



SUGARCREEK PRIDE!

Our Special Place to be.

Fall 2010

Unprecedented Three-Year Non-Annexation Agreement

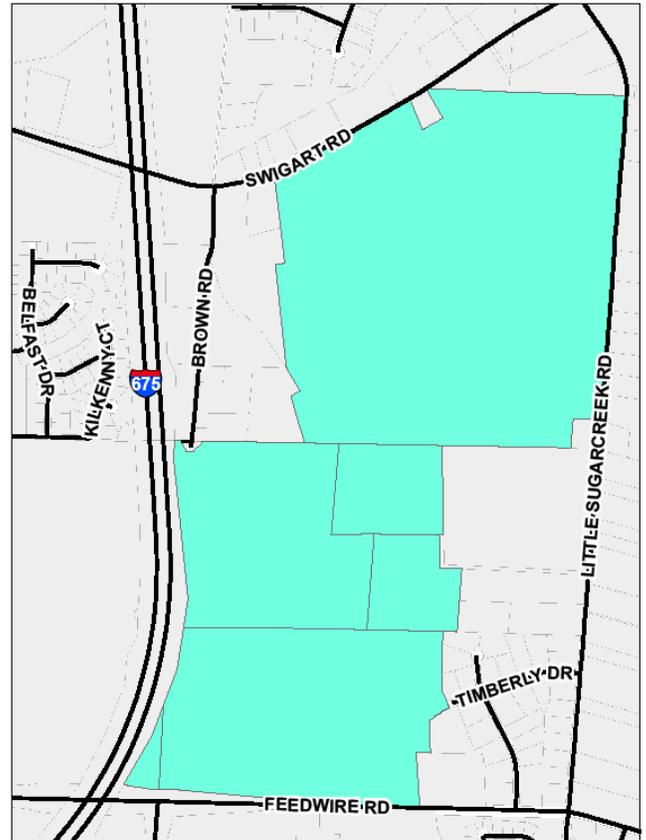
The Sugar Creek Township Trustees and Dille Family signed a three-year agreement on July 28, 2010, to halt annexation of the family's 260 acres east of I-675. This forges a new era for a positive and lasting partnership.

This agreement comes at a very fortunate time. Recently, Judge Wolaver, Greene County Common Pleas Court, ruled in our favor concerning control of tax dollars generated on the previously annexed portion of the Dille farm now controlled by the City of Centerville, but still in Sugar Creek Township. Together, that decision and this agreement relieve a good deal of annexation pressures for several years to come.

Our Sugar Creek and Bellbrook voters are the real heroes who approved the merger study in November 2008, which stopped further annexation at that time so the community could consider options. This gave us pause while we could create the new three-year non-annexation agreement with the Dille family.

We also salute the Merger Commission members who voted their conscience after being expertly supported by our Township Administrator, Bellbrook's City Manager, and their staffs. Now we know the answer that Sugar Creek and Bellbrook should not merge.

Our commitment as Trustees is to continue to work with the land owners and developers to retain tax dollars in Sugar Creek Township and lighten the burden on our resident taxpayers. 🍁



HIGHLIGHTED PARCELS ARE SUBJECT TO THE NON-ANNEXATION AGREEMENT

Your Serving Elected Officials:



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Sidewalk/Pathway Connectivity

Imagine being able to walk to the football game on Friday night, church on Sunday morning and beyond to Wilmington Pike. Imagine living where your children can walk safely to the park or bike to practice without having to confront automobile traffic. *Now imagine that community is ours!*

Problem: We have subdivisions with sidewalks that are just internal to their development. There are only a few sidewalks/pathways located along arterial streets serving to connect between neighborhoods.

A change in our Township policy now requires developers of newly proposed subdivisions to construct connections to arterial pathways. The Township continues to prioritize filling in the gaps left by prior development, but funding shortfalls have limited us. We have been aggressive with tapping into outside funding sources by taking advantage of a Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission initiative resulting in the creation of a local bikeway plan and leveraging federal funds through our Safe Routes to School (SRTS) initiative (\$232,000 thus far). But outside funding sources can only take us so far.

