



2090 Ferry Road, Sugar Creek Township, Ohio 45305

Community Update

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR TRUSTEES

THIS YEAR HAS PROVEN eventful and exciting for Sugar Creek Township as we strive to improve our operations and efficiency. We, your Township Trustees, along with our Fiscal Officer, Administrator and Staff are committed to providing exemplary service to our community.

We recently voted unanimously to place a two-mil FIRE LEVY RENEWAL on the ballot for November 6. The passage of this levy will NOT increase taxes, but will extend the current two-mil operating levy set to expire in 2008. Failure of this renewal levy will inevitably result in significant cuts in staffing, jeopardizing our ability to maintain the quality of services Sugar Creek Township residents have become accustomed to. We have already directed serious cuts to keep our budget in line after the previous levies did not pass.

The Clio Road extension continues to be of highest level importance, even though it has become a bit of a bargaining chip in the annexation battle. With the ongoing litigation involving Centerville's actions concerning attempted annexation of the Dille Farm, the drafted agreements to move the project forward have not yet been accepted by the City. We remain 100% committed to the project and are positive that both sides can come together to get things underway this fall.

Your Fiscal Officer, Theodore Hodson, continues to improve management of our finances under the direction of the Township Trustees. The Fiscal Office is no longer consumed

by responding just to crises. Operations have been streamlined to the point of being able to implement planned improvement projects such as converting the payroll system to direct deposit.

Spring and summer are historically the busiest times for the Roads and Services Department and this year has been no exception. Projects on track for completion include the preparation of a Capital Improvement Plan and a Stormwater Management Plan, a joint effort with the Greene County Soil and Water Conservation District. The 2007 Asphalt Program is wrapping up and the department has begun preparing for the Winter season.

The Zoning Compliance Office has been proactive with managing all the summer building project applications filed for approval.

The ad hoc Steering Committee has been working with Trustee Nadine Daugherty, our Zoning Compliance Officer, and our consultant, McBride, Dale, Clarion, on the revisions to the Sugar Creek Township Comprehensive Plan. We thank the committee for their commitment to the community! Much time has been spent on proposed revisions to the Sugar Creek Township Comprehensive Land-Use Plan and Zoning Resolution, to create a solid foundation for future, controlled development in our Township.

The moratorium on platted residential development was instituted earlier this year to allow time to address inconsistencies in the Zoning Resolu-

tion and Comprehensive Land-Use Plan before processing new potential development proposals. The updating appears to be on schedule so the moratorium is expected to be lifted at year's end.

The Township Board of Zoning Appeals will be busy in the coming months. Projects expected for review include additions and renovations to Sugar Creek Plaza.

Fire Prevention Week, October 7th - 13th, is being marked by our Open House at the Public Safety Building on October 7th. All are welcome!

Have you noticed our new Township logo? Soon it will dot the landscape as the older entry signage is replaced.

We have received a number of letters from residents on Wilmington-Dayton Road appreciative of our efforts concerning their mailbox relocations to improve safety.

We are proud to serve and hope we may continue to hear from you. Be sure to check out our website at www.sugarcreektownship.com.

- Trustees Nadine Daugherty, Mike Pittman, and Dick King



TOWNSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE

Trustee Meetings are held the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Bellbrook Middle School.

Trustee Work Sessions are held the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Township Administration Office.

Board of Zoning Commission Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Bellbrook Middle School.

Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting are held the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Bellbrook Middle School.

Open Space Advisory Committee Meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Bellbrook City Office.

RENEWAL LEVY NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN SERVICES

R a n d a l l J . P a v l a k
Fire Chief

THE FIRST SIX (6) MONTHS of 2007 have proven to be extremely busy for the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department as our call load increased 30% over the same time period in 2006. The increased call load coupled with rising fuel costs have put added stress on a budget already seriously pinched.

Sugarcreek Township Trustees unanimously voted to place a 2 mil levy RENEWAL on the ballot for November 6. Renewal of this levy is necessary to merely continue at our current staffing level. This levy is not a NEW TAX, but the continuation of the current 2 mil operating levy for 5 more years.



Failure of this levy will mean a 50%

reduction in full-time staff, a 30% reduction in part-time staff and will freeze our recruitment of volunteer firefighter/paramedics. The serious effects of reducing staff to that level will include reduction in response times, jeopardizing the safety of our friends, neighbors, and families. Reduced staffing will also seriously compromise the safety of responding fire personnel. These changes could affect home values and insurance costs. Please don't assume this is a "threat tactic"—this is the reality we must face if our funding is cut due to a failure to renew this levy.

