

City of Englewood

NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2010

Crime rate drops to lowest ever



-by Police Chief Mark Brownfield

The crime rate in 2009 continued its downward trend that began nearly 10 years ago. The idea that a bad economy causes crime has not been realized in Englewood. For too long it was believed that crime was a social problem not an enforcement problem. Starting in 1999, it was decided that, in Englewood, we were going to do whatever it took to prevent crime

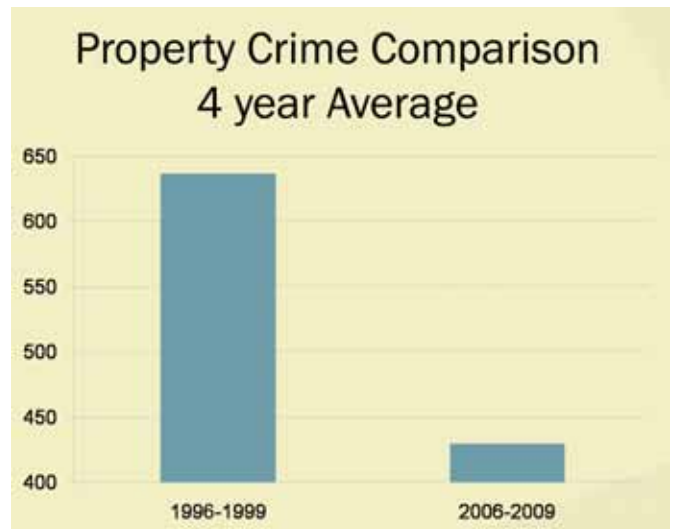
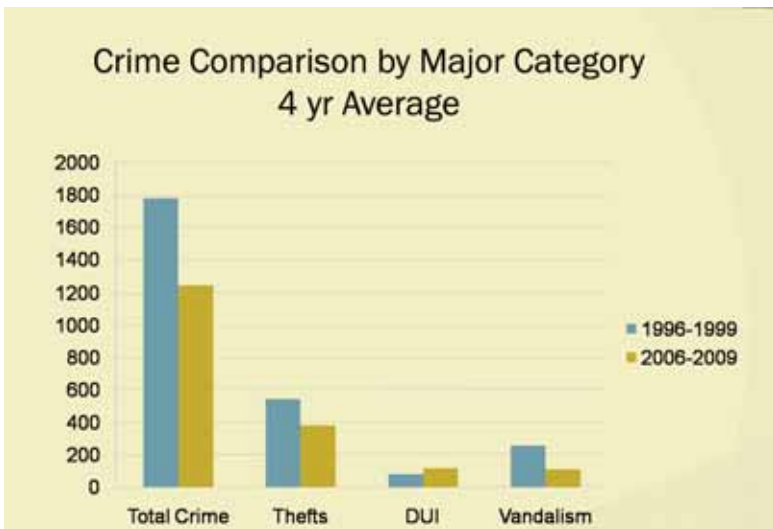
because that is what the citizens wanted us to do.

Nationally, for the first half of 2009, the FBI crime reports show that violent crime dropped 4.4%, property crime dropped by 6.1% and car thefts are down by 19%. In Englewood, comparing 2009 to the four (4) year average of 2006-2009, violent crime is down by 35%, property crime dropped 9% and car thefts are down by 31%. To use numbers for comparison, the highest year for car thefts since 1995 was 36 in 1996. A decade later (2006) there were 23 car thefts and in 2009 we had 11. The highest year for thefts was 1998 with 573 compared to last year at 361 or 37% less.

We attribute the substantial reduction in crimes to the high activity level of the Englewood Police Department. The EPD continues to maintain a high level of visibility due to assertive traffic enforcement. Not only

is crime down but accidents are down. In 1996, there were 379 accidents compared to 223 last year or a 41% reduction. DUI arrests are up by 41% averaged over the past 4 years compared to the last half of the 1990s.

We will continue our efforts to prevent crime in Englewood and provide the safest community we can for our citizens and visitors. Our enforcement level will be maintained and our traffic enforcement activities will continue. We will not rest on our past success but will carry on with our duties..



