



"WHAT'S HAPPENING"

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Greetings To Everyone...It's 2010

Words of Wisdom to Live By:

- Do your best to be a good friend to others.
- Volunteers are the backbone of any community.
- Each journey begins with the first step.
- Giving your best effort every time will give you great satisfaction.
- We are able to make a difference only if we try.

Last But Not Least:

- Never trust a telemarketer who says it won't cost you a thing.

Can you believe it? The new decade is now upon us, and as we set our sights on 2010, we need to reflect just a little on what we accomplished in 2009.

Since the merging of the Cemetery and Parks Departments in August of 2008, the goal has been to provide better service to the citizens of Newark, as well as improve the looks and features of the Cemetery and all of our parks and bike trails within the City corporation limits.

In the spring of 2009, Horns Hill Park was reopened after getting a complete and extensive make-over that included



new roofs on both shelter houses, as well as sandblasting of the sandstone on each shelter.

An 18-basket disc golf course was installed that is getting rave reviews from everyone who plays the one-of-a-kind course.

Players have come from all over Ohio as well as

Michigan, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania just to play the course. 4 bike trails have been built for those who have the endurance to master the downhill portions of the park, and 2 remote control car tracks are available for those who want to test their driving abilities.

And in October, after 73 years, a monument that was originally built to recognize the burial site of an ancient Native American Indian, was restored and rededicated.

With all of these improvements, the park is once again a great place for a family outing.

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Fishing Permits For 2010 Now On Sale

Even though the ponds are covered in ice and snow, the department has already started the permit sales for the 2010 season.

The department sold over 1200 permits in

2009, and anticipates selling even more this year.

Permits are required for each person age 18 and older. Their permit entitles them to fish at any time, day or night.

Children between the ages of 6 and 17 who wish to be in the park after dark, are required to have a night permit.

The cost of the permits are based on age,

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"Music & Wings" To Be A Hit In Downtown Newark This Summer

What better way to spend a summer weekend, than eating wings and listening to great music on the Square in Downtown Newark.

This first time event will be hosted by the Newark Parks & Recreation Department in conjunction with National Trail Raceway, The Mopar Nationals, and the Downtown Newark Association

Nationally recognized musical acts and local entertainers will perform, while the great aroma of buffalo wings and other fun foods fill the air.

Vendors will compete to claim the title of "The Best Wings in Licking County-Peoples Choice", "The Best Hot Wings in Licking County-Judges

Choice", and "The Best Overall Wings in Licking County-Judges Choice"

No matter who is crowned, the real winners will be the thousands of people who attend the event, as they get to eat tons of delicious chicken wings and enjoy free concerts at the same time.

There will also be a 5-K "Chicken" run held during the event, that will include both runners and walkers who wish to participate and maybe build up an appetite for those great wings.

There will be thousands of custom cars cruising the Square all weekend, as they make their way from Heath to Newark and back again. Be



sure to plan your calendar to include a visit to the Courthouse Square, to enjoy the sites, smells and sounds of the first annual "Music & Wings" Festival.

For more information or to participate, call (740)670-7782 or 7788.

Park Watch Program

During the second half of 2009, our department created a "Park Watch Ambassador" program. The purpose of the program is to enlist volunteers who routinely use the City parks and bike trails to be our "eyes & ears" whenever they notice anything that may impact our parks & bike trail system.

In the short time the program has been in effect, it has proven to be very successful and an asset to our department, as the volunteers have taken a sense of ownership and pride in the parks.

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and are as follows: Ages 18 and older are \$11.00, and ages 6-17 are \$4.00. Senior citizens age 65 and older are \$10.00, and are then permanent thereafter.

Permits may be purchased at the Parks & Recreation Department office located on the 4th floor of the City Building located at 40 West Main Street. The 2010 City fishing permits are valid from the date of sale until December 31st, 2010. For more information please contact us at (740) 670-7788.

The ponds are stocked an aver-

age of 4-5 times per year with catfish and trout to coincide with the annual trout and catfish derbies, as well as other events held at the park.

Amenities at the park include ADA accessible docks, shelter houses, picnic tables and playground equipment for children.

