



# SHARONVILLE

hometown guide

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# IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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## EMERGENCY

POLICE, FIRE, EMS	911
Poison Control	558-5111
Bethesda Hospital, North	745-1111
Mercy Hospital, South	870-7000
University Hospital	584-1000

## SHARONVILLE ORGANIZATIONS

Cardinal Chapter #140 OES	777-3853
Federated Women's Club	733-3797
Fire Department Club	563-0252
Fraternal Order of Police	563-9761
Kiwanis Club	769-3717
Knights of Columbus	563-6592
Leon Acres Garden Club	563-1845
Masonic Temple Lodge #204	583-9131
Republican Club	563-1393
Senior Citizen's Club	769-4535
Sharonville Chamber of Commerce	554-1722
Sharonville Christmas Fund	563-1722
Sharonville Fine Arts Council	563-2895
Society of Historic Sharonville	563-9756
Sharonville Police Association	563-1147
Swim Team Parent's Club	563-8784
Sharonville Youth Organization	563-9072
VFW Post #4369	563-6830

## SCHOOLS

Evendale Elementary	864-1200
Heritage Hill Elementary	864-1400
Moeller High School	791-1680
Mt. Notre Dame	821-3044
Princeton Board of Education	864-1000
Princeton High School	552-8200
Princeton Community Middle	552-8500
Scarlet Oaks School	771-8810
Sharonville Elementary	864-2600
St. Michael Elementary	554-3555
Stewart Elementary	864-2800
Ursuline Academy	791-5791

## GENERAL

Butler Co. Environmental Services	887-3061
Butler Co. Board Of Elections	887-3700
Butler Co. Marriage License	887-3300
Duke Energy Issues	421-9500
Cable Reg. Comm. (ICRC)	772-4272
Cincinnati Bell Telephone	611
Cincinnati Water Works	591-7900
Drivers License Bureau	563-1420
Drivers License Testing	769-3047
Hamilton Co. Board Of Elections	632-7000
Hamilton Co. Marriage License	946-3589
Heritage Village Museum	563-9484
League Of Women Voters	281-8683
(MSD) Sanitary Sewers	352-4900
Northern Cincinnati Convention & Visitors Bureau (NCCVB)	771-5353
Sharon Woods Visitor Center	563-4513
Sharon Woods Ranger HQ	521-3980
Sharonville Post Office	563-0760
Sharonville Public Library	369-6049
S.P.C.A.	541-6100

## MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Building/Planning Dept.	563-0033
City Hall	563-1144
Convention Center	771-7744
Clerk Of Courts	563-1146
Fire House (Chester Rd.)	563-0252
Fire House (Fields Ertel)	489-7949
Fire House (Reading Rd.)	671-2595
Gorman Pool	671-2575
Health Department	563-1722
Police Department	563-1147
Public Works Department	563-1177
Recreation Department	563-2895
Tax Department	563-1169

## CHURCHES

Church by the Woods	563-6447
Church of Christ	777-6712
Cincinnati Taiwanese Presbyterian Ministry	769-0725
Creek Road Baptist	563-2410
Free Holiness Church	563-6648
Grace Bible Presbyterian	563-6648
New Life Christian	769-4455
New Apostolic Church	884-3109
Sharonville Baptist Church	769-4849
Sharonville United Methodist	563-0117
St. Michael Catholic Church	563-6377

# WELCOME

## FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR LOVITT II

As the New Year approaches, I am optimistic that in 2011 Sharonville will continue to prosper as the economy improves. It is important for you to know that your elected officials, department managers and public employees continue to work very hard to protect your tax dollars. We believe that Sharonville is the best City for its residents to call home.

Throughout this Guide are numerous articles about the departments and the services they provide. There is also a feature about the Sharonville Fine Arts Theater and their latest sponsorship program for you to "Buy a Theater Seat". This is a great opportunity to show your support for the historic theater and invest in your community. It's more than just a movie house now – it's a showcase for all the arts: concerts, art galleries, drama, education and lectures. You probably came to the theater as a kid; keep it alive for your children!

As always, if you have any comments or concerns, please call the Administration offices at 563-1144, and visit our website at: [www.sharonville.org](http://www.sharonville.org).

