



## DEAR SYLVANIA TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS,

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The year 2010 began with the swearing in of Trustees Kevin Haddad and John Jennewine, who join Trustee Carol Contrada on the Township Board of Trustees. The Board meets the first Tuesday of every month at 4:00, and the third Tuesday at 7:00. Trustee meetings are open to the public, and we welcome your attendance.

The Board is proud to announce the opening of Fire Station #3, at the intersection of Whiteford and Haddon. Station #3 showcases several environmentally advanced technologies which will save energy costs and reduce the carbon footprint, including geothermal heat and air conditioning, a passive solar water heating system, and permeable concrete in public parking areas. We anticipate beginning construction on Fire Station #2, on McCord Road south of Central, in early July. The newly renovated Fire Station #4 has been open for business since late 2009. The Trustees would like to thank the community for its support of the 2008 levy, and are pleased to report that we are on schedule for construction and hiring plans made possible by your support. The Township has filled all outstanding firefighter vacancies, taken delivery of new fire fighting engines, and is on track to complete the training of several new part-paid recruits as described during the 2008 fire levy campaign. We are very proud of our fire department!

As we enjoy the summer months, all of us must cope with road construction and infrastructure repairs. The Township Public Works Department maintains over 130 miles of township roads, and you may see our road crews in your neighborhood. In addition, there are several significant county and state projects under construction this summer – notably, the widening of Sylvania Avenue west of Holland-Sylvania, a Lucas County project, and the closure of the US 23 southbound ramp at Monroe Street, an ODOT project. We encourage you to use caution as you navigate construction detours, and visit the Sylvania Township website for construction updates.

The Sylvania Township Police Department recently graduated new members of the Sylvania Township Citizen Patrol. This is a terrific program of great benefit to our community. Thank you and congratulations to the new graduates! The Police Department is on schedule to complete a rigorous national certification program, and we applaud the entire department for its emphasis on safety, training, and professionalism.

Please read more about Sylvania Township departments and programs, and have a safe and happy summer.

*The Sylvania Township Board of Trustees*  
*Carol Contrada, Chairman*  
*Kevin Haddad, Vice Chairman*  
*John Jennewine, Trustee*

# ROADreport



Many exciting projects have been recently completed or are currently underway in an effort to achieve a reliable transportation infrastructure system within the Township. These projects were undertaken to facilitate public safety, commerce, and public convenience while preserving our neighborhoods, property values, community, and quality of life.

## **Completed Projects:**

- Milling/Resurfacing/Minor base repair - Nantucket Dr., Eaglehurst Subdivision, Sherwood Forest/Sherwood Forest Estates, Elmwood Dr., Sutton Pl., Mancini, and Eordogh.
- Milling/Resurfacing/Concrete curb/Base repair - North Republic Blvd.

## **Current Projects:**

- Reconstruction to provide for a center two-way left turn lane –McCord Rd: Central Ave. to Sylvania Ave. This project is 50% complete.
- Constructing additional lanes at intersection/Storm sewer construction/Sidewalk installation/New traffic signals – Sylvania Ave. and Holland-Sylvania Rd. This project is 50% complete.
- Replacement of existing 33" to 39" storm sewer with 48" conduit – Sylvania-Metamora Rd.: Mitchaw Rd. to 0.2 Miles East of Centennial Rd. This project is 80% complete.
- Construction of a modern roundabout/New asphalt and concrete pavement/Concrete curb and gutter/Drainage work – Brint at Mitchaw Rd. Intersection. (July thru August, Closure with Detour)
- Flush sanitary sewers – Sylvania Township by Lucas County Sanitary Engineer Department. (Refer to the Township website for detailed information)

## **General Refuse Pick Up**

Beginning September 13, 2010, Sylvania Township will conduct its annual General Refuse Pick-Up. The crews will only make one (1) pass through the community. 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 evening, September 12th. General Refuse Pick-Up is available to Township residents only.

Items that will not be picked up include: refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, paint or 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, propane bottles, railroad ties, boats, manufactured waste, garage doors, and newspapers. (Please see Township website for a list of acceptable articles.)

## PERSONNEL **profile**

Allan Hasenfratz began working for the Township in 2003, after several years of repairing heavy equipment in the field. He was assigned to repairing the Fire Department's apparatus in 2005. In 2010, Al successfully completed the Master Fire Apparatus Technician testing requirements set forth by the Emergency Vehicle Technician (EMV) Certification Commission. As of October 2007, the EMV Commission had recognized and granted less than 500 Master Level Certificates in the United States and Canada - 9 of which were in Ohio.



