



Hello, Hamilton County

E-News for Hamilton County Residents and Staff

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“We will serve the residents of Hamilton County by providing the best and most responsive county government in America.”
— Hamilton County Vision

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2004 Trees, Groundcover, Shrubs and Wildflower Seed Sale
To order, visit www.hcswcd.org.
The deadline to order is March 19.

Presidents' Day



We celebrated Presidents' Day on Monday, February 16, but do you know why? The original version of the holiday was in commemoration of George Washington's birthday, the last full year of his presidency in 1796. Washington, according to the calendar used since the mid-18th century, was born on February 22. According to the calendar in use then, however, he was born on February 11. In 1796, many Americans celebrated his birthday on the 22nd, while others marked the occasion on the 11th.

By the early 19th century, Washington's Birthday had taken root as a significant holiday on February 22.

The first formal observance of Abraham Lincoln's birthday, February 12, took place in 1865, the year after his assassination, when both houses of Congress gathered for a memorial address. Lincoln's birthday did not become a federal holiday, as did Washington's; however, it did become a legal holiday in several states.

In 1968, legislation was enacted that affected several federal holidays, one of which was Washington's Birthday. The observation was shifted from February 22 to the third Monday in February. This act, which

took effect in 1971, was designed to simplify the annual calendar of holidays and give federal employees some standard three-day weekends in the process.

While February 22 is still officially known as Washington's Birthday, the third Monday has become popularly known as President's Day; a day honoring President Washington, President Lincoln, and all the other men who have served as President of the United States of America.



Information found at www.patriotism.org.

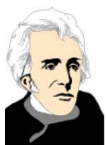
Presidential Quiz

Name that president.



1. A) John Tyler; B) John Adams; C) Franklin Pierce

2. A) Dwight Eisenhower; B) William McKinley; C) Franklin Roosevelt



3. A) Andrew Jackson; B) William Henry Harrison; C) John Quincy Adams

American Presidents Timeline Quiz

- How many presidents were elected to the presidency while serving in the Senate?
A) one; B) two; C) three
- Who was president during the Spanish-American War?
A) William McKinley; B) Woodrow Wilson; C) William Howard Taft
- How many presidents have been impeached?
A) one; B) two; C) three
- Which president introduced the 19th amendment giving

women the right to vote?

A) William Howard Taft; B) Woodrow Wilson; C) Herbert Hoover

8. How many presidents served as president during the time the U.S. was involved in the Vietnam War?
A) one; B) two; C) three

9. Who was president when American astronauts set foot on the moon?
A) John F. Kennedy; B) Richard M. Nixon; C) Lyndon B. Johnson

10. Who was the youngest president to take office?

A) John F. Kennedy; B) Theodore Roosevelt; C) Bill Clinton

11. Who was the oldest president to take office?

A) Ronald Reagan; B) George Washington; C) Dwight D. Eisenhower

12. Who was president when the U.S. stock market crashed in 1929?

A) Herbert Hoover; B) Franklin D. Roosevelt; C) Calvin Coolidge

See Quiz Answers, page 4

Commissioners Approve HCDC Contract

On February 4, the Commissioners approved the Hamilton County Development Company's (HCDC) contract. HCDC is a private not-for-profit corporation organized to promote economic development. HCDC administers a variety of U.S. Small Business Administration and State of Ohio loan programs, and has developed and operates the Hamilton County Business Center, a business incubator. HCDC also manages the Hamilton County Economic Development Office.

HCDC directly participated, through the incentive programs, in inducing over \$430 million in new and existing business expansion investment with 9,613 jobs created or retained in the county in 2001 to 2003. The lending programs added \$50.5 million in new project investments with 708 new jobs created or retained. HCBC ended 2003 with 47 tenants, 29 of which are high technology business ventures. In total, the tenants have 247 employees with an aggregate annual payroll of \$9.4 million and gross aggregate annual revenues of \$21.7 million.

HCDC was also instrumental in the former Gap site in Harrison being developed by a private developer as a multi-tenant industrial park.

A recent ad was placed in *The Cincinnati Enquirer* by Patheon, who is in search of new employees. This is further evidence of HCDC projects that result in real investment and jobs in Hamilton County. Great job, Dave Main and the HCDC staff.

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CELEBRATE!

