

## Crime down due to proactive traffic enforcement

In his annual report to City Council, Director of Police Mark Brownfield highlighted the continued success of the Englewood Police Department and shared accolades for several police officers' outstanding performance and contributions to the department and community.

Although 2008 brought a slight increase in both property damage and personal injury automobile crashes, Chief Brownfield noted the department investigated 243 crashes, 44 of which resulted in an injury. Assured clear distance ahead (speed) remains the top cause of crashes (28%). For nearly ten years, Chief

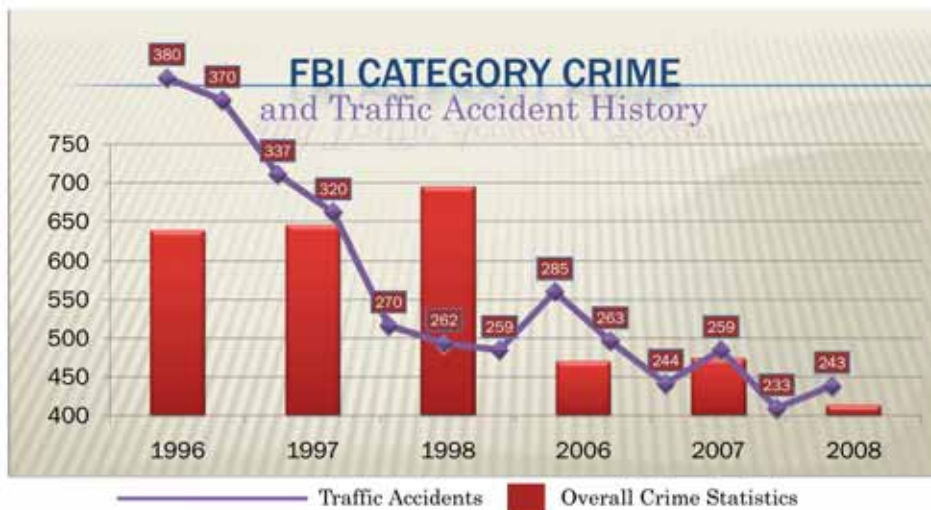
Brownfield has led an initiative of aggressive, proactive traffic enforcement, which has resulted in significant reductions in crashes and crime throughout the city, even as commercial growth has created additional traffic on our roads.

"The purpose of our traffic enforcement practices is to

change driving behaviors," Chief Brownfield explains. "The citizens of Englewood have come to expect our officers enforcing speed limits and other traffic laws along Main Street and our other major roads." The numbers show that our enforcement efforts closely correlate to where the majority of our crashes are occurring.

Crime is down in Englewood! In 2008, the police department investigated and reported 413 crimes to the FBI, compared to the 695 crimes reported in 1998. Thefts continue to account for the majority of our reported crime, of which 42% are shoplifting offenses.

Additional highlights from 2008 include: a record 151 arrests for impaired drivers (DUI), a near 9,800 traffic stops (with a citation(s) issued 38% of the time), and the successful implementation of the department's new parking enforcement efforts – increasing visibility and enforcement of parking ordinances in our commercial/retail areas.



## Development remains strong in Englewood

Many may have noticed some recent tree clearing and earth work taking place on the south side of West National Road, just west of Union Boulevard. This site will become the new home of Trilogy Health Care Campus, which will include the construction of two new buildings totaling 80,000 square feet, containing 55 skilled nursing beds, 45 assisted living beds and 30 memory care beds. The estimated investment is expected to exceed \$12 million, with an anticipated opening date of late 2009. According to Bill Singer, Development Director, the new

facility will become the fourth nursing home within the city and will create 130 new jobs.

Other developments within the City include the new Walgreens under construction at the northeast corner of Union Boulevard and West Wenger Road. A new Hometown Urgent Care facility has opened at 210 Smith Drive providing after hour's emergency care. Eaton Compressor/Eaton Max, in the

# Pre-Sale Inspections Required

On June 26, 2001, Englewood City Council passed the Pre-Sale Inspection Ordinance (Section 1266.07 of the Codified Ordinances) requiring that any and all properties in the City of Englewood MUST have a Pre-sale Inspection performed before closing on the sale of the property. This also effects properties with Clayton 45315 mailing addresses that are within the Englewood city limits (properties on the west side of Union Boulevard, Englewood Meadows Subdivision, Timber Ridge Subdivision, Millwood Subdivision, Millwood Village Subdivision and Westbrook Meadows Subdivision) and Dayton 45415 properties (5500 block of Savina Avenue, North Main Street properties).