Al is married and they have one daughter and two grandchildren – Eva, age 5, and Joseph, 6 months. He has lived in west Toledo for most of his life. Al enjoys watching stock car racing and helping on the pit crews, hunting deer, and motorcycling on his Harley.

Sylvania Township Fire Chief, Frederick Welsh states, "Allan works very hard to ensure that the Fire Apparatus Equipment is in-service and ready to respond. Allan is actively engaged with Fire Department crews and officers on shift, and occasionally responds to fire calls to provide real-time inspections of equipment. Allan provides consistent high quality work; he's a hard worker and committed to keep us running. His work ethic and personal dedication to keeping Sylvania's citizens and our firefighters safe is what sets him above the rest." Sylvania Township Public Works Manager, Greg Huffman adds, "We are fortunate to have Allan in our employ. He provides a superior level of service dedicated to the Township's Fleet Maintenance program."



## Sylvania Fire Department Welcomes New Deputy Chief

In January, 2010, John M. Lee was hired by the Sylvania Township Board of Trustees to fill the vacancy created by retiring Deputy Chief Tom Eisel, who completed an illustrious 32-year career serving the Sylvania community. Fire Chief Frederick H. Welsh assigned Chief Lee to serve as the Deputy Fire Chief of Fire Operations. Chief Lee began his fire service career as a volunteer firefighter in September of 1975, serving as a junior member for the Hamilton Fire Company in Trenton, N.J. In January of 1977, John voluntarily enlisted in the U.S. Army. Following his four-year Army enlistment as a Medic and Radiographic Technician serving his country overseas, Chief Lee chose to pursue a professional career in the Fire Service. The driving force to becoming a firefighter came through John's lifelong exposure and personal ambition to follow the career path in the footsteps of his father, Retired Fire Chief John L. Lee, and several previous generations.



In April of 1982, John accepted a position as a firefighter in the District of Columbia Fire Department in Washington, D.C. During his career, he ascended through the ranks of Haz-Mat Technician, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain and Battalion Fire Chief. During his tenure, John was afforded many opportunities to serve the Department in varying capacities – both administratively and operationally. In June of 2008, Chief Lee retired from the DCFD as the 4th Battalion Fire Chief with more than 26 years of service to the residents and visitors of our Nation's Capital. John holds a Bachelor's Degree in Fire Science and Administration from the University of the District of Columbia, and has completed numerous courses through the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. John has three children: John Robert in Hampton, VA; SSG Shannon Garcia in Fort Leonard Wood, MO and Ryan in Clifton, VA. When his passion for fire operations and incident management allows, John enjoys traveling and spending time together with Darlene and his grandchildren: John Martin Lee, Arianna Renee and Antonio Drew Garcia.

## New Employees

Since July, 2009, the Fire Department has welcomed six (6) new full-time firefighter/paramedics to its roster to fill vacancies due to retirement and to fulfill the staffing commitment of the 1.25 mil levy. Hiring plans will be completed in July – bringing the total full-time roster to 57.

The Department is also in the process of establishing a list of eligible candidates for the position of part time employee. The part time program is designed and will be utilized to supplement the daily staffing levels of our full time Firefighters and Paramedics. Each candidate will go through a series of tests which include a written test, background check, physical agility test, physical exam, psychological interview and a rigorous fire training school. After completing all of these successfully, they will be placed on a shift to work with an Officer to become part of an EMS or Fire suppression crew. As with any job in the fire service all of our employees continue to train on new methods and equipment to help keep our community and its population safe. We currently schedule 5 part time firefighters on shift, and anticipate up to 12 part-time scheduled firefighters by the early fall.

## WHAT'S **happening**

### Dream Cruise Nights

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

Monday, July 5	5:00p.m.-9:00p.m.
Monday, August 2	5:00p.m.-9:00p.m.
Monday, September 6	5:00p.m.-9:00p.m.

### 1964-The Tribute

Listen to the sounds of The Beatles at Centennial Terrace in Sylvania on Saturday, July 10, 2010. Tickets are \$29.50. For more information call Ticketmaster or visit [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

### Farmers' Market

Features local produce at Mayberry Village every Thursday from 3:00p.m.-7:00p.m. Located in front of the Mayberry Clock Tower.