Spring Safety Reminders



-by Fire Chief Elmer Bergman

With spring arriving, please follow a few simple safety hints:

- Test your smoke alarms monthly and replace batteries every year.
- Check your electrical fuse box; make sure you have the proper fuses. Avoid the use of extension cords, dispose of any that are cracked or worn.
- Keep outdoor debris or dead vegetation away from

the house.

- Store gasoline outside your home in a shed or detached garage. Keep only small quantities in tightly sealed containers.
- Use outdoor barbecue grills with caution. Place in a safe area away from building, windows, heating, ventilation and air conditioning units or places with high or dry vegetation. Never use gasoline to start the fire, and don't add charcoal lighter fluid once the fire has started.

Hydrant flushing begins Tuesdays through Fridays, April 20 through 30, 2010 from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Some fluctuation of water pressure or some rust discoloration may occur.

Blosser promoted to Director of Human Services



Patsy Blosser

Englewood is proud to announce that Patsy Blosser was promoted to Director of Human Services on February 1. She will be responsible for the operations at the Heck Center as well as all of the city parks. She previously had worked as the Secretary for the Heck Center since 1993.

City Holidays and Trash Delays

- Mon, May 31 - **Memorial Day** - City Offices Closed - Trash Delayed 1 Day All Week
- Mon, July 5 - **Independence Day** - City Offices Closed - Trash Delayed 1 Day All Week
- Mon, Sep 6 - **Labor Day** - City Offices Closed - Trash Delayed 1 Day All Week
- Mon, Oct 11 - **Columbus Day** - City Offices Closed - No Trash Delay
- Thurs & Fri, Nov 25 & 26 - **Thanksgiving Day & Day After** - City Offices Closed - Trash Delayed 1 Day for Thurs and Fri pickup only
- Fri, Dec 24 - **Christmas** - City Offices Closed - No Trash Delay
- Fri, Dec 31 - **New Year's** - City Offices Closed - No Trash Delay

Heck Center Programs

Senior Health Fair Scheduled

Area Seniors are invited to the Earl Heck Community Center for a Senior Health Fair on Monday, May 17, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Health Screenings and helpful information will be available. Most screenings will be free of charge. No appointment is necessary and everyone is welcome to attend. For more information call 836-5929. The Earl Heck Community Center is located at 201 N. Main Street

Basic Computer Classes Available for Seniors

The Earl Heck Community Center is offering Basic Computer Classes for Seniors. The sessions last four weeks and there is no charge. Class size is limited. Call 836-5929 for class dates and times.

Cypress Pointe Health Campus Open for Business

In February, Englewood's newest health care campus opened for business. Cypress Pointe consists of two buildings, a 30 bed memory care facility and a 90 bed facility with the combination of skilled care and assisted living care. The facility is located directly adjacent to Centennial Park at 600 W. National Road, with wonderful views of the park and numerous activities for its residents to enjoy.



Cypress Pointe health care campus opened for business in February

Other recent additions to the Englewood business community include two new businesses to the Otterbein Commerce Park. Eaton Medical Transit (EMT), which provides medical transportation services, is now open at 650 Harco Drive and located next to EMT in the former Harco Building is Display Dynamics, a full service designer and producer of custom museum and trade show exhibits. Display Dynamics will begin operations in early May.

If you are looking for flowers, Five Seasons will open May 1 at the former Wagoner's Redwing Shoe store, 324 Union Boulevard. On March 4, the Planning Commission approved the outdoor sale of flowers and Christmas trees at this location. In addition to live plants, they will sell landscaping decorations, lights and garden items. Other new businesses include "Oinkadoodlemoo", a restaurant that moved into the JD's Custard building over the winter, will stay for the summer. Don't worry, it's not taking over for JD's, Oinkadoodlemoo will be providing the food, sandwiches and sides and JD's will continue to provide the dessert.

2010 Water Quality Consumer Confidence Report

The City of Englewood had no drinking water violations during 2009, concerning water provided for the community. Englewood collects all water samples required by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and has contracted with laboratories in the area to have the majority of analysis performed. Daily required analyses are performed in the city's laboratory. The list of parameters required by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency is quite large. Only parameters that exceed the limits set by the EPA are required to be listed herein.

