



# 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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## County Employee Named “Outstanding Educator” By Ohio Project Learning Tree

Sue Magness, Education Specialist for the Department of Environmental Services, Solid Waste Management District was named “Outstanding Educator” by the Ohio Project Learning Tree (PLT). The “Outstanding Educator” award annually acknowledges the work of educators in Ohio.

Nominees for the award were ranked by the following criteria:

- ◆ Demonstrates significant commitment to environmental education and natural resources.
- ◆ Contributes to and follows the “awareness to action” sequence of learning in environmental education.
- ◆ Uses PLT to make an impact on curriculum standards, proficiencies, or policies.
- ◆ Shows promotion and enhancement of environmental ethic at the local or state level.
- ◆ Recruits others to use PLT or served as an

advocate of PLT in other ways, such as facilitating, in-service programs, school wide programs, etc.

- ◆ Has personal qualities that personify an outstanding PLT educator, i.e., leadership, energy and enthusiasm, involvement in special environmental projects.
- ◆ Demonstrates other interests and activities connected to trees or forests.

PLT is an award winning, multi-disciplinary environmental education program for educators and students in Pre-K through grade 12. PLT is a program of the American Forest Foundation and is one of the most widely used environmental education programs in the United States and abroad.

Congratulations Sue. We are proud of you!

### Correction

In the July 16 issue, in the article, “Celebration of Dreams,” Julius Jackson was incorrectly identified as Antwan Oden. Julius, pictured with Commissioner Todd Portune, is a Woodward High School graduate, who took the microphone at the celebration to thank his caseworkers and others who helped him.

Also, JFS employees donated the \$1,700 for the duffel bag gifts.

## Electronic Submission Of Grants

In order to expedite the processing of electronic grant submissions, Cindy Weitlauf, Grants Coordinator, has developed the following submission procedure. All departments are asked to comply with this procedure.

1. The department submitting the grant should send to Cindy an e-mail containing the following information:

- ◆ Detailed budget, including amount of funds requested;
- ◆ Indicate source of cost sharing/matching funds, if applicable;

- ◆ Brief project description;
  - ◆ Submission deadline.
2. Cindy will then forward the information to the county administrator for approval.
  3. Following approval, Cindy will notify the department to proceed with the electronic submission of the grant.

If you have questions regarding this process, please contact Cindy Weitlauf, 946.4317, [cynthia.weitlauf@hamilton-co.org](mailto:cynthia.weitlauf@hamilton-co.org).

## Franks Center Honors SPC Ken Mumfrey

The Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities' Franks Center rolled out the red carpet for a special guest — SPC Ken Mumfrey, who recently returned from service in Iraq. Ken is the son of Franks Habilitation Specialist 1, Sherrie Mumfrey.



SPC Mumfrey and his mother, Sherrie Mumfrey

All of the center's employees and staff were on hand to show their appreciation to SPC Mumfrey. Patriotic music played and each employee had the opportunity to shake Mumfrey's hand and wish him well. The center presented SPC Mumfrey with a poster signed by all employees and staff that he took back to his unit in Iraq.

The celebration was organized by Habilita-

tion Specialist 1, Missy Mumfrey and Assistant Director, Jim Sunderhaus.

"The staff and employees at Franks are proud to be able to thank Ken for his efforts," stated Jim.

SPC Mumfrey serves with the 216th Engineer Battalion, National Guard Unit attached to the 1st Infantry Division, Forward Observation Base, Iraq.

Following his leave, SPC Mumfrey returned to Iraq.

We wish SPC Mumfrey and the 216th Engineer Battalion good luck.



SPC Mumfrey and employee Juella Edwards

## Commissioners' Summer Schedule

The Commissioners' 2004 summer schedule meetings will be held:

- Monday, August 30
  - Wednesday, September 1
  - Wednesday, September 8
- regular weekly schedule resumes

Meetings are held at 9:30 a.m., in Room 603, County Administration Building.

### Problems

Stimulate creativity.

### Creativity

Leads to solutions.

### Solutions

Lead to change.

### Change

Leads to challenge and growth!



