

# Sycamore Township

# NEWS

Summer 2011

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After a soggy spring, we're all looking forward to more pleasant summer weather – and the exciting outdoor activities that make Sycamore Township such a great place in which to live and work. You should have already received the most recent Township mailer, highlighting a full summer of enjoyable events at our Parks.



Denny Connor

The *Twilight Concert Series* is already in full swing, and plans are nearing completion for the always-popular *Festival in Sycamore* on July 15th and 16th at Bechtold Park. Grammy-nominated **Ambrosia** will return to entertain us on Friday the 15th, with classic rock legend **Grand Funk Railroad** appearing on Saturday the 16th. Parks & Recreation Director Mike McKeown and his team are working hard to make this the best *Festival* ever! And we'll wrap up a great summer with our first *Summer Bash and Car Show* at the Schuler Sports Complex on August 20th. Check out all the exciting details elsewhere in this newsletter.

This edition of the newsletter also includes information about Sycamore Township's seventh annual Beautification Contest. This is a great opportunity to recognize neighbors who have worked hard to create extraordinary landscapes that make our community so attractive. Look for the complete details inside, or visit the Township website at [www.sycamoretownship.org](http://www.sycamoretownship.org) to download a nomination form.

Since being appointed Trustee in April, 2011 upon Dick Kent's retirement, I've been in learning mode, adjusting to the duties and responsibilities of serving you, the residents of Sycamore Township. But as a 28-year resident of the Township, I'm very familiar with the great things that happen every day in our neighborhoods, and it's an honor to join the team of dedicated people who make this community so vibrant.

I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to serve all of you, and I look forward to seeing many of you at our summer events. On behalf of Trustees Tom Weidman and Cliff Bishop and Fiscal Officer Rob Porter, I hope everyone has a safe and happy summer in Sycamore Township.

Sincerely,

Denny Connor, Trustee



Festival in Sycamore





# 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 fittings 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.

## SPECIAL NEEDS IDENTIFICATION FORM

The Sycamore Township Special Needs Identification Form recognizes children and adults with special healthcare needs for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers. If medical information is available, providers will be able to give appropriate emergency care for the patient and reduce the level of stress often experienced by the family when there is an emergency. To register for this program, download and complete the Special Needs Form on our website at [www.sycamoretownship.org](http://www.sycamoretownship.org) or call Carol at 792-7248. The completed form can be faxed to 792-8564 or mailed to our address listed on the form below.

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)       Respiratory Condition(s)  
 Home Oxygen       Cancer - \_\_\_\_\_  
 Infectious and/or Contagious Disease - \_\_\_\_\_  
 Large Stature (approx. wt.) - \_\_\_\_\_  
 Handicap and/or Mobility Issues       Wheelchair       Walker  
 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



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

## AVOIDING SUMMERTIME TRAGEDY

Every summer we read about some of our young people being killed in tragic auto crashes. There are several primary factors that are main contributors to these terrible events and as parents you need to stress to your teens and young adults, before they go out for the night, to avoid these pit falls and they will have a much better chance of coming home safe. The worst thing that can happen in a parent's life is to get a knock on the door at 2 A.M. and look out the window and see me. I unfortunately have had to deliver those messages and it is the worst part of my job. The main contributors to crashes are:

### 1. Distracted Driving

This is anything from texting, talking on the phone, or having a car that is overloaded with friends. It is a proven fact that the more people

that are in the car the odds of crash increases exponentially. Please have your children wait until they reach their destination to call or text you that they got there safe.

### 2. Alcohol/Drugs and Driving

This is a bad combination for anyone but even more so for an inexperienced driver. Reaction times are slowed and "risk taking" increases. Also, the legal limit for someone over 18 but under 21 is .02, which is one-fourth that which is allowable by those over 21. The legal limit for those under 18 is ZERO.

### 3. Out Past Curfew

As my father always said, "Nothing good happens after midnight." Please set a curfew for your children. They will know your expectations and will be much safer for it.

