



Clermont County On The Move

a newsletter for citizens

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Commissioners: Mary Walker, Bob Proud, and Scott Croswell

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Huge Voter Turnout Expected in Clermont County

“If this were a sporting event, it would clearly be the World Series,” says Clermont County Board of Elections Director Dan Bare, contemplating the November 2, presidential election.



“Based on the new voter registrations coming in, and the fact Ohio has been identified as a key state in the process, I believe this

2004 presidential election could elicit the highest voter turnout ever.”

In Clermont County, Bare is expecting 75-80 percent of registered voters to head to the ballot box, with an estimated 125,000 registered to vote by election day.

“Because of the sheer magnitude of this election, the staff at the Clermont Board of Elections has been working 10-12 hour days the last three weeks,” adds Bare. “I am confident that our optical scan system of voting will work flawlessly on election day, but I am actively recruiting poll workers to help in the voting process.”



An estimated 760 poll workers are needed in Clermont County, with 50 percent being Republicans and 50 percent being Democrats. Independent voters can work for either party. In addition, Clermont County will need an extra 30-40 people to work as “traffic controllers” this election; these workers will be inside the door at large polling locations to help manage and route the flow of voters.

If you are interested in serving as a poll worker in Clermont County, or for more information on voting, call the Board of Elections at 732-7275 or check their website at www.clermontelections.org.

New Juvenile Detention Center

A dedication ceremony was held on Wednesday, September 29, 2004, for the new Clermont County Juvenile Detention Center, located at 2340 Clermont Center Drive in Batavia. The 28,000 square foot facility is over five times as large as the original facility; it was built at a cost of \$5,886,489, funded through the Ohio Department of Youth Services, bond proceeds, and the Clermont County general fund.



“This facility will enable us to better serve young people in this community by providing them with the skills and programs necessary to help them live within the laws of society,” said Clermont County Juvenile Court Judge Stephanie Wyler. “The 36 bed facility will offer a broad range of educational and treatment programs. It is a collaborative effort between Clermont and Brown Counties, providing a minimum of three beds for the exclusive use of Brown County. This effort is a ‘win/win’ situation; Brown County gets needed detention space and Clermont County will receive additional operating revenues.”

Commissioner Walker presents symbolic keys to the new center to juvenile court employees

Clermont Convention Bureau Named to Top 100



The American Bus Association (ABA) has announced that the event nominated by the Clermont County Ohio Convention and Visitors Bureau (CCCVB), the Cincinnati Flower Show, has been designated as one of the Top 100 Events in North America for 2005 by an elite tourism industry selection committee. Inclusion in the Top 100 list, published as a supplement to the September issue of Destinations magazine, indicates that the Cincinnati Flower Show offers excellent entertainment value to both tour groups and individual travelers from around the world, said ABA.

“The attractiveness of the Cincinnati Flower Show as a don’t-miss entertainment value is only part of why its selection this year is such a distinction for Clermont County,” said Peter J. Pantuso, ABA’s president and CEO. “The real news here is that the Cincinnati Flower Show has been recognized as a potential magnet for tourism dollars, at a time when reenergizing domestic tourism is so important to our spirit and our economy. The honor gives Clermont County, Ohio an important boost in visibility among professional tour planners.”

- The Milford Police Memorial will be dedicated on
- Saturday, October 9, 2004 at 2 p.m. The memorial will
- be located at the fire station at the intersection of SR
- 131 and SR 50.

Mom and Baby Fair

By: Stephanie Burke, General Health District

In celebration of *Breastfeeding Awareness Month*, the Clermont County WIC Program, within the nursing division, hosted a *Mom & Baby Fair* and reception for pregnant and breastfeeding mothers and their families on August 23, 2004. Representatives from community service agencies were available at the fair to answer questions, provide information regarding their programs, and offer incentives. Exhibitors included: *A Caring Place Pregnancy Help Center, SUMA, 4C, Clermont County Community Services, Child Focus, Clermont County Help Me Grow, Clermont County General Health District Nursing Division, and Healthy Moms & Babes.*

After participating in the fair, mothers were encouraged to stay for the reception. Upon entering the reception, each mother had her photo taken with her child and were served refreshments. The guest speaker for the evening was Nancy Burke, RN from the Nursing Division. Nancy lectured on techniques for soothing a crying baby. The program was well received by participants with approximately 25 in attendance.

Clermont Named Top Digital County

Clermont County has been named one of the top digital counties in the country by the Center for Digital Government, and the National Association of Counties (NACo).



In making their selections, they targeted counties that keep a finger on the pulse of technology policies and practices.

Candy corn, anyone? With an estimated \$1.93 billion in candy sales, Halloween is the sweetest holiday of the year, beating out Easter, Valentine’s Day, and Christmas. In fact, one quarter of all the candy sold each year is purchased between September 15 and November 10.



October Commissioner Sessions

Tuesday, October 5	1:00 p.m..
Wednesday, Oct. 6	1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 12	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 13	1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 19	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 20	1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 26	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 27	3:00 p.m.

All regular sessions are held in the third floor session room of the Clermont County Administration Building, 101 East Main Street in Batavia, Ohio. For agenda information, contact the BCC offices at (513) 732-7300.



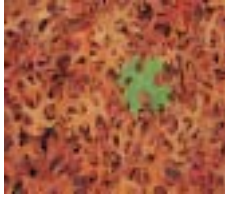
Clermont Park Events

By: Keith Robinson, Park Dist.