THIS IS A RENEWAL! IT WILL NOT RAISE YOUR TAXES!

I expect a favorable reaction from the voters on November 6th, pointing to the history of approv-

als and quality of service Sugarcreek voters have become accustomed to and expect from our fire/paramedic services.

The bottom line is we need your help to continue to be able to provide the excellent fire/paramedic services that you requested in the 5 year strategic master plan for your protection of family, friends and guests.

We will be hosting meetings to discuss the levy renewal on October 9th and 23rd from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Bellbrook Middle School. Your input is appreciated.

PLEASE—HELP US HELP YOU! CAST YOUR VOTE ON NOVEMBER 6TH!

Thank you for your continued support.

FISCAL OFFICE UPDATE

T h e o d o r e H o d s o n
Fiscal Officer

YEARS AGO, THE CLERK OF AN OHIO TOWNSHIP paid bounties, sold hunting licenses and budgeted for maintaining graveled Township Roads. Today, as townships are growing at ever increasing rates, their budgets and the duties of the Clerk have changed dramatically. For example, in the last five years, the budget for Sugarcreek Township has increased from a little under seven million dollars to over twelve million dollars.

The job of Clerk in many Townships in the State of Ohio has moved from that of a bookkeeper, writing a few warrants to maintain operations, to that of a money manager, securing and monitoring debt obligations and managing cash flow for maximum investment return. As such, the State of Ohio has changed the Clerk's title to that of Fiscal Officer, which is more indicative of the current duties of the Office.

In this term of office, I have taken steps to prepare for the future and to improve our current opera-

tions and efficiency. Since taking office, all current employee retirement accounts have been reconciled with the State of Ohio, requiring monetary exchanges being owed to the State or refunded to Sugarcreek Township. In a joint effort between the Administrative Office and the Fiscal Office, all employee withholdings have been reviewed, reconciled as necessary and are currently being efficiently maintained. Procedural changes have been implemented to more efficiently process payment of obligations and movement of funds when required.

A part-time assistant has been hired to give the Fiscal Officer more time to address managerial issues. This has been a very significant transition from the past since it also provides much needed stability to the daily operations of the Township. If, for example, the Fiscal Officer should become temporarily incapacitated, business can continue as usual. With our increase in growth and number of employees, business "as usual" is an ever increasing important responsibility to the employees and to the community. This improvement in daily operations stability will also mani-

fest itself to provide for a smooth transition of newly elected Officials.

The payroll system has been converted to Direct Deposit, saving time and money. The office currently utilizes accounting software sanctioned by the Auditor of State. This software is currently in a rewrite process to allow multi-user functionality. This will provide for additional opportunities of organization, information availability and security of taxpayers dollars. The Fiscal Office is no longer operating by responding to fiscal crisis but has improved the work flow to allow for planned improvement projects.

The most recent project has been the reorganization of archived records and the destruction of those no longer needed, required by law or of historical significance and to improve the accessibility of public records. When I leave office, my goal is to have achieved a Fiscal Office environment conducive to attracting qualified professional people for our Fiscal Officer and to leave with an operating foundation that will serve to protect the tax dollars of Sugarcreek's citizens.

MOTORISTS URGED TO USE CAUTION, WATCH FOR DEER ON ROADWAYS

MORE THAN 25,000 MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS with deer are expected to be reported statewide this year. The Ohio Insurance Institute (OII), Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), and Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) are urging motorists to drive with extra caution this fall. Most crashes occur between the months of October and December, followed by May. Highest risk periods are from sunset to midnight followed by the hours shortly before and after sunrise.

PRECAUTIONS FOR MOTORISTS:

• Drive with extreme caution, at or below the posted

speed limit in areas with deer-crossing signs.

- If you see deer on or near a roadway, expect that others may follow. Slow down and be alert.
- After dark, use high-beams when there is no opposing traffic. The high beams will illuminate the eyes of deer on or near the roadway and provide greater motorist reaction time. But don't rely solely on high-beams or deer whistles to deter such collisions.
- Always wear a seatbelt as required by state law and drive at a safe, sensible speed for conditions.