Please stress to your children the importance of avoiding these common factors in auto crashes. Your input will resonate with them more than you know and you will be able to avoid that awful knock at the door.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Festival in Sycamore

Bechtold Park  
4312 Sycamore Road  
Friday, July 15  
Saturday, July 16  
6 PM - Midnight

### Twilight Concert

Behind the Administration Bldg  
8540 Kenwood Road

### The Bloody Tinth

Sunday, July 31  
6 PM

### Summer Bash and Car Show

Schuler Sports Complex  
11532 Deerfield Road  
Saturday, August 20  
Noon - Midnight

### 9th Annual Golf Outing

Cedar Trace Golf Club  
Saturday, August 27  
9 AM Shotgun Start

### Trash Bash North

Clete McDaniel Sports Complex  
7841 School Road, 45249  
Friday, September 16,  
Noon-4 PM  
Saturday, September 17,  
8 AM-4 PM  
Sunday, September 18,  
Noon-4 PM

### Fall Compost Give-Away

United Methodist Church  
Parking Lot  
8999 Applewood Drive  
Saturday, September 24  
8 AM - 4 PM

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Trustees Cliff Bishop, Denny Connor, former Trustee Dick Kent, Chief Jetter and Corporal Sabers together with various local ministers gathered for the annual National Day of Prayer on May 5th at the Sycamore Township Administration Building.



## SENIOR CENTER DONATION

The Sycamore Township Trustees presented the annual donation to Sycamore Senior Center Director Joshua Howard at the June 2nd Trustee meeting.



# Parks and Recreation



Mike McKeown  
Parks & Recreation  
Director

## FESTIVAL IN SYCAMORE

The great tradition continues this year! Fantastic music from national, regional, and local acts; great food; rides for the kids; and all kinds of fun will be offered at the **19th Annual Festival in Sycamore**. The event will be held from **6:00 PM – midnight on Friday, July 15 and Saturday, July 16 at Bechtold Park, 4312 Sycamore Road,**

**45236**. This year's Festival will continue the 'RIDE FOR FIVE' program in which you can purchase a bracelet each day for \$5.00 and ride the rides all night long. Free parking is available onsite (weather permitting) or in marked shuttle lots around the park. Bottles, cans, coolers, and animals are not permitted. We hope that you'll come and join thousands of your friends and neighbors to enjoy this wonderful event.

Festival veterans **AMBROSIA** will headline the music on July 15. Back by popular demand, this Grammy nominated group will play all of their hits including *That's How Much I Feel*, *You're the Only Woman*, *Nice, Nice, Very Nice*, and *Biggest Part of Me* from their repertoire of classic progressive rock. Opening the festivities on Friday will be 'Gee Your Band Smells Terrific' playing the great sounds of the 80's and 90's. Following them will be Cincinnati's legendary group, 'The Modulators'. The great sounds of this group will put everybody in a dancing mood.

Headlining on Saturday, July 16, classic rock legends **GRAND FUNK RAILROAD**. the 'American Band', which has accumulated 13 gold and 10 platinum records over the years, continue to tour with their hard driving, classic rock sound, including hits *We're an American Band*, *I'm Your Captain*, *Closer to Home*, *Some Kind of Wonderful* and *Locomotion*. Opening the show on Saturday will be great funk and soul by 'Basic Truth'. Following them, 'After Midnight' will bring you fabulous sounds of the 70's and 80's.

Times (approximate) are listed below.

### FRIDAY, JULY 15

- 6:00 PM Gee Your Band Smells Terrific
- 7:30 PM The Modulators
- 9:00 PM AMBROSIA

### SATURDAY, JULY 16

- 6:00 PM Basic Truth
- 7:30 PM After Midnight
- 9:00 PM GRAND FUNK RAILROAD



## TWILIGHT CONCERT RESCHEDULED

The **Twilight Concert** which was scheduled for May 14 had to be postponed. The new date is **SUNDAY, JULY 31, at 6:00 P.M.** behind the Administration Building, 8540 Kenwood Road. Music will be provided by Irish/American rock/folk group **The Bloody Tinth**. Bring your own cooler and picnic or purchase food and drinks at the concert. This is a great way to put a cap on your weekend. Call 791-8447 for more information.

