



# Hello, Hamilton County

E-News for Hamilton County Residents and Staff

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Quote of the week: "Time is nature's way of keeping everything from happening at once." — *Bob Hope*

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## Cory Chadwick Elected President of the Association of Local Air Pollution Control Officials

Cory Chadwick, Director of Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services, was recently elected President of the Association of Local Air Pollution Control Officials (ALAPCO). ALAPCO, along with its sister organization, the State and Territorial Air Pollution Program Administrators (STAPPA), represents air pollution control agencies in the 54 states and territories and over 165 major metropolitan areas across the United States.

Mr. Chadwick will serve as ALAPCO's President for a one-year term, then serve the Association as Past-President. Both STAPPA and ALAPCO serve to encourage the exchange of information among air pollution control officials, to enhance communication and cooperation among federal, state and local regulatory agencies, and to promote good management of our nation's air resources.

We are proud of Cory and wish him the best as he represents Hamilton County in this prestigious position.

Congratulations, Cory.



## Welcome Back Commissioner Todd Portune

### Corrections:

The May 15, 2003 issue reported Neva Terry as ODJFS Director. Ms. Terry is Deputy Director.

Ken Bullock, one of our Employees of the Year, was listed with Children's Services. Mr. Bullock is employed at the Bobbie B. Fairfax School operated by MR-DD.



## Shaken Baby Syndrome

With the number of Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS) cases running at a record pace, the Department of Job and Family Services reminds everyone to never shake a baby.

Children's Hospital of Cincinnati reported 12 cases in the first quarter of 2003. There were 21 in all of 2002.

Shaking a young child can cause Shaken Baby Syndrome, which is the medical term used to describe the violent shaking and results sustained from shaking. Those injuries can include brain swelling and damage, mental retardation, and death.

According to the Shaken Baby Alliance, these injuries can occur when children are violently shaken, as part of a pattern of abuse, or simply because an adult has momentarily succumbed to the frustration of responding to a crying baby.

Because babies have large heads and underdeveloped necks, the whiplash action created by shaking causes the brain to bounce around inside the skull, often tearing blood vessels that connect the brain to the skull. This can result in brain seizures, paralysis, blindness or death.

Here's what to do:

If you feel like you're losing control and have the urge to shake your baby, **stop**. Place your baby in a safe position and walk away. Call someone, walk outside and take a few deep breaths, or do anything to calm yourself down.

The Council on Child Abuse of Southern Ohio, Inc. operates a 24-hour line for parents. Their telephone number is 513.961.8004. The agency also provides Shaken Baby Syndrome classes for community groups.

For more information about Shaken Baby Syndrome, please visit [www.cocachild.org](http://www.cocachild.org).

## Thursday's Child – Adoption and Foster Care

**Call 513.632.6366 for information**



### Perion

**Birthdate: September 1999**

Perion is charming, funny and has a sense of humor. He is a miracle in the making. Due to meningitis as an infant, he has severe developmental and physical delays.

School is one of Perion's favorite places. He is learning about "cause and effect" by pushing the big buttons on one of his favorite toys.

He loves looking at and turning the pages of his favorite books.

He also has an ear for Mozart and other classical music.

Perion will require extensive support and therapy his entire life. He currently attends at least five therapy appointments per week.

Perion needs a family willing to meet his challenges.

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Please consider opening your home as foster parents or adoptive parents.

## Below Market Home Improvement Program

June will mark the one year anniversary of Hamilton County's Home Improvement Program (HIP). HIP was created as an incentive for Hamilton County residents to improve and update older housing in the community and increase neighborhood pride.

HIP invites Hamilton County residents in every city, village and

township, except Milford and Arlington Heights, to take advantage of this subsidy program with loans 3% below the market rate. Almost \$22 million remain in the rotating fund to help our residents achieve the lowest interest loans available.

For more information, contact Kevin Brown, 946.4988.

## Judge Painter leads seminars

Judge Mark P. Painter, Court of Appeals, will conduct five seminars on legal writing in different locations throughout Ohio. The Ohio Bar Association is offering the seminars to assist attorneys in improving the quality of their persuasive writing.

Judge Painter is recognized as one of the outstanding legal scholars in Ohio. He is author of *Ohio Driving Under the Influence Law*, the only textbook on DUI in Ohio. Judge Painter teaches agency and partnership at the U.C. College of Law.

