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In Memoriam

Clete McDaniel, a dedicated public worker for over 30 years, passed quietly in his home in Sycamore Township on October 19th, 2011. Clete served the residents of Sycamore Township as Trustee from 1985 to 2005. During his many years with Sycamore Township, Clete's leadership brought much success and improvement to our community.



Clete McDaniel

Prior to public service, Clete started C. McDaniel, Inc., a real estate company. Clete was President of the Cincinnati Board of Realtors and in 1973 was appointed by the Governor of Ohio to a committee to re-organize the Ohio Real Estate Commission. Clete served as Mayor of Forest Park and was awarded the 'Outstanding Ohioan Award' for his leadership as Mayor in 1978.

In 1983, Clete and his family moved to Sycamore Township. Clete was appointed to an ad-hoc committee to address zoning issues in the Township. At that time, Sycamore Township did not have local zoning authority and relied on Hamilton County to provide that service. The Board of Trustees felt that the Township would be better served if we had our own zoning commission to make these decisions on a local level. Clete was instrumental in the development of Sycamore Township Zoning, the Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals established in 2000.

Under his leadership, Sycamore Township was the first Township in Ohio to utilize a new state bill which allowed for the use of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) to spur economic growth. TIF sparked the total revamping of the Kenwood Plaza Shopping Center into a premier regional shopping destination you now know as the Kenwood Towne Centre.

The following accolades from the Township Board of Trustees are just a few of the special sentiments regarding Clete:

"I am honored to have called Clete a friend and grateful to have called him a mentor. He was always a public servant and never a politician, which is a lost trait today in government. We all appreciate his many years of public service and are thankful for his generosity in giving of his time, treasure, and talent to all of the residents of Sycamore Township."

– Trustee President Tom Weidman

"It was my privilege to serve on the Sycamore Township Board of Trustees with Clete for twelve years. Clete will be remembered not only for his dedication and hard work, but also for his enormous humanity and practical level-headedness in every undertaking. Clete was thoughtful, kind and caring. His work is done, but not forgotten." – Trustee Cliff Bishop

"Sycamore Township residents see evidence every day of the leadership and vision of Clete McDaniel. His service to the Township was exemplary, and we owe him our gratitude for a job well done. He will be missed." – Trustee Denny Connor





EMS/Fire Department



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

CALL FOR HELP ANATOMY OF A 911 CALL

A call is placed to 911. The call taker at the Hamilton County Communications Center answers and asks the caller for the address of the incident. This communication with the dispatcher takes about one minute. The dispatcher will tell the individual who called 911 help is on the way.

The Dispatcher continues to talk to the caller and obtain call back information while sending necessary units to the scene. If it's an EMS or Fire dispatch, a separate operator dispatches units and places information into the CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) that is then transmitted to the MDC (Mobile Data Computer) in the EMS/Fire units. All this takes place in less than 2 minutes.

Many times the dispatcher will receive additional information, such as some special needs of the victim, after units have already been dispatched. The fire department has a special needs form you can fill out so we can better serve you during your time of need. After we receive the form from you, we can enter special needs information onto the dispatch card so proper care can be given by first responders. The key for requesting any emergency call is to provide the dispatcher with as much information as you can. This helps police, EMS and fire units to know what services are needed in order to provide proper aid to the 911 caller.

Today all the fire departments in Hamilton County operate under a mutual aid contract. If one fire department requests help from another, the call remains one dispatch. So we have a value added service when we request additional units. Just in the month of October EMS & Fire dispatching costs amounted to \$4,842.20. The EMS & Fire Department spends \$58,106.40 in annual dispatch fees for service calls in Sycamore Township.

Winter weather and the holidays are upon us. The Fire Department has many home safety programs which we

can provide to you just by calling 513-792-7246 and asking for Assistant Chief Doug Morath. Doug will schedule a time for your own personal home safety survey.

