

City of Englewood



Fall 2009 Newsletter

Englewood would like to thank mural artist Keith Hasenbalg for all his hard work in completing the new mural at Main Street and West National Road and also thank the Randolph Historical Society for all its assistance in authenticating the historical accuracy of the portrayal. The new mural depicts Englewood as it would have looked in the early 1900s.

Stimulus funds benefit Englewood

Crews working for the city recently completed the resurfacing of Union Boulevard thanks to a \$200,000 grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act fund. The project only lasted three days with little disruption to businesses or motorists.

John R. Jurgensen Company was awarded the contract to resurface Union Boulevard in the amount of \$232,238.60; therefore, the project only cost the city \$32,238.60.

The visual appearance of Union Boulevard has definitely been enhanced, and the improvements will provide a smoother surface for the nearly 12,000 vehicles that use it every day.

Other projects in the offing include improvements to the drainage channel

located adjacent to Englewood Hills Elementary, a bridge replacement on Englewood Drive, Phase 3 of the manhole rehabilitation and replacement of a water main on East Wenger Road. These projects will be partially funded by Ohio Public Works Commission Issue II grant monies.

Another grant application has been submitted through the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission requesting funding through the Federal Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program (CMAQ) to improve the intersection at Main Street and Wenger Road.



This bridge on Englewood Drive will be replaced per the 2010 Capital Improvements Program budget approved by Council in September.

In order to alleviate blighting influences in the City, Englewood has also purchased properties at 806 and 808 South Main



Street (formerly Tattoo Tech and Numbers Automotive) which will be demolished. The land will be used to continue the enhancement of the Main Street corridor with increased green space.

In September, Council approved the five-year capital improvement program that will fund new fire and police vehicles, new road department vehicles and a digital finger-print system in the Police Department.

Fire Department prepares for the unexpected

Readiness improved in response to Hurricane Ike

The City of Englewood continues to improve its readiness following last year's Hurricane Ike. After the storm, a number of improvements were proposed and most are now in operation. **Electric generators have been purchased** and placed into service to power the water treatment plant and two production wells. This addition will ensure a constant source of clean water in any future disasters.

Two additional weather warning sirens have been purchased and installed. There are now nine sirens located throughout the City. A federal grant awarded to the fire department paid 50% of the siren costs. **Remember, the sirens are tested at Noon on the first Monday of every month**, weather permitting. Avoid standing outside near the sirens; they produce 130 decibels of sound output, enough to make you lose your balance!

A state grant has funded a **doubling of the department's Oxygen storage** and supply. During the storm, many residents were aided with oxygen from our reserves. If you are dependent on an electrically powered Oxygen generator (or other device) and you lose power, be sure to inform the utility of this need when you call in the outage, and they will give you priority.

You may have noticed that Dayton Power & Light has "caught up" on clearing limbs from right of ways. They generally only clear distribution lines, not individual service drops. Take a look at your service line. If tree limbs are over top of or too close to the lines, eventually gravity and/or wind will take these down, cutting your power. Individual service outages are the lowest priority with DP&L.

Recent **communication upgrades** were put to the test and operated without a hitch during the storm and the aftermath. Englewood's capability to respond on calls without dispatcher intervention provided more time and emphasis to be placed on the more serious responses. Even though the Fire Department responded on 75 calls the first day (the norm is nine), its response times on that day still averaged **less than 4 minutes**.

The Fire Department has recently made a number of improvements in EMS. It now has the capability to send a high quality, **12 lead ECG by radio to the receiving hospital**, cath lab and cardiologists, all in a matter of seconds. This speeds up the "door to balloon" time, which is critical in heart attacks and strokes. The department has also **added CPAP** (Continuous Positive Airway Pressure) **equipment to each medic**. Used by many to cure sleep apnea, in this case it is valuable for critically ill patients with respiratory failure. Using grant funds, the department has also **purchased an oxygen powered ventilator** which helps automate the treatment of patients in respiratory arrest.

New generation automobile extrication equipment has been placed in service at both stations. New car models are built with lighter but stronger Boron steel. The department's old shears were not capable of cutting through the new materials without damaging the blades. The new cutters are designed with more pressure at the cutter to allow a cleaner and quicker cut. In a trauma, every second does count. This improvement will **shorten the average extrication by up to 10 minutes**.