## County Spends \$150 Million With Small Construction Businesses

Five years ago, the County Commissioners established its Small Business Program, managed by the Office of Small, Minority, and Female Business Development. The office is responsible for ensuring small business participation on construction projects for departments reporting to the Board through the County Administrator.

For the three major projects undertaken by Hamilton County – Paul Brown Stadium, Great American Ball Park, and the Central Riverfront

Parking and Infrastructure Improvements Project (PIP) – small businesses obtained 21.8% of the work or \$149.8 million dollars. Small businesses completed 14.1% of the total work at Paul Brown Stadium representing \$50.2 million. The County has spent or committed to 25.7% or \$75.5 million at Great American Ball Park and related projects. Small business participation with PIIP through March 10 totaled \$21.1 million or 66.1%.

In a further effort to introduce small, minority and women-owned busi-

nesses to Hamilton County purchasing agents, a *Face-to-Face Forum* has been created. The Forum allows vendors to meet with several County departments during this three-hour period. Vendors must be registered with the office to participate and participation is limited to the first 40 vendors who register.

For more information about the Forum, call Bernice Walker, 946.4323 or send an e-mail to [bernice.walker@hamilton-co.org](mailto:bernice.walker@hamilton-co.org).

## Meet our Surplus Asset Specialist

John Hinners is the County's first Surplus Asset Specialist. John has worked with the Purchasing Department in developing and implementing this new program. The program is designed to allow departments to place obsolete equipment in the on-line public auction, just like eBay. The goal of the program is to

streamline the disposal of obsolete equipment while producing revenue for county usage.

For more information about this new and exciting program, call John Hinners at 946.2255 or e-mail [Auction.Surplus@jfs.hamilton-co.org](mailto:Auction.Surplus@jfs.hamilton-co.org).



John Hinners, Hamilton County Surplus Asset Specialist

### Community Action Day

The Board of County Commissioners proclaimed Wednesday, May 21, *Community Action Day* in Hamilton County. The Community Action Agency has given outstanding service to the residents of Hamilton County for thirty-nine years. Gwen L. Robinson, President and CEO, received the proclamation from Commissioner Dowlin.



### Green Products Expo

The Green Products Expo was held at the Sharonville Convention Center on May 21, sponsored in part by the Solid Waste Management District. Jeff Aluotto, Solid Waste Program Manager, kicked the day off with an overview and presentation of awards for environmentally sound business practices. Vendors then attended a "How to conduct business with Hamilton County" session led by Amy Hoh, Purchasing Director. Nonvendors attended "How to implement an environmentally preferable purchasing policy" presented by Scott Case, from the Center for the New American Dream. The afternoon seminars were equally beneficial.

Look for upcoming green expos. They are a good example of departments sharing knowledge and enthusiasm.

### National Volunteer Week

During National Volunteer Week, Hamilton County took time to thank its volunteers by providing a breakfast and recognizing each at the County Commissioners' meeting. During 2002, our volunteers donated 6,435 hours of service, valued at approximately \$106,434. The contributions of these individuals are truly invaluable to Hamilton County and deserving of our thanks.

Thanks, Hamilton County Volunteers, for all that you do!



### 2003 Hoxworth Blood Drives

You could save a life! The need for blood continues to increase, but donations are not keeping pace with blood usage. Call today to schedule an appointment to give.

Alms & Doepke Building  
222 E. Central Parkway  
June 17, all day  
Kim Pennekamp, 946.4705

Communications Center  
2377 Civic Center Drive  
June 20, 9:00–11:30 am  
Lisa Sorn, 595.8442

Board of MR-DD  
4370 Malsbary Road  
June 20, 1:00-3:30 pm  
Jenny Dexter, 587.7315

Engineer's Office  
3504 Roundbottom Road  
June 26, 1:00-3:30 pm  
Debbie Long, 946.4979

County Administration Building  
138 E. Court Street  
June 30, all day  
Kim Pennekamp, 946.4705

Wm Howard Taft Building  
230 E. Ninth Street  
June 30, all day  
Kim Pennekamp, 946.4705

Job and Family Services  
237 Wm Howard Taft Road  
July 1, 9:00 am-Noon  
Kim Pennekamp, 946.4705

Environmental Services / General Health District  
250 Wm Howard Taft Road  
July 1, 1:00-3:30 pm  
Sarah Brugger, 946.7748

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