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Design Finalized for Sycamore Township Veterans Memorial Project

In the Fall 2024 edition of the Sycamore Quarterly, we announced plans for the construction of a Veterans Memorial at Bechtold Park near the roundabout at the intersection of Plainfield and Sycamore Roads. Over the last year, the Sycamore Township Veterans Memorial Commission has been busy behind the scenes, working to obtain grant funding for the project, finalizing the design, and selecting contractors.

Under the guidance of Commission Member and Project Manager Mike Gould, the Commission enlisted the services of Jim Smith, of Art & Stone in Lebanon, Ohio, and engineers at Kleingers to revise the initial renderings. These skilled professionals listened to input from the Commission to create a layout that maximizes the space available and a design that is a fitting tribute to our Veterans.

We offer a special thank you to the Veterans serving on the Commission for their invaluable insight into creating a design that beautifully and respectfully honors and memorializes all of those who serve and have served our country:

Robert O'Brien, Commission Treasurer, Air Force

Patricia Buschmann, Commission Member, Army

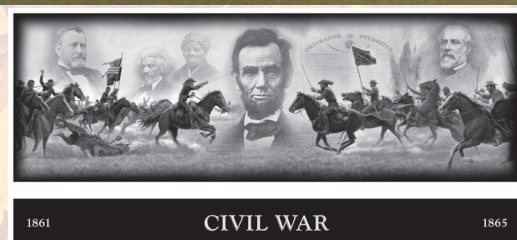
Thomas Crowthers, Commission Member, Marine Corps

The Sycamore Township Veterans Memorial will feature war timeline benches lining the pathway from the parking lot to the Memorial. The granite benches will be etched with intricate artwork depicting the people and scenes of each period. Once visitors reach the end of the path, they will enter a peaceful and respectful memorial, beautifully landscaped and lined with flags for each branch of our armed forces. Commemorative bricks and pavers will make up the decorative walkway surrounding the branch of service monuments.

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Commemorative Bricks & Paver



War Timeline Bench



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fall Compost Give-Away

September 13
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Hartzell United Methodist Church
8999 Applewood Dr.

Brush Chipping Program

October 4/ November 1/ December 6
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Behind Township Administration Building
8540 Kenwood Rd.

Fall Curbside Leaf Collection

October 14 – December 15

Halloween Trick-or-Treating

October 31
6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Election Day

November 4
Polls Open 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Letter from the Vice-Chairman

As the blistering hot temperatures wind down and cooler Fall temperatures roll in, we hope you all enjoyed a great summer.

For the last 20 years I have been Trustee, we have continued to work hard to make our community more pedestrian friendly. These projects are extremely expensive, and we have continued to be successful in receiving grants for these projects, so our residents aren't burdened with the cost.

Our Euclid sidewalk project was a huge success, and there are people using those sidewalks every day. (\$600,000 in grant funds)

We are now working on our Kemper/Snider Road sidewalk project, which will connect the Sterling Run subdivision entrance on Snider Road, south to Kemper Road and west to Baen Road and our Schuler Park. It also includes a complete resurfacing of Kemper which will be completed next year. (\$3.5 million in grant funds)

The Solzman and School Road sidewalk program is scheduled for next year and will allow for pedestrian access from Kemper all the way to the Sharonville Corporate line. (\$900,000 in grant funds)

Our Kenwood Road project is nearing completion, and it has never looked better. Besides curb repair and resurfacing the road, our sidewalks were repaired and replaced, providing great pedestrian access from the Blue Ash border to Montgomery Road. (\$5.4 million in grant funds)

Our Tire Discounters Festival in Sycamore was a big success again this year. Even with the potential for bad weather, we had a bigger family crowd than we have seen in quite some time. It was a great Township family event, and we are looking forward to next year being even better. We want to thank Tire Discounters for being our Festival sponsor and Dr. Alex Donath for being our Stage Sponsor for the event.

It won't be long before the leaves start falling and it's time to rake them to the curb. Leaf pickup is scheduled to begin October 14th and ends December 15th. We are pleased to be able to continue our curbside leaf collection program. It is important to remember that the leaves should not be raked into the street. Please rake them to the edge of the grass and our maintenance crew will ensure that they are all removed.

