

Sycamore Township

NEWS

Summer 2010

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Summer officially kicks off June 21st and we have several things planned to make your summer more enjoyable. By now you should have received in your mail the Township's latest flyer highlighting the Twilight Concert schedule. We have some great local bands lined up for your enjoyment.



Dick Kent

Our BIG event – the annual **Festival in Sycamore** – will be the weekend of July 16th and 17th. Every year, the event grows in popularity and we greatly appreciate your continued support. The headline band for Friday evening will be **Starship** featuring **Mickey Thomas**. Saturday night the Township is pleased to welcome **Survivor**. We are extremely excited to be bringing these great bands to Sycamore Township and could not do so without the generous support of the sponsors who help make it all happen. Please visit our website www.sycamoretownship.org for additional Festival information.

In April, we hosted our first document shredding event and it was well received. Thanks to the enormous turn out and demand, we will plan to do this again next spring. We are pleased to add this event to the ongoing list of services Sycamore Township offers its residents.

If you have not had the opportunity to visit our newest park – The Robert L. Schuler Sports Complex - I invite you to stop by. Located at 11580 Deerfield Road, it is first-class in every way and in great demand. The new community room, with state of the art technology, can be used for business meetings as well as social events. If you would like a tour, please contact Parks and Recreation Director Mike McKeown at 792-7270.

As always, your Trustees are dedicate to keeping Sycamore Township the vibrant community it has become. Even in these tough economic times, we continue to maintain sound financial practices in all of our spending decisions. On behalf of my fellow Trustees – Tom Weidman and Cliff Bishop, along with Fiscal Officer Rob Porter, we hope you have a safe and fun summer.

Sincerely,



Richard C. Kent, Trustee

Festival in Sycamore

Bechtold Park
4312 Sycamore Road
Friday, July 16 &
Saturday, July 17
6pm to Midnight





EMS/Fire Department



William A. Jetter,
Ph.D. MIFireE EMS
& Fire Director/Fire
Chief

FIRE SERVICE COLLABORATIVE

Often times in our neighborhoods we see fire apparatus or life squads from other communities serving the needs of our residents. The Hamilton County Fire Chief's Association has provided long term mutual aid assistance to communities for decades. This valuable resource aids neighbors in need by bringing together a large group of first responders. The fire service in Hamilton County has been working together in a regional concept, or collaborative arrangement, long before 911.

In April of 1999 when an F3 tornado devastated areas of Blue Ash, Montgomery, Symmes Township and Sycamore Township, mutual aid groups from the City of Cincinnati, Warren County and Butler County came together to help the affected communities.

Today this concept is part of a huge state wide mutual aid program that provides emergency resources during any type of emergency. This program came about through the Ohio Fire Chief's Association. Regionalization of a Hazardous Materials Response Team and the Urban Search and Rescue Team known as the Hamilton County USAR Team all serve the residents of Southwest Ohio, Northern Kentucky and the eastern part of Indiana.

Fire chiefs realized years ago that communities were better served through a regional approach to training teams in on-scene incident management, hazardous materials, terrorism, mass casualties, and technical rescue responses. These highly trained individuals can then share their knowledge with and train personnel in their own department.

Recently Sycamore Township, Symmes Township, the cities of Blue Ash, Sharonville, Loveland and Mason created a closer working relationship called the

Northeast Fire Collaborative. The goals are to achieve maximum purchasing power, shared training, coordinated response, incident management, risk policies, fireground safety and a uniform approach to the Hamilton County Fire Chief's Standard Operating Guidelines on various topics that affect all fireground operations. The Collaborative also recognized the need to share costs to further economize during tough economic times while providing the best service to our communities.

The Collaborative members maintain the individual communities they serve are foremost and the need to remain autonomous is key. However, working together enables the departments to achieve more efficient operations and share valuable resources. Since the Northeast Fire Collaborative announced their formation, other departments in the county are now organizing regional workgroups as well. Just like in our own homes, working with our neighbors generates friendship, a better understanding of help and provides a safer environment for everyone.

The men and women of Sycamore Township EMS & Fire Department are honored to be a part of this great community and stand ready to serve the residents 24/7 365 days a year. Our training, equipment, and response times continue to be our benchmark for making sure that every call for assistance is met with courtesy and kindness in a professional manner.

If you have a question about the services provided by the EMS & Fire Department, please call me directly. My contact information is: Chief William (BJ) Jetter, phone 513-792-7249; email: wjetter@sycamoretownship.org.

All the members of the EMS & Fire Department thank you for allowing us to serve you, the residents of Sycamore Township.

