



NEW TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

By Sylvania Township Trustees



The Sylvania Township Trustees are pleased to introduce the newest member of the Township staff, Mr. Hugh Thomas. Mr. Thomas will join Sylvania Township as Administrator

on July 1, 2006. His duties include but are not limited to effectuating policy set by the Board of Trustees, strategic planning, public relations and personnel management.

Mr. Thomas comes to Sylvania Township from the Green Bay, Wisconsin area where he is presently the Administrator of the Village of Howard.

His education includes a Bachelor of Arts – Political Science, 1974 from Kent State University, Kent, Ohio and Master of Public Administration, 1991 from Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Thomas brings a vast amount of

demonstrated experience to the Township. Some of his experience includes: eleven years municipal experience as Chief Executive Officer or Chief Administrative Officer, fifteen years experience in county planning and economic development and five years experience in county public works administration. A few of his professional affiliations include: The International City/County Management Association, The American Planning Association and the American Institute of Certified Planners.

In addition to the substantial breadth of knowledge and experience Mr. Thomas has the Trustees were equally impressed with his interpersonal skills, and the quiet strength and integrity that he demonstrated.

We are confident that Sylvania Township residents will be proud to have Mr. Thomas as Administrator for many years to come. Additionally, Mr. Thomas has family members in Cleveland and enjoys fly fishing and pheasant hunting when he gets "spare" time.

We look forward to providing a warm welcome for Mr. Thomas and his Wife. ■

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TOWNSHIP TO SELL ITEMS OVER THE INTERNET



The Sylvania Township Board of Trustees has contracted with the firm, GovDeals, to provide a means for the Township to sell via an internet auction based system, items which are not needed for public use, obsolete, or unfit for the use it was acquired including motor vehicles, equipment, tools, supplies, etc. A list of items may be found at www.sylvaniamunicipalpolice.com or www.govdeals.com.

All property is offered for sale "As Is Where Is" Bidders may inspect the property prior to bidding. Sylvania Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to withdraw from sale, any of the items listed. Payment in full is due not later than 5 business days from the time and date of the Buyers' Certificate. Upon removal of the property all sales are final. ■

ROADreport

Sylvania Township 2006 Street Resurfacing Schedule

The Township Road Department will be busy again this summer, resurfacing many streets. The following streets are scheduled this year for resurfacing.

Blaksley Place & Sylford Place Subdivisions:

McClain Drive
Merriman Road north of McGregor
Davenport Road between McClain & Merriman.

Cobblestone Subdivision, Plats 1 & 3:

Smith Farm Road
Stone Post Road
Rock Hill Lane
Slate Ridge Ct.
Kellie Lane
East Cobblestone Lane
Powder Creek Lane



Hunters Green Subdivision:

Hunters Green Drive
Queensberry Ct.
Waterford Ct.

Miner Park Subdivision:

Courville Ave.
Forest Lawn Road
Rolandale Ave.
Vineyard Ave.
Homedale Ave.

Valencia Gardens Subdivision:

Anacona Drive
Cartagena Drive
Valencia Drive

Miscellaneous Roadways:

Bristol Ct.
Bromfield Circle
Brooklawn Drive
Cambrian Road
Courville Ave.
Fox Run
Kindheart Road
Knoll Ave.
Mortemore Drive
Vineyard Road
Willow Glen



Yard Waste Drop-Offs

A **FREE Service to Residents of Lucas County.** Residents of Lucas County can drop-off yard waste at the following locations:

CLEAN WOOD RECYCLING

6505 W. Bancroft Street 419/843-9663	5330 Stickney Avenue 419/727-9668
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Hours Of Operation

APRIL – OCTOBER	
Mon. - Fri.	8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Sat. & Sun.	8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
NOVEMBER – MARCH	
Mon. – Fri.	8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sat.	8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Sun.	Closed

Acceptable Materials

Branches, Shrubbery,
Wood Chips, Leaves, Grass
Clippings, Tree Trunks (less
than 10" in diam.)