Some people in the community may be more at risk than others if they have health conditions which affect their immune system. Immuno-compromised persons such as those with cancer and undergoing chemotherapy, recipients of organ transplants, persons with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infection. Anyone concerned about vulnerability should seek advice about drinking water from a health care provider. The City of Englewood water system sampling is under the supervision of the Plant Superintendent, Vernon E. Brown, 836-5106 Ext. 471.

In the event that you would like to attend council meetings concerning water issues please contact the Englewood Government Center 937-836-5106 for information concerning regular scheduled meetings.

Englewood's Water Source

The City of Englewood has a current, unconditional license to operate the water system.

Englewood's raw water system consists of three separate well fields located along the Stillwater River. The north well field is on the east side of the river, south of the Englewood Dam. The south well field is at the end of East Wenger Road on the west side of the river and north of Interstate 70. The Heathcliff well field is south of I-70 on the west side of the river.

Englewood currently has seven (7) wells for the production of water for the community. Each of the wells removes ground water from an underground aquifer that follows the Stillwater River through this area.

The cities of Englewood and Union share a connection located at the intersection of State Route 48 and Sweet Potato Ridge Road which, if required, can be activated to provide each community with water in the event of an emergency. Thus far, this interconnect has been used only to provide support for system maintenance. An additional interconnect with Montgomery County is currently available for the City of Englewood to obtain water if needed during emergencies. Montgomery County and Englewood came to an agreement during negotiations for the county to enter the Heathcliff Well Field to install a water line to the east side of the Stillwater River.

Sources of Contamination

The sources of drinking water for both tap water and bottled water vary. Lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells are all sources for obtaining water. As water travels over the surface or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive materials. It can also pick up substances resulting from the presence of human or animal activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include: (A) Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife; (B) Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming; (C) Pesticides and herbicides which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff and residential use; (D) Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems; (E) Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe for consumption, the EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of

certain contaminants in the water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects is available from the **Environmental Protection Agency Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 282-9378.**

Sampling Requirements

The Environmental Protection Agency requires regular sampling to ensure drinking water safety. The City of Englewood conducts sampling as specified for bacteria, inorganic, radiological, pesticides, and volatile organic contaminant sampling. The information contained herein is from January 1 through December 31, 2009. All monitored parameters indicated results within the EPA guidelines. Parameters required other than annually also have been within the EPA guidelines.

The Ohio EPA requires monitoring for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Englewood is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds up to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

By law, the Federal EPA requires this Consumer Confidence Report “CCR” be published annually for every public water system.

Detected Contaminants Table*

Detected Contaminants Table: (Inorganic)

Contaminants (Units)	MCLG	MCL	Level Found	Range of Detection	Violation	Year Sampled	Typical Source of Contaminants
Fluoride (PPM)	4	4	1.27	0.91 - 1.57	No	2009	Water Additive which promotes strong teeth
Nitrate (PPM)	10	10	0.23	NA	No	2009	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper (PPM)	1.3	1.3	0.0181	0.003-0.287	No	2009	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (PPM)	0	AL= 0.015	0.006	< 0.05- 0.086	No	2009	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Barium (PPM)	2	2	0.17		No	2009	Discharge of drilling waste or from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Chlorine (PPM)	4	4	1	0.2 - 1.1	No	2009	Water additive for disinfecting the drinking water supply

Secondary Drinking Water Regulation**

Contaminants (Units)	MCLG	MCL	Levels Found	Range of Detection	Violation	Year Sampled	Typical Source of Contaminants
Iron (PPM)		0.3	0.01	49 to BDL	No	2009	Erosion of natural deposits
Manganese (PPM)		0.05	0.06	0.25 to BDL	No	2009	Erosion of natural deposits

**Secondary standards are non-enforceable guidelines regulating contaminants that cause cosmetic effects and aesthetic effects in drinking water. EPA recommends secondary standards to water systems but does not require system to comply.