What better way to spend a nice summer day, then fishing and relaxing at T.J. Evans Park.



"Trim-A-Tree" Competition A Huge Success in 2009



The annual Christmas tree decoration competition was a great success this year, with 3,286 items collected for the local Salvation Army. Food, clothing, and toys were donated with the sole purpose of helping less fortunate families and children in our community have a better Holiday Season. The Newark Cemetery/Parks & Recreation Department and the Salvation Army would like to say a special thanks to everyone who helped with the program, and we look forward to having even greater success next year.

The entities that adopted trees this year were: First Federal Savings of Newark, The YES Club, Pride-N-Joy Preschool, VFW Post 1060, 3 Nails Youth Ministry Neal Avenue UMC, Newark Sign Shop, Crystal City Chorus, Blazing Saddles 4-H Club, Liberty 4-H Club, Newark Rodders Car Club, Inc. LEADS Head Start Newark Center, Licking County United Way, O.R.D.A. K-9, Bright Beginnings Child Care, Downtown Newark Association, SPARK, Girl Scout Troop #723, Kraner Behavioral Center, Park Nation Bank, and The Inked Zone.

A very special thanks needs to be given to Carson Nursery for the donation of the 20 live Christmas trees, and to the Newark Arcade Center for the use of the building for our program. It is because of the support of all the businesses and organizations mentioned, that we are able to continue this important program each year.

Scuba Divers To Help At T.J. Evans

Scuba divers from the "Discover Diving" dive shop have agreed to partner with our department to install discarded Christmas trees in the ponds at T. J. Evans Park.

The trees will add much needed nutrients to the water, and at the same time provide cover for smaller fish from larger predator fish, allowing them a better opportunity to grow and mature.

Don and Jan Slee, are the owners of the dive shop, and along with some of their instructors, will secure the trees to concrete blocks on the bottom of all five ponds as the project progresses. The distribution of trees should be complete by early spring, prior to the first batch of fish our department will stock during the 2010 season.

In addition to their help with the tree program, the dive shop will be partnering with our department as we work to develop a dive site at the park. The dive site will be used to do open water certifications under the guidance of "Discover Diving" instructors, and will create a source of revenue for the parks department to make improvements to the dive site location. Another positive aspect of this partnership will be the monitoring of the ponds for water quality, habitat, and fish inventories on a regular basis.



"PARTY ON THE ROOF"

Ok, here it is the middle of January, and as we all shiver and complain about the cold, what is the one thing that everyone dreams of this time of year?

Being on a tropical island, watching the surf of warm turquoise-blue water splashing against the shore, and enjoying the sun shinning down on a white sandy beach.

Well, on Friday, June 18th, the staff of the Newark Parks & Recreation Department will be transforming the Licking County Parking Garage into an island paradise.

We are pleased to announce that to help us celebrate the evening, legendary musician Arnette Howard & The Creole Funk Band will perform from 7:30-10:30pm.

Wine, beer, soda, water and great food will be available for purchase. Contest, door prizes, and even a 50/50 drawing will be held throughout the night.



Tickets will be sold in advance, as well as at the event. The tickets are only \$10 per person, and include one free beverage. The party runs from 6pm-11pm.

All tables will have seating for

10, and an entire table can be reserved for \$100.

Just as they do every evening in Key West at the Mallory Square docks, we will watch the sun set from the roof top, and celebrate the end of another great day in paradise.

We hope you will join us for this fun and exciting evening, to socialize with friends, and listen to great music, all while helping our department raise funds to support other events that we organize.

The Licking County Parking Garage is located at 53 South 2nd Street in Downtown Newark, just south of the County Annex Building. In the meantime, stay warm and dream of warmer days to come.



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Newsletter Naming Contest

Our department is having a hard time thinking of a new name for our newsletter, so we are inviting everyone to participate by submitting their suggestions for a title that will be used for future publications. Our intent is to publish the newsletter on a bi-monthly schedule, so we are setting a deadline of February 19th to receive your ideas. The person submitting the winning entry will receive a free lunch from the LAPALOMA Restaurant on South Park Place downtown. (up to \$10) You may submit your ideas by emailing us at cjackson@newarkohio.net

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