When displaying holiday decorations, please make sure all outside electrical connections are properly sealed to prevent water from getting in and causing an electrical short. On the inside, please make sure to use a surge protection device to help prevent circuit overloading.

Live trees and live greenery are traditional decorating accents for the holidays; please remember that live trees require water. When you decorate with live greenery, try to place it away from heating ducts and open flames.

The holidays and winter season can be the most beautiful time of the year when we come together for family sharing and holiday fun. Have a safe and wonderful Holiday Season.

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



Hamilton County Dispatch 911 call takers.



Medic unit in front of Station 93 (M-93)

Police and Crime Prevention



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

PARKING RULES ON TOWNSHIP STREETS

At the request of a resident, I am devoting this article to the parking provisions for residential streets in Sycamore Township. Some of these

prohibitions are state law and others are Sycamore Township Resolutions. Below you will see a short synopsis of the regulations:

1. No person shall stop, park, or leave standing on any street in the Township any vehicle exceeding gross weight of 5 tons, any commercial tractor, truck or trailer, semi-trailer or boat except when loading or unloading.
2. No person shall park any vehicle in the following places: on or across a sidewalk, in front of a private or

public drive, within 10 feet of a fire hydrant, on a crosswalk, within 30 feet of a stop sign, within 1 foot of another vehicle, alongside another vehicle (double parking).

3. All vehicles must be parked with the right wheels to the curb parallel to the curb and not more than 12 inches from it.

4. All vehicles parked on the street must be moved within a 48 hour period.

5. No one may park an inoperable vehicle on the street.

I hope that this clears up any issues or questions you may have on parking regulations in Sycamore Township.

As always, be safe and drive carefully this winter!

IMPORTANT REMINDER

When purchasing license plates, please mention you are a resident of Sycamore Township. The Township receives \$5 of the cost for plates for each vehicle you own. These dollars are forwarded to us for use in repairing Township roads. If you simply mention Cincinnati as your place of residence, these funds go to the City of Cincinnati to repair 'their' streets.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BRUSH CHIP DROP OFF

Sycamore Township
Administration Office
8540 Kenwood Road
8 AM – 4 PM
Saturday, March 3
Saturday, April 7
Saturday, May 5
Saturday, June 2

SPRING COMPOST/ WOODCHIP GIVE-AWAY

Hartzell United Methodist Church
8999 Applewood Drive
8 AM – 4 PM
Saturday, May 5

DOCUMENT SHREDDING PROGRAM

Sycamore Township
Administration Office
8540 Kenwood Road
10 AM – 2 PM
Saturday, April 21

TRASH BASH SOUTH

Bechtold Park
4312 Sycamore Road
Friday, May 11 NOON-4 PM
Saturday, May 12 8AM-4PM
Sunday, May 13 NOON-4PM

TRASH BASH NORTH

Clete McDaniel Sports Complex
School Road Entrance
7841 School Road
Friday, September 14 NOON-4PM
Saturday, September 15 8AM-4PM
Sunday, September 16 NOON-4PM

Parks and Recreation



Mike McKeown
Parks & Recreation
Director

SUMMER IN SYCAMORE EVENTS

Sycamore Township businesses have an excellent opportunity to promote their businesses while helping Sycamore Township provide wonderful programs and events to our residents and neighbors. By becoming a "Summer in Sycamore Events" sponsor, a business is not only helping itself, but is helping the Township provide top quality programs, events, and entertainment.

"Summer in Sycamore Events" include the Festival in Sycamore, the Summer Bash and Car Show, and the Twilight Concerts. Sponsorships are critical to the success of these events, and with looming budget cuts, they are even more important. Many Township businesses will be receiving informational materials in the mail. Sponsorships are available on different levels. We hope that you'll give careful consideration to becoming a sponsor. Please call Mike McKeown at 792-7270 if you have any questions or comments.



MEMORIAL TREE PROGRAM

Did you know that the Township has a Memorial Tree Program? You can remember a loved one by having a tree planted in a Township park together with an

engraved memorial marker. The cost for this program, which includes the tree, memorial marker and tree planting, is \$250.00. Please call the Township office if you are interested.



