

# Milford Township News

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### Important Dates

- *September 10: Darttown Fall Festival!!*
- *September 10: Edot Park Playground Grand Opening!!*
- *April 08: Milford Twp Fire Assoc. Spaghetti Dinner!!*
- *November 8: Vote!!*

## Edot Park Improvements! Sharon Klein

McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital and TriHealth have a long history of addressing health concerns in the areas they serve. An affiliation between the McCullough-Hyde and TriHealth, one of Cincinnati's largest health systems began in 2015 and will benefit Butler County communities for generations.

Recently, McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital and TriHealth completed a Community Health Needs Assessment to determine the greatest health concerns in their service area. The results shed light on a number of areas where help was needed, including significant concerns around childhood obesity.

As part of a \$500,000 commitment to surrounding Butler County communities over the next three years, **McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital and TriHealth are pleased to announce they will spend over \$50,000 on playground equipment to be installed at Edot Park in Darttown!** Continued on page 4.....

## Fire Report Milford Township Fire Association

On July 1st, the Somerville and Milford Township fire departments merged to form one department. Not much changed because we have been working together for years. Somerville Station became Milford Station 163. We will continue to train and work together for the safety of the entire township.

We have encountered difficulties finding addresses as we respond to some types of calls. We would encourage everyone to purchase the green reflective signs to place on their mail box post. These are easily seen when we are responding to calls. You can get them from any fire fighter or by calling 726-4311 and leaving a message. Someone will get back with you. The cost is \$10. This covers the cost of the sign.

In November our fire levy is up for renewal. This is not an increase on your taxes but simply a renewal for five more years. Hopefully everyone understands the importance of the levy you are voting on to protect your property. By passing the levy we are able to update equipment and have training to keep us up to date on the latest issues in the fire service.

As fall approaches it is time to check your fire place chimneys and change batteries in your smoke and CO detectors.

Our aluminum can drive continues. We have been able to buy many needed items with the money collected from the can drive. White containers are located at each fire house for your convenience and your help with this project is appreciated.

We will have a display at the Darttown festival in September. We will have handouts for the kids, T shirts and hats for sale. Hope to see you there.

Mark your calendars now for the Milford Township Fire Departments annual Spaghetti Dinner. It will be April 8, 2017 at the Community Center in Collinsville.

Shawn Gallagher and Jim Meador

# Darrtown Fall Festival, Fred Lindley, Darrtown Reunion Committee

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**Thanks to a committee of volunteers, the community of Darrtown is holding its second annual Reunion and Fall Festival on Saturday, September 10, 2016 and the public is invited to join the celebration!**

Activities begin at 9:30 AM in the village square, where the Talawanda High School Jazz Band will perform.

At 10 AM, a parade of over 30 units will begin traveling through the village. Originating in the southeast section of Darrtown, the parade route extends north on Main Street, and ends in the northwest corner of the village, at E-Dot Park.

Mrs. Robert (Ida Mae) Lemmons, the Grand Marshal of this year's parade, will lead a procession that includes classic cars and trucks, antique tractors, fire engines, horses and wagons, lawn tractors, and cavorting clowns.

Some creative, never-before-seen, parade units, are anticipated, because this year's parade has a new feature. The "People's Choice Award," which includes a \$50 prize, will go to the parade unit that receives the most votes from the spectators along the parade route. To be eligible, the parade units (individuals or groups) must register in the village square, by 9:30 AM. Details are available at the Darrtown website (see: <http://www.darrtown.com/reunion/registration-parade.html>)

When the parade concludes, E-Dot Park becomes the center of festivities. All Festival visitors are advised to enter the south gate of E-Dot Park and register at the Welcome Tent. A \$100 prize will be given to the person whose registration ticket is randomly drawn from all the registration tickets submitted during the day.

Festival highlights include the following:

**Official opening of new playground equipment:** The children's play area at E-Dot Park is scheduled for renovation, prior to the September 10th Festival, thanks to the work of the McCullough Hyde Memorial Hospital/Tri-Health. Featuring new equipment and an engineered wood-mulch base, the play area will be officially opened with a brief ceremony at noon.

**Free bike helmets and car seats:** From 10 AM until 1 PM, McCullough Hyde Memorial Hospital/Tri-Health will distribute free bike helmets, as long as the supply lasts. A limited number of infant car seats will be given to those who qualify. Visit the Hospital tent for details.

**Music and dance:** Once again, a stage in Don Beckett field will serve as the musical entertainment center throughout the day. Disk jockey, Earl Hendricks, will provide musical entertainment and five live-music groups will perform. The groups include: *The Coke-Otto Boys* at 11 AM; *Southern Cross* at 12:15 PM; *Ron and Joe* at 1:30 PM; *Thankful Hearts* at 4:15 PM, and *Dashboard Mary* at 5:45 PM.

Dancers from Robyn's Dance Studio will perform on the stage at 3 PM. Ranging from age three to 18, Robyn's students perform a variety of dances, including tap, clogging, lyrical, hip-hop, and jazz.