Your Trustees are committed to keeping Sycamore Township a great place to live, work and enjoy life. If there is anything that we can do to help you, please contact us at 513-791-8447 or through our website at www.sycamoretownship.org

On behalf of Trustees Tracy Schwegmann and Tracy Kellums, our Fiscal Officer Jon Deters, and our Administrator Greg Bickford and his entire staff, we encourage you to take some time to get outdoors and enjoy the changing Fall colors.

Tom Weidman
Vice Chairman
Board of Trustees

Parks and Recreation

Thank you to everyone who made the 2025 Tire Discounters Festival in Sycamore a terrific success! See you next year!



Sycamore Township Car Show Winners



Congratulations to Best of Show winner Kevin Faust, shown here with his winning 1941 WC40 Weapons Carrier Truck and Sycamore Township Parks Supervisor Jason Petty.



Parks Supervisor Jason Petty congratulates Trustees' Choice winner Terry Yeager, shown here with his winning 1929 Ford Model A Car.

Bechtold Park Shelter Reservations

It's not too early to start thinking about reserving a picnic shelter at Bechtold Park for 2026! Shelters tend to book early, especially on the weekends. Bechtold Park offers four shelters available for rent. Shelter 1, the Bechtold Pavilion, is the largest shelter with the capacity to hold up to 125 people. The Pavilion features a fireplace and restrooms and is only available for rent to Sycamore Township residents. Shelters 2, 3, and the brand-new shelter 4 can accommodate up to 80 people. You may check availability and reserve a shelter with a credit card through the Township's website at <https://sycamoretownship.org/departments/parks-and-recreation/shelter-reservations/>. Shelters may be reserved from April through October.





Fire Chief Rob Penny

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As we approach fall, we begin to see cooler temperatures and shorter days. Upcoming events this fall include Fire Prevention Week, the Sycamore Township Fire Department's 30-year anniversary, Halloween, and the holiday season, as well as Chief Penny's 50th anniversary in the fire service.

The National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) – the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 100 years – has announced "Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home" as the theme for Fire Prevention Week™, October 5-11, 2025. This year's focus on lithium-ion batteries works to better educate the public about how to buy, charge, and dispose of them safely.

Most of the electronics in our homes — smartphones, tablets, power and lawn tools, laptops, e-cigarettes, headphones, and toys, to name just a few — are powered by lithium-ion batteries. If not used correctly or damaged, they can overheat and start a fire or explode. "Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home" provides the information, guidance, and resources needed to use lithium-ion batteries with caution and care.

"Lithium-ion batteries are powerful, convenient, and they're just about everywhere," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. "Making sure the public knows how to handle them safely is critical to minimizing the potential risks they present." This year's FPW theme, **"Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home,"** works to educate everyone about how important it is to BUY, CHARGE, and RECYCLE safely when it comes to lithium-ion batteries. We encourage you to follow the Sycamore Township Fire Department's Facebook page for more information about Fire Safety Week and Holiday Fire & Life Safety messages as we enter into Halloween and the holiday season.

The Fire Department looks forward to recognizing Fire Chief Rob Penny, who is celebrating his 50th Anniversary in the Fire & EMS services, this coming November. Chief Penny started in 1975 with the Montgomery Community Fire Department and served there until 1995, when the Montgomery and Rossmoyne Community Fire Departments merged into the Sycamore Township Fire & EMS Department. Chief Penny, who will retire in 2026 with 50 years in the fire service and 36 years as a paramedic, has faithfully served the Montgomery, Deer Park, Rossmoyne, Dillonvale, and Sycamore Township communities since graduating from Sycamore High School. Congratulations, Chief Penny!



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District Three Commander
Hamilton County Sheriff's Office
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Fire and Police Emergency
911

Non-Emergency Dispatch
513-825-2280

Dog Laws within Sycamore Township

We are often asked about laws concerning our canine friends. Over the years, you have likely met someone afraid to be around dogs. Universally, legislators have echoed those feelings and regulated certain aspects of canine companion ownership. One such law in the State of Ohio Revised Code is Section 955.22, which regulates confining, restraining, debarking dogs, and dangerous dog certification.

When it comes to confinement and restraining, this law summarizes that all dogs are required to be confined on the owners' property (by specific means such as fencing or a kennel), under their "reasonable control," or on a leash/tether on the property. When they are no longer on the owner's property, they must be on a leash/tether.