5K CHALLENGE RUN AND WALK

Congratulations to all who participated in the 19th Annual 5K Challenge Run and Walk. Awards were given to winners in over 25 men's and women's divisions. Congratulations to Overall Men's Winner Austin Harrison and Women's Winner Melissa Deitzer. Thanks to sponsors Chicken on the Run, Panera Bread and Culligan Water.

Pictured left are Trustee Tom Weidman; Melissa Deitzer - Women's Overall Winner; Austin Harrison - Men's Overall Winner; and Trustee Denny Connor



The Trustees of Sycamore Township presented a check for \$4,257.35 from the 9th Annual Golf Outing to Jill Soldano with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The golf outing takes place each August and is coordinated by Rick Wietmarschen of Sycamore Township.



Mary McGrath, shown with her parents, received the Home Town Hero Award from the Trustees of Sycamore Township for her swift action in saving the life of a child in Sycamore Township.



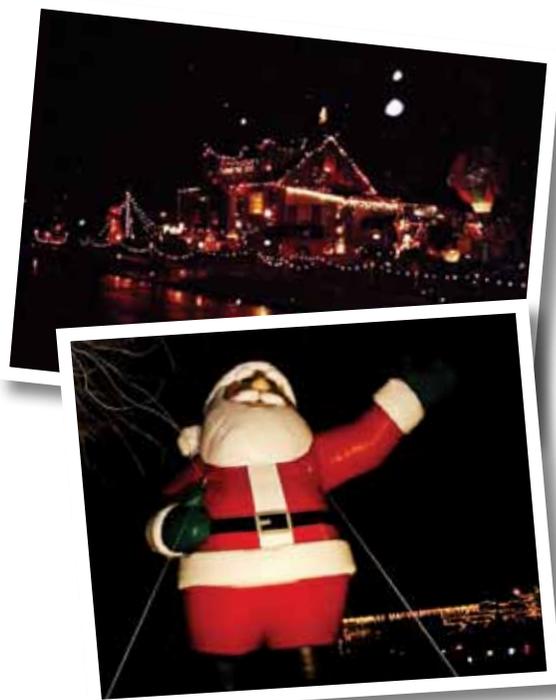
The Driving Angels Program, which aims to make a positive impact on juvenile driving offenders, was kicked-off in Sycamore Township last month. In attendance was Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Sean Donovan, Division Commander Colonel Ramon Hoffbauer and the Officials of Sycamore Township.

DILLONVALE LUMINARIA

The annual Dillonvale Luminaria will be held on Saturday, December 10, from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM at the Bechtold Pavilion in Bechtold Park. The event will feature hot chocolate and coffee, donuts, and cookies provided by Dillonvale IGA. The Deer Park High School Jazz Band and Trinity Church Choir will provide the sounds of Christmas. Santa and his elves will pay a visit. Hayrides will take people on tours through Dillonvale to see all of the Christmas decorations and luminaria.



The top three decorated houses in Dillonvale will be awarded Dillonvale IGA gift certificates and the best decorated street will also be recognized. We hope to see you on Saturday, December 10.



ENERGY VAMPIRES

Looking for ways to stretch your energy dollar is smart business. It also promotes environmental sustainability. One way to save both energy and money is to target what Duke Energy refers to as “energy vampires.”

Energy vampires are electrical devices that use electricity, even when they’re turned off. Taken together, they can account for as much as 20 percent of your electric bill. These devices include:

- **Wall warts:** These are devices like cell phone chargers that have a large plug. They consume energy, even when the device to be charged is not plugged in.
- **Bricks:** Cords used with laptop computers, televisions and some cable TV equipment are often joined in the middle by large black boxes. These “bricks” use energy continuously as long as they remain plugged in.

