

Sycamore Township

NEWS

Summer 2009

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Summer in Sycamore Township is always an exciting and fun filled time of the year. Enjoy the benefits of living in Sycamore Township - if the economy has you cutting back. We hope you were able to enjoy one of the recent Twilight Concert performances – 'AJA', 'Blue Stone Ivory' or the 'Jump 'n' Jive Show Band'. The last Twilight Concert performance will be held on Sunday, September 20, from 6 PM to 8 PM – with the musical group, 'After Midnight', at the North Sycamore Recreational Facility, 11797 Solzman Road.



Cliff Bishop

This year's festival will be better than ever - July 17 and July 18 from 6 PM to midnight at Bechtold Park. 'JuJuBees Rhythm Revue', 'Orleans' and 'Ambrosia' will perform Friday night. 'G Miles & the Hitmen', 'Natalie Wells Band' and 'Elvin Bishop' are on for Saturday night. Admission is free. Food, drink and rides for children are available at very reasonable costs.

Saturday, August 22 is the grand opening of our new Sycamore Township Firehouse and Park located on Deerfield Road in the northern part of the Township. 'Tommy James and the Shondells' will provide entertainment at this exciting event. These and many other no cost events make it easier for all of us to cut back on spending without compromising our quality of life and fun in our community.

Trustees Tom Weidman, Dick Kent and Fiscal Officer Rob Porter and I hope you have a safe and fun filled summer.

Sincerely,

Cliff W. Bishop

Trustee Vice President

Sycamore Township Board of Trustees

Festival in Sycamore

Bechtold Park
4312 Sycamore Road
Friday, July 17 &
Saturday, July 18
6pm to Midnight





EMS/Fire Department



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

SUMMER SAFETY

Summer outdoor activities include grilling and using an outdoor approved recreational fire pit. Every year the fire department receives numerous inquiries about the use of both of these outdoor appliances.

The safest formula for grilling is to keep your grill at least 10-15 feet away from your home or at the farthest end of your patio. Most grill fires occur when the grill flares up in close proximity to the residence and nearby combustible materials catch on fire.



Another safety tip is to make sure all connections on your gas grill are tight so that propane gas doesn't leak from around your connections. If

you do smell gas, and you can't find the leak, the safest way to find it is to mix a little dish soap and water and apply around all the connections. If a bubble appears you have found your leak. Make sure the gas is off, tighten the connection, then turn the gas back on and check it again.

Other concerns are about outdoor fires. The Ohio Fire Code prohibits any open burning. Section 1307-7-7-03-307(g) strictly states no open burning. The use of a properly approved fire pit will provide a safe, warming fire for outdoor summer recreation. Do not burn yard waste or trash in your approved vessel.

The form below is a special needs notice for the EMS & Fire Department for those Township residents who need special consideration. In order to serve special need situations we have created this form. There is a copy of it on the Township web page. You can fill it out and mail it to the fire department or fax it to us at 792-8564. We will then make note of your request for our dispatch center. All requests are held in confidence. Information is delivered to responding units through our Computer Aided Dispatch Mobile Data Computer (MDC) which will notify responding crews of specific information. Please help us to help you by completing this form so we can serve you better.

Have a great summer and be safe,

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

**SYCAMORE TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL NEEDS IDENTIFICATION FORM**

Name: _____ Age: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Check all that apply:

- Cardiac Condition(s)
- Home Oxygen
- Infectious and/or Contagious Disease - _____
- Large Stature (approx. wt.) - _____
- Handicap and/or Mobility Issues
- Hospice Care
- Children's Hospital Special Need Patient - _____
- Special Medical Condition - _____
- Home Access Problems - _____
- Other (Please specify) - _____

**** Send completed forms to:

Sycamore Township Fire & EMS
 8540 Kenwood Road
 Cincinnati, Ohio 45236
 Office 513-792-8565
 Fax 513-792-8564

