



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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Hamilton County Bicentennial Bell Ceremony



Commissioner Portune rings Bicentennial Bell as Commissioner Dowlin looks on.



Ringling the bell are Recorder Rebecca Prem-Groppe, Engineer Bill Brayshaw, and Rev. John McCants.

On Wednesday, May 26, the county commissioners held a ceremony in front of the courthouse to dedicate the Bicentennial Bell. The bell was cast during a two-day Tall Stacks celebration in October.

Participating in the ceremony were Commissioner John Dowlin, Commissioner Todd Portune, Rob Fredericks, Aide to Commissioner Dowlin, Rev. John McCants, Bethel A.M.E. Church, Lockland, Dave Verdin, The Verdin Bell Company, Dan Feldhaus, the longest serving county employee, and Thomas Woodall, the county's newest employee.

The Bicentennial Bell is permanently located in front of the courthouse on Main Street.



(l-r): Thomas Woodall, Dan Feldhaus, Dave Verdin, Rob Fredericks, Commissioner Dowlin, and Rev. McCants (at podium).

Annual Planning Session

Elected Officials
Appointed Authorities
Department Heads

When: Wednesday,
June 16
8 AM — 4 PM

Where: Museum Center

Details of the annual planning session are being mailed .

Attorneys Inducted Into CALL Program

Three attorneys associated with Hamilton County were recently inducted into the Cincinnati Academy of Leadership for Lawyers (CALL) Fellows Association. Amy Kurlansky, Public Defender's Office, Katherine M. Lasher, formerly with the First District Court of Appeals and now with Graydon Head and Ritchey LLP, and Bernice L. Walker, Administrative Services. CALL is a five-month program co-sponsored by the Cincinnati Bar Association and the University of Cincinnati College of Law.

Congratulations Amy, Katherine, and Bernice.

Employees Receive Service Pins



County commissioners recognized three county employees who celebrated a total of 80 years of public service. Sheila Logan, Job and Family Services, 25 years (top left). Amy Hoh, Administrative Services, 25 years (top right). Claire Corcoran, Job and Family Services, 30 years (bottom left).

Each employee received a service pin and the book, *Cincinnati*.

Congratulations Sheila, Amy, and Claire for your years of dedicated service to the county.

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**

Ashley

Birth date: September 1992



Ashley loves corn dogs, barbecued ribs, riding her bike and school. This courteous and sweet young girl is on target academically and makes good grades. It's not surprise she likes to read. Adventure and fantasy stories are her favorite.

Ashley also loves being active. At recess she enjoys playing dodge ball and four square or a quick game of tag or basketball. These activities keep her warmed up for cheerleading. She enjoys fashion, movies, playing video games and music. Her favorite television shows are "Sponge Bob Squarepants" and "That's So Raven."

Ashley will need ongoing therapy to help her deal with separation issues. Ashley needs a supportive, stable family that can help her reach her potential and achieve her dreams.

Clean Air Rules Are A Help

The new 8-hour ozone standard designations have been issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). According to the EPA, areas within 31 states do not meet the new health standard for ground-level ozone. Many people are worried that their daily lives and finances will be impacted, but the bottom line is that cleaning our air will improve our quality of life. Healthcare officials say improving air quality will reduce asthma-related emergencies, lessen risks of lung cancer and respiratory disease, and decrease healthcare dollars spent.

The Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments, Regional Ozone Coalition, Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky Chambers of Commerce, and other groups are evaluating locally-preferred options to reduce emissions. National initiatives are also being taken to reduce pollution across state lines.

For more information, visit www.epa.gov. Locally, visit www.doyourshare.org or call 1.800.621.SMOG.

Mixed Paper Recycling

Each month, you can recycle your paper for free at recycling drop-offs in the county. Staff at these locations will even unload the paper for you.

Mixed paper includes:

- Cardboard
- Cereal boxes
- Beverage cases
- Junk mail
- Magazines
- Office paper
- Newspaper

Drop-off sites are open 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. on:

- | | |
|--------------|------------|
| June 5 | October 2 |
| July 10 | November 6 |
| August 7 | December 4 |
| September 11 | |

2004 drop-off locations

Sharonville – Princeton High School
11080 Chester Road – student parking lot

Western Hills Plaza
6150 Glenway Avenue – behind Kroger

Norwood – Surrey Square Mall
Montgomery Road – behind Hardee's

College Hill
1606 W. North Bend Road – old Kroger parking lot

If you can tear it, we'll take it!

For more information, call Environmental Services, Solid Waste Management District, 946.7734, or visit www.hcdoes.org.

Thanks to the sponsors of the mixed paper recycling program – Keep Cincinnati Beautiful, Hamilton County Environmental Services, and Rumpke Recycling.

More Buyers Attend Recent Face-to-Face Forum



On May 6, the county's Small Business Development (SBD) office held its third Face-to-Face Forum at Paul Brown Stadium. The Forum is designed to give small business representatives the opportunity to talk directly to purchasers about the goods and/or services they have to offer.

"We expanded the audience, and in addition to county buyers, we invited purchasers from the City of Cincinnati and Cincinnati Public Schools," said Bernice Walker, SBD Director.

As a result, approximately 50 buyers and other county, city, and CPS employees from 14 different departments/agencies attended. Twenty-one of the companies registered with SBD participated, and overall feedback was very good.

For more information visit <http://www.hamilton-co.org/das/sbe1.htm>, or call Bernice Walker at 946.4323.



MSD Wins Award

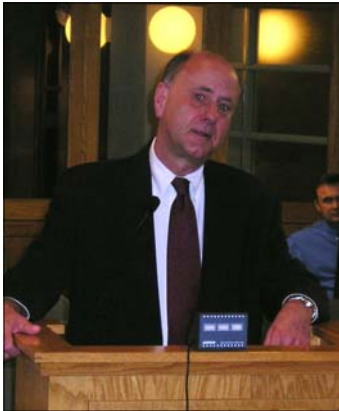
The Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) received an American Academy of Environmental Engineers award for the MSD computerized model of the local sewer system.

The computerized model uses real time flow data and a radar based process for estimating rainfall to predict how the system will react during various weather conditions.

The MSD model can run simulations to assess how adjustments made to the system will impact the network. MSD can then modify plans before it begins any construction projects. The model can also be used to better understand interaction between the collection system and treatment plants. MSD eventually plans to use the model to reduce/eliminate combined and sanitary sewer overflows.

Good job, MSD!

ASPA Awards



Mike Walton

Three county employees received awards at the recent American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) luncheon. Each year, ASPA recognizes public administrators in the areas of support services, early careerist, innovator, and career achievement.

The county employees who received ASPA awards were recognized by the Board of Commissioners at a recent public meeting.

Mike Walton, Common Pleas Court Administrator, received the *Innovator* award for a large jurisdiction.



Todd Kinskey

Todd Kinskey, Senior Planner/Supervisor, Regional Planning Commission, was awarded as an *Early Careerist*.

Paul Smiley, Senior Planner, Data Products, Regional Planning Commission, received an award for *Innovator* in a small jurisdiction.

Congratulations Mike, Todd, and Paul!



Paul Smiley

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 drawing was held at the Public Service Recognition Celebration on Fountain Square. June and July drawings will be held on the Fox 19 Morning Show.

If you have questions, call Amy Nickerson, 946.4304.



"Got News?"

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

Deadline for next issue: June 14.

Yoga



There are ten openings for the yoga class beginning Monday, June 7. Classes for this session will be held each Monday at 12:30 p.m. through July 12.

If you are interested, please send an e-mail to Sharon.booker@hamilton-co.org or call 946.4428, immediately.



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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