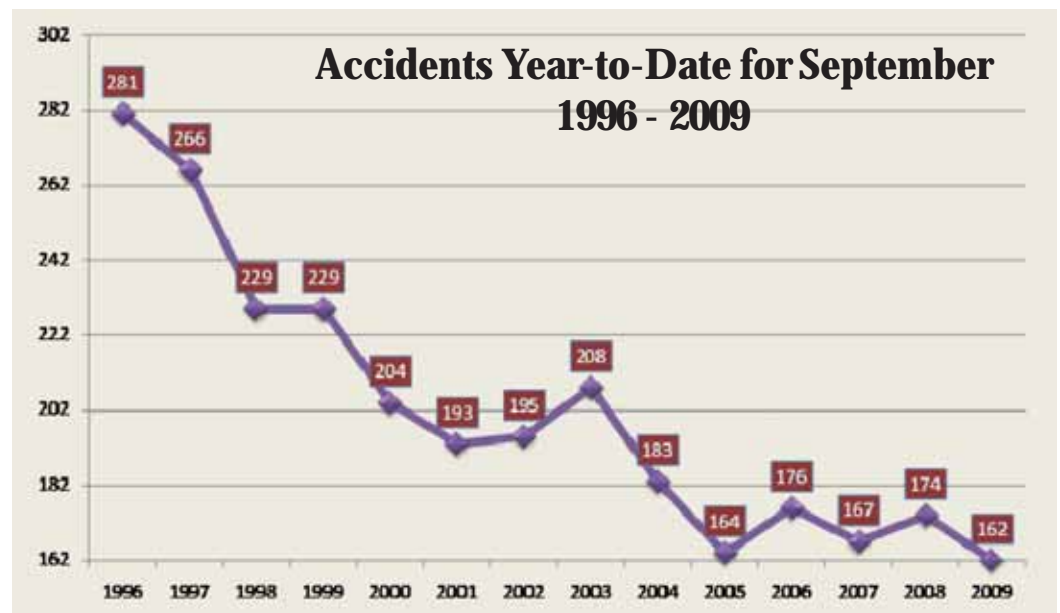
Fire personnel receive training on new generation extrication equipment.

On a lighter note, **Englewood's 13th Annual Halloween Hayride and Bonfire** will take place at Centennial Park from 8-10 pm on October 31. Everyone is invited for a free hayride, cookies and cider. Fire and EMS apparatus and equipment will be on display. A large crowd is expected so come early. Look for your elementary age children to bring home from school the Fire Prevention Coloring Contest entry form. Deadline for entry is November 2; age group prizes are awarded to the best and most unique entries.

Police Department on pace to have lowest auto accidents in thirteen years

Auto accidents as of September 30, 2009 were at an all-time low of 162 when comparing to the same dates back to 1996.

Increased presence as well as many technological advances such as traffic cameras have aided the department in keeping accidents to a minimum.



Missing a bike, cell phone or other property?



by **Officer Corey Follick**

The Englewood Police Department often receives bicycles and other found property that are not entered as lost or stolen property in a nationwide database.

Because locating the property's owner is nearly impossible, the property is retained by the police department for a minimum of 60 days before it is auctioned or destroyed, depending on its value. The police department would prefer to return

property to its rightful owner in lieu of auction or destruction.

If you have property that is lost or has been stolen, please check with the Englewood Police Department, which may be temporarily storing your recovered property. After 60 days, the police department will auction unclaimed property on govdeals.com after obtaining a court order to do so.

To inquire on unclaimed found property, contact the department's property custodian, Officer Brian Carr at 836-2678, ext. 551, or by e-mail at carr@englewood.oh.us.