Disinfection Byproducts***

Unregulated Contaminants: (Disinfection Byproducts)

2008 Chloroform Results				2009 Chloroform Results			
Date		7/1/2008				7/6/2009	
Sample Value (ug/L)		19.1				38.86	
Annual Running Avg.							Analysis required annually for 2009
CCR Report Value							Range of values=19.09 to 38.86 ug/L. By-product of drinking water chlorination.
2008 Bromoform Results				2009 Bromoform Results			
Date		7/1/2008				7/6/2009	
Sample Value (ug/L)		1.04				1.36	
Annual Running Avg.							Analysis required annually for 2009
CCR Report Value							Range of values= 1.04 ug/L to 1.36 ug/L. By-product of drinking water chlorination.
2008 Bromodichloromethane Results				2009 Bromodichloromethane Results			
Date		7/1/2008				7/6/2009	
Sample Value (ug/L)		6.68				9.26	
Annual Running Avg.							Analysis required annually for 2009
CCR Report Value							Range of values=6.68 ug/L to 9.26 ug/L. By-product of drinking water chlorination.
2008 Dibromochloromethane Results				2009 Dibromochloromethane Results			
Date		7/1/2008				7/6/2009	
Sample Value (ug/L)		4.47				5.58	
Annual Running Avg.							Analysis required annually for 2009
CCR Report Value							Range of values=4.47 ug/L to 5.58 ug/L. By-product of drinking water chlorination.

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***The City of Englewood was required by the EPA to begin a program for Unregulated Chemical Monitoring (UCMR) in the water system during the 2001 year. Maximum limits have not been set to date.

Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)

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2008 Bromochloroacetic Acid				2009 Bromochloroacetic Acid			
Date		7/1/2008				7/6/2009	
Sample Value (ug/L)		2.5				4.86	
Annual Running Average							Analysis required annually for 2009
CCR Report Value							Range of values = 2.50 ug/L to 4.855 ug/L. By-product of drinking water chlorination
2008 Dibromoacetic Acid				2009 Dibromoacetic Acid			
Quarters		7/2/2008				7/6/2009	
Sample Value (ug/L)		1.19				3.42	
Annual Running Average							Analysis required annually for 2009
CCR Report Value							Range of values = 1.19 ug/L to 3.424 ug/L. By-product of drinking water chlorination

2008 Dichloroacetic Acid				2009 Dichloroacetic Acid			
Date		7/1/2008				7/6/2009	
Sample Value (ug/L)		5.36				7.73	
Annual Running Average							Analysis required annually for 2009
CCR Report Value							Range of values = 5.36 ug/L to 7.73 ug/L. By-product of drinking water chlorination
2008 Total (HAA5)				2009 Total (HAA5)			
Quarters		7/2/2008				7/6/2009	
Sample Value (ug/L)		8.84				12.85	
Annual Running Average							Analysis required annually for 2009
CCR Report Value							Range of values = 8.84 ug/L to 12.85 ug/L. By-product of drinking water chlorination

Definitions

While reading this report, you may come across terms with which you are not familiar. The following are some definitions to help consumers understand the report tables and laboratory results contained herein.

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Below Detection Level (BDL): The lowest level that the analysis being performed can be detected by a laboratory.

Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in the drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected health risk. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Parts per Million (ppm) or Milligrams per Liter (mg/L): Units of measure for concentration of a contaminant. For perspective, one part per million is similar to one second of time in 11.5 days.

Parts per Billion (ppb) or Micrograms per Liter (ug/L): Units of measure for concentration of a contaminant. One part per billion is similar to one second of time in 31.7 years.

The “<” symbol: A symbol which indicates less than. A result of <5 means that the lowest level that could be detected was 5 and the contaminant was not detected.

Judge's ruling backs solicitation curfew, do-not-solicit list

A five year legal battle has resulted in revised legislation governing door-to-door solicitation. A federal court has declared Englewood's 6:00 p.m. solicitation curfew constitutional. In addition, residents can voluntarily add their address to the Do-Not-Solicit list. This list is provided to all licensed solicitors who are instructed not to make face-to-face contact. The free dissemination of literature (i.e. door hangers) be it commercial, political or religious is not prohibited and does not require a permit.

2010 Census underway

How do you know if the person knocking on your door is a legitimate census worker?

- Census workers will have a photo I.D. and a badge that shows that the person represents the U.S. Census Bureau
- The worker will have a hand-held device that is used to gather your information, a canvas census bag and a confidentiality notice
- Census workers will NOT ask you for your Social Security Number or for information about your bank accounts or credit cards
- Do not invite anyone you don't know into your home



The previous Do-Not-Solicit list has been cleared, so you must re-register at this time if you want to be added to the new list. To add your address to the Do-Not-Solicit list, please sign and return the coupon below or register online at www.Englewood.oh.us. Utility bills will also contain a form for convenient registration. Registration will expire automatically in five years and must be renewed at that time to remain on the list.

