

# Sycamore Township

# NEWS

Fall 2009

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By now most of the leaves have fallen from the trees and our Maintenance crew has been through your neighborhood to pick them up. For those residents with trees that just don't seem to want to give their leaves up just yet, our crews will continue to pick up leaves, with their last day being December 11th.

With snow just around the corner, we have added some new equipment to the township arsenal for this winter. Our trucks will now be equipped to treat the salt with brine or calcium chloride to increase performance and work at lower temperatures. The brine allows us to melt ice with temperatures as low as zero degrees Fahrenheit, while salt alone becomes ineffective below 20 degrees. This new equipment will allow us to keep the roads clean for safe passage throughout the winter.

If you haven't visited our newest park facility yet, it is certainly worth a look. The Robert L. Schuler Sports Complex was officially dedicated on August 22nd, and interest in our athletic fields has been high since then. The complex also includes our Community Meeting Room which is available for rent to residents and businesses in Sycamore Township. For more information, contact our Parks Director Mike McKeown at the township.

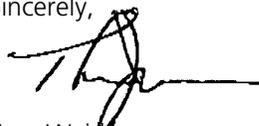
In September, we re-dedicated our North Sycamore Recreation Facility to Clete McDaniel, a long time Sycamore Township Trustee and strong proponent of both the acquisition and development of the park. The Clete McDaniel Sports Complex is our largest recreational facility in the township, and we have plans for continued improvements to the facility in the future.

Nordstrom opened their first store in Southern Ohio in September at the Kenwood Towne Center, and their business has exceeded all expectations. Nordstrom is just the latest addition to our already thriving Retail District. Look for more exciting additions in the future.

With Christmas just around the corner, we want to remind you of the two rules to follow to keep your Christmas tree safe and looking beautiful while inside your home. First, keep your tree watered on a daily basis. Fresh cut trees can absorb up to two gallons of water in a single day. Secondly, always turn off all of your Christmas lights when you go to bed or leave the house.

On behalf of my fellow Trustees Cliff Bishop and Dick Kent, along with our Fiscal Officer Rob Porter, we want to wish all of you a Blessed Holiday Season, and good health and fortune in the New Year.

Sincerely,



Tom Weidman  
President, Sycamore Township Board of Trustees



Tom Weidman





# EMS/Fire Department

## SYCAMORE TOWNSHIP FIRE STATION 93 GRAND OPENING and ROBERT L. SCHULER SPORTS COMPLEX DEDICATION!

AUGUST 22, 2009



Ooh La La and the Greasers



8th District Ohio Senator Bill Seitz, Trustee Tom Weidman, Trustee Cliff Bishop



Tommy James and the Shondells



Fiscal Officer Rob Porter, 2nd District US House of Representative Jean Schmidt, Trustee Tom Weidman, Shelagh Schuler, Superintendent Tracy Kellums, Trustee, Cliff Bishop, Administrator Rob Molloy, 8th District Ohio Senator Bill Seitz, Rev. Seung Lee of Brecon UMC, Law Director Doug Miller, Trustee Dick Kent



2nd District US House of Representative Jean Schmidt, Chief BJ Jetter, Trustee Tom Weidman, Trustee Cliff Bishop



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Shelagh Schuler, 2nd District US House of Representative Jean Schmidt, Rob Schuler, Trustee Tom Weidman, Trustee Cliff Bishop



# Police and Crime Prevention



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

## NEW LIAISON FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dear Residents,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Dan Reid. I am a Lieutenant with the Sheriff's Office. I was hired by the Sycamore Township Trustees as their liaison officer in June. I have been with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department for over 24 years. My assignments throughout

my career have spanned from starting as a corrections officer to a patrol district commander. I have been trained in many aspects of law enforcement which includes graduating from F.B.I. National Academy in Quantico, Virginia and, most recently, graduating from the DARE Program Instructor School.

I have many goals for Sycamore Township. One of my main goals is to make the Sycamore Blockwatch program the largest and most active in the county. We hold our meetings on the third Tuesday of every month at 7 PM in the Sycamore Township Fire House on Kenwood Road. We discuss crime trends in the township, how we can address these trends, and how to actively prevent these crimes in the future. We will have guest speakers throughout the year to talk on their areas of expertise. We will have everything from canine officers to federal agents to tell you their stories of law enforcement from their unique perspective.

Please feel free to call me anytime at the Sycamore Township Administration Building. I will do all I can to answer your questions and concerns as it relates to your police.

Sincerely,  
Lt. Dan Reid  
Hamilton County Sheriff's Department

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Leaf Collection

Through Friday, Dec 11

### Brush Chipping Drop Off

Behind Township  
Admin Building  
8540 Kenwood Rd  
Saturday 8 AM to 4 PM  
Dec 5

### Blockwatch Meetings

Sycamore Township  
Safety Services Bldg  
Training Room  
8540 Kenwood Road  
Every Third Tuesday at 7 PM

### Christmas Tree Drop Off Program

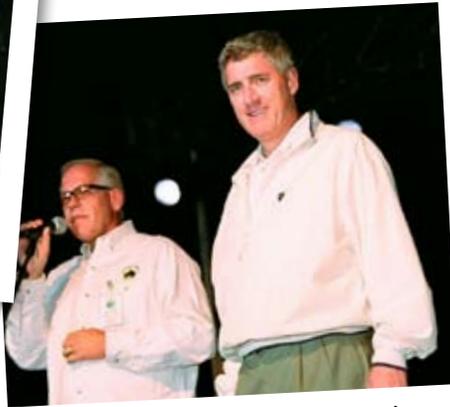
Dec 26–Jan 29  
Clete McDaniels Sports  
Complex  
11797 Solzman Road  
or Bechtold Park  
4312 Sycamore Road

