



# Clermont County, Ohio *On the Move*

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## Busy Summer at Clermont Parks

By: Chris Clingman, Park District

This summer, the Clermont County Park District will be working to complete several park improvement projects. A combination of volunteers, grants, and donations will be utilized to complete these upgrades that will be enjoyed by the many that hike, picnic, and play at local parks each year.

At Sycamore Park a new playground has been installed. This \$20,000 project was made possible, in part, by a \$2,000 donation from Wal Mart and \$1,500 from the CNE Student Senate. Also at Sycamore, signs and picnic tables have been given a fresh coat of paint by volunteers from the Week of Hope volunteer group. The roofs of the park picnic shelters have also been painted, while pavement repairs are scheduled for the parking lot.



At Pattison Park, the lodge roof has been replaced and the picnic shelter roof painted.

A new fence and walking path are planned at Chilo Lock 34, connecting the visitor center to the nature preserve. A \$20,000 donation from the Pattison Foundation will result in a new playground at Chilo, with a steamboat theme. Alan Bernstein of BB Riverboats has donated two steam engines from the last steam powered vessel used by the US Army Corps of Engineers, the Wakerobin. They will be used as part of an outdoor exhibit funded by a \$10,000 Sons and Daughters of the Pioneer Rivermen grant.

Work on the new boat ramp at Chilo is progressing through the final design stage



and the permitting process. The Park District hopes to start construction this fall and have the ramp and new docks ready for the 2007 boating season.

Each year, Clermont County Parks host over 400 family reunions, weddings, graduation parties, and other events. See you there!

The WKRC-TV early evening newscast will be broadcast live from Sycamore Park on Friday, July 7, 2006. Between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., news anchors Kit Andrews and Rob Braun will be delivering the news from their Clermont County location, along with meteorologist Tim Hedrick.



During the week leading up to the "12 on Tour" broadcast, channel 12 news will be airing a series of Batavia and Clermont County stories.

Come out to Sycamore Park, located at 4082 State Route 132 in Batavia on July 7 to watch the broadcast, live!

## July is Amnesty Month in Clermont County

The Child Support Enforcement (CSE) division of the Clermont County Department of Job and Family Services will be offering an amnesty month in July for parents who are behind in making child support payments, if they meet certain criteria.



“From July 1 through July 31, 2006, parents who are delinquent in making child support payments, can contact CSE and arrange to bring their accounts up to date,” said CSE Deputy Director Brenda Gilreath. “Once payment is made, CSE

will suspend or withdraw legal action pending on cases, including bench warrants and contempt citations, and will review drivers license suspensions linked to nonsupport cases.” Those who make a significant payment

toward the arrearage or who supply CSE with employment information from which a wage assignment can be completed, will be considered for the amnesty offer.

Clermont County has taken a proactive position against those who have been delinquent in support payments for their children. In 2005, CSE collected \$581,212 through the administrative driver’s license suspension program. In addition, CSE

collected over \$36 million in child support in 2005, the highest collection year ever for the agency.



“The amnesty program is being initiated in connection with Clermont County’s annual observance of Child Support Month in August,” said Gilreath. “Securing support for children is the top priority of our agency and it is our belief that this amnesty program will result in additional funds for families in this community.”

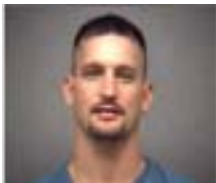
During the month of July, amnesty payments may be made at the CSE payment window between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

If you would like further information about the program, contact the Clermont County Child Support Enforcement agency at (513) 732-7248.

### Water and Sewer Bills Contain Most Wanted Info

Clermont water and sewer bills in July and August will contain a little something extra. The bills will include flyers of the three most wanted child support offenders in the county. The trio profiled owe a combined arrearage of \$67,898.