- Don't swerve your vehicle to avoid striking a deer. If a collision with a deer seems probable, then hit it while maintaining full control of your vehicle. The alternative could be even worse!
- Stay alert. Deer are often unpredictable.
- Report any deer related collisions to a local law enforcement agency or state wildlife officer within 24 hours.
- If you hit and injure a deer, call 911 immediately so that the injured animal is not left to suffer.

SUMMER BUSY FOR ROADS & SERVICES DEPT.

Tracey Messer
Director of Roads and Services

THE ROADS AND SERVICES DEPARTMENT has been very busy this summer. To begin the season, a complete inventory of township roads, guardrails, catch basins, and culverts was completed. The information gathered will be used in the preparation of a capital improvement program that will assist us in better maintaining our existing infrastructure. The information will also be utilized by the Greene County Soil and Water Conservation District in the preparation of a Stormwater Management Plan for the township. This plan, which should be completed and available to the public in early 2008, will work to reduce the discharge of pollutants and improve water quality while emphasizing public education.

The 2007 asphalt program is wrapping up. Roads in this year's program include Sugarbrook Trail, North Lakeman Drive, Bayberry Cove, Tollgate Lane, Surrey Trail, Sugarcreek Drive, Conference Road and Cloy Road.

The North Lakeman Drive project saw over 2,560 feet of curbing replaced and all sidewalk ramps brought up to ADA standards with truncated dome pavers. All catch basins were inspected and approximately 90% of them were repaired or replaced. We were pleased with the recent completion of a 422 Chip Seal on Conference Road making the road much more driver friendly.

In late June, the Sugar Maple trees from the township's Sugar Maple Festival float were planted on Wilmington Pike. The trees will bring some long needed beauty to a busy thoroughfare for generations to come.

One accomplishment in the last few months was very important to the department and to the residents on Wilmington-Dayton Road. Residents came to the township with concerns about having to cross busy Wilmington-Dayton Road to get their mail. After several discussions with residents, the township initiated discussions with Postmaster, Daniel Arndts. Little did we know what a task moving mailboxes would be! After several meetings with Mr. Arndts, a solution was reached satisfying

all parties. In July, we were able to relocate the mailboxes across the road, eliminating the need for the residents to cross Wilmington-Dayton to retrieve their mail.

All in all spring and summer have been very productive seasons for the Roads and Services Department. We still have a lot of work to do before the cold weather sets in, but we are moving along. We are looking forward to the relief the fall and winter seasons will bring to the record temperatures we've seen this year. We are proud to serve the community and anticipate a great end to a very successful year.



ZONING OFFICE FAQs: OHIO DOG LAWS

Cara Kill Kelley
Zoning Compliance Officer

THE SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP ZONING OFFICE has been receiving an increasing number of inquiries regarding the regulation of dogs and other household pets. The Sugar Creek Township Zoning Resolution regulates kennels and defines a kennel or cattery as any lot or premises on which four (4) or more dogs, cats, or other household animals more than six (6) months of age are bred, boarded, or trained for commercial purposes. The township does not limit the number of household pets kept for non-commercial purposes. The Ohio Revised Code has several "dog laws" applicable to land in the township. These laws are enforced by Greene County Animal Control.

(1) 955.21 states all dogs must be registered (licensed) in the County in which the dog is kept. All dogs must be licensed before the end of 3 months of age or 30 days after the dog is acquired any time during the year. The deadline annually to renew tags is December 1 to January 31. This law is strictly enforced in Greene County. All dog owners found in violation of this law are issued a citation to Municip-

pal Court where fines and court costs could be assessed. To avoid being cited, dogs should be registered when they are acquired and before the deadline each year.

New Legislation Proposed

A proposed bill in the Ohio House of Representatives would mandate that a hearing be held within 21 days in cruelty cases involving a live animal. The bill is sponsored by John White, R-Kettering, as a result of dog fighting problems in Montgomery County. State Rep. Shawn Webster, R-Hanover Twp., said the bill may be a good vehicle to propose additional changes to laws. The highly publicized case of China the German Shepherd found with a chain embedded in her neck and given back to her abuser by a Butler County judge, prompted Webster to say he may propose an amendment stating a person convicted of "extreme" animal would automatically lose the animal.

problems such as dogs being struck by cars, kids being bitten by dogs, unknown injuries to dogs, or dog owners being cited to court. Dog owners are subject to pay fines and court costs and are open to civil law suits where they may have to pay for damages caused by their dogs. Ohio dog owners are liable for damages caused by their dog.