## ELECTED OFFICIALS



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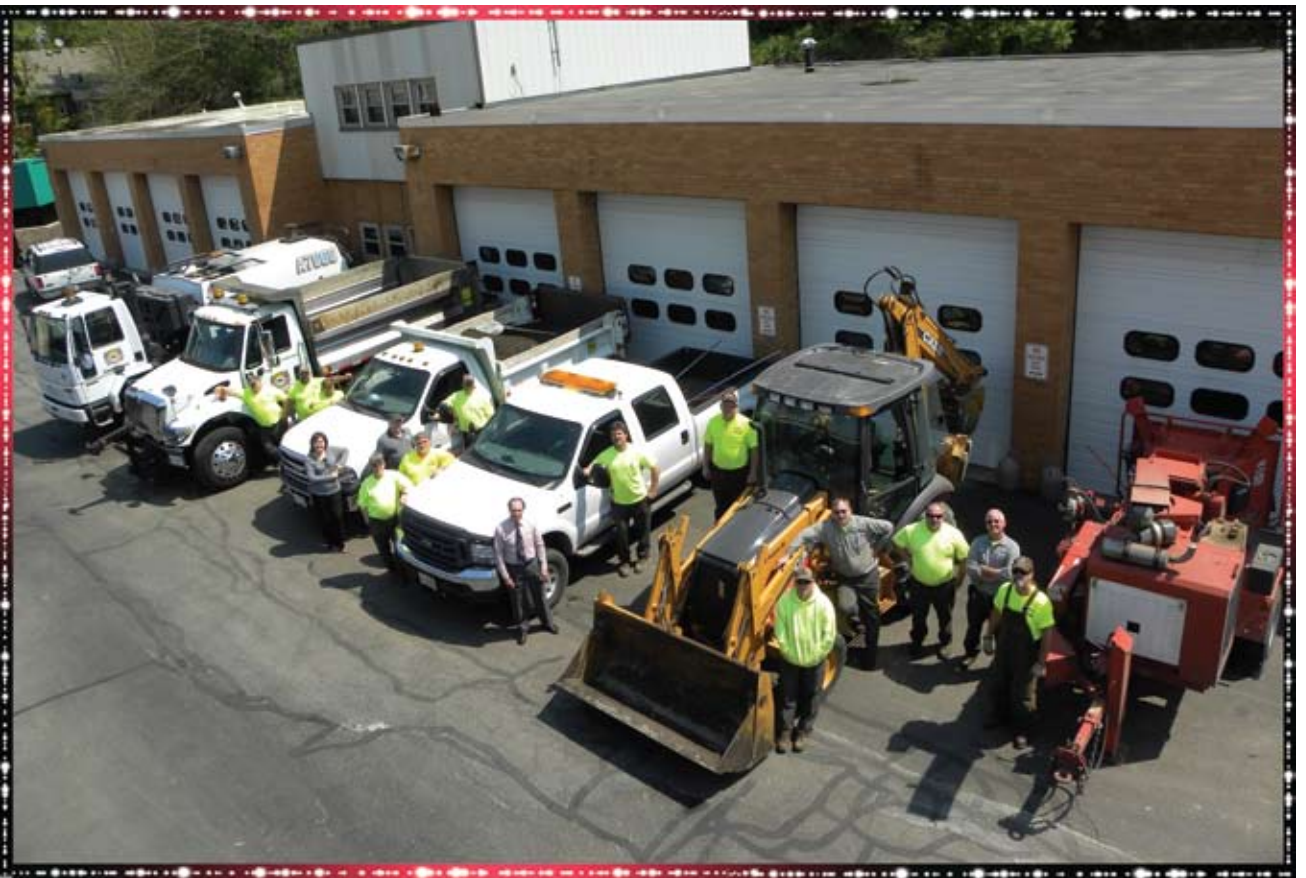


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Public Works Department of Sharonville hopes everyone will have a Merry Christmas and are looking forward to a Happy New Year. If the cold weather keeps you inside please take a look at the Hometown Guide. Public Works has included pictures from its' Annual Report. The faces and names have changed, as well as the color of the equipment, but Public Works strives to maintain the level of great service provided since 1989. See if you recognize any faces.



**SOME PUBLIC WORKS NOTES OF INTEREST:**

Our garbage policy has changed. We have set a limit to the amount of trash that can be set out. No more than 10 items may be set out per week for regular trash pick up. This can be 10 bags, garbage cans, or individual items.

Rumpke is requiring that all mattresses and box springs be wrapped in plastic when putting them out for disposal. Residents might be able to use the plastic wrap or bag the new mattress came in to wrap the old mattress and tape the ends shut. Another solution is to purchase the mattress bags from U-Haul. These bags range in cost from \$3.00 - \$5.00, depending on the size of the mattress. If you do not comply with the requirements, items left at the curb after the trash pick-up day may subject you to being cited to court for a code violation.

If you, a relative, or a friend live in Sharonville and have a desire to downsize and are interested in senior housing, please give Public Works a call. Golden View Acres is an apartment complex just for seniors and we have some apartments available. You must be 57 years old, be a resident of Sharonville for at least a year, or an immediate relative of someone who has lived in Sharonville for at least a year to qualify. Call Public Works at 513-563-1177 for more information.

**JANUARY 8-9, 2011**

**CINCINNATI WEDDING SHOWCASE**

HOURS: 11:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.  
 (FASHION SHOWS EACH DAY AT 1:00 P.M. & 3:00 P.M.)  
 ADMISSION: \$10.00 AT THE DOOR (FREE PARKING)  
 INFORMATION: 513-891-4701  
 FOR A LIST OF PARTICIPATING VENDORS AND DISCOUNT COUPONS OFF ADMISSION, PLEASE VISIT:  
[WWW.CINCINNATIWEDDINGSHOW.COM](http://WWW.CINCINNATIWEDDINGSHOW.COM)

**JANUARY 15-16, 2011**

**GOODMAN'S GUN & KNIFE SHOW**

HOURS: SAT. 9-5 & SUN. 9-4  
 ADMISSION: ADULTS \$7, CHILDREN UNDER 12 \$1  
 INFORMATION: 502-538-3900  
[WWW.GUNSHOW.NET](http://WWW.GUNSHOW.NET)

**JANUARY 18, 2011**

**JOB NEWS CINCINNATI JOB FAIR**

HOURS: 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.  
 ADMISSION: FREE  
 INFORMATION: 513-984-5724  
[WWW.JOBNEWSCINCY.COM](http://WWW.JOBNEWSCINCY.COM)

**JANUARY 21-23, 2011**

**GREATER CINCINNATI REMODELING EXPO**

HOURS: FRI. 12-8, SAT. 10-8, SUN. 10-6  
 ADMISSION: \$5.00  
 INFORMATION: 800-374-6463  
[INFO@HOMESHOWCENTER.COM](mailto:INFO@HOMESHOWCENTER.COM)  
[WWW.HOMESHOWCENTER.COM](http://WWW.HOMESHOWCENTER.COM)