William A. Jetter, Ph.D. MIFireE
EMS & Fire Director/Fire Chief

Police and Crime Prevention



Lt. Dan Reid,
Liaison to the Hamilton
County Sheriff's
Department

“THOSE WHO HOST LOSE THE MOST”

We are quickly approaching graduation time. This is a time of great joy for both parents and their children. Along with graduation, come graduation parties. While we all want everyone to have a great time, I want to remind you that if your children and their friends are under the age of 21, it is illegal to provide them with alcohol.

If you are caught hosting a party where underage drinking is occurring, you will be subject to arrest. It is a misdemeanor of the first degree to host this type of party. You can be subject to up to six months in jail and a one thousand dollar fine. Besides the criminal sanctions, if one of the children attending suffers physical harm or is involved in an auto accident, you can be civilly responsible and it can be devastating to your financial stability. I cannot even imagine the grief that you may feel, in addition to all the legal ramifications, if your child or one of their friends is injured or killed.

Once again, I hope that all of the graduates have a great time at their parties. I know the joy of not only having my children graduate from high school but also from college. Please keep in mind these reminders of the dangers of underage consumption of alcohol at your parties. Do not provide alcohol for you child or their guests and be vigilant in making sure that your child's friends don't bring alcohol to their parties. It is simply true, “Those who host lose the most.”

Lt. Dan Reid
Hamilton County Sheriff's Department

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Festival in Sycamore Bechtold Park

Bechtold Park
4312 Sycamore Road
Friday, July 16
Saturday, July 17
6PM-Midnight

Trash Bash – North

Clete McDaniel Sports Complex
School Road Entrance
7841 School Road, 45249
Friday, Sept 17, 12 Noon–4 PM
Saturday, Sept 18, 8 AM–4 PM
Sunday, Sept 19, Noon–4 PM

Twilight Concert

Bluestone Ivory
Sunday, September 19,
5 – 7 pm
McDaniel Sports Complex
11797 Solzman Road, 45249

HAMILTON COUNTY ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING

October 1 – 31, 2010
At 2trg in Blue Ash
#7 Bldg in Blue Ash
Distribution Center
11085 Kenwood Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45242

Parks and Recreation



THE TRADITION CONTINUES AT THE 18TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL IN SYCAMORE

The tradition of fantastic national, regional, and local music; food; and fun continues this summer at the 18th annual Festival in Sycamore. The event will be held from 6:00 P.M. – Midnight on Friday, July 16, and Saturday, July 17, at Bechtold Park, 4312 Sycamore Rd. Along with the great music and food, the Township will again offer the "Ride for Five", which means that an individual can purchase a bracelet each night and ride the rides all night for \$5.00.

Headlining the Friday, July 16, festivities will be "STARSHIP featuring MICKEY THOMAS". With gold and platinum hits including Sara, We Built This City, and Layin' it on the Line, "STARSHIP" has been touring the country with jam packed shows for years. Opening the festivities on Friday will be local favorites and Festival in Sycamore veterans "The Gamut". Following them will be regional favorite "Jon Justice" and his band. Nominated for 3 Cincinnati Entertainment Awards, Jon and his band bring their great blues and rock sound to the Festival.

Headlining the Saturday, July 17, music explosion will be Grammy Award winning band "SURVIVOR". Born in the 80s, this group has enjoyed a long and enduring career. Best known for the Rocky theme Eye of the Tiger, SURVIVOR has enjoyed Top 40 success with many other hits including High on You, Burning Heart, and The Search is Over. This promises to be a show full of fun and energy. Opening the Saturday night lineup will be the "Natalie Wells Band". Back by popular demand, Natalie put on an unforgettably fantastic show last year. Next up will be the 80s sound of "The Whammies". This group attracts a large following with fantastic music and stage antics.

Times (approximate) are listed below.

FRIDAY, JULY 16

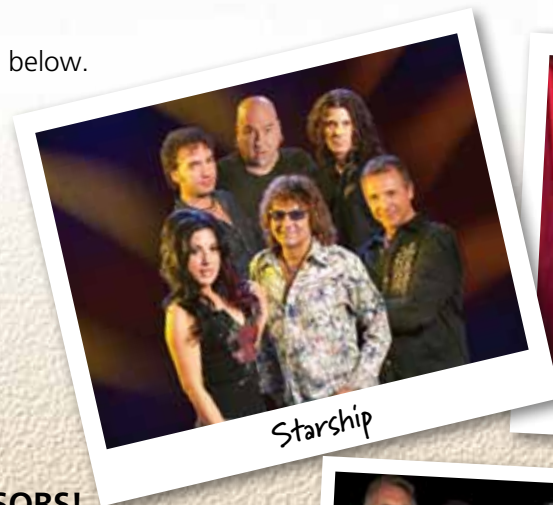
- 6:00 The Gamut
- 7:30 Jon Justice Band
- 9:15 STARSHIP featuring MICKEY THOMAS

SATURDAY, JULY 17.