Tips for keeping your home safe and secure

- Install and use strong doors, windows and locks – even if you are home, in the back yard or just running a quick errand
- Use lighting at all entrances, including decks, porches, sheds and garages
- Inspect and maintain your landscaping – eliminate potential hiding spaces for burglars. Neighbors, passing motorists and police officers should be able to see your windows and doors
- Do not leave property – vehicles, bicycles, lawn equipment, etc. – unsecured in your lawn or driveway
- Do not hide keys outside of your home
- Close your garage door(s) when not using the garage area
- Install motion-sensor exterior lighting and use timers for interior lights and appliances – give the appearance that someone is always home
- Install and use a dependable, monitored home security system
- Cancel or suspend delivery of your mail, newspaper and other packages when away for extended periods of time
- Utilize the vacation house check service provided by the Englewood Police Department

Being a good neighbor: you and your pet

Englewood Police Department will once again sell dog licenses during the months of December and January. Cost for the licenses this year is \$20 per dog. Licenses can be purchased between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Englewood enforces a leash law for all domestic pets which requires that pet owners maintain control of their pets at all times either by fence or by tether. It is illegal for cats to roam free through the city.

Residents who are experiencing a problem with feral cats may request a cage from the Englewood Service Center to trap the cats and then transport them to the Montgomery County Animal Shelter.

Also, pet owners are reminded to clean up after their dogs. See below, the full text of the ordinance that regulates disposal requirements.

618.11 ANIMAL

(a) The owner of every animal shall be responsible for the removal of any excreta deposited by his or her animal on public walks, recreation areas, private property, public property or tree lawns. No owner shall fail to remove the same.

(Ord. 79-33. Passed 6-26-79.)

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.



CITY SERVICES

Curbside Leaf Pickup

Curbside leaf pickup will continue through November 25. Residents should rake leaves to the curb. Piles must be free of sticks. Do not park vehicles near the piles.

Upcoming Trash Delays

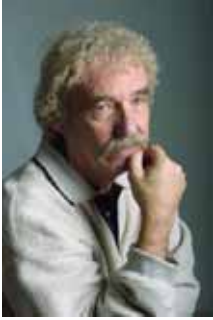
Trash pickup will be delayed one day on the following dates.

- Thursday and Friday pickup only during the week of November 23.
- Friday pickup only on the week of December 21
- Friday pickup only on the week of December 28

Christmas Tree Pickup

Rumpke will begin picking up Christmas trees the week of January 4 and continue through January 15. Please cut the tree in half if more than 4 feet tall.

Dale Huffman to speak at annual Englewood Mayor's Prayer Breakfast



He sometimes is simply called Mr. Dayton.

Dale Huffman of the Dayton Daily News seems to show up everywhere especially if the event is newsworthy.

He is not only a popular newspaper columnist, blogger, author and television and radio show host, but has become a media personality.

And he uses his celebrity to do good things, to touch lives and to try to make positive change for all the people in the Miami Valley.

The walls in his home and office hold over 300 plaques and certificates awarded to him for his civic involvement, his charity work and his writing ability.

He has been inducted in the Miami Valley Walk of Fame and before that into the State of Ohio Veteran's Hall of Fame by Gov. Ted Strickland. He is also a member of the Radio and Television Hall of Fame.

In 2007, Dale observed a journalism milestone. He was honored for writing a newspaper column daily for over seven years without missing a day. The streak in The Dayton Daily News ended when Dale was hospitalized and began a battle with kidney cancer, which is now in remission.

Dale published a coffee-table book entitled: Dayton, The Cradle of Creativity. It became an immediate best seller. He currently is working on a second book which will chronicle his half a century as a public figure.

Dale has met five American presidents and has been a guest at The White House in Washington on a number of occasions.

His most prestigious award came from President Bush who summoned Dale to The White House and designated him as our nation's One Thousand and First Point of Light.

The Montgomery County Commissioners named Dale the official permanent Ambassador of Goodwill for Montgomery County, and the City of Dayton presented Dale with a Life Time Achievement Award.

Dale is a veteran of the United States Army and has been a firm supporter of Veterans and helped found the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park and the Korean War Veteran Park in Dayton.

Dale raised \$50,000 to build a park and comfort station along the Dayton Bike Path in honor of his late mother, Kathryn Myers Huffman. It is known as the D-Station Oasis.

He has been master of ceremonies for many prestigious events and has been honorary chairman of the Peace Bridge event bringing together the citizens of Dayton.