We need to augment federal SRTS funding to realize the completion of Phase I of our SRTS Plan. Faced with our intense desire to create an inter-connected community, your Trustees voted to place a 0.5 mill sidewalk/pathway levy on November's ballot for safety and other reasons. The passage of this levy will enable the completion of Phase I of our SRTS Plan and best position us to apply for future SRTS grant funding. This levy will be our funding source to bridge the gap between future federal funds received and project construction costs. The ability to keep tapping into federal SRTS funds allows us to move our connectivity agenda forward aggressively. This saves our taxpayer dollars.

Levy passage will allow us to begin plans for larger scale connectivity projects like bikeways, trails, and greenways throughout the Township. It will also establish a sidewalk/pathway maintenance fund that will assume financial responsibility for repairs.

Pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods with walking/bike paths to schools, parks, and local businesses may be more valuable than similar homes built where residents must drive to those amenities. This is according to a study by CEOs for Cities, a national network of civic, business, academic, and philanthropic leaders working to improve cities. The group analyzed data from 94,000 real estate transactions in 15 major markets and found that in 13 of the 15 markets, neighborhoods that were more walkable/bikeable had higher home values.

The proposed levy will cost residents just \$1.28 per month per \$100,000 of valuation. Passage of Issue 20 will go far advancing our entire Township as a vibrant, safer and healthy community. 🌿

Sugarcreek, Our Special Place to be.



“WAL-MART, THANK YOU AGAIN!” YOUR DONATIONS DURING YOUR OPEN HOUSE OF \$1,000 EACH TO OUR POLICE AND FIRE ASSOCIATIONS ARE EARMARKED FOR OUR COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORTS.

Fire Department Update

Chief Randall J. Pavlak

Thank you for your support this past year!!! We could not serve you without your loyal and trusting support. Both Stations 71 and 72 are in service and staffed as we outlined in June 2009. I cannot thank you enough for giving us the funding we need to properly and professionally protect you and your families.

Because of your support, we were able to accept the federal **SAFER** (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) Grant. In June 2009, we were awarded \$1.3 million over 5 years to hire 24 part-time firefighters. This is a **matching progress grant**. In the first year we pay 10% of their total cost of wages and benefits. Our cost is 20%, 50% and then 80% in the subsequent years. In Year 5, we pick up 100% of their employment cost.

With this additional staffing and volunteers, we are now able to staff both stations with personnel to cover paramedic units and fire engines. We have strengthened our staffing assignments by four personnel each shift. We are now very close to the national standard for staffing, which includes Bellbrook Fire Department on our response criteria. The cooperation between both Departments continues to be excellent and mutually beneficial.

Our EMS Training Bureau has received their re-certification from the State of Ohio Department of Public Safety/EMS Division. This re-certification process is long and cumbersome, but has great value for the training and education of our EMTs and Paramedics. Having this certification to teach our continuing education to our EMS providers saves us thousands of dollars for training versus sending our EMS personnel to training academies and schools. Congratulations to Assistant Chief Zimmerman and Lt. Johnson for an outstanding re-certification review!

Our Sugar creek Township Emergency Communication Center is one of the best equipped and staffed 9-1-1 centers in Ohio. Possessing our own Center with well trained, knowledgeable and caring personnel is an outstanding feature. Our emergency dispatchers know our area well and they understand the people who live here and our Township's geographic challenges. Their personal attention, caring attitude and willingness to go the extra step are commendable. I hope you join me in saying "Thank You" to this select group.

We are your partners in Fire Prevention and Public Safety. We provide CPR and First Aid Classes for individuals, groups and businesses. We also will provide Fire Safety Inspections for homes and businesses. Just call 937-848-7344 to schedule our services or obtain answers to safety concerns.

We are in need of volunteers. If you are interested, or you know of someone who would be interested in becoming a Volunteer Firefighter/EMT, please call me or Assistant Chief Joann Zimmerman at 937-848-7344 or email me at firechief@sugarcreektownship.com.

Once again, thank you for your loyal support over the years! 🍀

WINTER SAFETY TIP:

Having your chimney or wood stove inspected and cleaned annually by a certified chimney specialist is very important. They check for any damage or creosote buildup. Only use seasoned, dry hardwood. Soft, moist wood accelerates creosote buildup. Never leave a fire unattended and always extinguish an open fire before going to bed or leaving the house.



