



# Sharonville

hometown guide  
January - March 2010

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## Important Phone Numbers

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### EMERGENCY

POLICE, FIRE, EMS	911
Poison Control	558-5111
Bethesda Hospital, North	745-1111
Mercy Hospital, South	870-7000
University Hospital	584-1000

### SHARONVILLE ORGANIZATIONS

American Legion Post #790	745-7230
Cardinal Chapter #140 OES	777-3853
Federated Women's Club	733-3797
Fire Department Club	563-0252
Fraternal Order of Police	563-9761
Kiwanis Club	769-3717
Knights of Columbus	563-6592
Leon Acres Garden Club	563-1845
Masonic Temple Lodge #204	583-9131
Republican Club	563-1393
Senior Citizen's Club	769-4151
Sharonville Chamber of Commerce	554-1722
Sharonville Christmas Fund	563-1722
Sharonville Fine Arts Council	563-2895
Society of Historic Sharonville	563-9756
Sharonville Police Association	563-1147
Swim Team Parent's Club	563-8784
Sharonville Youth Organization	563-9072
VFW Post #4369	563-6830

### SCHOOLS

Evendale Elementary	864-1200
Heritage Hill Elementary	864-1400
Moeller High School	791-1680
Mt. Notre Dame	821-3044
Princeton Board of Education	864-1000
Princeton High School	552-8200
Princeton Community Middle	552-8500
Scarlet Oaks School	771-8810
Sharonville Elementary	864-2600
St. Michael Elementary	554-3555
Stewart Elementary	864-2800
Ursuline Academy	791-5791

### GENERAL

Butler Co. Environmental Services	887-3061
Butler Co. Board Of Elections	887-3700
Butler Co. Marriage License	887-3300
Duke Energy Issues	421-9500
Cable Reg. Comm. (ICRC)	772-4272
Cincinnati Bell Telephone	611
Cincinnati Water Works	591-7900
Drivers License Bureau	563-1420
Drivers License Testing	769-3047
Hamilton Co. Board Of Elections	632-7000
Hamilton Co. Marriage License	946-3589
Heritage Village Museum	563-9484
League Of Women Voters	281-8683
(MSD) Sanitary Sewers	352-4900
Northern Cincinnati Convention & Visitors Bureau (NCCVB)	771-5353
Sharon Woods Visitor Center	563-4513
Sharon Woods Ranger HQ	521-3980
Sharonville Post Office	563-0760
Sharonville Public Library	369-6049
S.P.C.A.	541-6100

### MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Building/Planning Dept.	563-0033
City Hall	563-1144
Convention Center	771-7744
Clerk Of Courts	563-1146
Crescentville Center	671-2191
Fire House (Chester Rd.)	563-0252
Fire House (Fields Ertel)	489-7949
Fire House (Reading Rd.)	671-2595
Gorman Pool	671-2575
Health Department	563-1722
Police Department	563-1147
Public Works Department	563-1177
Recreation Department	563-2895
Tax Department	563-1169

### CHURCHES

Church by the Woods	563-6447
Church of Christ	777-6712
Cincinnati Taiwanese Presbyterian Ministry	769-0725
Creek Road Baptist	563-2410
Free Holiness Church	563-6648
Grace Bible Presbyterian	563-6648
New Life Christian	769-4455
New Apostolic Church	884-3109
Sharonville Baptist Church	769-4849
Sharonville United Methodist	563-0117
St. Michael Catholic Church	563-6377

# Welcome

## FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR LOVITT II



As the new year unfolds, I hope that things are on the upswing for you, your families, and the great businesses here in Sharonville. Obviously, 2009 was a weak year for the economy but our City has weathered the storm without eliminating services or laying off city employees.