(3) 955.22-D. concerns dangerous and vicious dogs. Dangerous dogs are described as any dog that causes injury to a person or a dog that approaches in a menacing fashion or apparent atti-

(2) 955.22 states all dogs are required to be kept on the owner's property and/or under reasonable control at all times. Failure to do so results in numerous

tude of attack. A vicious dog is described as a dog that has caused serious injury to any person, has killed a person or another dog, or a dog that is commonly known as a pit bull. Dangerous dogs are required to be kept on a leash that is adequate to restrain the dog. A vicious dog is required to be kept in a locked kennel which has a top, cannot be walked on a leash more than 6 ft. in length by a responsible person, and must be muzzled while being walked.

(4) 955.22-E. states that vicious dog owners are required to carry \$100,000 in liability insurance for each dog deemed vicious. Contact your insurance provider or Animal Control for insurance companies willing to cover vicious dogs.

(5) 959.13-A. concerns cruelty to animals. The statute prevents a dog from being tortured, cruelly beaten or killed, or impounded without a supply of good wholesome food and water and prevents animals from being impounded or confined without access to shelter from wind, rain, snow, and excessive direct sunlight. This simply means your dog needs a doghouse with 4 walls and a top if it is kept outside for any extended period of time. A board leaning up against a tree or a cardboard box does not qualify as shelter. This section also prevents an animal from being carried or conveyed in an inhumane manner.

Additional information is available online at www.co.greene.oh.us/animal.

THERE'S A NEW DOG IN TOWN

K e n n y M c C l o u d
Police Chief

SANDO, THE NEWEST ADDITION to the Sugarcreek Township Police Department, was put into service in February of this year and since then has recovered over \$1,044,000 in confiscated funds. A Belgian Malinois, Sando exhibits many of the standards for his breed including keen intelligence, confidence-exhibiting neither shyness nor aggressiveness in new situations, trainability, and a strong desire to work. Trained in tracking and drug detection (including cocaine, crack, heroin, hashish, methamphetamine, and marijuana), Sando has led to the confiscation of 13 cars for forfeiture, nine (9) felony and thirteen (13) misdemeanor arrests, as well as four (4) separate evidence recovery situations. Many other uses with Sando have led to the apprehension of suspects through tracking, with perimeter units making the apprehension. Sando has also assisted many other

local agencies in manhunts for robbery suspects and has assisted in searches for lost people. Agencies receiving assistance from Sando include the City of Centerville, the Greene County ACE Task Force, the City of Xenia, the Greene County Sheriff's Office, and the City of Bellbrook.



SANDO SMILES FOR THE CAMERA

INFORMATION

Sugarcreek Township Phone Numbers

Administration/Trustees	(937) 848-8426
Roads and Services Department	(937) 848-8426
Zoning Office	(937) 848-8426
Fire Department Administration	(937) 848-7344
Police (Non-Emergency)	(937) 848-3479

Greene County Phone Numbers

Main Switchboard	(937) 562-5000
Hearing Impaired (TDD/TYY)	(937) 562-5119
Animal Control	(937) 562-7400
Auditor	(937) 562-5065
Board of County Commissioners	(937) 562-5006
Board of Elections	(937) 562-7470
Combined Health District	(937) 374-5600
Engineer	(937) 562-7500
Building Regulation	(937) 562-7420
Emergency Management	(937) 562-5994
Sanitary Engineering	(937) 562-7450
Development	(937) 562-5007
Convention and Visitors Bureau	(937) 429-9100
Drivers Licenses	(937) 372-6850
Bureau of Motor Vehicles	(937) 372-4282
Ohio State University Extension	(937) 376-5052
Prosecutor	(937) 562-5250
Recorder	(937) 562-5270
Recreation, Parks, Cultural Arts	(937) 562-7440
Regional Planning	(937) 562-7480
Sheriffs Department	(937) 562-4800
Treasurer	(937) 562-5017
Veterans Services	(937) 562-6020

Sugarcreek Schools Phone Numbers

Central Office	(937) 848-6251
Bellbrook High School	(937) 848-3737
Bellbrook Middle School	(937) 848-2141
Bell Creek Elementary	(937) 848-3757
Stephen Bell Elementary	(937) 848-7831
Sugarcreek Elementary	(937) 848-6381
Transportation Department	(937) 848-4029



Project ChildSafe® is a nationwide program that helps ensure safe and responsible firearm ownership and storage.