**FEBRUARY 12-13, 2011**

**GOODMAN'S GUN & KNIFE SHOW**

HOURS: SAT. 9-5 & SUN. 9-4  
 ADMISSION: ADULTS \$7, CHILDREN UNDER 12 \$1  
 INFORMATION: 502-538-3900  
[WWW.GUNSHOW.NET](http://WWW.GUNSHOW.NET)

**FEBRUARY 19-20, 2011**

**INTERGALACTIC BEAD & JEWELRY SHOW**

HOURS: 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.  
 ADMISSION: SAT. \$5.00, SUN. \$4.00  
 INFORMATION: 888-729-6904  
[WWW.BEADSHOWS.COM](http://WWW.BEADSHOWS.COM)

**FEBRUARY 26-27, 2011**

**20TH CENTURY CINCINNATI - SHOW & SALE OF VINTAGE MODERN DESIGN**

17TH ANNUAL – FURNISHINGS, ART, AND FASHION: 1910-1980  
 HOURS: 11:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.  
 ADMISSION: \$7.00 ADULTS (OVER 18) (GOOD BOTH DAYS)  
 INFORMATION: 513-738-7256  
[WWW.20THCENTURYCINCINNATI.COM](http://WWW.20THCENTURYCINCINNATI.COM)

**MARCH 4-6, 2011**

**GEMSTREET USA - GEM, MINERAL, JEWELRY, FOSSIL & BEAD SHOW & SALE**

HOURS: FRI. 10-6, SAT. 10-6, SUN. 11-5  
 ADMISSION: GENERAL \$7,  
 STUDENTS (12-17)/SENIORS (60+) \$5,  
 CHILDREN UNDER 12 ARE FREE  
 (TICKET GOOD ALL WEEKEND) (GROUP SALES AND BUS TRIPS WELCOME AND SCOUTS TO EARN BADGES)  
 COUPONS AVAILABLE AT THE WEBSITE BELOW  
 INFORMATION: 216-521-4367  
[WWW.GEMSTREETUSA.COM](http://WWW.GEMSTREETUSA.COM)

**MARCH 12-13, 2011**

**GOODMAN'S GUN & KNIFE SHOW**

HOURS: SAT. 9-5 & SUN. 9-4  
 ADMISSION: ADULTS \$7, CHILDREN UNDER 12 \$1  
 INFORMATION: 502-538-3900  
[WWW.GUNSHOW.NET](http://WWW.GUNSHOW.NET)

**ATM Machine Available On Site**

Note: All information is subject to change.  
 Please call (513) 771-7744 or visit [www.sharonvilleconventioncenter.com/events.htm](http://www.sharonvilleconventioncenter.com/events.htm) for up-dated information.

## WINTER DRIVING



Winter driving can present troublesome challenges for even the most diligent drivers. Snow and ice make driving more difficult and sometimes even dangerous. Special care must be given to your car before the winter season begins and extra caution must be used once winter has invaded the roadways.

Before heading out, make sure that your vehicle is mechanically ready for the cold weather. Be sure to check your battery, wipers, antifreeze, and tire tread. Also, make sure that you have plenty of fuel (at least a half a tank); this can be very important if you get stuck in the snow and have to wait several hours for a tow.

There are a few supplies that you may also want to make sure are stored in your vehicle. It is a good idea to have a blanket in your car just in case you break down. It can get very cold sitting in a car without heat. A small shovel can be useful if you slide off of the road and become stuck in the snow. Sometimes just clearing away the snow around the tires can be enough to get you going again. You may also want to consider placing a sand bag in the trunk if you have a rear wheel drive vehicle. Not only will this add weight for traction while driving, but if you do get stuck, you can place some sand on the ground in front of the tires for traction.

Slippery roads are the biggest hazard of winter driving. Slick roads are caused by snow, ice, slush and even rain. Roads are especially slick following the first rain after a dry spell since oil and grease have built up on the road. You need to slow down and leave yourself additional room for stopping. If you do start to slide and you have anti-lock brakes,

just continue to hold the brake pedal down and let the anti-lock brakes do the work. If you don't have anti-lock brakes, you will need to pump the brake pedal. If your car starts to slide sideways, remember to turn the wheels in the direction of the slide and let off of the gas.

Parents, you may want to consider taking your new drivers to an **empty** parking lot that hasn't been plowed yet and let them practice driving in the snow. They will be better off practicing under a controlled situation as opposed to learning on the road. But remember, there is a big difference between practicing stopping and turning in the snow and just being reckless.

If you do find yourself in the unfortunate situation of being involved in an accident during a snow fall, the police may not be able to respond because of the increased number of auto accident calls. When you call to report the accident, the dispatcher may tell you that if the cars are drivable and there are no injuries just exchange information. Otherwise, it may be a long time before an officer is available to get to your call. If you decide to exchange information, you will need to get the other drivers name, address, license plate number and the name of the owner of the vehicle. It is also suggested that you obtain the drivers license number, name of the insurance company, and phone numbers for the driver, owner and insurance company. There is nothing wrong with exchanging information; but if you later determine that you need an accident report, you will need to respond to the police station with the other person involved to file a report within 24 hours of the accident.

## WEB CHECK

One of the services that the Sharonville Police Department is proud to offer is the WebCheck civilian background check. Many Ohio employers, both public and private, are required to perform background checks on new hires and individuals obtaining professional licenses. The WebCheck system is a secure computerized fingerprint scanner that can transmit electronic fingerprints to either the Attorney General's Office's Bureau of Criminal Identification or Investigation (BCI), or the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), or both. The employer or individual having the background check will then receive a certificate in the mail with the results of the criminal check within seven to ten days.