The next FREE Yard Waste Drop Off Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Englewood Composting Center at 333 E. Wenger Road. Proof of residency is required.

Waste Oil heats Service Center

The installation of a waste oil heating unit last fall at Englewood's Service Center has resulted in surprising savings. The heater, fired by waste oil provided by do-it-yourself and City mechanics, successfully replaced the natural gas fired heater the entire winter season. The savings have exceeded \$5,000.

The 24-hour waste oil drop-off is located at the Service Center on Union Blvd. Please dispose of your waste oil here rather than dumping it into storm sewers (an illegal and environmentally disastrous practice) and do not include it with your residential trash.

Drainage channel improvements to begin

City Council has approved a \$168,000 contract with Bob Evans Excavating of Hillsboro, Ohio to reconstruct several hundred feet of drainage channel near Englewood Hills Elementary School

A grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission will help offset expenses. The project is expected to begin in a few weeks, weather permitting.

The installation of a concrete channel will accomplish several goals; improve drainage flow, reduce spot ponding, provide visual enhancements and make routine maintenance easier and safer.



Add me to the Do-Not-Solicit List

Signature: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____



Mail this registration to:

City of Englewood
Attn: Do-Not-Solicit List
333 W. National Road
Englewood, OH 45322
(or)
Drop it in the Water Bill Payment Drop Box located outside the library
(or)
Register on-line at www.Englewood.oh.us

Your registration will be valid for five years. You will need to re-register after five years or your registration will be automatically cancelled.



A Moment with the Mayor

-by Patricia Burnside

Isn't it great to be finished with Winter 2010 and didn't Street Superintendent Al Butler and the City street crews again do a wonderful job of clearing the streets! Thanks to all of them. Also thanks to our City Manager Eric Smith and Finance Director Janine Cooper for managing the city funds carefully so that we can afford salt, beet juice (a new ice melting technology) and overtime pay for the crews.

I had the privilege to represent the City at the 15 year anniversary of Samaritan North Health Center. It was a very positive, upbeat, energetic lunch with many of the employees. We are fortunate to have that facility in our City.

Councilmember Judy Gerhard and I met with a group of foreign exchange students who are attending Northmont and other area high schools. Most of the students were from countries that formerly were part of the old Soviet Union. While living in this country, they were to learn about local government. They had a lot of interesting questions for us.

These early spring sunny days get us thinking about clean up, fix up, paint up around the house, garage and yard. Then our thoughts turn to one of the most popular events in Englewood, the Big Neighborhood Garage Sale. This year, it is in the neighborhood north of National Road, including Timber Ridge housing development. The dates are June 4th & 5th. This is also the area to have curb gutter and sidewalk repair which helps us to have pride in the appearance of our city.

As always, it is a privilege to serve you. Enjoy the beautiful weather days this spring.

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City of Englewood 33rd Annual Garage Sale Days June 4 & 5

STREETS INCLUDED:

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|-------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Beacon Lane | Grantham Drive | National Road (north side) | Tietzmann Avenue |
| Beckenham Road | Haywood Circle | Old Carriage Drive | Twin Lakes Circle |
| Beechgrove Drive | Heather Street | Pleasant Chase | Union Boulevard (north of National) |
| Berkshire Circle | Herr Street | Pointers Run | Valleyview Drive |
| Camborne Drive | Jefferson Street | Rankin Drive | Walnut Street (north of National) |
| Chris Drive | Kimmey Court | Rumson Street | Westview Place |
| Clearstream Way | Lofton Drive | Sagebrush Drive | Whisperwood Drive |
| Cloverleaf Circle | Magnolia Avenue | Scott Drive | Windgate Court |
| Downing Place | Main Street (north of National) | Sonoma Court | Windpointe Way |
| Elm Court | Mares Court | Sorna Drive | Winding Wheel Court |
| Elm Street | Mendy Court | Thistledown Trace | Winterberry Place |
| Farrier Lane | | | |