FIREARMS SAFETY

FREE GUNLOCKS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH PROJECT CHILDSAFE AT THE SUGARCREEK TWP. POLICE DEPARTMENT. STOP IN OR CALL 848-3479 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

PROJECT CHILDSAFE IS A NATIONWIDE PROGRAM promoting safe firearms handling and storage practices among all firearms owners through the distribution of key safety education messages and free gun locking devices (safety kits). Since 2003, Project Child-Safe has distributed more than 35 million safety kits to gun owners in all fifty states and five U.S. territories. As a firearms owner, it is your responsibility to know how to properly handle any firearm you own and also to know how to secure your firearm in a safe manner in your home. Project ChildSafe was created to help you accomplish these very important safety goals. Basic rules of firearm safety include:

1. Always keep a gun pointed in a safe direction. A "safe direction" means that the gun is pointed so that even if it were to fire it would not result in an injury.
2. Never assume a firearm is unloaded.
3. Always keep your finger off the trigger. The only time you should touch the trigger is when you are at a shooting range or other safe shooting location and you are actually ready to fire.
4. Always make absolutely sure that guns in your home are stored so that they are not accessible to children or other unauthorized persons.

Hiding a gun in a closet, drawer, or similar location is **not** safe storage.

5. Multiple safeguards should be put in place to create a secure environment for firearms in the home. Store unloaded firearms in a locked cabinet, safe, gun vault, or storage case in a location inaccessible to children.

Unloaded firearms can also be secured with a gun locking device that renders the firearm inoperable. A gun lock should be used as an additional safety precaution and not as a substitute for lock storage.

A Message for Your Children

Young people are naturally curious about firearms and, as a result, may be tempted to "play" with a firearm they find. Make sure young people in your home are aware and understand the following safety guidelines:

1. Don't go looking for guns in your house or a friend's house. Don't let other kids look for guns in your house.
2. If you find a gun in your house, or anywhere else, **STOP!** Leave it alone. Don't touch it. Don't let anyone else touch it. Leave the area and be sure to tell an adult at once.
3. Even if a gun looks like a toy, don't touch it! Some real guns may look like toy guns, so don't take a chance. Leave the area and immediately tell an adult.

ESCAPE ALIVE: PRACTICE YOUR ESCAPE PLAN

Captain Joann Schultz
Public Education Bureau

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IS OCTOBER 7TH - 13TH.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE TO KICK OFF FIRE PREVENTION WEEK AT THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING, 4398 CLYO ROAD ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7TH FROM 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Can't make it? Stop in or call 848-7344 anytime with your questions or comments.

NOBODY LIKES TO THINK IT COULD HAPPEN TO THEM, but a fire can occur in any home. How will you react? If your family member should hesitate become confused or disoriented the consequences could be fatal. Every second counts during a fire. Don't wait for tragedy, plan ahead and prepare. Your loved ones may not get a second chance.

WHAT CAN YOU DO? FOLLOW THESE TIPS TO INCREASE YOUR CHANCES TO ESCAPE ALIVE!

SMOKE DETECTORS:

- Install smoke detectors according to manufacture guidelines in every bedroom and on every level of your home.
- Change smoke detector batteries twice a year (change your clock, change your battery).
- Test your detector once a month (push the test button).
- Clean your detector at least once a year. (Dust with a vacuum cleaner)
- If your detector does not work properly after receiving a fresh battery replace the detector.

HAVE AN ESCAPE PLAN: *DON'T HAVE ONE, CALL*

US WE CAN HELP 848-7344.

- Plan your escape.
- Sit down with everyone to talk about the best ways to get out of your home quickly in the event of a fire.
- Draw a floor plan that shows two ways to get out of each room.
- Agree on a meeting place.
- **Practice your escape plan:** Practice both your primary and alternative escape routes at least every six months. Practicing your escape plan can be lots of fun. Sound the alarm close off some exits and pretend they're blocked by smoke or fire. According to NFPA research, only 1 out of 4 Americans has planned and practiced their home fire escape plan. Did you know that smoke detectors and a home fire escape plan more than double your family's chances of escaping a nighttime fire alive? In 2005, home fires killed 3,050 people and injured 13,300.

