



# News from the Ohio Turnpike

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## **Ohio Turnpike’s local community rooms are open for business**

*And the best part of this best-kept secret? They’re free of charge.*

**BEREA** (May 10, 2016) – Perhaps one of the Ohio Turnpike’s best-kept secrets locally is the fact there are two Ohio Turnpike Community Rooms available for use by the public for meetings, conferences or seminars.

Located at the [Vermilion Valley](#) and [Middle Ridge](#) Service Plazas, two community rooms, one at each of the plazas in Amherst at Milepost 139.5 eastbound and westbound, respectively, are available any day of the week from 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

The rooms can accommodate 30 people classroom style and 45 people theater style. A variety of catering options are also available upon request. There is ample parking in the rear lots of both plazas.

There is no rental fee to use a community room; however, a \$50 refundable security deposit is required.

Persons interested in reserving a community room may contact the Service Plaza Operations Dept. of the Ohio Turnpike at 440-234-2081, ext. 1161 or 1162. [Permit forms](#) may be obtained on the Ohio Turnpike website.

In addition, “[Ohio Turnpike Native Plant Gardens](#)” will soon be featured at the Middle Ridge and Vermilion Valley Service Plazas. The gardens will feature 17 different Ohio-native plant species.

The Ohio Turnpike is partnering with Keep Ohio Beautiful and The Davey Tree Expert Co. on the beautification project and students from Lorain County Joint Vocational School will help install the gardens at an event on May 20.

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