking the case to court as a very last resort.

Just in Time for Spring Cleanup

Trash Service Reminders

General Rules

• All trash and recycling must fit inside the Rumpke containers, with the lid closed.

• If you have extra trash or recycling, Rumpke can provide additional cans for rent.

• Rumpke “overage” bags can be purchased at the Township office (5945 N. Dixie Dr.) for $4 each, and should be put out on service day.

• Any materials left outside the cans will not be collected.

Bulky Items

• You may place up to three bulky items (furniture, appliances, mattresses and large toys) per week out for collection on your regular trash pickup day. Please contact Rumpke 24/48 hours in advance of your service day at 800-828-8171 or 937-461-0004 to schedule.

• Upholstered items must be completely wrapped and sealed in plastic. Containment bags may be purchased for $7 per bag at the Harrison Township Government Center. Please contact Harrison Township at 937-890-5611 with questions regarding the containment bag.

Unwanted Advertising

Receiving unwanted newspaper ad circulars? You can stop delivery of such materials by emailing your address to customercare@daytondailynews.com or call 937-222-5700. It may take up to two weeks for deliveries to stop.
Churches Feed the Hungry

New City Church at 2439 Ontario Ave. is a mobile food pantry that delivers hot meals and groceries into Northridge every Tuesday, although they are transitioning to church-based pantry for food pickups. In warmer weather, meals and groceries will be available at the BLAST Center on Ontario Avenue. Please contact the church at 937-723-9978.

Shiloh UCC Church at 5300 Philadelphia Dr. operates a food pantry for residents of the 45415 zip code, on the fourth Saturday of every month, from 9 a.m. to noon. Please call 937-277-8953 or visit shiloh.org for more information.

Trinity Lighthouse Church at 4701 Frederick Pike operates the Isaiah 58 Food Pantry open all Miami Valley residents every Thursday, from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Valid ID is necessary. Please call 937-276-5424, email Pastornathan@tlcdayton.com, or visit the church website at TLCdayton.com.

Dayton Metro Library offers parents up to five free, shelf-stable meals per child weekly, available at all Dayton Metro Library branches. The nearest for Harrison Township is the Northwest Branch at 2410 Philadelphia Dr. Pickup times are 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. No registration is needed.

With God’s Grace offers a free store at 5505 N. Dixie Dr. Before you go, please call 937-602-9981, as you must have appointment.

Freedom Faith Church’s drive-through food giveaway, held at 6540 N. Main St. on Thursdays at 11:30 a.m., offers a variety of food items.

Where Do Your Property Taxes Go?

Source: Montgomery County Treasurer’s Office
Please let us know if you’d like to receive this newsletter in your email. Call 937-890-5611 to have your name added to the list.

Save A Tree

Market Opens June 5

The Shiloh Farmers’ Market will be back this year at the corner of North Main Street and Philadelphia Drive, in the Shiloh Church parking lot.

- The market is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday from June 5 to October 2.
- The first half hour will be designated shopping for the elderly and people at-risk.
- The market accepts SNAP/EBT and matches the first $20 of EBT sales with Produce Perks for free fruits and vegetables every week.

Questions? Please email shilohfarmersmarket@gmail.com or visit their Facebook page at facebook.com/ShilohFarmersMarket.