HOME FIRE ESCAPE TIPS:

- Remember, the first step toward escaping a fire is to plan ahead.
- Have an escape plan.
- Your plan should also include how to assist family members who are unable to escape on their own.
- Make sure everyone knows the sound of the smoke alarm and what to do if it alarms.
- Check windows to make sure they open easily.

- Keep hallways and stairs free from clutter.
- Do not waste time getting dressed or collecting valuables.
- Always test doors for heat before opening.
- Crawl low under smoke.
- Yell or pound on walls to notify other family members of the fire.
- Close doors behind you as you go to prevent fire spread.
- Exit quickly and calmly.
- Call for help from a neighbor's house.
- Go to the designated meeting place.
- **Get Out and Stay Out!**

2005 Statistics:

A fire department responded to a fire every 20 seconds.

An outdoor fire was reported every 39 seconds.

A home fire was reported every 83 seconds.

A structure fire was reported every 62 seconds.

One civilian was injured in a fire every 29 minutes.

One civilian died in a fire every 2 hours and 23 minutes.

PREPARING FOR THE WINTER MONTHS

Lt. Raymond J. Schultz
Fire Prevention Officer

HOW CAN IT BE FALL ALREADY? The summer went by so fast and the kids are back in school. That means it's time for that fall cleaning and preparing for the upcoming winter months. While you're doing that last minute yard work, make sure that fire hydrants are visible. If we can't see it, it may take a while to get the water needed to take care of the situation that we were called for.

On another note, can we find you? Reflective address signs are available from the Township Administration Building located at 2090 Ferry Rd. Some of your driveways are very long and twisty. It would be a tremendous help if they were marked with reflectors or stakes just in case we get one of those snowfalls like we did a couple of years ago.

The last thing we want to do is get a medic or fire engine stuck in your yard. That would make things very messy!

With the winter months rapidly approaching, it's time to check your furnace and chimney. Make sure the flues are clean and free of debris. Service the furnace and clean out the fireplace. Make sure portable heaters are clean and in good working order. Always maintain at least 3 feet of clearance around the portable heater to be safe. It's a good idea to practice that same distance when using candles. Remember to never leave a burning candle unattended. They melt down and can come in contact with the desk, table or counter top they are resting on, creating a dangerous situation.

If you are planning on putting up Christmas decorations early this year, make sure they are working

properly. Check the cords for frays, cracks and bare wires. If you find any defects replace the unit, do not try to repair it! Check extension cords for the same thing since they carry all the electricity to your lights and gizmos. If you start blowing circuit breakers, you have overloaded the circuit. Every time a circuit breaker blows it gets weaker. Eventually it will not take any current at all. Replace with the same amperage breaker. DO NOT increase the breaker's amperage. The wires on that circuit probably will not be able to handle the load, creating a fire hazard by the increased energy flowing through the line.

Fire Prevention Week is October 7th through October 13th. Practice your Escape Plan!

TOWNSHIP INSTITUTES CODERED EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP HAS INSTITUTED the CodeRED Emergency Notification System - an ultra high-speed telephone communication service for emergency notifications. This system allows us to telephone all or targeted areas of the Township in case of an emergency situation that requires immediate action (such as a boil-water notice, missing child or evacuation notices). The system is capable of dialing 60,000 phone numbers per hour. It then delivers a recorded message to a live person or an answering machine, making three attempts to connect to any number. Such systems are only as good as the telephone database supporting them. If your phone number is not in the database, you will not be called.



No one should automatically assume his or her phone number is included.

All businesses should register, as well as all individuals who have unlisted phone numbers, who have changed their phone number or address within the last year, and who use a cellular phone as their primary home phone.

CodeRED system is a geographical based notification system, which means street addresses are needed to select which phone numbers will receive emergency notification calls in any given situation. The system works fine for cell phones too, but

we have to have a street address. People who have recently moved but kept the same listed or unlisted phone number also need to change their address in the database. CodeRED gives those who want to be included an easy and secure method for doing so. THIS SYSTEM WILL BE USED FOR EMERGENCY PURPOSES AND IMPORTANT NOTIFICATIONS ONLY. Examples of times when the CodeRED system could be utilized:

- Drinking water contamination;
- Evacuation notice & route;
- Missing person;
- Fires or Floods;
- Bomb threat;
- Hostage situation;
- Chemical spill or Gas leak; and
- Other emergency incidents where rapid and accurate notification is essential for life safety.

