



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 Employees of the Year

The Board of Commissioners presented each of the 2004 Employees of the Year with a proclamation at their May 5 meeting.



William Dean, Chief of Forensic Sciences, Coroner's Office. He was nominated by Ronda Gros. Dr. Carl Parrott is his supervisor.

The Employees of the Year were again recognized at the Public Service Recognition Celebration on Fountain Square on May 5.



Jennifer Linnabary, Employment Coordinator, Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities. She was nominated by Lisa Lynch and Amy Tuell. Tom Desando is her supervisor.



John Hoffman, Telecommunication Analyst, Communication Center. He was nominated by his supervisor, Ron Bien.



Chad McEvoy, Environmental Technician II, Environmental Services, Air Quality Management. He was nominated by Sarah Dowers. His supervisor is Cory Chadwick.



Kevin Holt, Children's Services Section Chief, Job and Family Services. He was nominated by his supervisor, Suzanne Burke.



Jan Whitmore, Adaptive Physical Education Teacher, Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities. She was nominated by Linda Brown and the Bobbie B. Fairfax School staff.

Thank You!

- ◆ 92 county employees earned AED certification in April.
- ◆ 61 employees upgraded their CPR certification to include AED.
- ◆ 31 employees became certified in CPR and AED for the first time.

Thanks to these employees who stepped up to the challenge!

Thanks to our CPR and AED trainers.

Facilities Staff Inducted Into ARCHIBUS Hall of Fame



Ralph Linne, Facilities Director and Diana Weber, Facilities Project Manager, were recently inducted in to the ARCHIBUS Hall of Fame for their innovative use of ARCHIBUS/FM in the workplace.

ARCHIBUS, Inc. has pioneered computer-aided facilities management techniques since 1982. Ralph and Diana began with the ARCHIBUS/FM space, building operations, and lease management systems, and have expanded to include drawing inventory and capital project request tracking. In the county, the systems support over 200 users, in 135 buildings, on 11 sites, covering 3.7

million square feet, with 130 project requests per year, and 4,400 work orders per month. Over 500 users access the information via the website.

In addition to being inducted into the Hall of Fame, Ralph and Diana received the Platinum Circle Award for their innovative use of the system.

ARCHIBUS is the number one global provider of facilities and infrastructure management solutions and services.

Congratulations Ralph and Diana!

*Service is what
life is all about.*

*—Marian Wright
Edelman*

Commissioners' Summer Schedule

The Commissioners 2004 summer schedule meetings will be held:

- Monday, June 7
 - Wednesday, June 9
 - Monday, June 21
 - Wednesday, June 23
 - Wednesday, July 7
 - Monday, July 12
 - Wednesday, July 14
 - Monday, August 2
 - Wednesday, August 4
 - Monday, August 16
 - Wednesday, August 18
 - Monday, August 30
 - Wednesday, September 1
 - Wednesday, September 8
- regular weekly schedule resumes

The Commissioners meet at 9:30 a.m., in Room 603 County Administration Building.

If you have questions related to the summer schedule, contact Jacqueline Panioto at 946.4414.



Thursday's Child For Information Call 513.632.6366



Dwayne
December 1995

Erik
November 1994

These two brothers are energetic, intelligent, pleasant and respectful. Dwayne and Erik like to be outdoors when the weather permits. They enjoy playing basketball, swimming, hiking, camping and riding their bicycles in the neighborhood. Dwayne and Erik also enjoy playing with their Legos and cars. Erik is quite the artist. He likes drawing and coloring cars.

Dwayne and Erik are both educationally and developmentally on target. Dwayne likes school and makes good grades. Erik struggles with school sometimes. Both Dwayne and Erik will need to attend their ongoing therapy sessions and receive medications for hyperactivity.

Dwayne and Erik need a loving family to call their own — a family to support them during their therapy sessions and dreams for the future.

The Greatest Wizards of All

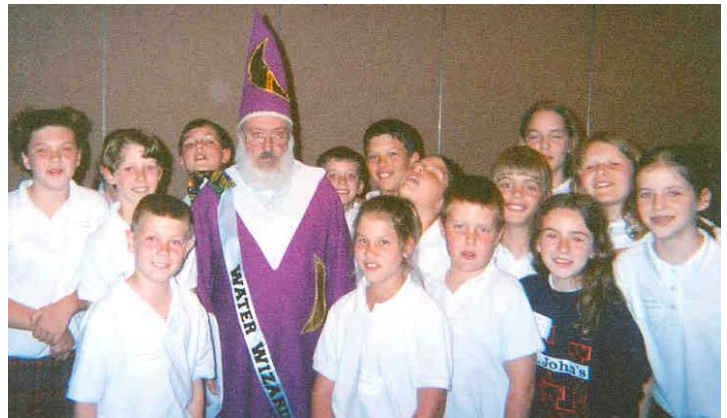
Waterfest began ten years ago as a joint effort between the Soil and Water Conservation District and the General Health District. The Metropolitan Sewer District came on board the second year to help coordinate the event. In 2004, the committee included the Soil and Water Conservation District, Greater Cincinnati Water Works, Greenacres Foundation, Department of Environmental Services, Keep Cincinnati Beautiful, the Metropolitan Sewer District and Mill Creek Restoration Project. The Storm Water District was a primary supporter of the event.