## Thursday's Child For Information Call 513.632.6366



Ricardo loves riding bikes, roller skating and playing tag. Energetic and active, Ricardo enjoys all sports from swimming and gymnastics to basketball and football.

Ricardo is especially proud of his karate skills. The concentration he has learned from karate helps him roller blade and climb trees. Indoors, he likes reading mystery books, playing with action figures and watching Pokeman or any kind of movie. Pizza tops his list when it comes to favorite foods.

Ricardo is a good student and earns good grades. He is on target educationally and developmentally. He needs a family who will support him with his anger and separation issues. He has an older and younger sister that he would like to keep in contact with.

Ricardo needs a loving family who will help him achieve and succeed at his goals in life.

## New Playing Surface At PBS

Paul Brown Stadium (PBS) will begin the 2004 football season with a new playing surface. The new synthetic surface, installed and patented by FieldTurf is one of the "state of the art" field products on the market today. Field installation was completed Saturday, July 3.

The field is comprised of a sand and rubber infill system that closely duplicates natural grass performance characteristics, virtually maintenance free. The "grass" or synthetic fiber is actually 2.5 inches before it is filled or top-dressed with layers of tiny rubber particles (a recycled material made from used athletic shoes from Nike's Re-Use-a-Shoe program) and graded silica sand. These materials are combed through the fibers until they settle and the fibers stand straight. The finished product allows .75 to 1.0 inches of the fibers to remain visible and the rubber/sand provides for a softer playing surface for the athlete. The base of the field remains heated to assist in keeping the field in better shape when snow or inclement weather occurs.

The field is green in color and the lines, hash marks, and numbers were perma-

nently sewn in with the white color fibers. The end zones and mid field also have permanent black and orange Bengal markings sewn in. The pre-game ritual of preparing and painting the field will be greatly reduced by these permanent markings.

FieldTurf included an eight year warranty.

Visit [www.fieldturf.com](http://www.fieldturf.com) and click on the Cincinnati Bengals' logo to see the various phases of the turf installation at Paul Brown Stadium.

*If we get too caught up in thinking about what we are going to do tomorrow or about what we failed to do yesterday we might not have time to do anything today!*

## Hamilton County's PBS Suite Open To Residents

The county is, again this year, offering its citizens an opportunity to watch a Bengals' game from the county's Paul Brown Stadium suite. Residents can enter the drawing by visiting the website at [www.hamilton-co.org](http://www.hamilton-co.org), or leave a telephone message on the registration hotline at 946.4994.

Sixteen winners and their guests will be selected to see one of two Bengals' games. The games are on Monday, October 25, Cincinnati vs. Denver, scheduled to be televised on *Monday Night Football*, and Sunday, November 28, Cincinnati vs. Cleveland. Food and soft drinks will also be provided for the winners and their guests.

Commissioners John Dowlin and Todd Portune shared their pleasure in offering this chance to the citizens of Hamilton County. "Hamilton County residents are great fans," said Commissioner Dowlin. "This is an exciting opportunity to open the county's suite for their enjoyment."

"The county's residents generously provided the means to build the stadium,"

commented Commissioner Todd Portune. "It's our privilege to open the county's suite for these games."

The drawing for the October 25 game will be held on October 6, following the commissioners' meeting. The November 28 game drawing will be held November 10. Winners must respond within 48 hours of the drawing. The deadline for entries is November 8. Only one entry per person permitted.

For more information, contact Amy Nickerison, 946.4304.

*What kind of team would my team be, if everyone thought, acted, and performed just like me?*

## Photography Contest Deadline Extended

Attention Greater Cincinnati amateur photographers! The Department of Environmental Services has extended the deadline for photo entries for the "Making Air Visible" photography contest to September 30.

Categories include:

- ◆ Air Pollution — show us why we need clean air.
- ◆ Clean Air — capture a beautiful clean day or actions that help to clean the air.
- ◆ Making Air Visible — make air visible to us all.

Photographers will compete in either the adult or junior (18 and under) competition and a winner will be chosen from each category, for a total of six winners.

Winners will receive their photos professionally enlarged, matted, and framed.