The Sharonville Police Department offers this service on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9AM to Noon. You must have a valid state driver's license or state identification card. The cost for the service is \$45.00 (cash only) to send the fingerprints to either B.C.I. (state), or the F.B.I. (federal) and \$70.00 to send the fingerprints to both state and federal.

## OHIO'S CHILD PASSENGER LAW

The most precious cargo we can carry in our vehicles is our children. We have a responsibility to keep them safe and secure when they are in a car. There are different means to this end depending on the age and size of the child. Here are some things to consider:

- Infants should ride rear-facing in an infant-only or convertible seat until they are at least one year old and at least 20 pounds, preferably the upper weight limit of the seat.
- Children over 20 pounds and at least one year of age may ride forward-facing in a convertible seat or forward-facing only seat until they are at least 40 pounds.
- The use of booster seats falls within Ohio's law, which requires children under four years old and/or under 40 pounds to be restrained in a safety seat. When children under four have outgrown a safety seat with an internal harness (usually 40 pounds), they must be placed in a belt positioning booster seat, preferably high-back, to meet Ohio's child passenger safety law.
- Children under 8 years old must ride in a booster seat or other appropriate child safety seat unless they are 4'9" or taller.

Your child is ready for an adult seat belt if all the following apply:

- The child is tall enough to sit against the vehicle seat back with his/her knees bent at the edge of the seat without slouching.
- The shoulder belt lies in the middle of his/her chest and shoulder, not his/her neck.
- The lap belt is low and snug across the upper thighs, not the belly.
- The child can stay in this position comfortably throughout the entire trip.

### Booster Seat Choices

- Backless Boosters: May be used as long as a child has head support from the vehicle's seat back.
- Highback Boosters: May be used as long as a child's ears are not above the booster back.
- All booster seats must be used with a lap and shoulder belt!

**Children from 8 to 15 years old who are not secured in a car seat must be secured in the vehicle's seat belt.**

The City of Sharonville is working with two energy service companies in an effort to stabilize utility costs for residents and small businesses. The City has selected First Energy Solutions and Vectren Source as preferred providers of electricity and natural gas to the community. The preferred provider program allows these companies to provide special rates for those that wish to participate in their program. Informational letters have been sent to eligible accounts within the City. If you did not receive a letter or would like more information about either of these programs, you may contact these providers through the dedicated toll-free number listed below.



Vectren Source is the endorsed natural gas supplier by City of Sharonville for residential and small business customers in the City. For more information about our program and how you can get better control of your natural gas costs this winter, please call Vectren Source at 1-866-200-5368 or enroll on line at [www.getnaturalgas.com/sharonville](http://www.getnaturalgas.com/sharonville)



Through this special offer, you'll get a fixed price of \$0.0595 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) on your electric generation through December 2011.

To join call FirstEnergy Solutions at 1-866-636-3749, Monday to Friday from 8 am to 5 pm or enroll online at [fes.com/sharonville](http://fes.com/sharonville). Make sure you have your electric bill handy because you will need your Duke account number.

## WHAT WE DO:

The Planning Department, which includes Building, Planning, Zoning, Code Enforcement and Economic Development, works on behalf of Sharonville residents and businesses to maintain a high quality of life, safety, livability, workability, and community pride. Through Building Code enforcement, we work to ensure the safety of buildings in which we live and work. Through Planning and Zoning activities, we work to ensure the highest and best use of land and districts within the city. Through Zoning and Property Maintenance Code Enforcement, we work to maintain high property values and quality of life for Sharonville residents and businesses. Through Economic Development, we work to both attract quality businesses and keep vibrant businesses in town. The greatest percentage of business growth comes from within. Our mission is to function each and every day as partners to all the stakeholders in your hometown.

Please feel free to call us at 563-0033 or stop by our office in the Sharonville Administration Building, Room 195, 10900 Reading Road. If we don't have an answer for your question or concern, we'll make every effort to guide you in the right direction.

## WHO WE ARE:



*pictured left to right: Claude "Bud" Noe, Richard Osgood, Madeleine Dressing, Gordon Wong, Joyce Haas, Tammy Riddle*

**Claude (Bud) Noe, Building Inspector:** Bud works with multiple parties, particularly residents, in the areas of residential building activity, residential site development, plan review, code consultant, junk yard and impound lot enforcement, community development, community liaison, Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission, Code Enforcement Task Force, zoning and property maintenance enforcement.

**Richard Osgood, Department Manager and Chief Building Official:** Richard is the department manager, the municipal authority for commercial and residential building codes, and works with multiple parties in the areas of code interpretations, code consultations, development activities, planning activities, Board of Zoning Appeals, Architectural Review Board, Planning Commission, community development, community liaison and special projects.

**Madeleine Dressing, Administrative Clerk:** Madeleine works with multiple parties in the areas of permit processing, budget processing, department purchasing, economic development projects, property transfers, foreclosures, sheriff's sale information, general administrative activities, Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission, community development, community liaison, and special projects.

**Gordon Wong, Chief Building Inspector:** Gordon works with multiple parties in the areas of commercial building activity, commercial site development, signage, plan review, code consultations, storm water management, community development, community liaison, and immediate supervisor for residential building activity and code enforcement.

**Joyce Haas, Administrative Clerk:** Joyce works with multiple parties in the areas of permit processing, code enforcement processing, general administrative activities, Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission, Code Enforcement Task Force, junk yard and impound lot processing, zoning research, community development, community liaison, and special projects.

