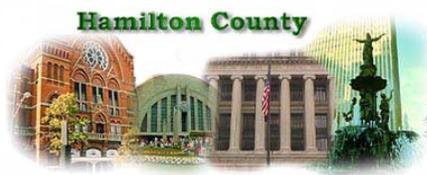


# Hello, Hamilton County



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E-News for Hamilton County Residents and Staff

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## In sympathy . . .

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Dr. Malcolm Adcock, Cincinnati Health Commissioner. Dr. Adcock died Sunday, December 19, at age 61. He was known for his dedication to improving health care services for the poor, and as an advocate for a smoking ban in Cincinnati. Dr. Adcock will be sorely missed in Hamilton County.

## Fine Arts Fund

Hamilton County's Fine Arts Fund campaign will soon begin. Your participation is needed for a successful campaign.

Sampler Weekend is scheduled on February 12 and 13, 2005. Plan to attend some of the many *free* events.

Quote  
of the Issue

*Happy  
New Year!*

(Be safe!)

## Tenure nears end for Commissioner John Dowlin

### Dowlin wraps up over 44 years of public service

Throughout the past 14 years veteran county employees have known that if there is one person they could count on seeing at the crack of dawn, it's John Dowlin. Arriving each morning by 7:15, often beating his own staff, John has worked hard to ensure that the citizens of Hamilton County were well represented and their county government professionally managed.

Prior to taking office in 1991, John served as Mayor of Sharonville for 28 years and as an executive with Procter & Gamble for 38 years. Anyone who has ever eaten a can of Pringles or a jar Jif peanut butter can thank John, as he was responsible for bringing both to

market and for their subsequent success. He was even present the day the slogan, "choosy moms choose Jif" was coined.

As a county commissioner, John was instrumental in creating Ohio's first drug court which has served as a national model to rehabilitate non-violent drug offenders and reduce jail population — saving millions of tax dollars. He was also very involved in the County Commissioners Association of Ohio, as well as the national association, where he fought hard for county issues, including the elimination and reduction of "unfunded" mandates that often consume large amounts of financial resources.

John was also known for improving employees benefits and most recently advocated for an employee cost of living increase in the 2005 budget.

January 3 marks the conclusion of Dowlin's tenure as county commissioner. John is looking forward to spending more time with Sally, his wife of 53 years, their four children and nine grandchildren, as well as giving his time and talents to the many groups and organizations that he has supported over the years.

Thank you John, for your service to the residents of Hamilton County.

## Human Resources Development Resource Center

The Resource Center is a lending library containing videos covering a variety of topics. For a list of titles available ask your department's training coordinator.

To easily check out materials,

1. Find out if the video you want is available. Stop by HRD or call 946.4701.
2. Go to HRD to check out the video. Room 707, County Administration Building.

All county employees are invited to use the materials available in the HRD Resource Center.

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

## Clerk of Courts' Publications

The Clerk of Courts offers six publications to assist the public in finding out how to obtain services. The publications are available at all of the department's offices or by calling 946.5656. Much of the information is also available on the website.

*Auto Title Guide* — The guide answers frequently asked questions on how to obtain and transfer titles to automobiles, mobile homes, travel trailers, motor homes, campers, boats and boat motors.

*Court Personnel and Fee Schedules* — The pamphlet provides a listing, including contact information, of Clerk of Courts personnel, judges and courtroom personnel. It also includes fee schedules for Common Pleas and Municipal courts.

*Guide to Clerk of Courts* — The guide contains information about the services provided in each of the four divisions: auto title, municipal criminal traffic, municipal civil and common pleas. It lists frequently called numbers and brief history of the Clerk of Courts.

*Guide to Electronic Filing* — The electronic filing guide contains requirements for setting up an electronic filing account and screen-by-screen prints of sample electronic filings.

*Small Claims Guide* — The booklet can also be picked up in Room 115 of the court house.

*U.S. Passport Guide* — This guide tells you about and where to obtain a passport, costs, and documentation needed.

## Waterfest 2005 canceled news from the Soil and Water Conservation District

Due to committee time constraints and other factors, Waterfest 2005 has been canceled.

The committee hopes to be able to bring back this fabulous event in 2006.

If you would like to be put on the Waterfest 2006 mailing list, send an e-mail message to Gwen Roth at [gwen.roth@hamilton-co.org](mailto:gwen.roth@hamilton-co.org).

## *Project Search* receives national honor

Project Search was one of five businesses, three non-profits, and one National Football League player selected by U.S. Labor Secretary Elaine L. Chao as recipients of her annual New Freedom Initiative (NFI) Awards.

Project Search is a collaborative effort by Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and the Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (MRDD) to develop meaningful jobs at the hospital for individuals with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities.