Police Department Update - Volunteerism in our Community

Gil Flick, Chief of Police



The Sugarcreek Township Police Department has partnered with the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Ministerial Association with many public service activities. In particular, both the Police Department and Ministerial Association strongly support the Family Resource Center and its efforts to provide for local community members in their time of need.

One of our ongoing combined projects is our bi-weekly produce collection from the Township's very successful Farmers' Market located next to PetSmart on Feedwire Road. Off-duty Police Department Volunteers collect donated surplus produce from the vendors and deliver it to the Bellbrook United Methodist Church. Volunteers from the Church then distribute the produce to families in need. These produce distributions provide a healthy food source while allowing the Center to extend their limited supply of non-perishable foods. Just the collection from Friday, August 13th, provided food to 34 households helping 93 persons.

The Ministerial Association also provides the Family Resource Center with assistance supplying nutritious lunches during the summer for local children in need. Volunteers from the churches provide ongoing educational programs and mentoring for Resource Center clients.

The Family Resource Center requires donations to continue to operate and provide for the less fortunate members of our community. Any person or organization that would like to donate goods, money, volunteer other assistance, or would like to adopt a family for the Christmas Holidays may contact the Family Resource Center Director, Susan Lopez, at 848-3810 or slopez@co.greene.oh.us to coordinate your support. 🌿

Township Resident's Donation Enables Acceptance of Grant

Thanks to the generous donation of Township resident June Sprauer and a \$66,900 grant from Federal Emergency Management Administration/Department of Homeland Security (FEMA/DHS), we were able to purchase three new Cardiac Lifepak 15 monitor/defibrillators. Mrs. Sprauer's donation enabled us to meet the matching funds requirement of the grant. Our personnel have been trained by the manufacturer and the Lifepak 15's have been placed in service on all three of our ambulances. These cardiac monitors will enhance our level of cardiac patient care. This is a wonderful example of how community support and grant funding go hand-in-hand in helping us optimize services while stretching your tax dollars. 🌿



THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND FIRE CHIEF RANDALL PAVLAK ACCEPT A DONATION FROM MRS. JUNE SPRAUER AND HER FAMILY.

Sugarcreek Township Farmers' Market

Sugarcreek Township was thrilled to welcome back last year's Farmers' Market vendors for our second season. This year ushered in a new layout, new events, more vendors and many more customers as word got out about this wonderful community amenity.



TOWNSHIP RESIDENT, SAMANTHA TERRY, IS HAPPY TO SMILE FOR THE CAMERA, HAVING JUST COMPLETED A PONY RIDE COURTESY OF CAPE COD FARM AND OUR COMMUNITY OUTREACH. FREE PONY RIDES WERE JUST ONE OF THE NEW EVENTS TO PROMOTE THIS YEAR'S SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP FARMERS' MARKET.

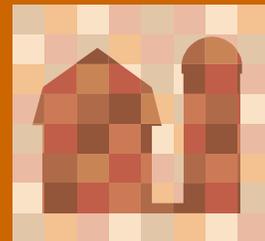
Again this year, the combined efforts of the Sugarcreek Township Police Department, the Bellbrook Sugarcreek Ministerial Association, and the Bellbrook Sugarcreek Family Resource Center gave accepted donations from vendors who donated unsold, perishable goods to the Family Resource Center for local families in need.

The weekly market season runs through October 29th. Markets are every Friday afternoon from 3:00 pm until 7:00 pm in the grassy area adjacent to PetSmart. The monthly Winter Market begins on November 19th and will run through April 2011. Winter Markets are held on third Fridays of the month (conveniently falling the Friday before Thanksgiving and Christmas!) from 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm in the PetSmart parking lot. The entire Township *sincerely* appreciates Robert Zavakos, CSZ II, Inc., and PetSmart for their gracious hospitality by providing this prime location. 🌿

Dates for Winter Markets are:

- November 19, 2010
- December 17, 2010
- January 21, 2011
- February 18, 2011
- March 18, 2011
- April 15, 2011

Winter Markets will be held in the PetSmart parking lot (4333 Feedwire Road) from 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm.