**Tammy Riddle, Economic Development Specialist:** Tammy leads the economic development efforts of the city, helping to build a vibrant and thriving local economy by attracting new business & investment, retaining existing Sharonville companies and acting as liaison to the Sharonville business community.



# HEAD LICE



Plenty of parents open their child's backpack and find the dreaded slip of paper — a note stating that someone in the classroom has head lice, and to be on the lookout for symptoms in your own child.

## WHAT ARE LICE?

Head lice are yellowish-white insects that live on the scalp. Lice don't have wings, and they cannot fly, hop, or jump. Lice are about 1/8 of an inch long, about the size of a sesame seed. They usually gather at the warmest points of the head; at the center line of the crown, the nape of the neck, and behind the ears. Lice eggs (also called nits) are tan or white, shiny, usually oval shaped and stick to the individual hairs by a cement-like substance. Head lice are very difficult to see because they are so small and move very quickly. Itching of the scalp may be the first sign of head lice.

## WHAT DO I DO?

Follow these steps to get rid of head lice:

1. APPLY LICE KILLING SHAMPOO
2. REMOVE THE NITS
3. CLEAN THE HOME

## HOW TO APPLY THE LICE-KILLING PRODUCT:

1. Only treat the hair of the people who have head lice or nits.
2. Apply the product exactly according to the package directions. The label will tell you either on dry or wet hair.
3. Cover the hair completely with the hair product.
4. Leave the product on the correct length of time. Use a watch or a timer.
5. Wash hair with regular shampoo. If the regular shampoo contains silicone, it may keep the head lice product from working properly.

## HOW TO REMOVE THE NITS:

1. Work under a good light (sunlight, a strong lamp, or a magnifying light).
2. Divide and fasten the hair in sections, working each section separately.
3. Look through each section of the hair for nits, staring at the scalp and working outward.
4. Remove the nits by pulling down the length of the hair with your fingernails. The metal lice combs are helpful, but you still need to manually remove the remaining ones with your fingernails!! Put the nits in the trash bag and throw them away. This can take several hours, so it is very helpful to have your child read a book, play a video game, or watch a movie to help distract them during this process.

## HOW TO CLEAN THE HOME:

1. Wash all bedding, towels, and recently worn clothing in hot water and dry in a hot dryer for 20 minutes.
2. Non-washable items (such as stuffed animals or wool coats) can be dry-cleaned or sealed in a plastic bag for two weeks.
3. If you are unable to wash clothes or bag items for two weeks, they can be put in the dryers for 20 minutes on high heat.
4. Vacuum the upholstered furniture, rugs, and car seats.
5. Soak combs and brushes in hot (not boiling) water for 10 minutes.
6. You DO NOT need to have a pest control company spray your home.

## FOLLOW UP STEPS:

1. Check everyone's hair daily for at least 7-10 days.
2. After 7-10 days if there are still nits or lice, use the lice killing hair product again.
3. If more lice or nits are found, you will have to remove the nits and clean the home again in addition to treating the hair again.
4. Call your doctor about head lice treatment:
  - If you are pregnant or breastfeeding.
  - For children under the age of 2.
  - If the skin of the scalp is broken or infected.
  - If there are lice in the eyebrows or eyelashes.
  - If the head lice continue after two treatments with the lice killing hair product.

## REMINDERS:

1. Lice are passed by DIRECT personal contact.
2. Do not over-treat the hair; follow the directions on the head lice product exactly.
3. Only treat the hair of persons who have head lice or nits.
4. Home remedies like mayonnaise, olive oil, and petroleum jelly are not recommended.
5. DO NOT USE KEROSENE, GASOLINE, OR PET FLEA PRODUCTS!
6. Do not shave the head.
7. Itching may continue for a week or two after treatment, because the lice killing products dry the scalp.
8. Check for lice often during the school year.

**Keep a sense of humor when dealing with head lice!**

**Lice do not cause disease, but it will take time and work to get rid of them.**

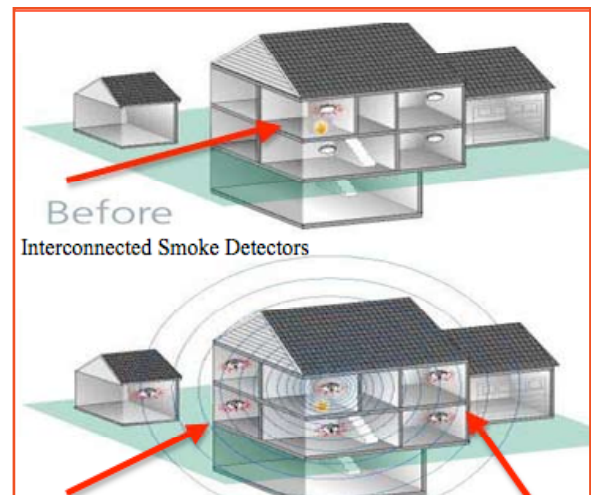
# DON'T BECOME A STATISTIC!

Sharonville Fire Department offers free traditional and interconnected smoke detectors as well as carbon monoxide detectors. Carbon monoxide detectors are provided through a grant from the Red Cross; these units have limited availability and are issued on a first come first serve basis.

According to the State Fire Marshal, as of September 26, 2010 there have been 92 deaths in residential or other structure fires in Ohio. Of these 92 deaths only 15% of the related fires had working smoke detectors. Smoke detectors give you the extra time you and your family need to escape a fire. A working smoke detector doubles your chances of escaping a fire!

What is an interconnected smoke detector and how do they work? A traditional smoke detector is one single unit either wired or battery powered to protect a specific sized area. However, Interconnected smoke detectors provide an earlier warning to fire, because they link together so that when one alarm sounds they all sound. This provides more warning in more places and gives families more time to escape.

