



Miami Valley Communications Council

Technology for local governments

Centerville Germantown Kettering Miamisburg Moraine Oakwood Springboro West Carrollton

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New member on Board

Miamisburg appoints new delegate

Welcome aboard Charlie Case, Miamisburg City Council member's newly appointed delegate to the MVCC Board. Miamisburg Acting City Manager, Dody Bruck is the alternate.

Residents respond to CodeRed

Child located in less than an hour

The MVCC sponsored CodeRed emergency notification project spoke volumes in Kettering April 16 when a child was found as a result of the program. Police placed one call that dialed more than 8,000 local numbers instantaneously. Residents heard the call and responded. The child was located in less than an hour.

Fifteen communities participate in CodeRed through MVCC, which negotiated group pricing at reduced rates for participants.

MVCC on AT&T to begin soon

Programming on AT&T's channel 99 is expected to begin May 31. The equipment to connect and send programming has been installed. Staff is working on network configuration and testing along with program coding for each city program.

Ohio NATOA has joined forces with MVCC in a letter to the Department of Commerce requesting an investigation as to whether the channel 99 set up meets guidelines of SB 117.

CATV 23 to digital 723 without a hitch

It was merely a switch of channels to CATV23 viewers, evident only to Time Warner Cable technicians and MVCC staff of the long hours of technical detail involved in making it a flip of the switch.

Time Warner's Mike Gray commended Chief Engineer Rich LaRue "for his diligent work and eye for detail" during the channel change. "The staff worked hard to make it happen," he said.

Despite the produced commercials and scrolling bulletins reminding viewers of the channel change before the switchover, several residents have called about their programs.

Other Time Warner Cable programming changes include Music Choice video music which shuffled and condensed its channel line up. Parental controls may need to be changed.

A new On-Demand channel highlights the area's Most Wanted criminals on channel 1111.

Municipal Training Academy

Registrations underway
for legislative luncheon

Elected officials are invited to join local members of the Ohio State Legislature May 8 in an open forum to discuss issues like state budget and regionalism. More than 70 communities from Cincinnati and the Dayton area are expected to attend. Contact Marie Belpulsi at 424-1663 to register.

Upcoming Training

- Bureau of Workers Comp—Luncheon Series ~ May 26, July 28 & Sept. 29
- APWA—Click Listen and Learn ~ May 21
- Supervisory Training—March 25—June 17
- Controlling Sick Leave Abuse—May 29

Previous classes include, Ethics/Open Records and Hamilton County Purchasing Program Training.

Gov-Tech

- City members will decide about participation in a natural gas aggregation program after hearing a presentation from Amp-Ohio representative Terry Leach. The rates are attractive.
- Membership for the Hamilton County purchasing program was purchased for eight member cities and training for use of the program will begin May 1.

The Miami Valley Communications Council is a *professional* municipal service organization committed to delivering *quality* services to our member local governments that add *value* to their mission of providing public information and cost effective *services* to their residents.

Programming of note

Hats off to Government Production Supervisor Carl Suchomel and the MVCC production staff along with Promotions Coordinator Jan Berger for their programming efforts which recently received special recognition.

The Miamisburg/Miami Township Joint Fire District Commissioners commended staff for their excellence and quality with the "outstanding production" created for their informational presentations.

MVCC Notes: Foster Care and Adoption was also recognized by Montgomery County officials through a letter commending producer Jan Berger's efforts.

Other MVCC produced shows of general interest include:

- Social Security & You
- The Montgomery County Treasurer's Report
- Groundbreaking ceremonies for the Austin Road interchange.
- Let's Talk shows for Centerville, Miamisburg, Kettering, and Moraine.
- Hot Topics: Foreclosure Prevention
- MTA's Ethics Training

News, above, beyond and around the MVCC facility

- This year's pavement marking bids came in with excellent pricing. Participating cities are currently reviewing the results.
- One of the facilities' HVAC units was replaced last month.
- Patch and seal work on the roof is scheduled this month. The roof is otherwise in good condition.
- Staff will be meeting with Brower Insurance this month to review details of the annual insurance renewal.

*Happy Birthday Joe MacKenzie
April 14*

*Visit our website, watch a show
at <http://www.mvcc.net>*

What's happening in MVCC member cities

The video production staff is working to cover several city events and help officials with upcoming election issues like Germantown and Miamisburg's Fire/EMS levy. West Carrollton utilized MVCC video resources to inform residents about election and levy issues in three different productions.

Current productions and upcoming events include:

Centerville

Centerville Mock Council, Arbor Day, Earth Day and Memorial Day celebrations will be covered. Regular programming includes: Let's Talk, Centerville Reports and Centerville Datebook.

Kettering

Earth Day, Memorial Day, Kettering Wellness, Mock Council, 2008 Police Annual Report; Children's Theatre Presents, Wizard of Oz; What to Watch: Kettering Talks Trash; and 2009 Kettering Firefighter's Recognition are some of the productions. Staff will tape a season preview at Fraze in addition to the production of several new commercials for local news channels. Kettering Daily and Let's Talk shows air regularly.

Miamisburg

Miamisburg/Miami Township Joint Fire District presentation, Around the Burg: 911 Emergency Dispatch, Let's Talk, Historic Miamisburg, and the Spring Fling will air live.

Moraine

The launch of a new show, FYI, will be airing soon. Wheelchair Basketball and Country Jamboree are upcoming events and regular shows include Let's Talk and Profile Moraine.

Oakwood

Community Production Tech. John Golub had several visitors last week when he gave a tour to a Boy Scout troop led by Public Safety Supervisor Alex Bebris. That Day in May event will also be covered.

Springboro

Ongoing progress of the city's new municipal building is being documented through periodic taping—from demolition of the old building to current construction of the new facility. Springboro 45066 airs monthly

West Carrollton

Take a Closer Look, April 2009 Tax Renewal and a commercial for the city's Home Fair and Family Fun Day, which will also air on the Home and Gardening TV Network.

Website maintenance, updates and upkeep ongoing

Work continues on maintenance, areas also receive benefits from the design and upkeep of several city intricate technical detail of the TCSU and organizational websites. Five website. However, most of its detail member cities take advantage of the and use is far from the public spotlight. Agents post bulletins through otherwise costly web services MVCC provides, which also includes Centerville's Yankee Trace Golf Course and upkeep of OCMA's website.

However, all the member cities benefit from the MVCC website, which highlights each community, provides links to their own city websites and live streaming of their government and community programming. More than 250 programs were added to the MVCC site last year.

Member cities and surrounding Webmaster Tom Spahr is continually striving to find, learn and use the newest technology to make the sites more user friendly for the community, city and law enforcement.