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Summer in Sycamore!

From live music and car shows to yoga and sand volleyball, there is always something fun to do in Sycamore Township parks in the summer!

Enjoy live music each month of the summer as **Music in the Park at Bechtold Park** returns for the 2024 season. First off on **June 15th at 7:00 p.m.: The Remains!** Bring your dancing shoes and be ready to rock as Cincinnati favorite The Remains covers all your favorite songs, from classics like "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" to "Uptown Funk!"



In July, the **Tire Discounters Festival in Sycamore** takes over Bechtold Park! **Friday, July 19th** is Tribute Night, featuring the **Hot Red Chili Peppers** – A Tribute to the Red Hot Chili Peppers, and **The Bronson Arroyo Band** – A Tribute to Pearl Jam. Be sure to arrive at the park by 6:00 p.m. to grab some food from one of the many vendors, buy the kids a rides bracelet for only \$5, and enjoy acoustic duo JoeyMac, who will be there early to warm up the crowd!

The Festival continues **Saturday, July 20th** with headliner **Jefferson Starship!** This is your opportunity to see one of the most successful arena rock groups of the 70's and 80's live! Set up your chairs in front of the stage early so you catch opener **LoopManDan** and the Tristate's premier classic rock cover band **DV8!** See our website for Festival FAQs including detailed information about free off-site parking, food vendors, and more!

August **Music in the Park** brings the WOW factor with a performance from the extremely talented **Ricky Nye** on **August 17th at 7:00 p.m.** Ricky Nye will bring you to your feet when he plays his blues, boogie-woogie, and NOLA-style piano at Bechtold Park!
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Music in the Park
June 15 – The Remains
August 17 – Ricky Nye
7:00 p.m.
Bechtold Park
4312 Sycamore Road

Brush Chipping Program
July 6/ August 3/ September 7
8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
Behind Township Administration Building
8540 Kenwood Rd.

Tire Discounters Festival in Sycamore
July 19 & 20
6:00 P.M. to Midnight
Bechtold Park
4312 Sycamore Road

Sycamore Township Car Show
August 3
12:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.
Schuler Sports Complex
11532 Deerfield Road

Letter from the Vice-Chairman

Every year, as the weather heats up, so does the activity in Sycamore Township!

We are wrapping up a busy spring season where we welcomed back some of the Township’s most popular programs – monthly brush chipping, compost give-away, the North & South Trash Bashes, and Document Shredding Day.

In addition to jumping on the opportunity to start sprucing up yards and planter beds, Township residents took advantage of the Shredding and Trash Bash events to safely dispose of:

- 50 30-yard dumpsters of miscellaneous debris
- 994 tires
- 11 skids of electronics
- 5 30-yard dumpsters of old appliances
- 14,500 lbs of shredded documents

A big thank you goes out to our maintenance team members who go the extra mile to help make all of the above programs a success.

With summer upon us, the Special Events Committee has assembled an active season of free Yoga in the Park with NKO Yoga, the Annual Sycamore Township Car Show, free Music in the Park at Bechtold Park, and of course The Tire Discounters Festival in Sycamore. This year’s Friday night Festival lineup includes the Hot Red Chili Peppers and the Bronson Arroyo Band, while Jefferson Starship headlines Saturday night. We are grateful for the numerous event sponsors who help make the Festival possible. Be sure to mark your July calendars for the festival and join us for the music, kids’ rides, food, beverages, and fun!

Every year at this time, the Township also turns its focus to the Summer Roads Program. This means that crews will be out working on asphalt roadway and sidewalk repair and replacement projects. Please be patient and mindful of work crews as you move through the Township.

I hope to see you out and about in the Township in the coming months. And remember, if you are heading out on vacation this summer, don’t hesitate to ask our Sheriff Deputies to keep an eye on your home while you are away. Please call 513.825.1500 to sign up for this terrific service.

On behalf of my fellow Trustees Tom Weidman and Tracy Kellums, as well as our fiscal officer Jon Deters, I wish you a safe, happy, and healthy summer.

All the best –

Tracy Schwegmann

Vice-Chairman, Board of Trustees



Parks and Recreation

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Save the date, **Saturday, August 3rd**, for the **14th Annual Sycamore Township Summer Car Show** at the **Schuler Sports Complex** at 11532 Deerfield Road. Registration costs just \$15 and takes place from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. The first 100 entries will receive free dash plaques! Awards will be given to the top 40, nine specialty categories, Trustees Choice, and Best in Show. The Car Show is open to the public from Noon – 3:00 p.m. A live DJ will spin the music, and food and drinks will be available for purchase. This event is family friendly and fun for the kids! Door prizes courtesy of KOI Auto Parts and DTI Professional Auto Detailing! For information, contact Parks Supervisor Jason Petty at 513-792-7269 or jpetty@sycamoretownship.org.