You will notice in the picture that a traditional smoke detector (located on top) only alerts one device at a time. This could delay your family's escape. The new interconnected smoke detector is on bottom and all the devices are going off together. The advantage: time. Time to safely get your family out of harms way.



Most manufacturers recommend that smoke detectors be replaced every 10 years. And as always please check your smoke detectors once a month and change your batteries every 6 months.

## FIRE SAFETY TIPS:

- In an Emergency call 911
- Have a safe place to meet
- If on fire, Stop, Drop and Roll
- Know 2 ways out of your house
- Practice fire drills (even at home)
- Check your smoke detectors
- Stay low and crawl under smoke
- Check doors: make sure they aren't hot

**CHANGE YOUR CLOCK  
CHANGE YOUR  
BATTERY** Keep Safe  
Keep Going

## GREAT! NOW HOW DO I GET ONE?

The Sharonville Fire Department has both interconnected and traditional smoke detectors for installation in resident's homes. Some of you may remember seeing the fire department installing detectors in your neighborhood. If you have questions regarding smoke detectors or carbon monoxide detectors in your home please call Fire Headquarters at (513) 563-0252 to have your questions answered or detectors installed in your home at no cost.

## TAKE PART IN SHARONVILLE HISTORY

Do you remember coming to the Act I Theater as a teenager? Do you or your family, or your business or organization want to be immortalized in Sharonville History? Buy a theater seat from us and have a specially made custom plaque put on one of the theater seats to be remembered for all time. This is a fundraiser for the Theater. Think about this unique gift. The cost is \$100. Call 889-9559 for any additional information. The plaque allows for 3 lines with 20 characters per line. Be fun and creative with this!

### THEATER RENTAL

If your business, organization or group would like to rent the theater please call 889-9559 for information.

### "MOUSETRAP"

Tri-County Players presents the famous play by Agatha Christie. Performances will be held on January 28, 29, 30, Feb 4, 5. For tickets and information, call 471-2030; [www.tricountyplayers.org](http://www.tricountyplayers.org)

## FUTURE OFFERINGS

We are continually seeking new programs and offerings for the Sharonville Fine Arts Center. Items you can look for in the future will be:

Open Mic Nights  
Lecture Series  
Book Signings  
Concerts  
Art Classes

Poetry Slams  
Art Competitions  
Talent Shows  
Summer Theater Camps  
Movie Premieres

\* If you teach art classes and you would like an opportunity to teach at the SFAC please contact Sue Koetz at 889-9559.

## PLAYHOUSE IN THE PARK 2010-2011 FAMILY SERIES

This series is a rare opportunity for people of all ages and families to enjoy paid, professional actors in a local setting. This series is provided through an outreach grant by the Playhouse In The Park. Audience members from past performances have given rave reviews. Come to one performance or all performances – the choice is yours.

Saturday, Jan 22	"Distroy" (based on Illiad)	7:30 pm	10 years & Up
Saturday, Apr 30	"Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse"	7:00 pm	All Ages

All reservations are \$3 per person in advance and \$5 at the door. Reservations can be made by calling Sue Koetz at 889-9559 or on-line at [www.sharonvillefinearts.com](http://www.sharonvillefinearts.com).

**2010 Income Tax Returns will be mailed early in January.** Please read on for tax facts helpful in filing income tax returns and for making any required estimated tax payments for 2011.

The City of Sharonville Tax Office staff will be happy to provide assistance. If you are in need of forms or have any questions regarding current year estimated payments, the filing of the annual City of Sharonville income tax return, prior year return(s) or employee withholding, please feel free to call or visit the Tax Office. Forms are also available on the Sharonville website at [www.sharonville.org](http://www.sharonville.org). The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. While no appointment is necessary, tax return preparation assistance will only be provided until 4:30 p.m. The location and mailing address of the Sharonville Tax Office is 11641 Chester Road, Sharonville, OH 45246. A drop box is also available for your convenience.

**Filing Due Dates**

- Individual Returns: On or before April 15.\*
- Business Returns: On or before April 15\* or the 15th\* day of the 4th month following the end of the fiscal year.
- Withholding Reconciliations: On or before February 28.\*

\* If the due date falls on a weekend, a federal holiday or a holiday observed by the District of Columbia, the due date will be the following business day.

**Declaration of Estimated Taxes**

- A declaration of estimated tax must be filed by all individuals and business entities that may reasonably expect to have taxable income, if the tax on this income is not or will not be withheld by an employer or employers.
- A taxpayer's final return for the preceding year may be used as the basis for computing the declaration of estimated tax for the current year.
- The declaration and first quarterly payment are due by April 15\* or the 15th\* day of the 4th month following the end of the fiscal year.
- The remaining quarterly payments are due by July 31\*, October 31\* and January 31\* for calendar year taxpayers or the 15th\* day of the 6th, 9th and 12th months after the beginning of the taxable year for fiscal year end taxpayers.
- Estimated tax payments are required and penalties are assessed for insufficient declaration payments.

Note: If at least 90% of a taxpayer's tax liability is not paid by the 4th quarter due date, the difference between 90% of the tax liability and the amount of estimated tax paid on or before the 4th quarter due date shall be subject to the interest and penalty provisions of Section 171.10 of the City of Sharonville Income Tax Ordinance.

**Who Must File**

The City of Sharonville has a mandatory filing requirement. The Earnings Tax of 1.5% applies to all who live, work, operate a business within or do business within the City of Sharonville. This tax must be paid to the City of Sharonville regardless of age or level of income.