SAVE THIS DATE! Beggar's Night in Sugarcreek Township and Bellbrook will be on Saturday, October 30th, from 6-8 pm.

Upbeat Sugarcreek!

- Sugarcreek Township has received preliminary notification to expect being awarded just under \$1.5 million in Ohio Public Works funding from the State of Ohio to complete Phase II of Clio Road. This award is substantial with the total project cost for Phase II estimated at \$1.7 million. Sugarcreek Township, Greene County and the City of Centerville will jointly provide the additional funding necessary to complete the project. Phase II will widen Clio Road to five lanes with landscaping in the median. This expansion will allow traffic to move through the area more conveniently, while drivers seeking a destination in the project area will be able to turn more safely. Already with the completion of Phase I, our residents and businesses east of Wilmington Pike and Feedwire have seen improved response times from our Police and Fire Departments. Phase II will offer further benefits by setting the stage for future commercial development in the area. By constructing the Clio Road extension project in two phases, project sponsors were able to maximize the amount of outside funding received, thereby minimizing the total amount of local funding needed to complete the project.
- Sugarcreek Township facilitated the recent purchase of 10.04 acres of property on Mead Road along the Little Miami River by Little Miami Incorporated (LMI). LMI's mission is to restore and protect the outstanding, remarkable, natural values of the Little Miami National Wild & Scenic River. *Sugarcreek Township is proud to be a partner in that mission.*
- New businesses continue to locate in Sugarcreek Township and existing businesses continue to invest in our community. **OLD FORT BANK** has broken ground on a new facility at 6430 Wilmington Pike (at the corner of East Briggs and Wilmington Pike in front of the Sugarcreek Health Center). **UNIVERSAL 1 CREDIT UNION** opened their doors to a new full-service stand-alone facility at 6270 Wilmington Pike, replacing their longtime location in the Sugarcreek Plaza. **THE ACADEMY BY HAUSFELD'S**, a full service salon, will be the next tenant to call Sugarcreek Plaza home. **HALLOWEEN EXPRESS** has once again opened its doors in Sugarcreek Plaza. **AMERICA'S BEST CONTACTS AND EYEGLASSES** is the most recent addition to the Sugarcreek Commercial Center adjacent to Wal-Mart. The **KETTERING BREAST EVALUATION CENTER** has submitted plans to locate in the Sugarcreek Health Center. **FRISCH'S, WAL-MART, CUB FOODS, THE SUGARCREEK COMMERCIAL CENTER, AND THE SUGARCREEK PLAZA** are all to be commended for their recent attractive upgrades! 🍀

Sugarcreek Township Welcomes New Explorer Post!

On August 2, 2010, the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department officially established an Explorer Post sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America, Tecumseh Council. The Post is to provide a learning center for area youth who want to understand more about Fire and EMS careers. The program teaches leadership skills, teamwork and civic values as well as provides fire and EMS training opportunities alongside professional Sugarcreek Township Firefighters. The program can accommodate 20 members and 10 spaces have already been filled. For more information, contact Lt. Josh Johnson, 848-7344, or email explorerpost70@sugarcreektownship.com. 🍀



An Open Space Community

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MEETING SCHEDULE

MONDAYS

The Board of Trustees meets in Regular Session on the first and third Mondays of the month, 7:30 pm, at the Township Administration Offices, 2090 Ferry Road.

TUESDAYS

The Board of Zoning Commission meets on the second Tuesday of the month, 7:30 pm, at the Township Administration Offices, 2090 Ferry Road.

WEDNESDAYS

The Board of Township Trustees meets in Work Session on the Wednesday preceding the first and third Monday of the month, 5:30 pm, at the Township Administration Offices, 2090 Ferry Road.

THURSDAYS

The Board of Zoning Appeals meets on the fourth Thursday of the month, 7:00 pm, at the Township Administration Offices, 2090 Ferry Road.

FRIDAYS

Farmers' Markets are held through October 29, 2010, every Friday from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm at 4333 Feedwire Road, adjacent to PetSmart. Winter Markets begin on November 19, 2010, and will be held on the third Friday of each month from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm through April 2011.

NOTE: Changes in meeting dates do occur. Please go to www.sugarcreektownship.com and click on our **CALENDAR OF EVENTS** for updates.