The focus of Waterfest is to provide hands-on learning activities for 4th and 5th grade students in all aspects of water. The event was held at Cinergy Center (formerly the Albert B. Sabin Convention Center) and 1,600 students were in attendance. Students were rotated through at least four out of 35 presentations and the exhibit hall session that included a water cycle maze, flush booth, rescue boat and other interactive activities.

County Administrator Dave Krings and Harry St. Clair, Monitoring and Analysis Manager, Environmental Services, served as water wizards. Water Wizards is a Jeopardy-type competition in which students are given a list of over 300 water related questions and answers to study before attending Waterfest. The competition is among the schools in attendance.



Water Wizards David Krings (top) and Harry St. Clair (bottom) are pictured with students.



Volunteer Recognition Day



National Volunteer Week is a special time designated to recognize and celebrate the tremendous efforts of volunteers all over the country.

Volunteer programs are successful because of the time and talent volunteers offer. During 2003, Hamilton County volunteers contributed over 6,742 hours of service supporting six county agencies which resulted in a savings of approximately \$115,895.

On April 21, an appreciation breakfast was held in honor of our volunteers. The breakfast was followed by recognition of our volunteers by the Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting. Each volunteer received a proclamation and a small token of appreciation.

Hamilton County volunteers are: Robert Chesser, Patricia Collins, Dorothy Gaiter, Judy Hill, Claudia Jackson, Calvin McGivens, Sharon Morris, and Inell Pinkston-Nash.

Tell Us What You Think

The county's Solid Waste Management District is in the process of updating its Solid Waste Management Plan.

Please take the survey found at www.hcdoes.org/sw/swsurvey.htm or call 946.7719.

County residents, businesses, teachers, non-profit organizations and other interested parties are encouraged to complete the survey and help make sure the needs of the county are being met.

How Can We Better Serve You?

Do you have suggestions as to how we can make *Hello, Hamilton County* better?

Send your suggestions via e-mail to sharon.booker@hamilton-co.org.

Commissioner Dowlin Receives Several Awards



A plaque honoring Commissioner John Dowlin was unveiled at the corner of E. Sharon Road and Dowlin Drive. A plaque was installed on each side of the street and a third copy of the sign was presented to Commissioner Dowlin.

Pictured from left to right are Sharonville Safety-Service Director Al Ledbetter, Commissioner Dowlin, Sharonville Mayor Virgil Lovitt II, and Jim

Dyger, chairman of the Sharonville City Council's Community Relations Committee. The plaque commemorates Commissioner Dowlin for "his countless contributions to the City of Sharonville and Hamilton County during 44 years of public service — 13 years as a county commissioner, 27 years as mayor of Sharonville, and four years as a member of the Sharonville City Council."

This year, Commissioner Dowlin also received several other awards, including:

- Alcoholism Council, First Lifetime Achievement Award
- OKI Development of Transportation Award
- State Hall of Fame, Senior Citizen Award
- First Step Home Award

Congratulations to Commissioner Dowlin for these, and so many other, accomplishments.

Catch the Fever – 2004 Mercury Thermometer Exchange

County residents are encouraged to *Catch the Fever* and exchange their mercury thermometers at one of 12 exchange sites throughout the county to receive a free digital thermometer.*

To locate an exchange site near you, call the Mercury Hotline at 946.7788, or visit the county's General Health District website at www.hamilton-co.org/boh.

*The thermometer exchange offer is valid while digital thermometer supplies last.



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.

Hello, Hamilton County is published twice monthly on the County's web page. It is intended to inform both Hamilton County residents and staff. If you have questions or suggestions for future editions, please contact Sharon Booker (946.4428), Peter Hames (946.4432), or Cheryl Willis (946.4324). To subscribe or unsubscribe visit www.hamilton-co.org and click on the green "Newsletter" button.

Reds' Ticket Drawing

Hamilton County is offering its residents a chance to see a Reds game from the county's Great American Ball Park suite! Residents can register for the drawing on-line, www.hamilton-co.org, or by phone, 946.3939. Winners will be selected through random drawings.

The May 5 drawing was held at the Public Service Recognition Celebration on Fountain Square.

If you have questions, call Amy Nickerson, 946.4304.



"Got News?"

Send an email to sharon.booker@hamilton-co.org.

Deadline for next issue:
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