Do You Have What It Takes To Be A Firefighter?

The City of Cincinnati is looking for exceptional men and women between the ages 18 and 36 (cannot reach age 37 by date of appointment) to become the newest members of the first professional, paid fire department in the nation.

The initial sign-up was on February 21. Applications are now being

accepted Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., in the Human Resources Department, Two Centennial Plaza, 805 Central Avenue, Suite 200. On-line sign-ups will be available on February 23.

24 weeks of paid training (\$31,022)

Firefighter (\$40,949–\$51,760)

For more information, contact Lt. Wright at 352.1684 or harold.wright@cincinnati-oh.org.



Cincinnati Fire Department



Thursday's Child For Information Call 513.632.6366

Malcolm

Birth date: June 1993



Malcolm is an energetic, intelligent and courteous child. He enjoys reading adventure, fantasy, and animal books. Malcolm likes to draw faces, portraits, and animals; he even enjoys sculpting them. When outside, you might find Malcolm playing basketball, baseball, football, hiking, climbing trees, or camping. Malcolm also enjoys playing board, card, and video games.

Malcolm's favorite foods are bologna sandwiches with potato chips and pizza. He likes to watch the television shows, Yu-Gi-Oh, Spiderman, and Hey Arnold. Malcolm likes music and sings in the church choir. Hip-hop music is his favorite. Malcolm says when he grows up he wants to be a fireman or a musician and play a violin. Malcolm is educationally on target and likes going to school.

Malcolm needs a loving, supportive family that will help him achieve his true potential and life goals. He needs to maintain contact with his siblings.

A Roadmap To Conservation Design

Planning and zoning staff, developers, heads of government agencies, if your community is interested in maintaining a rural character while allowing for development, then you should attend the *A Roadmap To Conservation Design* conference.

The conference will be held Thursday, March 11, at the DerDutchman Restaurant in Waynesville, Ohio, 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The \$50 admission includes dinner, refreshments, and a binder of information.

Featured speakers include: Robin Greene, Development of the "Hidden Creek at the Darby" subdivision in central Ohio; Kirby Date, Coordinator of the Countryside Program in the Cleveland area; Larry Frimerman, Coordinator of the Three Rivers Land Trust; Honorable Gene Krebs, State Representative, Preble County; Randy Milnick, Pogemeyer Design Group; Dan Boron, Woolpert LLP; Shane Farnsworth, Clark County Planning Commission; and Tim Lawrence, Ohio Non-profit Education Program for Municipal Officials.

To register, call 695.1187 or e-mail mvracd@go-concepts.com.

Congratulations!

Dennis Slabach, JFS Children's Services, received the "Friend of the Children Award."



ety of America, Cincinnati Chapter.

Mike Boehmer, JFS Communications, was elected president of the Public Relations Society of America, Cincinnati Chapter.



Cheryl Hilvert, Montgomery City Manager, presented

Ron Miller, Director of the Regional Planning Commission, an award from the Ohio



City-County Management Association for Community COMPASS.

Voter Info

The Board of Elections launched its **Voter Info** newsletter the fall of 2003, and it has been a huge hit with Hamilton County voters. **Voter Info** provides information on election practices, issues and information that impact residents. The January edition is currently available on the Board of Elections website at www.hamilton-co.org/boe. Voters can also pick up copies at the Board of Elections, 824 Broadway, and at the public libraries.



The current **Voter Info** issue contains important information regarding the upcoming March Primary Election which will be held on Tuesday, March 2. Joe Mallory, Elections Administrator stated, "Voters will begin to see the changes of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) in this election." One notable change cited by Mr. Mallory is that beginning with the March Primary Election, first time voters who registered to vote by mail and did not provide their driver's license number or the last four digits of the social security number, will have to provide identification at the polls. Mallory wants to make sure that the public is fully aware of this new voter registration regulation.

The Board of Election's Community Outreach Department, developed to provide election education assistance for the public and to promote voting, has been working with businesses and community organizations to educate and inform voters of new HAVA requirements. The department is also trying to engage and promote voting among young people, 17 to 25 years old. Mallory believes it is important to get the word out to 17-year-olds who will turn 18 by the next November General Election day, that they can vote in the Primary Election if they registered to vote before February 2, 2004. "Many people are not aware of this, so we have been working with high schools and community groups that work with young people to disseminate this information throughout the community," stated Mallory.