- 6:00 Natalie Wells Band
- 7:30 The Whammies
- 9:15 SURVIVOR

THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS!

- Kenwood Towne Center (Gold)*
- Doubletree Guest Suites (Gold)*
- Adleta Construction*
- Bloomin' Garden Centre*
- Brookwood Retirement Center*
- Camp Safety Equipment*
- Command Seagrave*
- 5/3 Bank Securities*
- Green Bay Packaging*
- Kids First Sports Center*
- Pillar Insurance*
- Sycamore Township*
- Republican Club*



Starship



Survivor



The Gamut



Natalie Wells Band



The Whammies



Jon Justice Band

HIGH POINT PARK RENOVATION

Sycamore Township and hundreds of volunteers from the Montgomery Community Church, as well as some residents, teamed up to renovate High Point Park. The shelter was pressure washed and repainted, the basketball court was painted and new rims installed, and the swings were cleaned and painted. The highlight of the project was the construction and installation of the fitness and exercise equipment. Chin up bars, balance beam, parallel bars, monkey bars, and pushup and situp stations were included.



Many thanks to the participants from the Montgomery Community Church and the residents who helped.

TOWNSHIP EVENTS



Sycamore Township National Day of Prayer Ceremony held May 6, 2010 at the Sycamore Township Administration Office.



The Document Shredding Program for Township residents only was held on Saturday, April 17 behind the Administration Building at 8540 Kenwood Road.



ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

The 8th Annual Golf Outing will be held at **Cedar Trace Golf Club**, 5466 Newtonsville Hutchinson Road, Batavia, Ohio 45103 – phone (513) 625-4400 – on Saturday, August 28, 2010. Cedar Trace Golf Club is an enjoyable eighteen hole course founded in 1999 and located in Batavia, Ohio. The natural hills and valleys make Cedar Trace Golf Club a must for golfers waiting to be challenged. \$80 includes golf, food, prizes, and dinner at Healy Memorial Lodge, 7640 Plainfield Road at Chamberlain Park in Deer Park. A portion of the proceeds will benefit cystic fibrosis. **9:00 am shot gun start, up to 144 golfers – SELLS OUT FAST!!** For more details, contact Rick Wietmarschen at 509-6690 or visit our website, www.sycamoretownship.org.



Twilight Concert

Sunday, September 19, 5 – 7 pm, McDaniel Sports Complex located at 11797 Solzman Road, 45249

Blue Stone Ivory – BSI never fails to entertain! Hometown favorites, Cammy Award winners two years in a row and one of our most requested repeat acts. Flowers for the ladies, a killer horn section – what's not to love?



Planning and Zoning

Beautification Contest

CONTEST OVERVIEW

Do you live near a Sycamore Township property of which you can be proud? If so, you are fortunate to have neighbors who have made an investment in your neighborhood. When people beautify their property the whole neighborhood wins! Property values are enhanced and the neighborhood becomes more attractive and desirable. The Sycamore Township Beautification Award is a challenge designed to recognize exceptional properties which have contributed to keeping Sycamore Township beautiful. Our goal is to applaud the owners of properties who have taken extra measures to achieve noticeable improvements that have impacted our community and to develop better and stronger relationships with local government and its residents. Awards will be presented annually for township properties based on the following:

CRITERIA

- ✓ exhibits pride in their home
- ✓ shows excellence in exterior home upkeep and maintenance
- ✓ shows creativeness in the exterior of the home in relation to the surrounding neighborhood
- ✓ must not have any current property violations

CATEGORIES

The Sycamore Township Beautification Awards will be given to 3 residential properties which beautify the Township. First prize is the Rose Award, second prize is the Tulip Award and third prize is the Hosta Award.

JUDGING

All properties will be reviewed and judged by Township Department head staff.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations to be judged may be submitted by property owners, friends, neighbors, etc. Applications may be found below or at our website www.sycamoretownship.org.

RULES

Winners are not eligible to win more than once in a three year period.

DEADLINE

All nominations must be postmarked by Friday, July 30, 2010. Judging will be held in the month of August. Winners will be announced in September.

AWARD WINNERS

Award Winners will be welcomed by the Township Board of Trustees at a special awards ceremony where beautification certificates will be awarded. Special recognition on the Township web site and newsletter and a gracious gift certificate to local businesses will be given.