Find your center with **FREE Yoga in the Park with NKO Yoga** all summer long in Sycamore Township! Yoga will be offered on **Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.** through September 7th at **Clete McDaniel Park**, 11797 Old Solzman Road (near the playground), and on **Sundays at 10:00 a.m.** through September 1st at **Bechtold Park**, 4312 Sycamore Road. Register in advance at www.nkoyoga.com, and don't forget your yoga mat!

We encourage you to explore Sycamore Township parks on your own this summer! Play a game of sand volleyball with the kids at **Bechtold Park** or reserve a shelter for that family reunion you've been wanting to host. It's easy to check shelter availability and reserve your date online at www.sycamoretownship.org. By the time you read this, the brand-new play structure at **Bob Meyer Park** should be open and ready for playing, climbing, and swinging! After that, you could take the kids to check out the play areas at the other parks and behind the Administration Building on Kenwood Road. If it's not too hot, get out and exercise on the walking paths at **McDaniel or Schuler Sports Complexes** or the nature trail at Bechtold Park. Pets are always welcome but must be on a leash. Mutt Mitts and trash receptacles are available at all the parks, so you can do your part to help keep them clean and beautiful!



Thank you to our Tire Discounters Festival in Sycamore Sponsors!

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We all endured heavy rain and storms through the spring season. With summer around the corner, it's time to enjoy the summer heat, and with that comes pesky mosquitos and ticks. Why should we care about these little bugs? Mosquitos carry diseases such as Zika virus, West Nile virus, and Malaria, which have symptoms of fever, rash, chills, body pain, profuse sweating, and vomiting/diarrhea. Ticks carry Lyme disease, which causes symptoms including fever, chills and numbness.

What to look for:

Ticks live in tall grass, shaded and wooded areas, bushes, and on animals. Mosquitos live in standing water, heat, ivy leaves, gutters and drains.

How can I protect myself?

You can protect yourself by limiting skin exposure when outdoors, wearing EPA-approved insect repellents, and checking your body after being outdoors. It is especially important to check your hair, behind your knees, under your arms, and around your groin. It is also good to check your pets after they have been outdoors, especially if they have been in wooded areas, rolling in the yard, or in tall grass.

To prevent mosquitos and ticks from entering your yard, be sure to drain standing bodies of water, use mosquito dunks, hang mosquito traps, and plant tick and deer-repellent plants.



Drug Drop Box

The Sycamore Township Fire Department has a drug drop box available for residents wishing to dispose of unused medications properly. The drop box is located at Fire Station 92, 8540 Kenwood Road, in the front lobby, which is open 24 hours a day.

Only medications in pill form can be dropped off; no liquids, creams, or gels of any type are allowed.

Police and Crime Prevention



Lt. Michael Tarr,
District Three Commander
Hamilton County Sheriff's Office - 513-683-3444
Fire and Police Emergency - 911
Non-Emergency Dispatch - 513-825-2280



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HAMILTON COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE



CAMERA REGISTRY PROGRAM

WORKING TOGETHER TO KEEP HAMILTON COUNTY SAFE!

- Please share the location of your security cameras with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.
- Sharing does not mean the Sheriff's Office will have access to your camera.
- There is no additional cost involved with sharing your camera location.
- We will not share your information with anyone else, and will only contact you if a crime occurs in your neighborhood.

Share your security camera locations with
the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office:
connecthamiltonco.org



SCAN TO REGISTER YOUR CAMERA(S)
Scan the QR code with your phone's
camera to register now!

As part of its Connect Hamilton County initiative, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office has launched a Camera Registry Program. The program allows residents, businesses, and private organizations to share with the Sheriff's Office the location of security cameras throughout Sycamore Township. Deputies in the field and investigators will then be able to quickly locate cameras in the event of a crime or critical incident... saving valuable time. The registry also contains contact information for the camera's owner, so we can quickly contact you.

The Camera Registry Program is voluntary. There is no cost to the camera owner, and it takes just a few minutes to complete the registration process. The Sheriff's Office will not share your camera location with anyone else, and we will only contact you if we believe that your camera may have captured video of a crime or critical incident. Scan the QR code above to register.

If you have any questions about the registry, feel free to contact me (mtarr@hcsso.org) or call our non-emergency dispatch number (513) 825-1500 and ask for a Deputy to call you or respond to your location.





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Sycamore Township is proud of its quality of residential life and has adopted regulations to ensure that our community is a safe and beautiful place to live.

The following are general summaries of common regulations:

Lawn Mowing: Grass and weeds must be cut before reaching a height of 8 inches.

Building Exterior: All exterior surfaces shall be maintained in good repair, structurally sound and sanitary. House numbers must be clearly visible from the street.

Painted surfaces which are peeling, flaking, or weathered must be scrapped and covered with the appropriate protective covering. Roofs and flashing shall be sound, tight, and not have any defects to admit rain.