### WANTED



Roscoe Walker  
Owes: \$23,327



Alonzo Williams  
Owes: \$26,720



Daniel Workman, Jr.  
Owes: \$17,850

**If you can help locate any of the above individuals, please call Clermont County Child Support Enforcement at (513) 732-7248.**

### July Commissioner Sessions

Wednesday, July 12 10 a.m.  
Wednesday, July 19 10 a.m.  
Tuesday, July 25 10 a.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.*

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## Clermont Second Half Property Taxes Due July 7, 2006

Taxes can be paid by mail or in person at the Treasurer's Office at 101 E. Main Street, Batavia, from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. They can also be paid at many banks located in Clermont County: First Clermont Bank, Fifth Third Bank, Lebanon-Citizens National Bank, National Bank & Trust, New Richmond National Bank and U.S. Bank, N. A. Payment is also accepted at [www.officialpayments.com](http://www.officialpayments.com) or by phone by calling 1-800-272-9829. A night deposit box is located at the Main Street entrance of the Administration Building for payment of taxes after hours.



Taxpayers with questions may call 732-7254 or E-mail [Treasurer@co.clermont.oh.us](mailto:Treasurer@co.clermont.oh.us) or visit the Web at [www.ClermontTreasurer.org](http://www.ClermontTreasurer.org).

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### Clermont County Fair



The annual Clermont County Fair will be held July 23 through July 29, 2006, at the fairgrounds on Locust Street in Owensville. In addition to rides and games, the fair is a great opportunity to see some of the incredible projects completed by area young people, from designing their own clothes to showing the animals they have carefully groomed and trained.

The fair kicks off with a parade through Owensville at 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 23. Also on the fair agenda, a cute baby contest, cheerleading competition, a horse shoe tournament, tractor pulls, and a demolition derby.

For more information on the fair, check their Web site at [www.ClermontCountyFair.org](http://www.ClermontCountyFair.org).



*Did you know.....*

*Settlers brought fireworks to the United States during 1600's.*



Clermont County, Ohio  
**General Health District**

For information and fact sheets on the West Nile virus, septic tank care and maintenance, and flu information, visit the Clermont County General Health District site at

[www.ClermontHealthDistrict.org](http://www.ClermontHealthDistrict.org).

### Park Photo Competition Winner

The Clermont Park District has named "Hawk in Flight" by Marjorie Wildt of Batavia as the winner of its annual Amateur Nature Photo Contest.

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By: Tammy Craig, Library

**One on One Internet Training**

Monday through Friday in July  
Amelia Branch Library

*Learn the basics of using the Internet or how to setup and use E-mail. Call to schedule a session, 752-5580.*

**Flip Flop Day**

Monday, July 10, 2 p.m.  
Goshen Branch Library



*Teens bring your Flip Flops to decorate for summer. Decorating supplies will be provided. For more information or to register for the program, call the library at 722-1221.*

**Music Theory**

Wednesdays in July, 7 p.m.  
Owensville Branch Library

*Aspiring teen musicians are invited to read, write, and play music. Call the library at 732-6084.*

**Journaling**

Saturday, July 1, 1:30 p.m.  
Williamsburg Branch Library

*Family and friends are invited to learn different journaling techniques together. For more information, call the library at 724-1070.*



**Service without Boundaries**

Saturday, July 8, 10 a.m.  
Amelia Branch Library

*Meet with representatives from local social service agencies to learn what services are available locally for people with special needs. Call 752-5580.*

**Calling All Fire Truck Fans**

Saturday, July 15, 2 p.m.  
Milford-Miami Township Branch Library



*Children of all ages are invited to learn about fire safety and visit with the firefighters and truck. Call the library at 248-0700.*

**Day Camp with Grandma and Grandpa**

July 10-14, 9:30 a.m.-noon  
Owensville Branch Library

*Kids bring a grandparent for a week of fun, games, crafts, snacks, and special performances. Call 732-6084.*



**Wacky Labs and Mad Scientists Day Camp**

July 10-14, 9:30 a.m.-noon  
Union Township Branch Library

*Attendees in third through fifth grades are invited for a week of slimy, crazy, wacky, and educational fun! Call the library at 528-1744.*

**Additional Prize Winners in the Clermont Parks Nature Photo Contest**



**“The Tower”**

Damion Wombles, Georgetown



**“Playing in the Water”**

Donna Beresford, Batavia



**“Along Meadow Trail”**

Evan Lee Turner, Georgetown

*Did you know...*

*The first Independence Day fireworks celebration was in 1776.*



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*and the winners are.....*  
**Literacy Spelling Bee Champs**

By: Cindy White, Auditor's Office

On June 15, Jennifer Hartley, Jennifer Hieatt and Chris Wurtenburger from the Auditor's office participated in the Literacy Spelling Bee sponsored by the Literacy Council of Clermont and Brown Counties. There were thirteen teams that competed and Team Fraley placed third, Child Focus placed

second in the competition, and the Literacy Council placed first. The word list was chosen from the Script's National Spelling Bee list and created quite a challenge for all the participants.