While times have been difficult for many businesses, many companies experienced growth. Ford Motor Company added a new transmission line to their Sharonville Plant. Ameridian Specialty Services moved to a larger operation and Beacon Orthopaedics is expanding their facility by more than 29,000 square feet. The former GSA property in Commerce Park is being developed by Cincinnati Commercial Contracting. Kutol Products will relocate their business to this site in 2010 and bring with them approximately 140 employees. Privately funded by the developer, Kutol's facility will occupy approximately 17 acres of the 46-acre site.

Have you been down Chester Road lately? Work has begun on the Convention Center Expansion project. It is important to note that the County has pledged \$1.3 million for the next thirty years for a total of \$39 million towards the project. These County dollars come from the hotel room taxes and can only be used for expansion of convention center facilities or marketing of these facilities. No Sharonville general fund dollars are being used to expand our Convention Center. In addition, Sharonville Council has protected the City's General Fund by creating a Debt Stabilization Account using the County Funding to ensure that Expansion Project is funded by the hotel tax and not our general fund. We hope to have the new expanded facility open in the fall of 2011.

Two elected officials announced their retirement from public office: Council Members Jim Dygert and Bob Duerler. We wish to thank them for their years of service and helping us keep Sharonville the great City that it is today. Newly elected Ward 1 Councilman Ed Cunningham and Council-at-Large Paul Schmidt are eager to serve the community and their contact information can be found below.

As always, if you have any comments or concerns, please call the Administration offices at 563-1144, and visit our website at: [www.sharonville.org](http://www.sharonville.org).

## Elected Officials

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## 2010 City of Sharonville Holidays

January	1	New Years Day
January	18	Martin Luther King Day
February	15	President's Day
April	2	Good Friday
May	31	Memorial Day
July	5	Independence Day Holiday
September	6	Labor Day
November	25 & 26	Thanksgiving Day & Day After Thanksgiving
December	23 & 24	Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

**Yes, it is that time of year again!!** Please read on for tax facts helpful in filing the upcoming 2009 Income Tax Returns and making the required estimated tax payments for 2010.

The City of Sharonville Tax Office staff will be happy to provide assistance. If you are in need of forms or have any questions regarding current year estimated payments, the filing of the annual City of Sharonville income tax return or employee withholding, please feel free to call or visit the Tax Office (no appointment is necessary). Filing early is highly recommended as those requesting assistance from the Tax Office increases dramatically as the tax filing deadline approaches. Forms are also available on the Sharonville website at [www.sharonville.org](http://www.sharonville.org). The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The location and mailing address of the Sharonville Tax Office is 11641 Chester Road, Sharonville, OH 45246. A drop box is also available for your convenience.

**Calculate your 2009 taxes online!** Individual tax returns may be prepared using the tax calculator on the City of Sharonville website. At the home page, select the Online Tax Tool box located on the left side of the page, which will take you to the Taxpayer Login page. If you do not have an account number to log into the system, contact the Tax Office by calling 513-563-1169 or emailing at: [taxoffice@cityofsharonville.com](mailto:taxoffice@cityofsharonville.com). As long as you have an account number, click on Step 1 - ACTIVATE YOUR ACCOUNT FOR 2009 to create a Tax Tool Account. Follow the instructions to complete the account setup. Once the account set up information has been entered, click on the SUBMIT box. This will take you to the WELCOME page, where you can begin entering your tax information. NOTE: It is necessary to select Step 1 - ACTIVATE YOUR ACCOUNT each year and follow the steps to create the Tax Tool Account. After completing the tax return, print, sign and mail the return to the Tax Office with appropriate supporting documents and payment, if applicable, by the due date.

### Filing Due Dates

- Individual Returns: On or before April 15.\*
- Business Returns: On or before April 15\* or the 15th\* day of the 4th month following the end of the fiscal year.
- Withholding Reconciliations: On or before February 28.\*

\* If the due date falls on a weekend or a federal holiday, the due date will be the following business day.