**Food and drinks:** The Darrtown Lutheran church will once again host a German beer garden, under a large tent, in Don Beckett Field. The menu will include pulled pork, brats, metts, and hot dogs. Beer, pop, and water will also be sold. Sponsors of the Beer Garden tent are needed; interested parties should contact Duane Clark.

Laney's caramel popcorn and ice-cream bars from Kara's Kooler will also be available.

**Vendors:** More than two-dozen vendors have registered to display their wares and more are anticipated. A list of vendors may be found at: <http://www.darrtown.com/reunion/vendors-2016.html>

**Activities:** A day-long "cyber-space" scavenger hunt, with a \$50 prize, will be available for those who have camera phones and Facebook accounts. Participants will begin by securing a list of items to be found at E-Dot Park. When participants find an item, they are to take a photo of themselves and the item. Participants will have until noon, Monday, September 12, to upload their images to the Darrtown Reunion Facebook page. In the event of ties, the winner will be chosen from a random drawing.

Opening at 11 AM, a "Kids' Zone" will feature pop bottle-ring toss, putt-putt golf, and a gold-fish game.

A double-elimination Corn Hole Tournament will begin at noon. A maximum of 30 two-person teams will compete for cash prizes. Teams must register by September 6<sup>th</sup>. To register, call Don Beckett (after 9 PM) at 513-523-6171.#

## Darrrtown News Continued

A Frisbee throwing contest will commence at 1 PM. Individuals will throw Frisbees at stationary baskets, mounted on poles. The poles and baskets are sized for both adults and children. Prizes will be offered. Individuals may sign up at the event. #

A "Skillet Toss" contest, for females only, will start at 2 PM. Participants will throw a nine-inch skillet, as far as they can, along a designated line. There are two divisions (individual and team), with four age groups: (15-29) (30-49) (50 and over) and (combo). Participants may toss in either or both divisions. Cash prizes will be offered. #

A "Tractor Tire Flip" contest, for males only, will begin at 4 PM. Two-member teams will test their ability to flip a tractor tire as many times as possible, in 60 seconds. There will be four age groups: (15-29) (30-49) (50 and over) and (combo). Cash prizes will be offered.

The Milford Township Fire Association will display one of its trucks in the parking area of E-Dot Park, while providing fire safety items to youngsters.

All the activities cited above are further explained at the Darrrtown.com website. See: <http://www.darrrtown.com/reunion/activities-2016.html>

## Oxford Rotary – Community Stars and Stripes

 **SERVICE Above Self**

As you drove, walked or biked throughout the greater Oxford area this summer, did you find yourself feeling more patriotic due to the many flags that lined local streets and stood proudly in front of numerous homes this year? If you did, you can thank the Oxford Rotary Club's community service program: *Oxford Community Stars and Stripes*.

The fundraiser supports the Rotary Club's many philanthropic activities including the funding of youth-oriented programs in the community, college scholarships for Talawanda High School Seniors, and participants attending the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy. In cooperation with Rotary International, the Oxford club also supports a clean water project in Mexico.

To celebrate Darrrtown's Bicentennial, the Oxford Rotary Club is offering past and current residents of Darrrtown an opportunity to sponsor a flag to be displayed at the Darrrtown Cemetery on each holiday covered by this event. For \$45, a sponsor purchases a yearly subscription to have Rotarians install a 3' x 5' flag on a 10 foot tall pole on a specific gravesite in the Darrrtown Cemetery for the following five holidays – *Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Veterans Day*. The Rotarians will return after each holiday to remove the flag and pole. The sponsor does not need to be present for the installation or removal of the flag and pole, and is not responsible for storing or replacing the flag should it be damaged or stolen. However, a sponsor is asked to designate a specific location (gravesite) where the flag is to be displayed.

Individuals interested in sponsoring a flag to commemorate the Darrrtown Bicentennial can subscribe to the service online at [www.OxfordFlags.org](http://www.OxfordFlags.org) or by calling 513-593-9601 to request a subscription form.

Subscriptions are also available for placement at Oxford area homes for residents living in the City of Oxford, Oxford Township and nearby portions of Milford, Hanover and Reily Townships. Please call the Oxford Rotary Club at 513-523-6689 to see if your home is within the service area.

Contact the Rotary Club by emailing [oxfordflags@gmail.com](mailto:oxfordflags@gmail.com) or by calling 513-593-9601 should you have questions about this program.



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are held in the Township Maintenance Bldg.**

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**Edot Park Playground Improvements!!!!**

When McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital and TriHealth learned of the need for a new playground, hospital leadership believed a playground would be an ideal way to help address childhood obesity through active, safe play. In addition, a new playground area would provide the community with a permanent area for families to gather at the park.

Once Edot Park was identified with a need for new playground equipment, other parks were also identified as locations that would benefit from new equipment. Now, Edot Park will be the first of three community playgrounds that will be getting new equipment over the next several months.

Additional community projects on the horizon include a walking/biking connector from Oxford to the new Oxford Area Trail Head; funds for Mental Health First Aid and financial support of the Coalition for a Healthy Community in Oxford. The Edot new playground will be ready for its grand opening during the Darrtown Fall Festival.

**Please join us on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon to celebrate the opening with us!**



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