This includes all commercial, industrial and residential properties, single-family, doubles, multi-family, condos, HUD properties, Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac properties, foreclosures, sheriff sales - all properties. There are no exceptions.

Inspections will focus on zoning and property maintenance

issues. If the property passes the Pre-sale inspection, an Occupancy Certificate will be issued to take to the closing for the sale of the property. These certificates are valid for 120 days. If the property does not pass the inspection, a letter will be mailed to the property owner/seller/realtor stating the violations needing to be corrected. It is the responsibility of the property owner or property representative to obtain the Pre-sale inspection.

The fee for this inspection is \$50 and can be paid either by cash, check, money order, Visa or Master Card.

While it is the responsibility of the property/current owner to have the violations corrected, the new owner may assume such responsibility by signing a Transfer of Responsibility Agreement with the City. If you have any questions regarding Pre-sale Inspections, please feel free to call Code Enforcement Officer David White at 836-5106 extension 217 or Economic Development Director William Singer at extension 214.

## Got junk? Thinking of having a garage sale? Here's a few things to remember:

- You must first obtain a Casual Sales Permit prior to opening your sale
- Casual Sales Permits are \$5 and are valid for ten (10) days
- Casual Sales Permits can be purchased at the Englewood Government Center Zoning Office
- No more than two Casual Sales Permits will be issued per address per year
- There must be at least 60 days in between sales at any one address
- You are permitted ONLY ONE SIGN on the premises of the sale; no signs are to be posted on corners, light poles or sign posts

## City Income Tax Assistance Available

Representatives from the Vandalia Income Tax Department will be available to assist residents with filing their city income tax forms on Saturday, April 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and on Friday, April 10 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m, in the Council Chambers at the Government Center. No appointment is necessary. The Vandalia Tax Department is the collection agent for the cities of Englewood, Union, and Brookville.

## Englewood offers numerous payment options for utility bills

Utility Clerk Matthew Frick always enjoys seeing the "regulars" who like to pay their utility bill in person at the Government Center. For walk-in customers, business hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. In addition to cash, checks and money orders, the City also accepts VISA and MasterCard credit and debit cards at the utility counter. For added convenience, there is a drive-up payment drop box located in the north end of the parking lot near the library.

If you pay your Englewood utility bill through an on-line payment system with your personal financial institution, remember to allow plenty of time for the payment to be processed and received. These payments are sent to the Englewood utility department as a paper check and most banks do not process

the checks more than once per week. Check your financial institution's policy and allow sufficient time for the payment to reach us. The bill is considered paid when payment is received by the utility department. Penalties may apply if the payment is not received by the due date.

Another option is to have your utility bill paid automatically from your bank account, with payment guaranteed by the net due date with no penalty. If you would like to sign up for *Utility Direct Pay*, stop by the utility counter at the Government Center. You can also complete the application online at [http://www.Englewood.oh.us/Departments/Finance/auto\\_payment\\_form.htm](http://www.Englewood.oh.us/Departments/Finance/auto_payment_form.htm).

## Annual Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for April 4

The City of Englewood and the Earl Heck Community Center announce the Annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Saturday, April 4, at Centennial Park on Union Boulevard. The hunt will begin promptly at 10:30 a.m. Children ages 7 and under are welcome to participate.

The Easter Bunny will arrive in the park on the fire truck at 9:45 a.m. Please be in your child's designated area at 10:15 a.m. It is not fun to arrive after the hunt has started. Children in the youngest age group must be able to walk and pick up eggs without assistance. Adults or older children will not be allowed to enter the designated areas for safety reasons.

There will be candy, prizes and pictures with the Easter Bunny. There is no charge. Please dress your child appropriately for the weather conditions. For further information, call 836-5929.