- All City of Sharonville residents are required to register with the Tax Office and to file an annual Sharonville income tax return even if no tax is due. Adolescents/students with earned income are also required to file.
- All non-residents with income earned within Sharonville or with income taxable to the City of Sharonville that is not fully withheld by an employer are required to file a Sharonville income tax return.
- All non-residents engaged in a business within the City of Sharonville who have sales, services performed or rental property must file a tax return whether or not tax is due.
- All entities operating a business within or doing business within the City of Sharonville must file an annual Sharonville income tax return on net profits/losses.



For more information, please contact the Tax Department at 563-1169 or log on to [www.sharonville.org/taxgeneral.aspx](http://www.sharonville.org/taxgeneral.aspx)



Tina Brinkman PT Tax Clerk	Martha Cross Funk Tax Commissioner	Susan Ernst SR Admin Tax Clerk	Becky Rust SR Deputy Tax Commissioner	Margie Shelton SR Deputy Tax Commissioner	Pam Turner SR Admin Tax Clerk	Faye Woebkenberg SR Admin Tax Clerk
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**Items To Be Included With The Return:**

- W-2 form(s).
- 1099 form(s).
- Page 1 of the applicable federal form 1040.
- Applicable schedule(s) and/or form(s) for income on federal form 1040 lines 7, 12, 17, 18 and 21, other federal form(s)/schedule(s) and supporting documentation as appropriate.
- Annual Tax Registration Update form included with the return envelope.
- Payment of tax due (checks/money orders are to be made payable to City of Sharonville Tax).

**Taxable Income**

- Qualifying wages (see below), tips, commissions and other compensation including sick pay, vacation pay, employer paid premiums for group term life insurance, supplemental unemployment benefits paid by the employer (SUB PAY), severance pay, settlements, income from wage continuation plans (includes retirement incentive plans and buyouts), contributions made by or on behalf of employees to non-qualified or qualified deferred compensation plans (e.g. 401K plans), bonuses, directors fees, jury duty income, precinct election official income (if over \$1,000), fringe benefits (e.g. car allowance), disability pay if received as a benefit from employment (includes third party plans), stock options as indicated by amount on Form W-2.
- Gambling winnings as reported on Form W-2G and/or Form 5754 as well as Form 1040.
- HSA and scholarship distributions typically reported on line 21 of federal form 1040.
- Net profits from profession and/or business operations, rental property, partnerships, enterprise or other business activity.
- Qualifying wages: Usually the amounts in the Medicare wage box of the W-2s are the qualifying wages. Qualifying wages for the municipality includes wages defined in Section 3121(a) of the IRS code plus any amounts not included in the Medicare wage due to some Medicare exemptions (e.g. government employees employed by an entity prior to April 1, 1986).

Note: Income taxable by the city may differ from income taxed by the IRS and State of Ohio.

**Types of Non-Taxable Income That Should Not Be Added To Nor Deducted From Taxable Income**

- Interest, dividends, capital gains (unless considered ordinary income), royalties.
- Alimony received.
- Military pay and allowances.
- Social Security benefits, welfare benefits, unemployment insurance benefits, workers' compensation.
- Proceeds from qualified IRS defined retirement plans.

**Credits**

- Credit for taxes withheld/paid to other municipalities is available to residents of the City of Sharonville and is limited to 1.5% of the amount of taxable income on which tax was withheld/paid. Supporting documentation is required.
- No credit is given for county taxes paid.

**Employers' Responsibilities**

- All employers within or doing business within the City of Sharonville are responsible for withholding the tax of 1.5% on the qualifying wages of their employees and remitting the withheld tax on a monthly basis to the City of Sharonville on or before the 15th day of the month following such withholding. In addition, employers are required to withhold the tax of 1.5% on 100% of the wage amount for all employees who are Sharonville residents.
- All employers who do business both inside and outside the jurisdiction of the City of Sharonville are required to withhold the tax of 1.5% on all compensation earned by their employees who work within the City of Sharonville.
- Payments of withheld taxes through the ACH Credit Electronic Filing Program are required, unless the Tax Commissioner grants an exemption from this requirement. Details on the program, authorization forms and specifications may be obtained from the Sharonville website or by contacting the Sharonville Tax Office. A withholding Form W-1 may be used in the interim until employers are able to implement the ACH filing program. Generic forms that may be filled in with the appropriate information are available on the website. After completing the form, print, sign and mail the form with payment to the Tax Office by the due date.
- Employers who conduct no business activity within the City of Sharonville may choose to voluntarily withhold the Sharonville tax for those employees who reside within the City of Sharonville. Withholding for Sharonville residents should be an amount sufficient to bring their total local withholding to 1.5% (see credits above). Contact the Sharonville Tax Office for additional information and to obtain a registration form for courtesy withholding.

**Property Taxes**

- The collections of property taxes (whether it is for residential property or business property) are the responsibility of Hamilton County or Butler County. The City of Sharonville does not receive property tax dollars from city residents or businesses.
- For further information on the collection and payment of property taxes, please contact either the Hamilton County Auditor's office at (513) 946-4000 or the Butler County Auditor's office at (513) 887-3154. Links to these offices are available on the Sharonville website.

**School District**

- The City of Sharonville is within the Princeton School District. The code for the Princeton School District for state income tax form purposes is 3116.

## Security & Safety

Check in procedures: All members must check in at the customer service desk(s) and scan their membership cards. Class participants, guests and/or spectators must sign in upon entry.