### Declaration of Estimated Taxes

- A declaration of estimated tax must be filed by all individuals and business entities that may reasonably expect to have taxable income, if the tax on this income is not or will not be withheld by an employer or employers.
- A taxpayer's final return for the preceding year may be used as the basis for computing the declaration of estimated tax for the current year.
- The declaration and first quarterly payment are due by April 15\* or the 15th\* day of the 4th month following the end of the fiscal year.
- The remaining quarterly payments are due by July 31\*, October 31\* and January 31\* for calendar year taxpayers or the 15th\* day of the 6th, 9th and 12th months after the beginning of the taxable year for fiscal year end taxpayers.
- Estimated tax payments are required and penalties are assessed for insufficient declaration payments.

Note: If at least 90% of a taxpayer's tax liability is not paid by the 4th quarter due date, the difference between 90% of the tax liability and the amount of estimated tax paid on or before the 4th quarter due date shall be subject to the interest and penalty provisions of Section 171.10 of the City of Sharonville Income Tax Ordinance.

### Who Must File

The City of Sharonville has a mandatory filing requirement. The Earnings Tax of 1.5% applies to all who live, work, operate a business within or do business within the City of Sharonville. This tax must be paid to the City of Sharonville regardless of age or level of income.

- \* All City of Sharonville residents are required to register with the Tax Office and to file an annual Sharonville income tax return even if no tax is due. Adolescents/students with earned income are also required to file.
- \* All non-residents with income earned within Sharonville or with income taxable to the City of Sharonville that is not fully withheld by an employer are required to file a Sharonville income tax return.
- \* All non-residents engaged in a business within the City of Sharonville who have sales, services performed or rental property must file a tax return whether or not tax is due.
- \* All entities operating a business within or doing business within the City of Sharonville must file an annual Sharonville income tax return on net profits/losses.



For more information, please contact the Tax Department at 563-1169 or logon to [www.sharonville.org/taxgeneral.aspx](http://www.sharonville.org/taxgeneral.aspx)

### Items To Be Included With The Return:

- W-2 form(s).
- 1099 form(s).
- Page 1 of the applicable federal form 1040.
- Applicable schedule(s) and/or form(s) for income on federal form 1040 lines 7, 12, 17, 18 and 21, other federal form(s)/schedule(s) and supporting documentation as appropriate.
- Annual Tax Registration Update form included with the return envelope.
- Payment of tax due (checks/money orders are to be made payable to City of Sharonville Tax).

## Extensions

An extension for filing the annual Sharonville income tax return may be requested by any business or individual by submitting a written request or providing a copy of the Federal extension to the Tax Office on or before the due date for filing the return. The extension, if granted, only extends the filing date of the return. The extension does not extend the due date for payment of the tax. Payments are due on or before April 15\* each year or the 15th\* day of the 4th month following the end of the fiscal year.

## Obtaining Sharonville Income Tax Returns

Returns are mailed by early January of each year to all residents on file as of mid-December. Postcards are mailed to businesses in lieu of forms and as a reminder of the filing requirement. If a return is not received, forms are available on the Sharonville website or by contacting the Sharonville Tax Office.

## Taxable Income

- \* Qualifying wages (see below), tips, commissions and other compensation including sick pay, vacation pay, employer paid premiums for group term life insurance, supplemental unemployment benefits paid by the employer (SUB PAY), severance pay, settlements, income from wage continuation plans (includes retirement incentive plans and buyouts), contributions made by or on behalf of employees to non-qualified or qualified deferred compensation plans (e.g. 401K plans), bonuses, directors fees, jury duty income, precinct election official income (if over \$1,000), fringe benefits (e.g. car allowance), disability pay if received as a benefit from employment (includes third party plans), stock options as indicated by amount on Form W-2.
- \* Gambling winnings as reported on Form W-2G and/or Form 5754 as well as Form 1040.
- \* Net profits from profession and/or business operations, rental property, partnerships, enterprise or other business activity.
- \* Qualifying wages: Usually the amounts in the Medicare wage box of the W-2s are the qualifying wages. Qualifying wages for the municipality includes wages defined in Section 3121(a) of the IRS code plus any amounts not included in the Medicare wage due to some Medicare exemptions (e.g. government employees employed by an entity prior to April 1, 1986).