Other examples include:

- Cable and satellite boxes
- Digital TV converters
- DVR, VCR and DVD players
- Mobile and cellular devices
- MP3 players
- Video game consoles
- Standby coffee makers
- Devices that turn on instantly with remote control
- Devices with a standby light or clock

It sounds too simple to be true, but unplugging these

devices when not in use can save you money. By controlling your energy vampires, you can improve your energy savings.

- Use energy-saving features commonly built into personal computers.
- Plug wall warts and bricks into power strips, then turn them off when not needed. Using “smart” power strips makes it even easier. These power strips automatically cut off power when devices are not in use.

More ways to save energy this winter

- Change the filter on your furnace. A dirty filter makes your furnace work harder, which uses more energy.
- Maintain your heating system. It’s just as important as changing the oil in your car. Have your system checked out by a licensed technician. Annual or semi-annual checkups can improve your system’s efficiency and help prevent costly repairs.
- Use a programmable thermostat. You can save up to 10 percent every year on your energy use by cutting back the temperature 10 to 15 degrees for eight hours a day. Programmable thermostats are a great way to accomplish that task.
- Adjust the brightness on your TV. Some newer televisions are automatically configured for “store” mode, which is a brighter, high-energy mode set by manufacturers before they’ve been shipped to stores. That high level of brightness may not be necessary in your living room. Try out the “home” setting for a better picture, longer TV life and energy savings of up to 30 percent.



Planning and Zoning

SYCAMORE TOWNSHIP WELCOMES NEW BUSINESSES

Sycamore Township would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new businesses that have chosen to open in our community, playing a vital role in keeping the Township economically healthy. We encourage you to stop in and patronize these businesses in the near future.

New in the Kenwood Towne Centre are the Disney Store, Sperry Topsiders, Sophia’s Nails and Brooks Brothers.

El Jinete Mexican Restaurant held its Grand Opening on October 13th, 2011 at their newest location at 10780 Montgomery Road. Donna’s Gourmet Cookies is now open for business in Duffy Square at 10792 Montgomery Road. Antonio Violins has opened at 7721 Montgomery Road.



WELCOME KENWOOD BANKING CENTER – FIRST FINANCIAL BANK

Groundbreaking Event in Sycamore Township, October 25, 2011 Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky Regional President Adrian Breen, Trustee Cliff Bishop, Co-Chief Retail Banking Officer Jill Stanton, First Financial Board Member Susan Knust, Trustee Tom Weidman, Chief Banking Officer Doug Lefferson.



Maintenance Department

ROAD WORK AHEAD



Tracy Kellums,
Superintendent

Two major construction projects are scheduled for Kenwood Road between Montgomery Road and Euclid Avenue in 2012. The first phase will be placing the utilities underground and removing the utility poles from this corridor in early 2012. In the second half of 2012, an access management project will commence which may include the installation of a median down the middle of Kenwood Road between Montgomery Road and Euclid Avenue along with new curbs, sidewalks and the repaving of Kenwood Road.

As with all of our construction projects, we ask that drivers be courteous and drive with caution to protect the workers on the road. Kenwood Road has a high volume of traffic through this corridor. Please know there will be delays during the construction, however Kenwood Road will be open to traffic during the project.

If you have any questions, please contact Superintendent Tracy Kellums at Sycamore Township at (513) 792-7257 or by e-mail at tkellums@sycamoretownship.org.

SNOW REMOVAL

Please remove your car from the street during snow storms. This will allow our crews to plow 'curb to curb' to do a better job of snow removal. Also, please be courteous and shovel your sidewalk and apply ice melt as necessary. With your help, we will have a safe winter.



Winter View of
Bechtold Creek



CHRISTMAS TREE CHIPPING PROGRAM

The Sycamore Township Maintenance Department will once again be chipping Christmas trees. After Christmas Day, trees may be dropped off at the designated areas at Bechtold Park, 4312 Sycamore Road or Clete McDaniel Sports Complex, 11797 Old Solzman Road. Christmas trees will be collected beginning December 26 through January 20.





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