The Literacy Spelling Bee is a major fundraiser for the adult reading programs and also raises community awareness of the adult literacy needs in Clermont and Brown Counties. The Literacy Council has been in existence since 1984 and now partners with the Business & Workforce Resource Center. The Council provides free orientation and assessment services for students, then the students are matched with a tutor for free one-on-one education in reading, writing, spelling and comprehension skills. For more

information about volunteering, call the Literacy Network at (513) 621-READ.



*Team Fraley members (left to right) are: Linda Fraley, Chris Wurtenburger, Jennifer Hieatt, and Jennifer Hartley*

*Article photographs by  
Debbie Clepper*

**Be a PAL**  
*Pandemic Preparedness Tips*

By: Julianne Nesbit, Health District

You've probably heard about the need to prepare for a possible pandemic, but how do you get started? The Clermont County General Health District has been educating citizens about the importance of developing a PAL, enabling you to plan, act, and listen, a strategy that will enable you to prepare your family, if a pandemic occurs.



Individuals and families should have a **PLAN**. What are you going to do should a pandemic occur? Things to consider are people who

depend on you: children, pets, relatives, and neighbors. If you are ill, who will care for them? Who will care for you? Is your job considered essential? Can you work from home? What is your employer's plan? What is your school/child care's plan? Keep emergency information and contacts lists available to all family members.

**ACT**, by putting together an emergency kit that includes fever reducing medicine, sports juice or fluids to treat dehydration, a first-aid kit, bleach, garbage bags, personal hygiene items, medications, nonperishable food, a can opener, pet food, radio, tissues, a flashlight, and some extra batteries. These are just a few of the items you may need. Experts recommend a minimum of a three day supply for disasters and other emergencies; however, it is recommended that you stock one

to two weeks worth of supplies for pandemic influenza. Visit [www.pandemicflu.gov](http://www.pandemicflu.gov) and [www.ohiopandemicflu.gov](http://www.ohiopandemicflu.gov) to obtain checklists of items you may need to prepare.

Lastly, but most importantly, **LISTEN**. Public health and other officials will provide information and recommendations on what to do. It is important that individuals and families prepare themselves so that the community will be prepared. For additional information on how to be a flu PAL, contact the Clermont County General Health District at [www.ClermontHealthDistrict.org](http://www.ClermontHealthDistrict.org), or call (513) 732-7499.

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## New Richmond Welcomes Habitat Blitz

Clermont County and the Clermont Home Builders Association teamed up recently for the Habitat for Humanity Home Builders Blitz project. Over the course of one week (June 5-9, 2006), over 1,000 professional builders across the country, volunteered their time and donated materials to build more than 400 homes in 130 locations.

“In Clermont County we built a home at 230 Union Street in New Richmond,” said Mike Grever with the Clermont Home Builders



### *Did you know...*

*Static electricity in synthetic clothing can ignite fireworks. Those who make fireworks wear cotton, all the way down to their underwear!*



## TQL Groundbreaking

Total Quality Logistics held a groundbreaking ceremony on Tuesday, June 20, for a new corporate headquarters in Union Township.

Ohio Lt. Governor Bruce Johnson joined numerous local and state leaders for the ceremonies on Ferguson Drive.



Association. “The builders in this area have a long standing relationship with Habitat for Humanity; we asked our membership for contributions and had a tremendous response.”



The Clermont County Building Department was on site through much of the process to ensure that permits and inspections were completed in a timely manner.

Adam Mathews, his wife and young daughters are the recipients of the new home. “We are so excited to have a home of our own,” said Mathews. “Everyone has been great. This is a really exciting time for us. Thank you everyone who has made this possible.”



*Adam Mathews*

**Spend your summer vacation with a new friend!**



*Clifford*



*Burp*



*Midnight*



*Zinger*

**732-8854**  
**Clermont**  
**Animal Shelter**

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