# SUMMER BASH AND CAR SHOW

We are very excited to offer a brand new addition to our Summer in Sycamore Events! The Summer Bash and Car Show will be held on **Saturday, August 20, at the Schuler Sports Complex, 11532 Deerfield Road.** Times for different events are listed below. This event will feature a day and night full of classic cars and classic music from local and national bands, along with great food and refreshments.

The Bash starts with the Car Show. The Car Show is open; meaning any type of car can be displayed. Registration runs from 9:00 AM – noon. The registration fee is \$12 for pre-registration, and \$15 day of show. If you wish to pre-register, fill out the form below and send it, along with a check for \$12.00 per car payable to **Sycamore Township, to Greg Nolan, 3285 Hanna Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45211.** Car show display and judging will go from noon – 3:00 PM. Awards will be distributed between 3:00 PM and 4:00 PM. Any questions about the Car Show should be directed to Greg Nolan at 662-5091. Thanks to members of the Cincy Custom Street Machines Car Club for their assistance with the Car Show. Music during the Car Show will be provided by local radio personalities Jim LaBarbara and J. D. Hughes. The Car Show will be held rain or shine. No refunds will be given to pre-registrants.

The fun isn't over when the Car Show ends. The music starts at 3:00 PM and runs well into the night. Classic rockers **MITCH RYDER & the DETROIT WHEELS** headline an outstanding lineup of local and national acts. With hits including *Devil With the Blue Dress*, *Jenny Take a Ride*, *Good Golly Miss Molly*, and *Little Latin Lupe Lu*, this group will keep fans on their feet and dancing. The day begins with the great surfin' sounds of **Skeletone**. Next you can celebrate Beatlemania with the very popular Beatle tribute band **Eight Days a Week**. Getting you ready for **MITCH RYDER** will be local favorites **Ooh La La & the Greasers** playing all of your favorite oldies.

Times (approximate) are listed below.

- 3:00 PM Skeletone
- 4:15 PM Eight Days a Week
- 6:45 PM Ooh La La and the Greasers
- 9:15 PM MITCH RYDER & the DETROIT WHEELS

Great food and refreshments will be available at the event. Free parking and shuttle buses will be available at marked "shuttle" lots at businesses around the park. Bottles, coolers, cans, and animals are not permitted.

Call **Mike McKeown at 791-8447** for more information about the entire event. Call **Greg Nolan at 662-5091** with specific Car Show questions.



## SYCAMORE TOWNSHIP SUMMER BASH AND CAR SHOW PRE-REGISTRATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF CARS \_\_\_\_\_

## THANKS TO OUR "SUMMER IN SYCAMORE EVENTS" SPONSORS!

**Gold Sponsors**  
**Kenwood Towne Center**  
**Doubletree Guest Suites**  
**Jewish Hospital**  
**Cincinnati Sports Medicine**

Kids First Sports Center  
 Green Bay Packaging  
 5/3 Bank Securities  
 Sycamore Township Republican Club  
 Brookwood Retirement Center  
 Luckie's Pony Keg

The Kroger Company  
 Integrys Energy Services  
 Denny McKeown's  
 Bloomin Garden Centre  
 Camp Safety Equipment  
 Command Seagrave  
 Rumpke Inc.  
 Advantage Sign

Prus Construction  
 Walnut Grove Playgrounds  
 Camden Homes  
 Adleta Construction  
 FNC Group  
 Neyer Co.  
 Mobilcomm  
 PrintManagement





# Planning and Zoning

## 7th ANNUAL SYCAMORE TOWNSHIP BEAUTIFICATION CONTEST

### CONTEST OVERVIEW

Do you live near a property that makes you proud to live in Sycamore Township? If so, you are fortunate to have neighbors who have made an investment in our community. 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 designed to recognize exceptional properties, whose owners help keep Sycamore Township beautiful. Nominate yourself or one of your neighbors today!