Fences & Landscaping: No fences are permitted in the front yard. Permitted fences in the rear yard may be six-foot in height and be of a solid variety. In the side yard fences greater than four-feet in height shall be no closer to the front face of the house than one-quarter the depth of the house. All landscape material must be properly maintained necessary to keep plantings healthy and in orderly appearance.

Swimming Pools & Hot Tubs: Swimming pools must be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition. Hamilton County requires that all swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas containing water more than 24 inches in depth be completely surrounded by a fence or barrier at least 48" in height and have a self-latching gate.

House-Garage-Yard Sales: House, garage, and yard sales are permitted and limited to the personal possessions of the owner-occupant of the dwelling at which the sale is conducted. Such sales are limited to three consecutive days, and no more than three such sales shall be conducted from the same residence in any twelve-month period.

If you have concerns about the condition of a property in your neighborhood, you may report the issue to the Planning & Zoning Department by calling Inspector Kevin Clark at 513-792-7249 or report it online at <https://cagismaps.hamilton-co.org/csr/sycamore/>



ZONING CERTIFICATES REQUIRED

Please keep in mind that a zoning permit is required for the following residential projects:

- New Single-Family Homes
- Room Additions
- Garages
- Decks
- Pools
- Sheds/Accessory Use Structures
- Fences/Retaining Walls
- Front Porches
- PODs (Movable Storage Units)
- In-Home Occupations

Questions about zoning certificates may be directed to Planning & Zoning Assistant Jon Ragan at 513-792-7250 or jragan@sycamoretownship.org.



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Road Work Ahead

This time of year, there seems to be roadwork everywhere you turn, and it is no different here in Sycamore Township. We are consistently working to improve the infrastructure for you, our residents. The following are the projects planned within the Township:

The **2024 Sycamore Township Road Improvement Program** will include pavement preservation and pavement, curb, and sidewalk repairs on various roads throughout the Township. This project involves the application of a Reclamite pavement rejuvenation product by Pavement Technology, Pavement repairs by Rack & Ballauer Excavating, curb repairs by Adleta Construction, and sidewalk repairs by Prus Construction. Construction is scheduled to begin this summer and be completed by the fall, with an estimated cost of \$764,524.25. A complete list of streets included in these projects may be viewed on our website at <https://sycamoretownship.org/departments/maintenance/road-projects/>.

Euclid Avenue Sidewalk Improvements: This project involves the construction of sidewalks on Euclid Avenue between Michael Drive and Hosbrook Road. The contractor is Rack & Ballauer Excavating. Work is scheduled to begin this summer and be completed by November 2024. The estimated cost of the project is \$1,374,578.17. The Township received a SORTA grant for 70% of the project cost.

Finley Lane Sidewalk Improvements: Sidewalks will be constructed on Finley Lane between Montgomery Road and Lyncris Drive. The contractor, Ford Development Corp., will begin work early this summer and complete the project by July 31, 2024. The estimated cost of the project is \$237,013.15. The Township received a SORTA grant for 90% of the project cost.

Kenwood Road Improvements: This project is located between Montgomery Rd. and the Blue Ash Corp. Line on Kenwood Road and includes sidewalk and ramp repairs, curb repairs, painting of traffic poles, traffic island repairs, stone wall repairs, milling and resurfacing of the roadway, and new pavement markings. The contractor, Adleta Construction, will begin construction this summer. The estimated cost of the project is \$4,256,485.59. The Township received a SORTA grant for 90% of the project cost.

The portions of the projects that must be funded by Sycamore Township are being paid for out of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds generated by commercial development within the Township, which allows the Township to keep your taxes low and not come to you, our residents, for a road levy.

Sycamore Township Project Inspector Tony Perkins will oversee all aspects of the work done during these projects and assist our residents with any questions or concerns that may arise. Tony may be reached at 513-792-7247 or tperkins@sycamoretownship.org.



FRIENDLY REMINDERS

TIRE DISCOUNTERS FESTIVAL IN SYCAMORE

July 19 & 20, 2024,
6:00 p.m. to Midnight
Bechtold Park

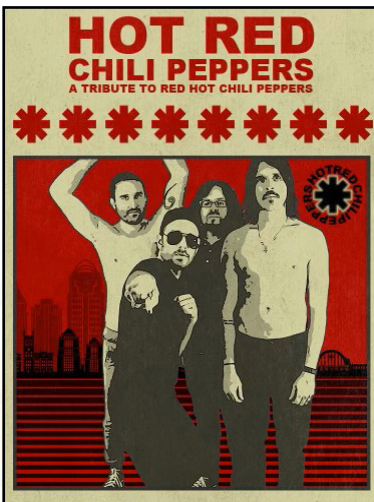


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There's More in Sycamore!



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The Festival in Sycamore also includes a wide variety of food vendors and the popular "Ride for Five" – pay just \$5 per day for a ride bracelet so kids can ride the rides while you sit back and enjoy the music or get up and dance!