For contest rules and an entry form, visit [www.hcdoes.org](http://www.hcdoes.org) or contact Alexis Santel, 946.7754 or [alexis.santel@hamilton-co.org](mailto:alexis.santel@hamilton-co.org)

## Family Fun In The Wild

Looking for an activity that the whole family can enjoy that won't leave you penniless afterwards? Want to connect with the outdoors while connecting with your loved ones? If the answer is yes, then come explore the Great Outdoors Weekend on September 25 and 26.

This sampler weekend allows families to experience all that nature has to offer, at no cost. This abundant weekend covers all topics dealing with nature education and the importance of respecting our natural resources. Programs like the "Fossil Hunt at Caldwell" where participants learn about the ocean that once covered Cincinnati and the fossils that it left behind or the Vintage Art Show at Farbach Werner Nature Preserve are offered with over 50 venues in the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky area for all ages.

For more information visit [www.CincyGreatOutdoorWeekend.org](http://www.CincyGreatOutdoorWeekend.org).

## Air Pollution and Cardiovascular Diseases Are You At Risk?

We hear a lot about air pollution and how it can harm our health, but many people don't seem to take it very seriously or understand it. The question is, "Are you at risk?"

According to a recent study conducted by the American Heart Association (AHA), no matter how old or young you are, consistent exposure to air pollution can and will cause some damage to your internal organs, specifically one's cardiovascular system. Within its panel of experts, a comprehensive review was conducted and the result ended in the discovery of what seems to be the increased risk of disease due to prolonged exposure to particulate matter.

What is it exactly? Part of the main contributor to air pollution comes from particulate matter which consists of vehicle emissions, power generation, construction and road dust. People who are more prone to developing heart and lung disease, such as the elderly or children, are at more risk when constantly exposed to air pollution.

Robert Brook, M.D., assistant professor of medi-

cine in the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine at the University of Michigan found that, in a recent report produced by AHA, the issue of heart disease and air pollution is tiny in comparison "...with the impact of the established cardiovascular risk factors such as high blood pressure or high cholesterol." Further on, he adds that "...this is a serious health problem due to the enormous number of people affected and because exposure to air pollution occurs over an entire lifetime."

Recently, the United States Environmental Protection Agency designated the Greater Cincinnati area in non-attainment for particulate matter pollution (PM 2.5). With the level of air pollution over the standard, concern for this issue is more prevalent. To lower your risk, limit your time outside when pollution is high.

For more information about cardiovascular diseases, go to [www.americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.org). For more information about local air pollution issues, visit [www.doyourshare.org](http://www.doyourshare.org) or call 1.800.621.SMOG.

## Mixed Paper Recycling

Recycle your paper free of charge at the following locations:

- ◆ Princeton High School  
11080 Chester Road
- ◆ Western Hills Plaza  
6150 Glenway Avenue
- ◆ Surrey Square Mall  
Norwood  
behind Hardee's
- ◆ College Hill  
1606 W. North Bend  
Road (old Kroger lot)

Sites are open 9am–12pm.

Dates remaining are:

September 11	October 2
November 6	December 4



## Educational Brown Bag Lunch

Sue Denny, Public Affairs Specialist with the Social Security Administration, will present "What Government Workers Should Know About Social Security" at an Educational Brown Bag Lunch on Wednesday, September 1 and Thursday, September 23, noon until 1:30 p.m., at Job and Family Services, 237 William Howard Taft Road.

If you are considering retirement and want to know more about how your social security may be affected by your government pension, you should attend.

Topics for discussion will include:

- ◆ Your annual Social Security statement as an important financial planning tool
- ◆ The rising retirement age
- ◆ How government workers may qualify for Medicare
- ◆ Filing for benefits over the Internet.

**Reservations must be made to attend.** Email [kim.pennekamp@hamilton-co.org](mailto:kim.pennekamp@hamilton-co.org) to reserve your seat.

## "Got News?"

Send an email to  
[sharon.booker@hamilton-co.org](mailto:sharon.booker@hamilton-co.org).

Deadline for  
next issue:  
September 8.



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