In a lighter vein, Dale was known as Captain Flight during the Inventing Flight celebration and picks the Miami Valley Dayton Daily News Mother of the Year each May. He originated the Best Legs in Dayton contest for charity and hosted the annual Oyster Eating Contest for charity for over 20 years.

The members of the Dayton Women's Club, as a thank you to Dale for helping in the fight to keep the club open, invited Dale to become the first gentleman member of the 93-year-old Women's Club.

Mr. Dayton. Captain Flight. Dale Huffman.

Dale Huffman has accepted an invitation to speak at the Annual Englewood Mayor's Prayer Breakfast scheduled for Tuesday, November 24, 2009 at 7:30 a.m. at Concord United Methodist Church.

Keeping Englewood Beautiful

2009 City Beautiful Award Winners

MAY

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Beisel
529 Locust Hill

JUNE

Hayley Houston
844 Sunset

JULY

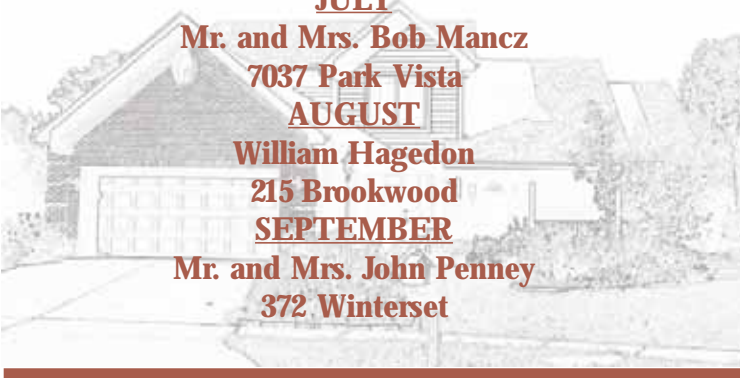
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mancz
7037 Park Vista

AUGUST

William Hagedon
215 Brookwood

SEPTEMBER

Mr. and Mrs. John Penney
372 Winterset



Habitat for Humanity begins build in Englewood

Habitat for Humanity recently started construction on a new home at 809 Ashokan Road. With a scheduled completion date of October 31, the new owner, Patrice Tonge, will enjoy Thanksgiving this year in her new house. This is the second Habitat for Humanity home built on Ashokan Road within the past two years.



Through a sponsorship by Walmart, Habitat for Humanity was able to begin building a new home on Ashokan Road which will benefit a needy family. Building is expected to be done by the end of October. Left: The groundbreaking took place on September 15. Above: Mayor Pat Burnside helps with readying the building materials.

New businesses now open in Englewood

Over the past few months, several new businesses have opened in Englewood. In the Otterbein Industrial park, Eaton Compressor/Eaton-Max, producers of retail air compressors, has moved into its new 60,000 square foot facility at 1000 Cass Drive. Eaton-Max will employ more than 40 people by the end of 2010. Next to Eaton-Max, Display Dynamics, a company that constructs exhibits for various museums and memorials, has moved into the former Harco Industries building at 600 Harco Drive. The company will bring 30 jobs to the city. Another new company, Garber Electric, an electrical contractor with approximately 60 employees, has moved into an existing building at 100 Rockridge Road.



The city has seen a surge of new retail businesses over the summer. The Walgreens at Union and Wenger is now open. Precision Tune, Auto Finance Super Center car dealership and Putters Paradise miniature golf course have all opened on Main Street. In addition, Dreamy Weenie, a gourmet hot dog restaurant, has opened in the Hoke Plaza across from Wal-Mart, and the Golden Kitchen, a new Chinese restaurant has opened on Union Boulevard.

Please support our local business, buy Englewood.

Precision Tune opened for business in late August.



Walgreens opened for business in early September.

Englewood donates computers to F.I.S.H.

Nine old Dell computers will soon find new homes. Englewood recently donated the units to the Friends in Service for Humanity (F.I.S.H.) organization. F.I.S.H. will now clean up and repair the units and distribute them to needy children in the area during the holidays. The computers will be set up so that the children can access the internet in order to do required homework.

