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Hello, Hamilton County

E-News for Hamilton County Residents and Staff

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From Vision To Action

The Regional Planning Commission and Planning Partnership invite you to a public presentation on:

- The Vision for Hamilton County's Future
- The State of the County
- The Campaigns for Implementation

Friday, November 19
2:00 to 4:30 p.m.
or
Saturday, November 20
9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Drake Conference Center, West Pavilion Rooms D and E, 151 West Galbraith Road.

RSVP to Carol at 946.4489 or Carol.kammer@hamilton-co.org, before November 15.



Seating is limited.

Krings ends term as ICMA president



County Administrator David Krings ended his term as president of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) at the October conference held in San Diego.

When asked about handing over the gavel, Dave was quick to say he is not glad

it's over. "I've gotten to meet wonderful professionals from all over the world and it's been a privilege to get to know all of them. I'm going to miss it." As ICMA president, he represented the organization in locations throughout the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Belgium, and Canada.

ICMA is a professional and educational organization for chief appointed managers, administrators, and assistants in cities, towns, counties, and regional entities throughout the world. The organization is governed by

a 20-member board comprised of a president, two past presidents, and 17 vice presidents. With a membership of nearly 8,000, ICMA's mission is "to create excellence in local government by developing and fostering professional local government management worldwide."

We are proud to have a county administrator who has brought that same mission to Hamilton County. Being elected ICMA president was an awesome accomplishment and brought him recognition from his

Quote of the Issue

We cannot direct the wind,
but we can adjust the sails.

Bertha Calloway
Founder of the Great Plains Black Museum

American Dream Downpayment Initiative

The county and the City of Cincinnati jointly kicked off the American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI) program. ADDI is designed to assist first-time homebuyers with limited income to purchase a home. The loan may be used for downpayment and closing costs.

Qualifications include:

- Applicants must be first-time homebuyers.
- Must be 80 percent of area median income or less.
- The purchase price of the home may not exceed FHA single family limits.
- Must complete a 12-hour certification program for new home buyers.

For more information about ADDI, contact Tashawa Perrin, 352.4692, tashawa.perrin@cincinnati-oh.gov or Pat Hanrahan, 946.8234, pat.hanrahan@hamilton-co.org.

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

HCDC Business Development Awards

The Hamilton County Development Company (HCDC) recently recognized four local companies and one individual with the HCDC Business Development Awards.

The "Business Center Tenant of the Year" award was given to Matrix. This award recognizes the most innovative and scalable tenant of the Business Center's incubator. The company moved into the incubator in 2000, and has since started Matrix Claims Management, Matrix Security Solutions and Matrix Vocational Solutions.

Fifth Third Bank was named "Bank of the Year" recognizing the work the institution has done with HCDC to create the most loans through the Small Business Administration's 504 program. Fifth Third participated with HCDC in 15 small business loans and one Ohio 166 loan. The loans totaled more than \$17 million.

The "504 Borrower of the Year" was awarded to Kids First Sports Center, whose activities include day camp, swimming, basketball, soccer, martial arts, gymnastics and dance.

Haney PRC was named "Economic Development Company of the Year." This award recognizes companies that use incentives to create and retain jobs in the county. This year, Haney committed to investing \$4.8 million to move their operations.

The "Larry Albice Entrepreneurship Award" went to Bob Coughlin. The award recognizes an entrepreneur who is involved in community organizations and projects. Coughlin started the company Paycor, a payroll and human resources system provider. He is also founder of the Cincinnati Flying Pig Marathon.

According to David Main, HCDC president, the awards program is an opportunity to honor companies that promote business development in Hamilton County.

We congratulate each of the winners.

Good News!

Has your department done an outstanding job on a program or project? Has your co-worker gone above and beyond the call of duty?

Share the story with us. Send an e-mail to sharon.booker@hamilton-co.org and we will print it in *Hello, Hamilton County*.

25 Years of Service



Robert Mahaffey began his career as a Communication Officer in 1979. He is a leader full of enthusiasm and a positive attitude. He is well respected by his supervisors and coworkers. Congratulations, Robert!

Beverly Lunsford started employment at Job & Family Services in 1980. She now serves the agency as an Investigator Supervisor.

Congratulations, Beverly!



Delores Mathes has been employed at Job & Family Services since 1979, and now works as a case aide. Delores is described as a kind and caring employee dedicated to the children she serves.

Congratulations, Delores!

Larry Wheat

began employment at Job & Family Services in 1979. He currently supervises EDP investigators, and serves as liaison to the prosecutor's office, pre-trial diversion unit, and the Sheriff's office. Congratulations, Larry.