FISCAL footnotes



By Dave Simko, Fiscal Officer

It is hard to believe that July has arrived! We are at the one half year mark for the township fiscal year. I hope in the next newsletter, with more than one half of the year past, I will be able to provide a more detailed report as to where we stand with your tax dollars. I can say that there have been no budgetary surprises (good or bad) to date. The **General Fund** has receipts of one million three hundred thirty-eight thousand five hundred forty-seven dollars and twenty cents (\$1,338,547.20) and disbursements of one million two hundred seventy thousand four hundred sixty-eight dollars and sixty-four cents (\$1,270,468.64). The **Road and Bridge Fund** has receipts of one million three hundred twenty-nine thousand one hundred and seventy-one dollars and ninety-four cents (\$1,329,171.94) and disbursements of six hundred fifty-four thousand one hundred sixty-seven dollars and sixty-eight cents (\$654,167.68). The **Police Department Fund** has receipts of three million five hundred seventy-two thousand six hundred forty-three dollars and three cents (\$3,572,643.03) and disbursements of

two million seven hundred forty-four thousand eight hundred twenty-three dollars and forty cents (\$2,744,823.40). Finally, the **Fire Fund** has receipts of two million six hundred eighteen thousand nine hundred ninety-one dollars and eighty-five cents (\$2,618,991.85) and disbursements of two million five hundred nineteen thousand three hundred ninety-three dollars and ninety-six cents (\$2,519,393.96).

All of our funds are experiencing normal receipts and expected distributions. The only one that warrants special comment is the fire fund. Receipts are as expected but disbursements are down slightly. This, I believe, is reflective of the strong efforts by our fire department to do all possible to monitor expenses. However, this fund continues to require close observation by all as we strive to maintain services.

As I stated above in the next column I should have a better analysis of our financial situation. Stay Tuned!

In closing, welcome to our new Administrator and Police Chief from your Fiscal Officer. ■



A Message from Your Fire Department...

A National Fire Protection Association survey indicates that there are over 3500 fires associated with outdoor gas or charcoal grills every year. Of those fires, an average of 900 fires involve a structure. By following a few general safety tips you can have a safe and enjoyable grilling experience.

When using a grill, position the grill away from siding and out from under any combustible overhang. Gas and charcoal grills should only be used outdoors. Using a grill indoors causes a high fire risk and poses a risk of exposure to toxic gases and potential asphyxiation.

If you use a charcoal grill only use proper starting fluid. The fluid should be stored out of the reach of children and away from heat sources. Never

add charcoal lighter fluid after the coals have already been ignited. Most importantly, never use gasoline or other flammable liquids to get the fire going.



The most popular type of grill is the propane gas grill. Before using for the first time each year you should always check for leaks that may be

present due to loose connections or a bad hose. Hoses that are brittle and cracked should be replaced. You should also check the burner tubes before using the first time each year and periodically throughout the year. If blocked improper air and fuel mixture can cause flare ups that could ignite nearby combustibles. When cooking is complete, the burners should be turned off and the cylinder valve closed. Propane cylinders should not be stored inside garages or other structures.

Contact the Sylvania Township Fire Department if you have any further questions in regards to gas or charcoal grill safety or any other fire safety issue. Have a fun summer and safe grilling. ■

Tips on Choosing Safe Fireworks

It is extremely important to know the difference between a legal consumer firework and a dangerous explosive device. Items such as M-80s, M-100s and blockbusters are not fireworks, they are federally banned explosives. They can cause serious injury or even death. Stay away from anything that isn't clearly labeled with the name of the item, the manufacturer's name and instructions for proper use. If you are aware of anyone selling such devices, contact your local police department.

Here are some more tips to help ensure a safe Fourth of July:

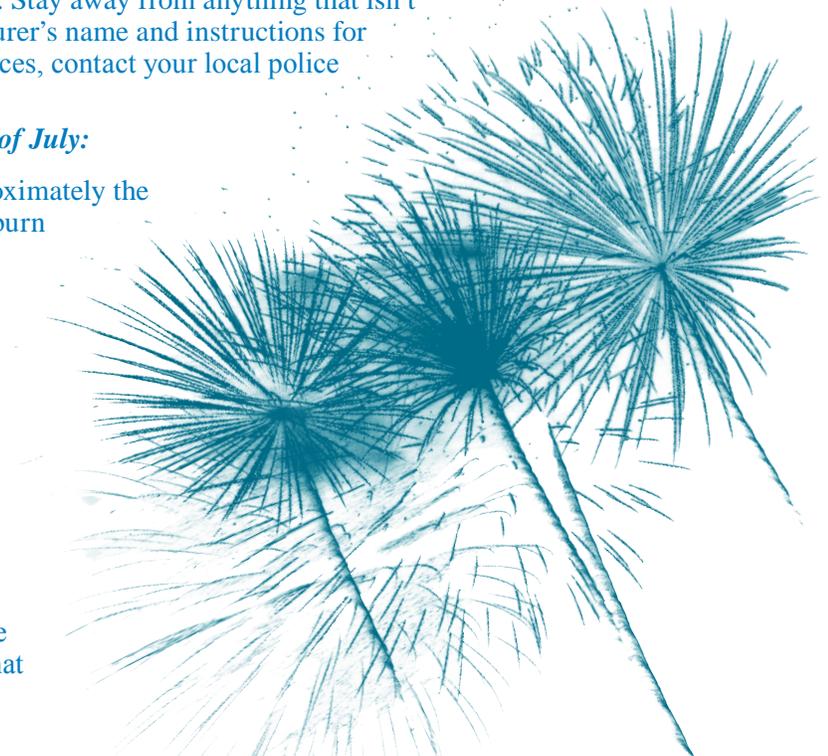
Fireworks are not toys. They are burning at approximately the same temperature as a household match and can cause burn injuries and ignite clothing if used improperly.