## Membership Eligibility

### Resident

1. Sharonville residency.
2. Proof of residency (need 2 forms) must be shown to obtain membership. (i.e. current utility bill, lease agreement or personal check, along with a driver's license.)
3. Completed membership application. A parent or legal guardian must sign for a minor's application. Only adults can sign application.
4. Residents, age 62 or older, are qualified for a senior membership discount.
5. A free annual Individual or Family membership is granted to any Sharonville citizen who is full-time active duty military personnel. Active military orders must be shown to obtain membership.

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### Business

1. Employee must work within Sharonville.
2. Employment verification with a current year pay stub or a company letter verifying employment on letterhead.
3. Completed membership application. (A parent or legal guardian must sign for a minor's application. Only adults can sign application.)

## Family Membership

- (a.) The term "immediate family" in reference to family membership refers only to actual residents of the Sharonville household and shall include:
1. Married couple, father or mother of single parent household and minor or dependent children. "Dependent children" shall have the same meaning as the Internal Revenue Code.
  2. A parent or parents of a Sharonville family, when living indefinitely in the same household or as long as the Sharonville family includes at least one minor or dependent child.
  3. Grandchildren when living in the same household and considered a tax dependent by the IRS.
  4. Foster children or children subject to a specific custodial court order.
  5. Foreign exchange student living in Sharonville with host family.
  6. Children of divorced Sharonville residents, regardless of where the children live while they are in custody of the other parent.
  7. Au paires, nannies or live-in caretakers who reside indefinitely in the Sharonville family household.

- (b.) The term "immediate family" shall not include the following:
1. Non-married adults living in the same residence (i.e., adult brothers and sisters, co-habiting couples, divorced spouses, adult children living with their parents.)
  2. Baby-sitters of Sharonville residents.
  3. Visiting relatives.

## Membership Policies

1. A Photo I.D. is taken and a membership card is issued.
2. All participants are subject to the rules and regulations as prescribed by the Recreation Director, set forth for the safety, protection and orderly use of the facilities & members thereof.
3. I.D. Cards must be presented on request.
4. I.D. Cards MAY NOT be loaned under any circumstance.
5. Membership is a privilege. The Recreation Department reserves the right to suspend or revoke this privilege if deemed necessary. (Rules and Regulations are available at the front desk.)
6. Memberships are valid for 1 year from date of purchase.
7. A scheduled orientation appointment with the fitness staff is required prior to using the Fitness Center. Members must be 15 to participate independently in the Fitness Center.

## Guests

- \$4.00 Daily Fee
- Guests must be accompanied by a current member to use the facility; member MUST remain with guest at all times.
- Due to orientation prerequisites, guests will not be permitted to use the Fitness Center.
- Guest numbers may be limited according to the number of members using the facility.

## Refunds

Membership and class refunds will only be given in cases of medical circumstances, if the member moves or if the class is cancelled. Refunds on classes will only be issued if classes are cancelled by the Recreation Department due to low enrollment, inclement weather conditions or an unforeseen event by the instructor. As with pass refunds, participants that become ill may be refunded. (A doctor's note may be required.) Refunds are obtained by filling out proper paperwork at the front desk. Checks will be sent to your residence within 4 weeks.

## Participation Notice

The City of Sharonville and the Sharonville Parks and Recreation Department, their employees, their volunteers, city officials and agents shall not be liable for any injury or loss that may be sustained by participation in any program or event or use of the facilities, and therefore are held harmless from any claim whatsoever.

## Membership Fees

Type of Membership	Sharonville Senior Citizen	Sharonville Single	Sharonville Family	Business Single	Business Family	Pool	Fitness	Track	Tennis	Gym
Combination	\$25	\$105	\$170	\$180	\$305	X	X	X	X	X
Pool Pass	\$5	\$50	\$95	\$80	\$155	X		X	X	X
Fitness Pass	\$25	\$80	\$100	\$105	\$155		X	X	X	X
Activity Pass	\$5	\$25	\$25 PER PERSON	\$35	\$35 PER PERSON			X	X	X

You do not need to be a member to participate in most programs and special events.

### \*FEES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

**STAY AND PLAY NURSERY**

For use of children, ages 1-6, while an accompanying adult is inside the Recreation Center. 2 hr. max. per day. Please call 513-563-2895 for hours and fees

**FACILITY & FITNESS CENTER HOURS**

Monday - Thursday 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
 Friday 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
 Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday Noon - 4:00 p.m.

Recreation Center closed November 25, December 24, December 25, January 1

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TASTE OF NORTHERN CINCINNATI



BLUE GOOSE

BEST ENTREE

Bring the entire family to Princeton High School on Sunday, March 20, 2011 to take advantage of all you can eat food for one price! Enjoy delicious food from 20 different restaurants including Mitchell's Fish Market, Jim Dandy's BBQ, Edible Arrangements, LaRosa's, Max & Erma's, Alreddy Cafe, Dave & Busters, Blue Goose, etc. The Taste of Northern Cincinnati is an indoor, family friendly event with plenty of seating, TV's tuned to sports, giveaways, and entertainment. Free shuttle rides from the parking lot to the front door! To save \$3.00 per person, purchase your ticket by noon, Wednesday, March 16, 2011, by calling the Sharonville Chamber office, 513-554-1722



**SHARONVILLE'S SUMMER FLING, TURBO CHARGED!**  
 Sharon Fest 2011 will be bigger than ever! Celebrate local charities and non-profit groups along with Sharonville's 100th anniversary! For more information regarding group or business booth participation, volunteering for a committee, or sponsoring, check us out on Facebook or contact Ed Cunningham at 405-6399. Don't miss out; this is going to be big! Friday, July 29th through Sunday, July 31st.

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