The NFI Award recognizes exemplary and innovative efforts to train, recruit and hire people with disabilities, and to incorporate the principles of President George W. Bush's New Freedom Initiative. The NFI represents a comprehensive set of proposals designed to ensure that Americans with disabilities have the opportunity to learn and develop skills, engage in productive work, make choices about their daily lives, and participate fully in their communities.

Congratulations to Cheryl Phipps, Superintendent and the MRDD staff.

## Smoke-free dining guide available online

The county's smoke-free dining guide can be viewed on the Health District's website, [www.hamiltoncountyhealth.org](http://www.hamiltoncountyhealth.org).

Visitors to the site can enter their home or work zip code to find smoke-free restaurants in the area, or view the complete list of 562 restaurants at once.

Funded by the Ohio Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Foundation, the guide was compiled by the Hamilton County Tobacco Partnership (HCTP) members, the Asian American Youth Against Tobacco and the Health District. The guide covers the entire county.

A copy of the guide can be requested by calling 946.7812. Smoke-free restaurants can also call to receive a smoke-free static sticker for their restaurant's window to let patrons know the restaurant is completely smoke-free.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has labeled second-hand smoke as a Group A carcinogen, a rating used only for substances proven to cause cancer in humans. The American Lung Association says secondhand smoke is estimated to cause approximately 40,300 to 67,300 deaths annually, and is especially harmful to children.

The smoke-free dining guide offers hundreds smoke-free dining alternatives for families with young children, people who suffer from heart and lung disease, asthma or allergies, pregnant women, and anyone who would like to enjoy a meal in a smoke-free environment.

## Adoption

For Information Call 513.632.6366

### Marcel and Deangelo

born: January 6, 1988 and February 24, 1993

These brothers not only have fun together, they



are helping each other grow into responsible young adults. Playful Deangelo helps his older brother have fun. Marcel is a natural leader and sets an excellent example. Together, they are waiting for a nurturing family that will help them thrive and stay in touch with their sister.

A natural athlete, Marcel shines at every sport he tries. He's a respected member of his community's baseball, basketball and football teams. This courteous and responsible young man likes school and his favorite subject is science. Although he struggles in school, Marcel works hard. He needs a family that will support him with his tutoring. Laid back and eager to please, Marcel has a great sense of humor and loves to make people laugh.

With writing and reading as two of his favorite activities, Deangelo is well on his way to becoming an author when he grows up. His favorite books are *Curious George* and *Spider Man*, but he'll read anything about race cars. For now, this energetic and curious young boy is happy going to school, drawing *Pokemon* characters and playing football with friends. He also likes listening to music and sharpening his athletic skills with his brother. Deangelo needs a family that will support his efforts to improve in school and help him reach his potential.

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

## Idle Reduction Conference

According to estimates by Argonne National Laboratory, the average long-haul truck idles away more than \$2,200 in profits each year. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, there are about 5,000 locomotive engines committed to rail yards as

"switchers," each of which idles about 2,500 to 3,000 hours per year.



Anti-idling equipment presented at the conference

Unnecessary idling wastes fuel, creates air and noise pollution, shortens engine life and creates a poor resting environment for drivers. Instead of letting diesel engines idle, operators can use a variety of highly cost-effective solutions.

A recent conference organized by the Clean Cities organization housed at the county's Department of Environmental Services focused on idle reduction for long-haul trucks, locomotives, and other applications, with a special emphasis on cost-effectiveness of these technologies. Representatives from various cost-sharing programs such as the Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency were present. The conference was designed to bring together,

- manufacturers and users of idle reduction technologies;
- transportation companies owners with a need for these products;
- government officials who can help facilitate financial assistance.

Clean Cities was pleased to report that more than 50 people from all over the country attended the conference.

## Word for this Issue

crapulent

(KRAP-yuh-luhnt)

Adjective.

Sick from excessive drinking or eating.

From late Latin crapulentus (very drunk).

From Greek kraipal (hangover, drunkenness).

A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.

~Author Unknown

*Farewell reception held for Dowlin*



Commissioner John Dowlin and Mrs. Sally Dowlin



Sally Dowlin, Mary Lewis, former secretary, and Dowlin



Dowlin and former aide, Jana Widmeyer and daughter, Caroline

Last month Commissioner John Dowlin was honored by hundreds of his friends, colleagues, employees, and family at a farewell reception held at the Sharonville Convention Center.

View these photos and many more at [www.dowlinfarewell.i8.com](http://www.dowlinfarewell.i8.com).



Bowtie Buddies: Eric Stuckey, Dowlin, Peter Hames, and Dave Krings



Rob Fredericks, former aide, Brad Beckett, current aide, Dowlin, and Sally Dowlin



*Hello, Hamilton County 2005 article submission deadlines*

January 6 and 20	February 3 and 17	March 17 and 31	April 14 and 28
May 12 and 26	June 9 and 23	July 7 and 21	August 4 and 18
September 15 and 29	October 13 and 27	November 10 and 24	December 8 and 22

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*Hello,  
Hamilton  
County*

in your area!

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



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