**Thursday's Child
For Information Call
513.632.6366**

Janelle and My'lika
birthdates: August 1995 and
December 1992



Janelle

Energetic and intelligent best describes these sisters.

Janelle also likes hamburgers, but hotdogs win out over pizza. Janelle likes to read fantasy stories. Her drawing illustrates her artistic flare. She likes

riding her bike and swinging on the swing set.



My'lika

Janelle also excels academically. She likes school and makes good grades. She hopes to be a teacher.

My'lika really likes school and is on target academically. She hopes to be a pediatrician or a paramedic.

She likes video games and movies, roller blading

and jump rope. Pizza and hamburgers are her favorite foods.

My'lika and Janelle are very close. These sisters need a family that can help them reach their potential, support them in therapy as they deal with separation issues, and let them grow together.

**Help enrich the life
of a child in need.**

CARE Award Winners Announced

The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District (District) has announced the winners of the 2004 Communities Achieving Recycling Excellence (CARE) awards. This year's recipients are the City of Wyoming and Forest Park for best recyclers and the Village of Indian Hill for most improved recycler. CARE is the District's recycling awards program whose goal is to thank the county's communities for continuing to provide outstanding recycling services to its residents.

The City of Wyoming received the Best Recycler award in the 5,000 to 9,999 population category. Forest Park received the same award in the 10,000 population category. Both cities received the award based on their participation in the District's programs, sponsorship of a Christmas tree recycling program, providing waste reduction education and outreach, and having a strong curbside recycling program.

The Village of Indian Hill received the Most Improved award based on their development of a mixed paper recycling drop-off program, implementation of an environmentally preferable purchasing policy, providing waste reduction education and outreach, and conducting a hazardous waste collection event for their residents. Indian Hill is a previous recipient of the Best Recycler award.

The CARE Award winners will receive \$1,000 worth of recycled-content products for their efforts.

The Solid Waste Management District provides solid waste education, outreach and program development to residents and businesses in the county. The District also assists the county's communities in developing their own recycling programs, and works with local businesses and schools to further increase awareness and meet state and federal mandated goals.

Congratulations to the CARE Award winners.

Mixed Paper Recycling!

2004 Locations

Sharonville—Princeton High School
Student Parking Lot
11080 Chest Road

Norwood—Surrey Square Mall
Behind Hardee's
Montgomery Road



Dates

January 3	May 1	September 11
February 7	June 5	October 2
March 6	July 10	November 6
April 3	August 7	December 4



Winter Travel Survival Kit

Keep the following items in your car

during the winter. If you should become stranded, these items will make you more comfortable until help arrives.

- Blankets / sleeping bags
- High calorie, non-perishable food
- Several bottles of water
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- First aid kit / knife
- Extra clothing
- Bag of sand or cat litter for generating traction under wheels
- Shovel
- Windshield scraper and brush
- Tool kit / tow rope / booster cables
- Compass / road maps
- Cards, games, puzzles
- Brightly colored cloth to tie to the antenna

Remember to keep your gas tank full.

How To Avoid The Flu

Without getting the flu shot

- Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly. This does not mean a two-second run under the taps. Using soap and water, rub hands together vigorously and count to fifteen.
- Keep your hands away from your face to stop the spread of germs.
- Take E, A, C, and B-complex vitamins and minerals.
- Don't smoke. This paralyzes the cilia, those hair-like cells in the nose and airways that sweep incoming viruses away.
- Use tissues, not cloth. It reduces the spread of bacteria.
- Reduce stress. Get seven to nine hours of sleep.
- Reduce alcohol consumption.

Stay healthy!



Thanks to our county employees for a United Way contribution of \$64,348.44!

Employees who increased their contribution by at least \$25 were eligible to win tickets for the Bengals v. Bills game on December 19. Ticket winners are:

- Larry Babel
- Bev Wenz
- Linda Maley
- Paul Smiley
- Caroline Statkus
- Alberta Mellon
- Peter Hames
- Tammy Arthur

The contributions made by our county employees will make a difference in our communities!

Your support is appreciated.

Print and post
Hello, Hamilton County
in your area!

Word for this Issue

Cook's tour (kooks toor)
noun

A guided, but cursory tour covering only the main features.

(After Thomas Cook, 1808-1892, English travel agent.)

Can't attend the Wednesday public meeting? We would still like to hear from you.



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Commissioner Todd Portune
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"Got News?" Email sharon.booker@hamilton-co.org. Deadline for next issue: November 22.

Thanks to those who contributed to this issue. If you have questions or suggestions for future editions, please contact Sharon Booker (946.4428) or Cheryl Willis (946.4324). To subscribe or unsubscribe visit <http://www.hamilton-co.org/newsletter/>.