Certain dogs, (**designated by a court as "dangerous," "vicious," or "nuisance"**) have additional restrictions, such as wearing a muzzle while off their owner's property or the requirement that the owner

possess liability insurance for their dog. A dog owner who has been convicted or pleaded guilty to violating these laws three or more times must also obtain liability insurance, have their dog registered as a dangerous dog, and label the dog with an affixed tag. There are additional restrictions for these types of dogs, which would be explained to the owner through the courts upon conviction. All dog owners are required to notify local law enforcement in the event their animal bites a person or attacks another animal at a location other than the dog owner's property.

Some pet owners desire to "de-bark" or surgically silence a dog from barking. If you are interested in having this done, please consult with your veterinarian to inquire if you are permitted to de-bark the animal. Dangerous dogs are not permitted to be de-barked.

The Ohio Revised Code, Section 955.221, explains that **Townships** and **Municipalities have the authority to pass additional ordinances or resolutions to further control dogs**. This includes but is not limited to ordinances and resolutions concerned with the ownership, keeping, or harboring of dogs, the restraint of dogs, dogs as public nuisances, and dogs as a threat to public health, safety, and welfare, with some exceptions. This means that Sycamore Township has the legal authority to pass additional resolutions.

One such resolution recently passed in Sycamore Township is **Resolution 2025-071**. This resolution amends an earlier resolution (Resolution 2013-112) and further enforces ORC Section 955.22 by stating that **NO DOGS** will be permitted to ROAM at large on **ANY PROPERTY** without the permission of the private property owner within the Township, and **NO DOGS** will be permitted to ROAM at large **on, over, or across public streets, parks, or grounds within the**

Township. In other words, your dog must be confined, leashed, or tethered anywhere in Sycamore Township. A violation of this law is a minor misdemeanor and is subject to the owner being cited with a criminal citation, which includes a fine of \$150 associated with each offense.

Other laws and resolutions apply to canines, and all are not explained in this article.

For further or more specific questions regarding the laws that apply to your dog ownership, please contact the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office at 513-825-1500.

For all lost dogs found or dogs found to be roaming freely within the Township, please contact the Hamilton County Sheriff at (513) 825-2280.



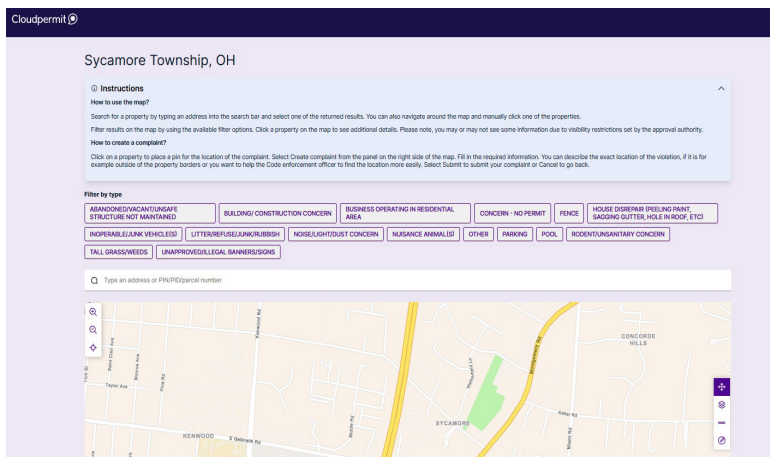
Planning & Zoning



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Zoning Certificates for Fall Projects

Thinking of a fall home improvement project? A zoning certificate is required for residential projects such as decks, fences, sheds, and additions. Most residential Zoning Certificates are free of charge. To start the brief application process through Cloudpermit, please visit www.US.Cloudpermit.com/gov/login to register a Cloudpermit account. Then, follow the prompts.

Property Maintenance and Zoning Concerns

Do you have a property maintenance or zoning concern you would like to report to the Township? If so, please visit our online portal at www.us.cloudpermit.com/gov/map/US-OH39914. Complaints may be anonymous.

Township staff are happy to help you apply for a Zoning Certificate or submit a property maintenance/zoning complaint form if you do not have a computer or have questions. Please call (513) 791-8447 or visit the Township Administrative Office at 8540 Kenwood Road for assistance.