Note: Income taxable by the city may differ from income taxed by the IRS.

## Types of Non-Taxable Income That Should Not Be Added To Nor Deducted From Taxable Income

- Interest, dividends, capital gains (unless considered ordinary income), royalties (if derived from intangible property).
- Alimony received.
- Military pay and allowances.
- Social Security benefits, welfare benefits, unemployment insurance benefits, workers' compensation.
- Proceeds from qualified IRS defined retirement plans.

## Credits

- Credit for taxes withheld/paid to other municipalities is available to residents of the City of Sharonville and is limited to 1.5% of the amount of taxable income on which tax was withheld / paid.
- No credit is given for county taxes paid.

## Employers' Responsibilities

- All employers within or doing business within the City of Sharonville are responsible for withholding the tax of 1.5% on the qualifying wages of their employees and remitting the withheld tax on a monthly basis to the City of Sharonville on or before the 15th day of the month following such withholding. In addition, employers are required to withhold the tax of 1.5% on 100% of the wage amount for all employees who are Sharonville residents.
- All employers who do business both inside and outside the jurisdiction of the City of Sharonville are required to withhold the tax of 1.5% on all compensation earned by their employees who work within the City of Sharonville.
- Payments of withheld taxes through the ACH Credit Electronic Filing Program are required, unless the Tax Commissioner grants an exemption from this requirement. Details on the program, authorization forms and specifications may be obtained from the Sharonville website or by contacting the Sharonville Tax Office. A withholding Form W-1 may be used in the interim until employers are able to implement the ACH filing program. For a withholding form that includes account number, business name and address, select Online Tax Tool on the website homepage. Then enter the federal ID under Business Withholding Forms and click Login for a copy. Generic forms are also available on the website or by contacting the Sharonville Tax Office.
- Employers who conduct no business activity within the City of Sharonville may choose to voluntarily withhold the Sharonville tax for those employees who reside within the City of Sharonville. Withholding for Sharonville residents should be an amount sufficient to bring their total local withholding to 1.5% (credit is given to Sharonville residents for local taxes paid to other municipalities up to 1.5%). Contact the Sharonville Tax Office for additional information and to obtain a registration form for courtesy withholding.

## Property Taxes

- The collections of property taxes (whether it is for residential property or business property) are the responsibility of Hamilton County or Butler County. The City of Sharonville does not receive property tax dollars from city residents or businesses.
- For further information on the collection and payment of property taxes, please contact either the Hamilton County Auditor's office at (513) 946-4000 or the Butler County Auditor's office at (513) 887-3154. Links to these offices are available on the Sharonville website.

## School District

- The City of Sharonville is within the Princeton School District. The code for the Princeton School District for state income tax form purposes is 3116.

# Shop With A Cop



For the past 10 years, the Sharonville Police Department and the United Auto Workers at the General Motors Parts Distribution Center have joined together to help provide gifts for financially disadvantaged children during the holiday season.

The "Shop with a Cop" program is funded solely through charitable donations. In addition to the United Auto Workers, donations have been provided by Sharonville businesses and others, such as teachers at the Princeton School District and the Sharonville Police Association.

Teachers with the Princeton School District nominate underprivileged children for participation in the program. Based on the donations received, between twenty and thirty children are chosen. This year's event was another success with 30 children participating. Thanks to all who made this event possible!



## SAFE HOME TIPS

With the holiday season comes an influx of the latest and greatest gift items, which are desirable not only to us, but to those people who would steal from others to sell these items for cash. We must all take a responsible role to minimize the opportunities for these items to be stolen:

Keep the doors to your residence locked at night and when you are away from your home.

Make your house appear occupied when you are not home by leaving interior lights on in your absence.