### CRITERIA

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

### JUDGING

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

### NOMINATIONS

Nominations to be judged may be submitted by property owners, friends, neighbors, etc. Applications may be found below or at our website [www.sycamoretownship.org](http://www.sycamoretownship.org).

### RULES

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

### DEADLINE

All nominations must be postmarked by July 31, 2011. 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 an awards ceremony where Beautification Award certificates will be awarded. Special recognition in the Township website and newsletter and a generous gift certificate to a local business will be given.

### LAST YEAR'S WINNERS



## SYCAMORE TOWNSHIP APPLICATION FOR BEAUTIFICATION CONTEST

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the application and fax to (513) 792-8571 or mail to the Township Administration Office, 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.

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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: (513) \_\_\_\_\_

# Maintenance Department



Tracy Kellums,  
Superintendent

## FALL TRASH BASH NORTH

The Sycamore Township Maintenance staff will be on hand to offer assistance at the Fall Trash Bash–North Sycamore Recreation Facility–School Road Entrance, 7841 School Road, 45249. **Time: Friday, Sept 16 – Noon-4 PM; Saturday, Sept 17 – 8 AM-4 PM; Sunday, Sept 18 – Noon-**

**4 PM.** 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.***



## 9TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

The 9th Annual Sycamore Township Golf Outing will be held at Cedar Trace Golf Club, 5466 Newtonsville Hutchinson Road, Batavia, Ohio 45103 – phone (513) 625-4400 – on Saturday,

August 27, 2011. 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. The \$80 price includes golf, food, prizes, and dinner at Healy Memorial Lodge, 7640 Plainfield Road at Chamberlain Park in Deer Park. The proceeds will benefit help for the cure of cystic fibrosis. **9:00 AM shotgun start, up to 144 golfers – SELLS OUT FAST!!** For more details, contact Rick Wietmarschen at 509-6690 or visit our website, [www.sycamoretownship.org](http://www.sycamoretownship.org).

## FALL COMPOST GIVE-AWAY

The Township will provide free compost and wood chips on Saturday, September 24 from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM. The material may be picked up at the Township's compost site adjacent to Hartzell United Methodist Church Parking Lot at 8999 Applewood Drive, 45236.

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.

## ROAD RESURFACING

Sycamore Township maintains 50 miles of roads throughout the Township. This year the Township is doing a large road resurfacing project which involves the milling of old surface asphalt and resurfacing with new asphalt. This project also includes the curb repair as needed. We have listed the various streets in the project. Unless noted, all construction will include the entire length of the road.

If you have any questions, or concerns, please contact Tracy Kellums, Maintenance Superintendent at (513) 792-7257. As with all construction projects, there will be some inconvenience; but with your patience and cooperation, we will work to keep this to a minimum.

- Beech
- Lake
- Myrtle
- Woodlawn
- Belfast (Mantell to west terminus)
- Killarney
- Trebor (Mantell to Blossom)
- Donegal (Wexford to east terminus)
- Tralee
- Darnell
- Eldora (Belfast south)
- Glenburney
- Wexford (Donegal to north terminus)
- Antrim





# Contacts

## Summer 2011

Tom Weidman, President

Cliff Bishop, Vice President

Denny Connor, Trustee

Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

R. Douglas Miller, Law Director

Bruce Raabe, 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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CINCINNATI, OH  
PERMIT NO. 1693

*"There's More in Sycamore"*



## Trustees available to better serve you



**Tom Weidman**  
President



**Cliff Bishop**  
Vice President



**Denny Connor**  
Trustee



**Robert C. Porter III**  
Fiscal  
Officer

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