A youngster gathers eggs at last year's Easter Egg Hunt -photo by Marilyn McConahay

## Sister City Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction Slated



Everyone is invited to attend the Englewood Sister City Club Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction scheduled for Sunday, March 22 beginning at 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Catholic Church.

Englewood's Sister City Club sponsors a youth exchange program that will bring eight teenagers from Billerbeck, Germany to stay in Englewood area homes for a period of five weeks this summer. In the summer of 2010, a group of Englewood area youth will travel to Billerbeck for five weeks. Through this program, the youth learn about each other's customs and day-to-day ways of life.

The Spaghetti Dinner is the major fundraiser that supports this worthwhile, educational activity. Tickets will be available at the door or can be purchased at the Englewood Government Center. Ticket prices are \$6 for adults and \$4 for kids 12 and under. Dinner will include spaghetti, salad, breadstick, drink and dessert. An array of items and services will be auctioned throughout the evening.



**A sure sign of spring...** Englewood Little League Opening Day and parade is scheduled for Saturday, April 19 with games being played at Englewood's Centennial Park and Oberer Field again this season.

## At The Heck Center

### Summer Camp offered

Before we know it, summer will be upon us. Warm weather means Summer Camp! This year the Earl Heck Summer camp will be offered two weeks, June 22<sup>nd</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup> and/or August 3<sup>rd</sup> through August 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The campers will have the opportunity to learn Double Dutch Jump Rope, Gymnastic skills, basic cheerleading skills and have fun playing outdoor games. The camp will be open to boys and girls ages 5 and up. The cost is \$50.00 per camper per week. For further information please call Kristy Wombold at 698-5182 or register at the Earl Heck Center office.

### AARP Driver Safety Program slated

The City of Englewood, in conjunction with AARP, will be sponsoring the AARP Driver Safety Program. This program is geared for seniors, 55 and older, and includes information on how to compensate for changes in vision, hearing and reaction time.

This course is offered on May 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Earl Heck Community Center. The cost is \$12.00 payable to AARP.

Among the many benefits of taking this course is a possible reduction in auto insurance rates for the graduates. To register or for further information, call 836-5929.

### Babysitting classes available

If you are 11 to 15 years old, you can get the knowledge, skills and confidence to care for infants and school-age children. Combining video, activities and hands-on skills training and discussion, the American Red Cross Baby Sitting Class offers a complete learning experience.

During the training, you will learn the following skills: 1. Respond to emergencies and illnesses with first aid, rescue breathing and other appropriate care. 2. Make decisions under pressure; 3. Recognize safety and hygiene issues; 4. Manage young children; 5. Feed, diaper and care for infants.

The following dates are offered: June 17, July 8 and August 12. For more information or for scheduling a class, please call the American Red Cross at 222-0124 ext. 122.

# 2008 record breaking year for Fire Department

2008 was a record for Englewood Fire Department responses. Calls handled by Englewood FD increased by 554 to 3,219 total, a 21% jump over 2007. Average response time fell to a new low of 3.64 minutes. Mutual aid sent to neighboring departments increased by 13%. The September remnants of Hurricane Ike generated a single day record 65 calls.

To help with this additional call volume, a third in-station crew was added to peak periods. Also, a new medic was purchased in 2008, providing a total of 4 medics to serve this community. Last year, the department also enjoyed the fruits of its constant search for grants when the department was awarded a FEMA grant. The \$85,025 grant is being used to purchase 15 new self contained breathing apparatus.

Community preparedness continues to be a focus of department training. In 2008, all key city staffers and officials completed the National Incident Management System course, section 300, which gives structure and guidance to City efforts during a natural or manmade disaster. A second federal grant was awarded to Englewood, which will expand its current weather siren system into underserved areas of the city.