NEVER give fireworks to young children.

Close, adult supervision of all fireworks activities is mandatory. Even sparklers can be unsafe if used improperly.

Select and use only legal devices. If you choose to celebrate the Fourth of July with fireworks, check with your local police department to determine what fireworks can be legally discharged in your area.

Don't purchase or use unlabeled fireworks. Homemade fireworks are deadly. Never attempt to make your own devices and do not purchase or use any kits that are advertised for making fireworks.



"Z" is for **zoning**

by Mary Lou O'Mara, Zoning Administrator

The Zoning Department is pleased to be a fundamental element of this growing community today and an essential part of Sylvania Township's future. Zoning staff oversees land development and helps ensure that any new construction or new development is in conformance with approved land uses.

The Township will soon be updating the 2001 Land Use document, which is vital in guiding the future growth and development of our community. The Steering Committee for the Land Use Plan Update will consist of volunteer residents and professionals from a wide variety of backgrounds. Key planning information and data collected will include, but not limited to:

- Public utilities element.
- Identify demographics.
- Land use and transitional areas.
- Identify potential commercial and industrial sites.
- Access management strategies.
- Assessment of existing open

spaces, pedestrian bikeways, and opportunities for better connections.

- Urban design issues such as signage, gateway areas, streetscape conditions (an added component), lighting, and assessing architectural design elements.

We are very enthusiastic about updating this important document and, once the project is commenced, it is expected to be completed in six months!

JUST A REMINDER...

When planning any home improvements this season remember to stop in at the Zoning Office for permits. The Zoning Office is located in the Administration Building, 4927 Holland Sylvania. Permits are required for the following: any new construction, an addition, alteration, any permanent accessory structure such as a shed, garage, etc., fence, pool, pond, and signage. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact this office at 419-885-5276. ■

GENERAL REFUSE PICK UP

PLEASE NOTE: Sylvania Township will conduct its annual General Pick Up **EARLIER** this year. The pick up will be conducted starting September 18, 2006. The crews will only make one (1) pass through the community. This year, the Township will not be publishing a set schedule for different areas of the Township. To avoid being missed, the Public Works Manager is requiring all items to be placed at the curb or edge of the road by Sunday night, September 17. The Township will also mail a reminder postcard to all residents of the Township mid to late August. This service is available to Township residents only and all are invited to take advantage of this program.

COLLECTIBLE ITEMS: washers,

dryers, stoves, dishwashers, furniture, bundled books and magazines, empty 55 gallon drums, toys, bikes, empty containers, carpeting, mattresses and bed springs, and small loose material that is placed in some type of container other than plastic bags. Brush will be picked up as long as it is bundled and no longer than 4 feet in length.

ITEMS WHICH WILL NOT BE

PICKED UP: Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, liquid of any kind, earth, auto parts, batteries, fuel oil tanks, tires, vehicles, construction or building materials, leaves, grass, garden refuse, garbage bags, iron or steel pipe, tree stumps, boats, manufactured waste, garage doors, and newspapers. ■

PERSONNEL **profile**

In this quarter's issue of Personnel Profile we have chosen to recognize several from our Fire Department. Below is a letter of commendation received from the Lucas County Emergency Services Department.

Chief:

As you are aware Brent and I have put on a two day Pediatric Program for all the Paramedics through the Lucas County EMS Continuing Education Program. This program was very labor intensive with set up, tear down and paperwork.

We would like to recognize the following men on your department as they played a key role in helping us to accomplish our goal of training 264 Paramedics in Pediatric Education for Prehospital Professionals (PEPP). They are listed below in alphabetical order.

- Brian Burr
- Lt. Steve Kahan
- Lt. Chris Nye
- Lt. Micheal Ramm
- Fred Riggs
- Greg Wilcox
- Lt. Jeffery Young

Brian Burr, Lt. Nye, Lt. Ramm, Fred Riggs, and Lt. Young have also achieved Instructor Coordinator status through The American Academy of Pediatrics. The Sylvania Township Fire Department should be very proud of these men as they have made our community a safer place for children through the education of the Paramedics in our system. We both hope we have the privilege of working with these men in the future. ■



POLICEbeat

Centennial Terrace fireworks display

By Acting Chief Robert Boehme

The evening of Monday, July 3, 2006 Centennial Terrace will be the site of the annual Sylvania fireworks display which has proven highly successful and has grown each year into one of the largest special events held in our community.