Police and Crime Prevention

PUTTING A LOCK ON SAFETY IN YOUR COMMUNITY



Sycamore Township and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department are offering FREE gun locks to any Township resident. A nationwide program known as Project ChildSafe wants to help ensure safe and responsible firearm ownership and storage. Gun locks are intended to discourage unauthorized access to a firearm, particularly young children. Please take this opportunity to stop by the Township Administration Building or Fire Station #92 at 8540 Kenwood Road to pick up a free gun lock. Please be accountable when handling and safely storing your firearm. More information is available at www.projectchildsafe.org.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monthly Brush Chipping Program

8AM – 4PM
Chipper behind the Township Admin Building
8540 Kenwood Road
July 11 August 1
September 5 October 3

Festival in Sycamore

Bechtold Park
4312 Sycamore Road
Friday, July 17
6PM-Midnight
Saturday, July 18
6PM-Midnight

Fall Trash Bash

North Sycamore Recreation Facility
School Road Entrance
7841 School Road
Friday, September 18
NOON-4PM
Saturday, September 19
8AM-4PM
Sunday, September 20
NOON-4PM

Compost/Woodchip Give-Away

Hartzell United Methodist Church
8999 Applewood Drive
Saturday, September 26
8AM-4PM

Twilight Concert After Midnight

North Sycamore Park
11797 Solzman Road
Sunday, Sept 20
6 PM-8 PM

Parks and Recreation



Hope to see you there!

THREE NATIONAL ACTS HEADLINE THE FESTIVAL IN SYCAMORE

We're very pleased to announce that three great national artists will appear at the 17th annual Festival in Sycamore, to be held July 17 and 18 at Bechtold Park, 4312 Sycamore Rd. The event will run from 6:00 P.M. - Midnight each day. The Festival will also feature great food, games, and fun. This year will again feature the popular Ride for Five, which means that for \$5 each day, an individual can get a bracelet which will allow your child to ride the rides all day.

The 'JuJuBees Rhythm Revue' will open the festivities on Friday, July 17. Back for their third time, this Columbus based group promises to put on an electrifying show. Then, million record selling band 'ORLEANS' will take the stage. With hits such as Still the One and Love Takes Time, 'ORLEANS' has performed live for millions of fans and sold millions of records. Following 'ORLEANS', back by popular demand, 'AMBROSIA' will take the stage. 'AMBROSIA' is the first national act to appear 2 straight years at the Festival. The crowd's reaction was so positive last year, and so many calls and e-mails about them were received, that we decided to bring them back. With hits including How Much I Feel, Nice Nice Very Nice, and Holdin' On To Yesterday among the many they have had, Grammy nominated 'AMBROSIA' will deliver a fantastic performance.

Saturday, July 18's fun begins with 'G Miles and the Hitmen'. This great Cincinnati group is well known and respected in the local blues and rock scene. Next to appear will be a fabulous young guitarist and singer, 'Natalie Wells'. Natalie and her band are also well known and very popular in the Greater Cincinnati area. Last but certainly not least, the Festival will feature a performance by Grammy nominated, legendary blues/rock guitar player 'ELVIN BISHOP' and his band. With hits such as Fooled Around and Fell In Love, Travelin' Shoes, and Sure Feels Good, this legend promises a fabulous performance.



JuJu Bees



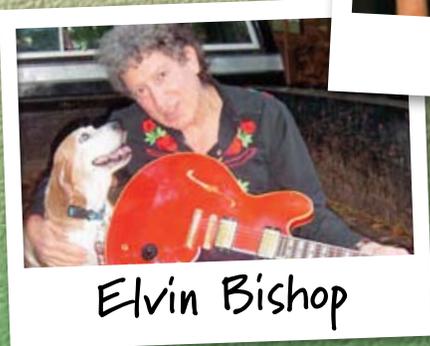
Orleans



Natalie Wells



G. Miles and the Hitmen



Elvin Bishop



Ambrosia

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Sycamore Township Republican Club

Come hungry and enjoy great food. Come ready to hear fantastic music. Come and enjoy a great weekend with thousands of your friends and neighbors. For additional info, contact Parks and Recreation Director Mike McKeown at 791-8447, or mmckeown@sycamoretownship.org.

Times (approximate) are listed below.