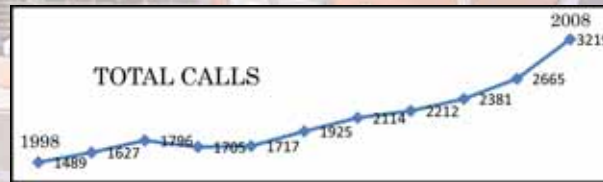
Englewood Fire Department continues to operate from the same 2.5 mill property tax, since our inception, 11 years and 22,850 calls for service ago. State and Federal grants and income

from insurance carriers have helped to provide top of the line care at a reasonable cost to the taxpayer.

2009 will bring new equipment and procedures that will improve service to the community. Updated auto extrication tools will be purchased to allow for faster shearing and bending of new, high strength auto components. Continuous Positive Airway Pressure devices (CPAP) are being added to the medics along with breathing ventilators to improve the care of those in respiratory distress. The City's Fire personnel's training level is its highest ever, 26 of 55 employees are certified paramedics.

As the weather improves, residents will spend more time sprucing up the exterior of their homes. Be sure to work safely when on a ladder or using power tools.

Keep children away from mowers and other dangers. Part of spring cleaning should include smoke detectors; they should be gently vacuumed to remove any dust build up. Be sure to take a minute and test smoke alarms. Today's standard for smoke detector placement locates one on every level of the house and one in every bedroom. If your budget allows, spend \$5 and add a detector to one of these locations.



## Several Public Works projects underway



Several projects are underway or soon to be underway in Englewood. The 50-year-old metal culvert is being replaced on Arcadia Boulevard with a new, longer-lasting concrete culvert. That

project is expected to be complete in June. This project is partially funded by an Ohio Public Works Commission grant.

Also funded through this grant are two other projects, the upgrade of the computerized system at the Water and Wastewater Treatment plants and the rehabilitation of several hundred manholes around the city.

Englewood continues to seek grant monies for additional projects including an expansion of the composting center, a new heating system at the Service Center which is fueled by waste oil and the annual road resurfacing program.



Englewood is seeking a grant through the Stimulus program to offset the expense of the road resurfacing program this year.

## Development Strong

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Otterbein Industrial Park, is constructing a 60,000 square foot manufacturing facility which will employ forty people and next door to that, Eaton Medical Transit (E.M.T) is constructing a 25,000 square foot facility that will employ an additional 100 people within the city. In total, the current projects under construction will generate more than 300 new jobs within Englewood in 2009.



Hometown Urgent Care opened in February on Smith Drive near Wal-mart.

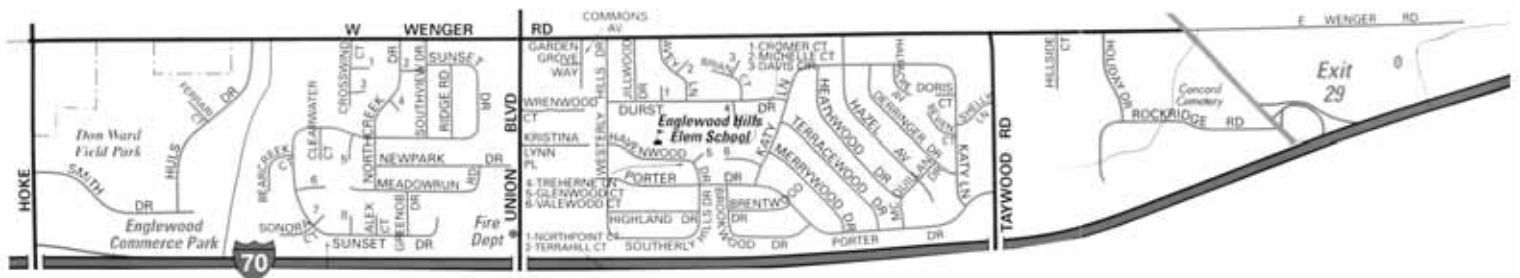


City of  
**Englewood**  
 32nd Annual  
 Garage Sale  
 Days  
 May 29 & 30

**Englewood's Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale Days** are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 29 and 30 in the area between the south side of Wenger Road and Interstate 70. This includes Englewood Hills and the Northcreek Subdivision.