### Pizza Palooza

Love pizza? Try delicious varieties from Northwest Ohio Pizza Restaurants while enjoying live entertainment at Centennial Terrace on Friday, July 23 and 24, from 4:00p.m.-midnight. Adults \$5.00/Kids 6-12 \$3.00/Under 5 Free. Tickets are available at Metamora State Bank in Sylvania and KeyBank in Sylvania.

## NEW FIRE STATION#3 OPENS



Sylvania Township Fire Department will hold an Open House for the new fire Station #3 at 5056 Haddon Road (just north of the intersection of Monroe and Whiteford) on July 10, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. The public is invited for tours of the building and new apparatus.

### ***New Fire Station Design***

Sylvania Township announces its first of three new fire stations with the opening of the new Fire Station #3 at the corner of Haddon and Whiteford Road. Begun in November of 2009, Fire Station #3 is designed to provide first response fire and emergency medical service to the northeast part of the City of Sylvania and eastern Sylvania Township for the next 40 to 50 years. Station #3 will safely accommodate the new fire apparatus purchased late last year.

Currently, Station #3 houses three firefighters; it has the capacity to house seven firefighters. Innovative design features include geothermal HVAC and solar energy technologies. Both are renewable energy sources and are anticipated to save in energy costs. Another new technology piloted in Lucas County at this site is the use of permeable concrete. The test of the technology is expected to show if storm water running off a parking lot can be absorbed through the parking structure and into the ground directly or into a detention pond to be allowed to filter through the sandy soil of the area. This construction material and design is anticipated to reduce storm water runoff volume and velocity, thereby minimizing downstream flooding and water pollution impacts.

The design of the Station #3 structure is the prototype of fire stations planned to replace Fire Stations #2 and #1. To save on design costs, the Board of Trustees chose to have all of the stations based on the same architectural plan with only minor differences to accommodate different sites. The site plan changes allow drive-through access on both corner lots and double frontage lots. Station #3 is an example of a corner lot placement of the prototype. New Station #2 will be on a site that fronts on McCord Road; the rear access will come from Central Park West Drive and Salerno Drive. Station #2 will be a mirror image of Station #3 with fire apparatus exiting onto McCord and entering the station at the west end of Salerno. Construction of new Fire Station #2 is scheduled to start the first part of July.

## DID YOU EVER WONDER???

### ***What are the rules regarding open burning?***

Clean wood stacks no larger than 2 ft. high x 3 ft. wide. may be used in residential areas for recreational purposes. If the fire becomes offensive to the surrounding neighbors, you are required to put the fire out. For further information, visit the Township's website (Fire Department page).

### ***How often should I change my smoke detector?***

Test your smoke detector at least once a month, clean your detector at least once a year and replace the battery each year.

### ***Does the Fire Department fill swimming pools?***

No

***Recycling – old extinguishers, paint, used gasoline /oil cans*** – contact the Lucas County Solid Waste District.

***Where can you find fire extinguisher information-*** Kidde Fire Extinguishers (link) – [www.firesafetysource.com](http://www.firesafetysource.com)

***When installing a new fence, do the posts need to face into my yard?***

The posts can be placed on either side of the fence

***When installing a new pool, how far does it need to be from the property line?***

Pools need to be located in the rear or side yard, 10 feet from the property line to the water's edge.

***What kind of fencing is required for pools?***

In ground pools require a 3 ½ foot high fence with locking gate. Above ground pools do not need a fence if the wall of the pool is at least 3 ½ feet high and the pool has a removable ladder.

## "Z" is for **Zoning** *by Tim DeWitt, Planning & Zoning Manager*

**Tall Grass Abatement** - This time every year, the Township receives numerous complaints regarding tall grass, piles of grass clippings and debris, garbage, refuse, noxious vegetation, and the normal list of other issues that fall under the definition of nuisance. The list of complaints regarding tall grass has doubled from one year ago. With the rate of current foreclosures occurring in the county, it is clear there will be no change in the near future.