Lewis and Clark Celebration

Saturday October 9, Chilo Lock #34 Park, 1- 3:00 pm

Celebrate the 200 year anniversary of the Corps of Discovery Expedition. Visit Chilo Lock #34 Park and discover what the members of the corps of discovery encountered as they traveled westward through the American wilderness. Participants will make their own leaf presses and journals to identify and preserve botanical specimens, just as Merriwether Lewis did 200 years ago.



Fall Flowers and Foliage

Wednesday October 13, Sycamore Park, 6:00 pm

Fall is a great time to get outside and enjoy the outdoors. Ohio's forests and fields are full of color during this time of year. We'll walk the trail at Sycamore Park and explore the future trails at the 30 acre parcel of land adjacent to the Park. Meet at the information kiosk to search the forests for signs of color.

Ghost Stories & Folk Songs

Saturday October 16, Chilo Lock #34 Park, 6:00pm

Join us for an evening around the campfire. Beginning at 6:00, Steve Featherston, a local musician will be entertaining folks with his musical abilities around the campfire. At 7:00 p.m., Rick Crawford, a local historian, will share his many haunted tales from Clermont County. Bring a chair, and your marshmallows to roast and enjoy the evening.



Go Nuts for Fall

Wednesday October 27th, Pattison Park, 5:30 pm

During autumn months, squirrels, chipmunks, mice, and many other animals begin storing nuts and seeds for the long winter months. Take a naturalist led walk through Pattison Park and see how many different types of nuts and seeds you can find. Meet at the information kiosk.



Culturefest 2004: Come celebrate the second annual Culturefest on Saturday, October 9, at UC Clermont College from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Learn about the different cultures that make up our community and enjoy music, dance, food, arts and crafts from nations around the world. There will be plenty of children's activities, so bring the kids. Admission and parking are free. For more information, call Clermont 20/20 at 753-9222.

New Clean-n-Green Leader

Julie Toren is the new Clermont Clean and Green coordinator.



Julie brings a variety of skills to the coordinator position: from graphic design, to composting with worms. After receiving her Bachelors of Science in History from the University of Wisconsin, Julie served with AmeriCorps as a waste reduction educator and with Metro

Regional Government in Portland, Oregon.



Lunch with the Judge

By: Debbie Cadwallader, Domestic Court

On Thursday, September 2, 2004, Domestic Relations Court held its first "Lunch with the Judge" event. Members of the Bar Association were invited to lunch with Judge Voris in the Judge's courtroom. The purpose of the event was for the Judge, the Magistrates, and the Bar to engage in an open dialogue in regards to procedural, as well as substantive issues before the court. The court wanted to address any concerns, questions or comments from the Bar. Over thirty members of the Bar signed up for the event.

Several procedural issues were discussed, including the filing requirements for dissolutions. Judge Voris greatly appreciates the input and suggestions made by the Bar. The court is currently in the process of implementing some of the suggestions made. Judge Voris was so pleased with the event and the response from the Bar that he plans on making "Lunch with the Judge" an annual event.

Patriotism Soars at Clermont Senior Services

Patriotism is alive and well at the Lois Brown Dale Friendship Center, one of eight senior centers operated by Clermont Senior Services, Inc.



Following the terrorist attacks on America, September 11, 2001, the group raised over \$1,500 for aide to New York City.

Park Benches Help Needy Kids

By: Karey Ringland, CASA

A park bench project is helping needy Clermont County children.



With the mission to recruit volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children, several members of the local branch of the Ancient Order of Hibernians stepped forward to help *CASA For Clermont Kids!* advertise their needs. *CASA* is hoping to have advocates available for 100 percent

of children who wind-up in Juvenile Court, as a result of abuse or neglect.

The Hibernians got out their tools and built several of the benches which are displayed at four Lykins Companies, Inc., sites in Bethel, Owensville, Milford, and Day Heights.

For more information about how you can get involved with *CASA*, call Executive Director Karey Ringland at (513) 735-SAFE.

Hi! Prince is my name and I really need a new home. I'm a 10-week-old Siamese-mix male. Have room for me at your house?



My name is Cookie and I'm a hound/spaniel mix. I'm 4-months-old and dreaming of a new home. Can you help?

Clermont Animal Shelter
732-8854

Clermont Library Events

By: Tammy Craig, Clermont Library

Glass Painting Workshop

Amelia Branch Library
Saturday, October 16, 9:30 a.m.
Learn to paint on glass. Call for details, 752-5580.

Storytime in Spanish

Union Twp. Library Branch
Beginning October 6, 7:00 p.m.
Children in preschool through third grade are invited to celebrate all things Spanish! Call 528-1744.

Leaf Print Fabric Painting

Milford-Miami Twp. Branch
Saturday, October 16, 2:00 p.m.
Bring a pre-washed T-shirt and make a creative outfit to wear. Call 248-0700.

Monster Bash

Goshen Branch Library
Thursday, Oct. 21, 6:30 p.m.
Children ages 3-6 are invited to hear monster tales and to make a monster craft. Call 722-1221.



On the Move is a service of the Board of Clermont County Commissioners. For more information about any of the articles included in this publication, contact Kathy Lehr or Bobbi Padgett at **732-7597**.