**STREETS INCLUDED IN THE 2009 GARAGE SALE DAYS**

- Alex Court
- Avey Lane
- Bearcreek Court
- Bevan Court
- Brandon Court
- Brentwood Drive
- Brian Court
- Brookwood Drive
- Buckcreek Court
- Campeche Court
- Clearwater Court
- Commons Avenue
- Cromer Court
- Crosswinds Court
- Davis Circle
- Deringer Drive
- Doris Court
- Durst Drive
- Ferrari Court
- Gardengrove Way
- Glenwood Court
- Greenob Drive
- Halfacre Avenue
- Havenwood Drive
- Hazel Avenue
- Heathwood Drive
- Highland Drive
- Hillside Court
- Holiday Drive
- Huls Drive
- Jillwood Drive
- Katy Lane
- Kristina Lynn Court
- Lauren Circle
- McQuillan Drive
- Meadowrun Road
- Merrywood Drive
- Michele Court
- Moonlight Drive
- Newpark Drive
- Northcreek Drive
- Pebble Court
- Porter Drive
- Ridge Road
- Rockridge Road
- Shelly Lane
- S. Main St. (between Wenger and I-70)
- Smith Drive
- Sonora Court
- Southerly Hills Drive
- Southview Drive
- Sunset Drive
- Taywood Road (between Wenger and I-70)
- Terracewood Drive
- Treherne Lane
- Valewood Court
- Vera Cruz Court
- Wenger Road (south side only)
- Westerly Hills Drive
- Whispering Wind Court
- Windhaven Court
- Wintercreek Court
- Wrenwood Court





# A Moment with the Mayor

-by Patricia Burnside

We made it through a really long winter season with very cold weather arriving early in November bringing with it many episodes of ice, sleet and snow. Thankfully there were breaks in the weather now and then. A BIG thank you to Street Maintenance Supervisor Al Butler and our street crews for keeping our streets in good driving condition. I have received many comments from citizens saying how good our streets were during snow and ice.

Even though they are not city employees, I think credit also goes to the workers of Rumpke for their excellent trash hauling service during the winter weather.

At the January 27, 2009 City Council meeting, a very important ordinance was passed as an emergency so it would take effect immediately. This ordinance requires that ALL students and adults use school cross-walks during recess, arrival time and dismissal time at school. Violators will be guilty of a misdemeanor. After a student was hit by a car earlier in the school year, we realized the need for this ordinance. Thank you to Police Officer Corey Follick for researching state law and writing the ordinance. I urge everyone to take this law seriously even when it is an inconvenience.

Looking ahead, we have the Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale weekend May 29 and 30. No permit is needed if you live in the designated neighborhood. This year, the neighborhood is between the south side of Wenger Road to north of Interstate 70. City Council has also proclaimed this same time as "Clean-up/Fix-up Week."

Spring is here and it is my pleasure to serve as your Mayor.

## City employees moving up, moving in, moving out

Following the retirements of two employees, Mechanic Ron Curtner and Code Enforcement Officer Bill Davenport, two new people have joined the ranks of Englewood employees.

David White began as Code Enforcement Officer on December 16. He is responsible for making sure residents and businesses keep their properties up to code.

Beginning February 2, Joe Kemper took over the duties of Mechanic. Both White and Kemper are Englewood residents.

Also joining Englewood, Stephen Tharp will take to the road for the Police Department beginning March 23. He joins the department after working for the Ohio State Patrol for six years.

In other employee news, Dianna Ballinger was promoted to full-time dispatcher on January 26 after serving as a part-time dispatcher and also as a Parking Enforcement Officer.



Code Enforcement Officer  
David White



Mechanic  
Joe Kemper



Police Officer  
Stephen Tharp



James Campise  
Council Member



Marlyn Flee  
Council Member



Thomas Franz  
Vice Mayor



Judy Gerhard  
Council Member



Michael Kline  
Council Member



Joseph Zumwald  
Council Member

### FREE Yard Waste Drop Off Day

In conjunction with the Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale Days and community clean-up, Englewood will once again offer the FREE Yard Waste Drop Off at the Englewood Composting Center located at 333 East Wenger Road on Saturday, May 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Any woody, organic yard waste material may be dropped off. There is no requirement to bag or bundle. Proof of Englewood residency will be required.

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