Residents can visit the township website at www.sugarcreektownship.com and click on the Register for CodeRed link on the homepage. Registration is simple and can be completed in a matter of minutes. Residents can also cut out the registration form below and return it to: Sugarcreek Township, c/o Cara KillKelley, 2090 Ferry Road, Bellbrook, Ohio 45305.

- Utility outage;

To ensure no one is omitted, Sugarcreek Township urges all individuals and businesses to register.

Required information includes first and last name, street address (physical address, no P.O. boxes), city, states, zip code, primary phone number, and additional phone numbers (optional).

CodeRed Registration

Your information will remain completely private and will only be made available to notify you of critical situations.

*DENOTES A REQUIRED FIELD

First Name* _____ Last Name* _____

Physical Address (No P.O. Boxes)* _____

Apt. Suite or Unit # _____ City* _____ State* _____ Zip* _____

Primary Phone Number* _____ Alternate Phone Number _____

ALTERNATE PHONE NUMBER- Entering an alternate phone number will cause *BOTH* the primary and alternate phone numbers to be contacted in the event a call goes out for the address specified.

TDD/TTY--- Check TDD *ONLY* if you are hearing impaired and would like tone delivery of emergency messages - messages delivered to phone numbers marked TDD will *ONLY* be delivered in a TDD/TTY format.

For Primary phone with a hearing impaired TDD/TTY device check this box:

For Alternate phone with a hearing impaired TDD/TTY device check this box:

If you live in MOBILE HOME or MANUFACTURED HOME check this box:

PREPARTION AND EDUCATION KEY

N o v a W i l l i a m s
Asst. Chief of Operations

DOES THE WORD "PANDEMIC" MAKE YOU PANIC?

Well don't! There is a lot of talk about the pandemic flu. There are commercial ads on television, pamphlets in your doctor's office, billboards and Internet ads. It can all be a bit overwhelming. So let's break it down and take a look at what is really being said.

First of all, the word pandemic means; epidemic, plague, bubonic plague, virus, deadly disease; you get the idea. Some of you may have heard your parents and grandparents talk about the "plague", well a pandemic is what they are talking about. Is it going to happen? Probably so. When? That's unpredictable. What can you do in the mean time? Get educated and be prepared. Some helpful definitions:

Seasonal flu (common) is a respiratory illness that can be transmitted person to person. Most people have some natural immunity and a vaccine is available.

Avian flu (bird) is caused by influenza viruses that occur naturally among wild birds. A low patho-

genic avian virus is common in birds and causes few problems. But the high pathogenic virus (H5N1) is deadly to domestic fowl, can be transmitted from birds to humans and is deadly to humans. There is virtually no human immunity and human vaccine is very limited.

Pandemic flu is a human flu virus that causes a global outbreak of serious illness. There is little natural immunity, no vaccine and the disease spreads easily from person to person and can sweep across the country and around the world in a very short time. Currently, there is no pandemic flu.

Federal, State and Local agencies, including the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department, all have pandemic flu response plans in place. Remember a pandemic may effect from thousands to millions of people. Worldwide death tolls for past pandemics are: 1918....50 plus million, 1957.....1-2 million and 1968....700,000 plus. The number of affected people can be staggering. A pandemic may come and go in waves, each of which may last 6 to 8 weeks.

So what do you need to do? First off, plan, plan and plan some more. Some possible disruptions of your daily routine may include:

- Social disruption maybe widespread (i.e.

banks, stores, hospitals)

- Being able to work may be difficult or impossible
- Schools may be closed for an extended period of time
- Transportation services may be disrupted

STAY HEALTHY!

- Wash your hands frequently
- Cover your mouth/nose with a tissue when you sneeze or cough
- Discard used tissues in a wastebasket
- STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK!

Get Informed. A plethora of information and planning assistance can be found at www.pandemicflu.gov. Another valuable resource is the Centers for Disease Control at www.cdc.gov.

As always, feel free to contact me at the Public Safety Building if you have additional questions.

Halloween Festivities

THE BELLBROOK SUGARCREEK PARK DISTRICT'S 24TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN IN THE PARK will be held on Saturday, October 27th, 2007 (Rain Date: Sunday, October 28th) from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Sackett-Wright Park. Join your friends and neighbors in the park for an exciting and entertaining evening of fun for the whole family! Activities include a costume contest, pumpkin decorating and scarecrow contest, haunted house, bonfire, fortune telling, balloon sculpting, the park district's famous "witch's brew", music by DJ Bill Nance and much, much more! Call the Park District at 848-3535 for more information.