THE FESTIVAL IN SYCAMORE

JULY 17 & 18, 2009



Ambrosia



Trustees Cliff Bishop and Tom Weidman



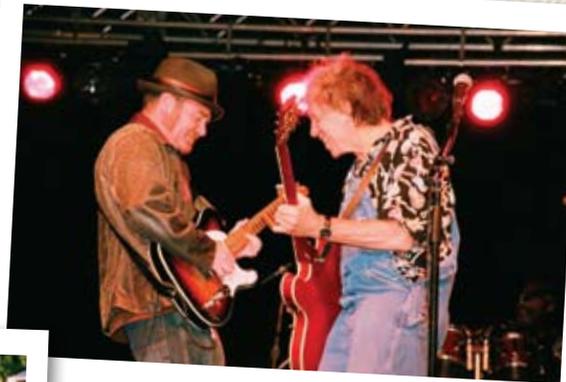
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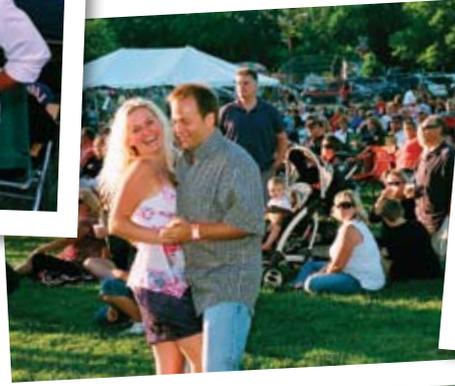
Natalie Wells



Orleans and Park Director Mike McKeown



Elvin Bishop



# SUMMER WAS VERY BUSY IN SYCAMORE TOWNSHIP!

Thanks to the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Maintenance Department for their great help in making several major events in the township go so well this past summer. The Festival in Sycamore, the dedication of Robert L. Schuler Sports Complex, and the Tommy James & the Shondells concert were all very successful.

## NEW COMMUNITY ROOM AVAILABLE!

Sycamore Township now has a brand new community room at the new station 93 at the Schuler Sports Complex on Deerfield Rd. It offers seating of up to 175 people, and is available for meetings or parties. Call Park Director Mike McKeown at 791-8447 for rental information.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE 2009 5K CHALLENGE!

Congratulations to David Bea and Mary Jablonski, overall winners of the 2009 5K Challenge. Pictured below are the winners with Park Director Mike McKeown.





# Planning and Zoning

## TOWNSHIP EVENTS



Jill Soldano with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation was presented a check from Trustees Tom Weidman and Cliff Bishop from the proceeds of the 7th Annual Golf Outing at Cedar Trace Golf Club coordinated by Rick Wietmarschen.



Trustees Weidman and Bishop present a proclamation to Dr. Gregory Pitman and Dr. Brent Zoeller of Family Tree Chiropractic and Wellness on Cornell Road for Kids Day America in Sycamore Township.



Marvin Blade from Duke Energy presented a check to the Trustees in the amount of \$5,000 from the Duke Energy Foundation Grant Fund to promote energy education at the new Firehouse Station 93.



**Clete McDaniel Sports Complex:** Sunday, September 20th Rededication of the North Sycamore Recreational Facility in honor of former Sycamore Township Trustee Clete McDaniel. Left to right: Chris George, Trustee Weidman, former Trustee McDaniel, Trustee Bishop, Parks Director McKeown.



Trustees Tom Weidman and Cliff Bishop congratulate the winners of the 2009 Beautification Awards, Frank and Carol McAlpine and Brandon Transier. Not present: Mary Beth Transier and Roger and Colette Miller.



**Bechtold Park:** Dedication of the Bechtold Memorial Pavilion– Saturday, June 20th. Mrs. Edna Bechtold with her family and Township Trustees Weidman and Bishop.

## ABOUT THE 2010 CENSUS

The 2010 Census is a count of everyone living in the United States and is mandated by the U.S. Constitution. Census data is used to distribute congressional seats to states, to distribute more than \$300 billion in federal funds to local, state and tribal governments each year and to make decisions about what community services to provide. The 2010 Census questionnaire will be one of the shortest in history, consisting of 10 questions and taking about 10 minutes to complete. Strict laws protect the confidentiality of respondents and the information they provide.





## Maintenance Department

### LEAF COLLECTION

Leaf collection began on October 19 and will run through Friday, December 11. Leaves should be raked out to the public right-of-way beside the street.

#### **PLEASE DO NOT PUT LEAVES IN THE STREET.**

Leaves become very slippery when wet and, when parked over, they can start a car on fire when brought into contact with the catalytic converter.

Sticks, grass clippings, or garden debris will jam our machines and should not be mixed into leaf piles. Consequently, piles with materials other than leaves will not be collected. Maintenance crews will be working from 7:30 a.m. ***til dark, six days a week, rain or shine*** to collect your leaves in a timely fashion. Many factors such as the amount of leaves to be collected on a given round and availability of temporary laborers have an effect on collection and make it impossible to know exact pick-up times.

### TREE AND SHRUB TRIMMING

Please trim branches that may overhang the public sidewalk in your area. Many people are out walking and these branches are not only a nuisance but, can be dangerous. Please show your consideration and trim back trees, shrubs, and bushes to make sure the sidewalk is clear of all obstacles.



### 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. 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

## Fall 2009

Tom Weidman, President

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](http://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.