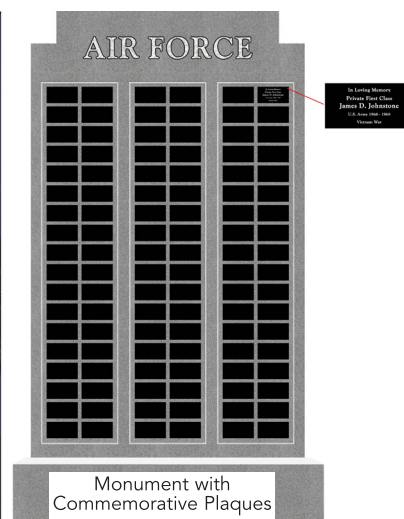
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The monuments themselves will be illuminated, making for a striking image at night, and have been pushed out from the middle in the final design to take advantage of the space available on the back of the granite and allow access to the American Flag at the monument's center. The rear side of each monument facing the American Flag will be adorned with commemorative plaques available for purchase to honor a Veteran or as a way for an individual, family, or company to show appreciation to Veterans. There will be benches honoring each branch of service around the perimeter of the memorial, allowing visitors a place to sit and reflect.

Construction of the Sycamore Township Veterans Memorial is expected to begin this fall with the goal of holding a dedication on Memorial Day, 2026. Please visit <https://www.sycamoretownshipvets.org/> today to learn more about this project and how you or your company can make a donation, become a sponsor, or make a commemorative purchase to honor a Veteran.



Veterans Memorial at Night



Maintenance Department



Steve Reutelshofer,
Superintendent

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Township Projects Under Construction

The Township has two large projects ongoing this year. On the south side of the Township, we have the Kenwood Road Improvements Project (Montgomery Road to Blue Ash Corp. Line) and on the north side of the Township, the East Kemper Road Sidewalk Project (Deerfield Road to Snider Road).

The contractor is working hard and making great progress with the construction of the improvements along both the Kenwood Road and the East Kemper Road corridors. The Kenwood Road project is scheduled to be completed by November 2025, just in time for the holiday shopping season. The East Kemper Road Project is scheduled to be completed by November 2026. When completed, you will experience corridors that will have new sidewalks, curb ramps, curbs, drainage improvements, and newly resurfaced roadway pavement.

Future Township Projects

The Township has three exciting sidewalk projects planned for next year. The projects are as follows: 1. Baen Road & Deerfield Road Sidewalk Project (Schuler Sports Complex to East Kemper Rd.) 2. Solzman Road (East Kemper Rd to School Rd.) and School Road (Solzman Rd. to the Sharonville Corp Line) Sidewalk Project. 3. Snider Road Sidewalk Project (East Kemper Road to Bridlemaker Lane). The projects are scheduled to begin early in 2026 and are scheduled to be completed by the end of November 2026.

Our sidewalk improvement projects are a part of the Township's strategic planning to increase public safety and walkability within our community by connecting our residential areas to our parks and business districts.

The projects will be partially funded through grants received from the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Transit Infrastructure Fund (SORTA), with the remaining project costs paid by Sycamore Township.

Continuous Maintenance Ahead

This Fall, you will also see our dedicated maintenance staff in our parks and neighborhoods performing various duties. Our staff takes immense pride in performing these tasks to ensure that our parks, roads, and infrastructure are first in class!

Friendly Reminders

We ask you for your patience and consideration when driving through work zones. Please SLOW DOWN and DRIVE SAFELY.

No Dumping in Public Roadway

If you are performing yard maintenance tasks or home remodeling, keep in mind that it is **it is illegal to place obstructions within the roadway** and you will be fined if you dump mulch, gravel, or other materials, or place dumpsters or PODS on the public roadway or sidewalks. These items should be placed on private property.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (513) 792-7258 or via email at sreutelshofer@sycamoretownship.org and I will be happy to assist you. Have a safe and fun fall season!



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FRIENDLY REMINDERS

**Dillonvale Luminaria
Bechtold Park
December 13, 2025**



8540 Kenwood Road
Sycamore Twp., Ohio 45236

PRESORTED
STANDARD
US POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT NO. 1693
CINCINNATI, OHIO

There's More in Sycamore!

Sycamore Township is pleased to provide you with prompt and efficient leaf pickup service from October 14th to December 15th. Leaves should be raked to the public right-of-way beside the street. PLEASE DO NOT PUT LEAVES IN THE STREET. Sticks, grass clippings, and garden debris will jam our machines and should not be mixed into leaf piles. Consequently, piles with materials other than leaves will not be collected.

Maintenance crews will be working from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. five days a week, rain, or shine, to collect leaves in a timely manner. Many factors, such as the number of leaves to be collected and the availability of temporary laborers, have an impact on collection and make it impossible to predict exact pickup times; however, every effort will be made to service each street weekly.