F.I.S.H. will gladly accept any computer donations that the community would like to make. Other items that are accepted include keyboards, monitors and mice. Items that would be beneficial to high school and middle school aged children include flash drives and other computer media.

Donations can be dropped off at the Earl Heck Community Center or you can call to make other arrangements at 836-4807.

HECK CENTER

Tax Assistance

Tax assistance will be offered at the Earl Heck Community Center starting Tuesday, February 1, 2010. This service is provided for senior citizens, those with low income, students and the disabled. Please do not ask for taxes to be completed for businesses or rental property. Appointments should be made by calling 836-5929. There is no charge for this service but donations are accepted. This assistance is sponsored by AARP, the City of Englewood and the Earl Heck Center.

AARP Driver Training

Throughout the year, the Heck Center offers the AARP Driver Safety Program for seniors. This is a newly updated and revised version of this class. The program includes:

1. Defensive Driving Techniques
2. Age-related changes
3. Insurance discount possibilities

And best of all, you don't have to take a test. For further information and dates for the next class offering, call toll free: 1-888-227-7669

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, November 28
6 p.m.

Englewood Government Center

- Holiday music by the Englewood Civic Band
- A visit by Santa
- Refreshments



F.I.S.H. in need of donations



Friends in Service for Humanity (F.I.S.H.) organization volunteers are celebrating their 36th year working to make a difference in the community. Volunteers work in the office, on the telephone, at the food pantry and many other needed areas.

The F.I.S.H. organization receives donations from churches, civic organizations, scout groups, corporations and individuals. There are many programs within the organization and numerous ways to help. Monetary donations can be mailed to FISH, c/o the Earl Heck Center, 201 N. Main St., Englewood, OH 45322.

Sponsors are needed for the Christmas adoption program. Volunteers can sponsor to adopt a family or collect toys and clothing for distribution during the holidays.

Food donations may be dropped off at the Earl Heck Community Center or you can call the food coordinator at 836-4807 to make arrangements to drop off donations directly to the food pantry.

Due to current economic conditions and the upcoming holidays, the food pantry is in need of your support.



A Moment with the Mayor

-by Patricia Burnside

This is my first opportunity to thank all of the Festival and Arts Commission members publicly for another great parade and festival. Every year when I arrive at 8:15 a.m. on Union Boulevard to pick up judging materials, it seems like chaos. However, by 9:00 a.m., everything is organized, and we have a great parade thanks to those in charge.

I hope all of you are enjoying the historic mural at National Road and Route 48 as much as I am. As far as I was concerned, the previous mural was just fine and no change was needed. That was before I saw what this artist could do. The new mural just "pops" and I think "wow, this is good!"

For all interested kids, Trick-or-Treat/Beggar's Night will be held on Saturday, October 31 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. It is always nice to see the fire trucks and police cruisers driving through neighborhood handing out treats to the kids too. A bonfire in Centennial Park sponsored by the Fire Department begins at 8:00 p.m.

I hope to see many of you at the Annual Englewood Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. Our guest speaker is Dale Huffman, human interest columnist for the Dayton Daily News. Dale's stories of the people he meets always have a positive outlook which I find hopeful since so much of the news is negative. The breakfast will be held on Tuesday, November 24 at 7:30 a.m. at Concord United Methodist Church on Main Street. Tickets will be available for \$8.00 at the Englewood Government Center, Heck Community Center, from City Council members and at the door. The food is delicious, the Northmont Encore Show Choir is great and it is good for health to be thankful. Please attend.



Beggar's Night is scheduled for Saturday, October 31 from 6-8 p.m.

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No-Tax-Increase levy on ballot for Englewood in November

A 1.26 Mill renewal levy will be on the November ballot for the City of Englewood. This levy was originally passed in the 1970s and has been renewed every five years since 1979. It provides about \$100,000 in tax revenues annually to help fund the city's general operations..

Passage of this levy will NOT increase the taxes paid by homeowners in Englewood, but will ensure that current service levels are maintained. **A typical homeowner with an owner-occupied home appraised at \$100,000 will continue to pay approximately \$9.78 per year in 2009, after rollbacks and reductions, as a result of this levy.**