For additional information on the upcoming March Primary Election, election procedures and new voter registration regulations, voters can refer to the **Voter Info** newsletter, the Board of Elections' website, the Secretary of State's website, <http://serform2.sos.state.oh.us/>, or call 632.7000.

To have someone speak to your employees, community groups, civic groups, church groups, students, program participants, or other audiences regarding HAVA or election practices and procedures, contact Melanie Allen, Community Outreach Coordinator, 632.7030.

Solid Waste Manager Recognition

The Department of Environmental Services (HCDONES) is proud to announce that Jeffrey Aluotto, Program Manager of the Solid Waste Management District (pictured), is the recipient of the 2004 Community Service Award in Government from the Engineers and Scientists of Cincinnati (ESC). Jeff will be presented the award at the ESC 69th Annual Recognition and Awards Banquet on Thursday, February 26.

Cory Chadwick, Director of HCDONES, nominated Jeff because of his leadership and commitment to solid waste management issues. Under Jeff's direction, the District became involved in reversing the decision to end the Cincinnati curbside recycling program. Jeff's commitment to education and outreach programs, and his participation in solid waste-related professional organizations are evidence of his dedication to community service.



ESC serves the Greater Cincinnati area, addressing the professional and technical needs of the local engineering and scientific communities. ESC is also involved in a wide variety of activities to help ensure and outline awareness about key technical issues facing communities we live in.

Fine Arts Fund Campaign

Soon, your Fine Arts Fund (FAF) Coordinator will distribute contribution cards and offer you the opportunity to donate directly to FAF or through payroll deduction.

Your coordinator will also offer you the chance to win prizes, such as Reds tickets, Bengals tickets, gift certificates from various downtown merchants, FAF memorabilia, and more!

The county's 2004 FAF goals are \$25,000 and 100% participation. If every employee would contribute \$4.16, we could reach both goals.

Please give to FAF. *The power of the arts touches everyone!*

February 2004 Is Bissextile

February 2004 is considered bissextile, which simply means we get that extra day that comes with a leap year.

Long ago, people figured out that it took about 365 days to rotate through the four seasons. *About* is the key word here. It actually takes 365.242199 days for the earth to travel around the sun. Thus, leap year.

Without leap years, we would get six hours behind every year. To adjust for this, we have a leap year every four years (except those years when a new century starts that is not a multiple of 400). For more information, visit Encarta.msn.com.

Quiz Answers

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1. B) John Adams—the first president to live in the White House.
2. C) Franklin Roosevelt—Led the nation through the Great Depression and World War II.
3. A) Andrew Jackson — His picture appears on the front of the \$20 bill.
4. B) two—Harding and Kennedy went straight to the presidency from the Senate.
5. C) William Howard Taft
6. B) two—Andrew Johnson was impeached in 1868 and 130 years later, in 1998, Bill Clinton was also impeached.
7. D) Woodrow Wilson introduced the 19th amendment, which was later ratified in 1920.
8. C) Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon.
9. B) Richard M. Nixon was president in 1969, when Apollo 11 space mission astronauts landed on the moon.
10. B) Theodore Roosevelt assumed the presidency at age 42.
11. A) Ronald Reagan was inaugurated at age 70.
12. A) Herbert Hoover was president on October 29, 1929, which later became known as "Black Tuesday."

Found at www.americanpresidents.org

Withrow University Students Attend Commissioners' Meeting



At their February 11 meeting, the Commissioners welcomed students from Withrow University High School, who were accompanied by student advisor, Jonathon Williams. The students attended the meeting in an effort to learn more about the workings of local county government.

Withrow University is a college-preparatory liberal arts program designed to help students achieve their college goals.

The Withrow University program requires a commitment by students, parents, and staff to the school's goals and rules. The program offers a focused, structured atmosphere where small, personalized learning teams are developed. Students are required to perform 20 hours of community service each school year.

The Commissioners wished each of the students success in their continued education and their ensuing careers.

"Got News?"

If you have county news for *Hello, Hamilton County*, send an email to Sharon Booker at sharon.booker@hamilton-co.org.

Next deadline: March 1.



Please remember to print and post *Hello, Hamilton County* in your areas so that everyone can see what's going on!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this issue.

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