- \* Leave porch lights and other exterior lights on overnight. Motion sensing lights are especially effective at scaring off would be intruders.
- \* Buy an alarm system.
- \* Ensure that valuable items are not visible through windows from the exterior of the house. If they are visible then

close any curtains or blinds to limit their exposure.

- \* Keep garage doors closed at night or when you are away from your home; stolen tools are often easy items to sell.
- \* Keep your vehicle locked.
- \* Remove valuables and electronic items from the vehicle when it is not occupied. Examples of high-risk items are GPS units, satellite radio players, MP3 players, and laptop computers.
- \* Report suspicious activity to the Police Department as it is occurring.
- \* Join a neighborhood watch program, or at least become familiar with your neighbors so that you can watch each other's property.

With just a little forethought, you can easily reduce your potential of becoming a crime victim this holiday season.

# SHARONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S TIPS & INFORMATION ON COYOTES



Submitted by: Lt. John Cook

When I think about coyotes, I envision a dog-like creature howling at the moon in the western parts of the United States. I remember as a child on one of our many western vacations hearing them howl at night, and at the young age of nine it was quite frightening.

In the last few weeks I have spoken to several residents that have voiced concerns about coyotes spotted in their neighborhood. In reality, coyotes made their initial appearance in Ohio in 1919, and today they are found in all 88 counties. They have shown a preference in Ohio for making their homes in hilly farmland mixed with wooded areas, but have adapted to nearly every setting in the suburban and urban landscapes. While on patrol, Sharonville Police Officers have spotted coyotes in town for the last ten years. Although there has never been a reported incident involving a coyote in Sharonville, many neighboring communities aren't so lucky. The communities of Blue Ash, Springdale and West Chester have had small pets attacked and killed by these opportunistic predators, who will eat just about anything. The coyotes adapt easily to urban and suburban environments because their favorite foods, rodents and other small animals, are plentiful.



The coyote is a nocturnal animal, doing most of its hunting after dusk. They will hunt in pairs or large groups in search of small mammals such as shrews, moles and rabbits. The coyote will eat fruits, grasses and vegetables.

Although the coyote has a reputation for killing sheep and domesticated livestock, studies show that livestock makes up only 14% of the coyotes diet, according to the Ohio Division of Wildlife. In urban areas, coyotes sometimes snatch squirrels, rabbits, raccoons and even food from dumpsters or garbage cans.

They traditionally make excellent mothers and will go to great lengths to transport their young to new dens if they believe their current home is unsafe. They will become aggressive when defending their family. As the animal is active most often at night time, it is unusual to see a coyote. More likely, you will hear its characteristic lonely howl, which can carry for miles.

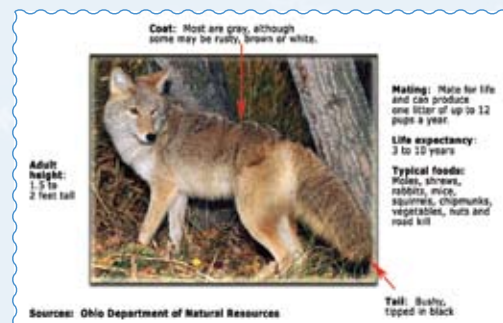
As a resident, what can I do to protect myself and my pets from coyotes?

Coyotes are naturally timid around people and it is rare for a coyote to attack a human. Even so, as a precaution, please keep an eye on small children and pets, particularly at times when coyotes are present in the area.