SYCAMORE TOWNSHIP APPLICATION FOR BEAUTIFICATION CONTEST

Date: _____

Please complete the application and fax to (513) 792-8571 or mail to the Township Administration Offices, 8540 Kenwood Road, Sycamore Township, OH 45236. Thank you!

Address of Property Nominated: _____ Property Owners Name(s): _____

Please list any information on the above-mentioned property based on overall look, maintenance of overall property, improvement to the neighborhood, inspiration to others and any unique characteristics of the property.

Your Name: _____ Phone Number: (513) _____

Maintenance Department



Tracy Kellums,
Superintendent

FALL TRASH BASH – NORTH

The Sycamore Township maintenance staff will be on hand to offer assistance at the Fall Trash Bash at the McDaniel Sports Complex - School Road Entrance, 7841 School Road. **Time: Friday, Sept 17 – Noon-4 pm Saturday, Sept 18 – 8 am-4 pm Sunday, Sept 19 – Noon-4pm.** Trash, junk, debris, tires, old construction materials, furniture, lawn mowers and appliances of all sorts will be accepted.

Please note that paint, chemicals, pesticides and yard waste including leaves, limbs and brush will not be accepted. Be prepared to show proof of residency. A valid driver's license or utility bill with your Sycamore Township address will be accepted.

FALL COMPOST GIVE-AWAY

The Township will provide free compost and wood chips on Saturday, September 25 from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. The material may be picked up at the Township's compost site adjacent to Hartzell United Methodist Church Parking Lot at 8999 Applewood Drive.

Maintenance personnel will be on hand to assist you in loading the material. There is an abundant supply of both compost and wood chips so come early and come often. No rain date has been set at this time.

BRUSH CHIPPING DROP OFF

Behind Township Admin Bldg
8540 Kenwood Rd
Saturday 8 am – 4 pm
July 3, August 7, September 4, October 2

HAMILTON COUNTY ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING

FREE TO HAMILTON COUNTY RESIDENTS

At **2trg** in Blue Ash
#7 Bldg in Blue Ash Distribution Center
11085 Kenwood Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45242
513.761.5333 | www.2trg.com

October 1 – 31, 2010 Monday – Friday 9 am – 4 pm

FREE drop off event also available on Saturday October 30th 9 am – 2 pm. No appointment needed – Hamilton County identification is required. **2trg recycles: computers, laptops, monitors, keyboards/mice, cell phones, printers, fax machines and TV's.**

STORM DAMAGE COLLECTION

When storms pass through Sycamore Township, you can rest assured that we are looking out for you! Storm damage collection is a service Sycamore Township has provided for many years through the maintenance department. The storm damage policy of the Township begins with the safety services department. Sycamore Township Fire Chief Jetter declares whether a **"storm damage condition"** has occurred. When a **"storm damage condition"** has been declared, residents must call 791-8447 **within two working days after the storm** to have the branches picked up at no charge. **Branches must be stacked at the street, butt end out, within two (2) weeks of the storm.** When you call, tell the office staff that you have storm damage, give them your name, address and phone number. It is not the policy of Sycamore Township to cover the whole Township street by street after a storm, but rather collecting from only the addresses reported to the office. The maintenance department will only pick up limbs and branches from the recent storm. Leaves, which are picked up during our annual fall **"leaf season"**, will not be collected. Foundation plantings, old firewood, and tree and bush pruning will not be collected as storm damage. They can be disposed of through your trash collection or at our monthly brush chipping program held behind the Sycamore Township Maintenance Building, 8540 Kenwood Road, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month.





Contacts

Summer 2010

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Cliff Bishop, Vice President

Dick Kent, Trustee

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EMS & Fire Department/Fire Chief

William "BJ" Jetter, PH.D., MIFireE, CHSIII

792-8565 – Fax 792-8564

Sheriff's Liaison, Lt. Daniel P. Reid

791-8447 – Fax 792-8564

Fire and Police Emergency – 911

www.sycamoretownship.org



8540 Kenwood Road
Sycamore Twp., Ohio 45236

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"There's More in Sycamore"



Trustees available to better serve you

To serve you better, the Trustees have designated areas of Sycamore Township to service. If you have a question about your neighborhood, please contact the appropriate Trustee.



Tom Weidman
President
Northern Area



Cliff Bishop
Vice President
Dillonvale/Rossmoyne



Dick Kent
Trustee
Kenwood



Robert C. Porter III
Fiscal
Officer

You can reach your elected officials by calling the Sycamore Township Administration Office at 791-8447.