Corner of Ferry and Waynesville Roads Gets Facelift

YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED A FACELIFT UNDERWAY AT the corner of Ferry and Waynesville Roads? For many years, this site had been used for dumping. Last year, the Township purchased the property and we have taken measures to clean things up. This is a major entry point to the Township and we were concerned about the image and the potential caustic use of the nine acres. The property will feature open space and natural surroundings. It will be seeded this fall for erosion control. Our Staff has re-graded the property after receiving over 300 loads of dirt at no cost from our business partners. It is also intended to be the subject of a future design project for Clark State

University students with an anticipated start date of 2008. This major undertaking is under the auspices of your Open Space Advisory Committee members appointed by the Township Trustees.



EMPLOYEES CELEBRATE MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

THE SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our employees for their dedicated service to the township. We are extremely proud of the exemplary service that our employees consistently provide to our residents, businesses, and visitors. Deserving special recognition are a number of employees celebrating milestone anniversaries this year. These employees include:

- ◆ Kendra L. Covington, Firefighter/EMT 5 years of service
- ◆ Richard F. Cipriano, Service Worker, 5 years of service
- ◆ Jeffrey E. Melton, Fire Lieutenant, 5 years of service
- ◆ Nova Williams, Assistant Fire Chief, 15 years of service
- ◆ Heath A. Williams, Fire Captain, 15 years of service
- ◆ Raymond J. Schultz, Fire Lieutenant, 15 years of service
- ◆ James R. Williams, Police Sergeant, 15 years of service
- ◆ Timothy T. Fallis, Police Officer, 20 years of service
- ◆ Anthony W. Lamb, Service Supervisor, 20 years of service
- ◆ Cynthia L. Rammel, Records Clerk, 20 years of service
- ◆ Steven M. Scheiderer, Police Officer, 25 years of service
- ◆ John Marlatt, Police Sergeant, 30 years of service

Thank you for your dedication and congratulations!



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NEW BUSINESSES CALL SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP HOME

FULLER REHABILITATION has opened its doors in the Sugar Creek Plaza on Wilmington Dayton Road adjacent to Aldi. Fuller Rehabilitation has a strong commitment to being number one in sales and service of powered mobility products for the physically challenged.



JACKS AQUARIUM AND PETS has opened a location in the Sugar Creek Plaza II on Wilmington Dayton Road, adjacent to Wal-Mart. Jacks offers pets and pet supplies for fish (freshwater and saltwater), dogs, cats, birds, small animals and reptiles.



MONARCH DENTAL is in the process of expanding their location in the Sugar Creek Plaza. The business is open during construction and offers convenient hours to serve the dental needs of busy families.



BARLEYCORNS has begun construction on their outdoor seating area, complementing their newest location soon to call the Sugar Creek Plaza II home. Barleycorns offers a friendly atmosphere great for hanging out with friends, watching a game on one of their big screens, or for a good homemade meal with the family.



SPORT CLIPS, the perfect place for a guy to get great service and a great haircut, has opened in the Sugar Creek Plaza. Sport Clips' mission is to create a championship haircut experience for men and boys in an exciting sports environment.



COSMO PROF, a retailer of beauty supplies, has located in the Sugar Creek Plaza.



THE CELLULAR CONNECTION, the leading retailer for DISH Network and Verizon Wireless, will call Sugar Creek Plaza II home. The Cellular Connection, a division of Moorehead Communications, is able to offer unique customer service and competitive pricing due to its huge buying power.



ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CATHOLIC CHURCH has purchased the church at the corner of Conference and Wilmington Dayton Roads. Renovations are underway, including the addition of restrooms, painting, flooring, a new roof, and improvements to make the facility handicapped accessible.



Construction is moving forward on the **SUGARCREEK MEDICAL ARTS CENTER**, located on Wilmington Pike adjacent to Kroger. Part of the Kettering Health Network with its national recognition and world class reputation, Sugar Creek Medical Arts Center will be a welcome addition to the Sugar Creek Township business community.



HALLOWEEN EXPRESS, one of the most aggressive and dynamic Halloween costume and costume accessory chains in the United States, will once again be open for the season in Sugar Creek Plaza for all your costume needs.