The Sharonville Police Department wants to educate residents on the behavior of coyotes and offers these tips on protecting yourself and your pets:

- Accompany your small pets outside or walk them on a leash. Coyotes, like most wild animals flee when people are around.
- Fence pet and animal enclosures completely. If possible, include a top.
- Don't leave food outside for your pets or stray cats. Food attracts small rodents who subsequently attract coyotes.
- Do not use open pits for composting – composting piles make an easy meal for this opportunistic eater.
- Keep your yard well lit at night; coyotes are naturally nocturnal and hunt during darkness.
- Store trash in covered, heavy duty containers.
- Keep yards free of potential shelter such as brush or weeds.
- Watch for standing water and do not allow spillage to accumulate around bird or squirrel feeders

The coyote is a wild animal and will act one. The best thing to do is to create and maintain safe backyard practices and keep your distance. Remember that the coyote is not a recreational killer and will only visit your yard if it is made a convenient feeding or nesting ground. Teach your children the dangers of approaching any wild or strange animal in or around your residence. The Ohio Division of Wildlife is a good resource for more information on coyotes and other wildlife in our area.



# 10 QUICK TIPS TO



# WINTERIZE YOUR HOME

1. **Turn off exterior water lines.** With one turn of an inside valve a costly repair can be avoided.
2. **Replace the furnace air filter and/or have the furnace serviced by a certified professional.** A clean furnace runs more efficiently and can lead to significant energy savings.
3. **Create an insulation envelope around the heated spaces.** Much of the heat in a house is lost through the attic. Hot air rises and unless there is sufficient insulation (12 inches minimum) it will rise out your roof.
4. **Wrap your water heater with an insulation blanket.** These can be found at most hardware or home repair stores. A warm blanket prevents heat from escaping the tank into the ambient air.
5. **Reverse all ceiling fans.** With the blades turning in a clockwise rotation the warm air that rises to the ceiling will be forced back down, allowing it to recirculate.
6. **Check out ductwork for gaps or poor connections.** While it is not possible to inspect all ductwork, it is important to check elbows and other connections for leaks.
7. **Check doors and windows for cracks and gaps.** Use weatherstripping and caulk to seal cracks and gaps around windows, doors, and other penetrations of the exterior shell. Replace cracked glass.
8. **Consider purchasing/installing a programmable thermostat.** This can be a great energy saver. Daytime temperature, while at work, can be set at 55 degrees, then programmed to 65 or 68 degrees thirty minutes before coming home. The same can be done while asleep overnight.
9. **Let the sunshine in.** Allow the greenhouse effect of natural sunshine warm areas of the house with southern exposure. Open the blinds and curtains to allow the sun to enter.
10. **Clean those gutters.** Remove all leaves and debris from the gutters, first by hand then apply a cleansing rinse with a hose. Clogged gutters and drains can form ice dams, in which water backs up, freezes and causes water to seep into the house.



**Bottom Line:** A little work and a keen eye can lead to a warm house and greater energy savings.

## PASSENGER RAIL IN SHARONVILLE?

Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) plans to expand Amtrak passenger rail is exciting for major Ohio cities. The plans name has been dubbed "3C Rail line" because it will connect Cleveland, Columbus, and Cincinnati via passenger rail. Most exciting news of the plan is Sharonville is planned to have a station. The question is, where? Two locations in Sharonville are being located for the train stop; one near Downtown Sharonville, and the other is considered for Park 42. During this first phase, it would be estimated to take approximately 25 minutes for the train to reach Downtown Cincinnati from a Sharonville location.

It is proposed that the line will come from West of Moraine Yard in Dayton, and travel 34 miles along the NS double track line to Sharonville Yard, hoping to end up at a site near the "Boat House" area along the Cincinnati riverfront. This rail line is anticipated to help connect our suburban communities to their urban areas, and will eventually tie into the Chicago passenger rail hub. The ORDC is planning on submitting application seeking stimulus funds to support this project on October 2nd. Details for the train stops will be finalized afterwards if funds are awarded. Learn more about the 3C rail line at [www.3cisme.com](http://www.3cisme.com)

## DOWNTOWN BUSINESS GROUP MEETINGS

1st Wednesday of every month, 5:00 p.m. at Anton's Ice Cream. Come to learn about what is going on in Downtown and around the City, get involved with events, and support your local businesses. All are welcome to attend!