FRIDAY, JULY 17

6:00 The JuJuBees Rhythm Revue

7:30 Orleans

9:15 Ambrosia

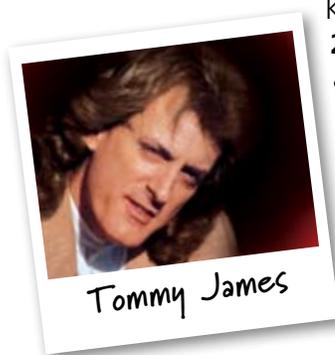
SATURDAY, JULY 18

6:00 G Miles and the Hitmen

7:30 Natalie Wells Band

9:15 Elvin Bishop

TOMMY JAMES CONCERT TO CAP NEW FIREHOUSE DEDICATION



Keep the date of **Saturday, August 22** open. Following the Grand Opening and Dedication of the new Station 93 Firehouse at the new park located at 11580 Deerfield Road, 45242, 23 time gold singles and 9 platinum albums winner 'Tommy James & the Shondells' will perform in concert. With many hits, including Hanky Panky, Crimson and Clover, I Think We're Alone Now, and Crystal Blue Persuasion, just to name

a few, Tommy James has been a fixture on the rock scene for many years. Just to add to the musical fun, local favorites 'Ooh La La & the Greasers' will open the show. Great food and refreshments will also be available at reasonable prices, as well as strolling entertainers for the kids. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets, but please don't bring bottles, cans, pets, or coolers. Parking will be available at marked shuttle lots around the Deerfield – Kemper Road area. Listed below is the schedule of events for August 22.

4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. Dedication of Station 93, followed by tours of the new firehouse and community room.

5:00 P.M.

Food and refreshments will be sold

6:00 P.M.

Ooh La La & the Greasers

8:00 P.M.

TOMMY JAMES & the SHONDELLS

We can't wait for the opening of the Township's new fire station and park. We hope to see you at this wonderful community event. Please contact Parks and Recreation Director Mike McKeown by phone (792-7270) or email (mmckeown@sycamoretownship.org) if you have any questions or comments.

7TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

The 7th 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 29, 2009. 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 and Tender Mercies. **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.





Planning and Zoning

CONTEST OVERVIEW

Do you live near a property that you can be proud of? 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 or prior 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 on our website www.sycamoretownship.org or at the Township Administration office.

RULES

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

DEADLINE

All nominations must be postmarked by July 31, 2009. 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 award certificates will be presented. Special recognition on the Township website 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

FALL COMPOST GIVE-AWAY

The Township will again provide free compost and wood chips on **Saturday, September 26, 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 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.

TRASH BASH

To better serve the residents of Sycamore Township, the schedule of the 2009 Trash Bash will be one event in the spring and one event in the fall, as last year. Sycamore Township residents are welcome to take advantage of both events. The dates for the north Trash Bash at the North Sycamore Recreational Facility, 7841 School Road, 45249, are scheduled for **Friday, September 18th through Sunday, September 20th**. The Trash Bash hours of operation shall be from noon to 4 PM on Friday and Sunday and 8 AM to 4 PM on Saturday. The Sycamore Township maintenance staff will be on hand to offer assistance at both locations. 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.**



TOWNSHIP EVENTS



Trustee Cliff Bishop attending the ribbon cutting ceremony at Reconstructive Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine located at 8099 Cornell Road.



Trustee Tom Weidman and Cliff Bishop congratulating Pastor Larry Cornett of Bethel Baptist Temple and Minister George Staggs of Mount Carmel Baptist Church for the Sycamore Township National Day of Prayer held May 7, 2009.



Kenwood Woman's Club Annual Salad Luncheon and Meeting From left: Nancy Stanforth, Sycamore Township Trustee President Tom Weidman, Rita Remmell, Sycamore Township Trustee Cliff Bishop, Jeanne Brand and Sycamore Township Administrator Rob Molloy.



Contacts

Summer 2009

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Cliff Bishop, Vice President

Dick Kent, Trustee

Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

R. Douglas Miller, Law Director

Rob Molloy, Administrator

Tracy Kellums, Superintendent

Mike McKeown, Parks & Recreation Director

791-8447 – Fax 792-8564

Greg Bickford, AICP, Planning Zoning Director

Assistant Township Administrator

792-7250 – Fax 792-8571

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



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Sycamore Twp., Ohio 45236

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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.