Accordingly, the STPD and Fire Department developed and implemented a comprehensive plan over the past several years to provide the safest and most convenient venue possible for this large event. It is extremely important that all citizens assist our public safety forces in following their instructions in implementing this plan, especially as it relates to traffic control, parking, and restricted areas.

The Terrace gates open at 7 pm with music starting at 7:30 pm. The fireworks display will start at approximately 10:00 p.m. with the Terrace then closing at 12:00 midnight. With the numbers of

people this event attracts, parking and traffic become increasing concerns. There are several private lots along Centennial in which to park including the open field at Centennial @ Brint. There is also parking at Pacesetter Park for a \$3.00 fee. Parking will be prohibited on many of the public roads and neighborhoods in the area and violators may be ticketed or towed. These areas will include Centennial, Sylvania-Metamora, and Mitchaw around the site (clearly posted "no parking" signs) as well as the neighborhoods along Mitchaw and Centennial across from Pacesetter Park. It is strongly suggested you arrive at this event early to secure parking in a designated area.

At the conclusion of the fireworks, traffic exiting the area is very heavy in volume and necessitates the closing of Northbound Centennial from Brint to Sylvania-Metamora to route all exiting traffic southbound on Centennial. Traffic exiting Pacesetter and

other locations will be diverted by one of the many Township police officers working that night in a direction intended to get them out of the area and traffic congestion as soon as possible. Again, it is imperative that the public is patient in exiting this area at the event's conclusion and complies with all police officers directions. We, the Sylvania PD are here to serve the community in making this event the best that it can be. ■

"Good judgement comes from experience, and experience comes from bad judgement."

– Barry LePatner

WHAT'S happening



SYLVANIA STAR-SPANGLED CELEBRATION

The annual Sylvania Star-Spangled Celebration will be Monday, July 3rd from 7 p.m. to midnight at Centennial Terrace. Fireworks begin at approximately 10 pm.

2006 JAMIE FARR OWENS CORNING CLASSIC

Presented by Kroger, this year's tournament will be held the week of July 10-16 at Highland Meadows.

ANNUAL RIVER BALL RACE

Each summer the Sylvania Conservation Corps hosts a River Ball Race on Ten Mile Creek. The event this year will take place on Saturday, July 15 at 1:30 p.m. The location is the Overlook River Deck on Ten Mile Creek in Harroun Community Park.

DANCING UNDER THE STARS AT CENTENNIAL TERRACE

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, June – September. A wide variety of

music for all ages is featured as well as the largest outdoor dance floor in the Midwest.

DREAM CRUISES BEGIN!

The Mayberry Night Dream Cruises will be held this year on the following dates:

July 10	5:00 p.m.
August 7	5:00 p.m.
September 4	5:00 p.m.

Stop out to Mayberry for a fun filled evening!!



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**CLIP' N SAVE
CALENDAR**

Spring Clean Up

(storm damaged brush and leaves)

Starts 1st week of April and
runs entire month

General Refuse Pickup

**NOTE* New Date*
September 18 - 22, 2006

Leaf Pick Up

Starts 3rd week of October
through mid December if necessary

Brush & Christmas Tree Pick Up

Begins January 2nd through mid March

JULY

- 4 Independence Day (offices closed)
- 4 Board of Township Trustees (cancelled)
- 10 Board of Zoning Appeals (rescheduled for July 12)
- 12 Board of Zoning Appeals – 6:00 p.m.
- 18 Board of Township Trustees – 6:00 p.m.
- 26 Zoning Commission – 7:00 p.m.

AUGUST

- 1 Board of Township Trustees – 4:00 p.m.
- 14 Board of Zoning Appeals - 6:00 p.m.
- 15 Board of Township Trustees – 6:00 p.m.
- 23 Zoning Commission – 7:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

- 4 LABOR DAY (offices closed)
- 5 Board of Township Trustees – 4:00 p.m.
- 11 Board of Zoning Appeals – 6:00 p.m.
- 19 Board of Township Trustees – 6:00 p.m.
- 27 Zoning Commission – 7:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 3 Board of Township Trustees – 4:00 p.m.
- 9 Board of Zoning Appeals – 6:00 p.m.
- 9 COLUMBUS DAY (offices closed)
- 17 Board of Township Trustees – 6:00 p.m.
- 25 Zoning Commission – 7:00 p.m.