The process to abate these situations under Ohio law is somewhat cumbersome. First, the mailing of a certified letter to the offender is required. Next, if the situation is not addressed within the timeline established, we request bids from lawn service companies for the abatement of these properties, which are then presented to the Township Trustees for final award of the contract. Finally, upon the adoption of a resolution by the Board of Trustees, the properties are abated. These standards enforced by the Township reflect the minimum standards to be achieved. The initial costs associated with the abatement are borne by the Township; however a lien is imposed against the subject property. In addition to the minimum standards described above, Sylvania Township's current policy is to send two letters to the home owner requesting them to address the situation prior to sending the certified letter. The vast majority of people respond to this type of enforcement once the violation is pointed out to them, without the necessity of imposing a lien.

In these times of uncertainty and property devaluation, the maintenance and upkeep of property in the community is of great importance to everyone. We all have a financial, as well as a social stake in meeting these minimum standards.

## POLICE BEAT

Sylvania Township Police Department would like to welcome their newest officer, Kelli Scott.

Officer Scott was born and raised in Defiance, and moved to Toledo to attend college. She graduated with a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Toledo in Health and Human Services, majoring in Criminal Justice.



She completed the police academy with honors and perfect attendance. She has been certified in CPR, LEADS, first responder courses, and has had four years experience as an officer before joining our Department.

She previously worked as an intern with the Secret Service. After completion of the corrections officer academy, she was assigned to the booking section of Lucas County jail. She joined us on May 21st, and is now in our Field Training program. We are pleased to have her as a member of our department!

## THE FISCAL DEPARTMENT

*by David Simko, Fiscal Officer*

The year 2010 has been a very busy year for the Fiscal Department. The department has implemented some new projects and has started working on several new improvements to the reporting system to increase clarity and accountability.

Beginning January 1, 2010 the Township implemented a new chart of accounts for the accounting system. The new data base gives us a consistency in reporting our various accounts.

Work has begun in creating a Capital Asset reporting module. All assets owned by the Township will be recorded in the Asset module. Items costing over \$5,000.00 will be depreciated in accordance with Government Accounting Standards Board pronouncement 34. Assets costing under \$5,000.00 will be recorded but will not be subject to depreciation. As assets are purchased or sold they will be added or subtracted from the reporting module. This will allow the various departments to review all of their capital assets and help in the development of a plan for equipment and vehicle replacement.

We have also begun work on developing a Comprehensive Accounting Financial Report (CAFR). This is a report that will allow readers a better understanding of the Township operation. This report will allow the reader to see what actually occurred during the calendar year and not just what was paid or received in cash during the year.

We are also taking a look at our final budget document and looking at ways to improve the readability of that document. We want to give the reader a good understanding as to not only the revenues and expenditures but the total operation of the Township.

Finally, the Fiscal Department spends a considerable amount of time investing the taxpayer's dollars. As Fiscal officer, I have completed all state educational requirements to properly invest the Township monies. We try to maximize the investment for the best rate we can find, all along watching the cash flow in order to be able to pay all bills. Interest rates where the Township can invest monies run from approximately 0.5% to 1.65% depending on the length you are willing to invest your monies. All investments follow state statutory guidelines.

**SYLVANIA TOWNSHIP  
CLIP'N SAVE CALENDAR**

**Brush Pick Up**

Beginning week of July 12, 2010

**General Refuse Pick Up**

Beginning week of  
September 13, 2010

**Leaf Pick Up**

Beginning Mid-October  
(check Township website for details)

**Christmas Tree Pick Up**

Beginning January, 2011

**JULY**

- 5 Offices closed – Independence Day
- 5 Board of Zoning Appeals – cancelled (rescheduled for 7/12)
- 6 Board of Trustees – 4:00 p.m.
- 12 Board of Zoning Appeals – 6:00 p.m.
- 14 Zoning Commission – 6:00 p.m.
- 20 Board of Trustees – 7:00 p.m.

**AUGUST**

- 2 Board of Zoning Appeals - 6:00 p.m.
- 3 Board of Trustees - 4:00 p.m.
- 11 Zoning Commission – 6:00 p.m.
- 17 Board of Trustees – 7:00 p.m.

**SEPTEMBER**

- 6 Board of Zoning Appeals – 6:00 p.m. – cancelled (rescheduled for 9/13)
- 7 Board of Trustees – 4:00 p.m.
- 8 Zoning Commission – 6:00 p.m.
- 13 Board of Zoning Appeals – 6:00 p.m.
- 21 Board of Trustees – 7:00 p.m.

*Meeting dates and times are subject to change.*

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