Want to learn more about what is going on in the Sharonville Business Community? Sign up for Sharonville Business News at [www.sharonville.org/ed/econdev.aspx](http://www.sharonville.org/ed/econdev.aspx).



### STANDARD AERO/TSS AVIATION LOOKS TO EXPAND

TSS Aviation, DBA Standard Aero looks to expand with job creating incentives.

Standard Aero, a Dubai Aerospace Enterprise (DAE) company, has long specialized in component repair and overhaul at its Winnipeg, Canada headquarters. In September 2007, Standard Aero purchased turbine engine component overhauler TSS Aviation of Sharonville, Ohio. Now, Standard Aero/TSS Aviation operates a full service component overhaul facility of 135,000 sf located on Mosteller Road. This is their only operation in Ohio.

Employer to more than 280 people, Standard Aero hopes to increase their scope of work at the Sharonville plant by being awarded a new production line from their parent company. Standard Aero will expand an additional 45,000 sf at their current facility, and plan to hire 41 new employees. Business leaders hope that Sharonville's location, and the plants reputation for engine combustion repair will help them win the production line. The company was awarded a State of Ohio Job Creation Tax Credit, and Hamilton County tax abatement for their project.



### BEACON ORTHOPAEDICS PLANS FOR EXPANSION & EMPLOYEE GROWTH

Expands 29,000 sf for new physical therapy, high performance training, and educational center.

Dr. Kremchek and his team at Beacon Orthopaedics are always thinking forward. Ever since their original move to Summit Woods, (near Kemper Road and Reed Hartman Highway) they knew they may need to expand.

The Summit Woods location is their headquarters employing nearly 75 people, and servicing hundreds of patients. While the economy has been difficult for many businesses across the tri-state, Beacon Orthopaedics has seen double digit growth since the opening of their Summit Woods location. With the addition of 29,000 sf to their current facility, Beacon expects patient services to grow by 25%. The new space will host additional services such as a high performance training center for athletes, additional state-of-the-art physical therapy center, and will accommodate a large training center for medical professionals. Beacon's expansion will allow them to hire more than 50 skilled new employees

### SHARONVILLE BUSINESSES GOING GREEN

Businesses in Sharonville look to plan efficient, implement sustainable practices, and build green... to make green.



GreenUp is a new company in town that specializes in renewable energy modifications, and offers an exclusive line of products which feature the most efficient and innovative renewable energy resources available on the market today, such as commercial wind turbines, LED light fixtures, and solar panels for your home and business. You can expect to see more of this company as the use and demand for these products grow within the next few years.

Several Sharonville businesses are not new to the "green" standard. Pedco Engineers & Architects have been designing sustainable buildings for years, and once had the ability to state that they designed the only Leaders in Efficiency & Energy Design (LEED) building in the region. Now becoming the common standard for building, one can call them seasoned professionals in this area. Pedco was recently awarded recognition for their outstanding design innovations and successful achievements for the 100 Howe Office Building in Covington, KY.



The Perfection Group, headquartered in Sharonville, Ohio, is a family-owned business and a leader in the design and building of mechanical and environmental systems for industrial, commercial and institutional facilities. It has taken its green initiative to the next level with the creation of Green Building Solutions that focuses on energy efficient facility operations. Perfection's most prominent new construction project to date is its collaboration with Neyer Properties on the Keystone Park office campus in the Evanston community of Cincinnati.



With utility and fuel costs on the rise, many businesses are seeking ways to retrofit their building to produce energy, or become more energy efficient. Not only are there businesses that can help, like the ones above, there are incentives provided by Duke Energy, State of Ohio, and Federally in the ways of tax credits, grants, and discounts.

**JANUARY 9-10, 2010**

**CINCINNATI WEDDING SHOWCASE**

HOURS: 11:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

(FASHION SHOWS EACH DAY AT 1:00 P.M. & 3:00 P.M.)

ADMISSION: \$10.00 AT THE DOOR (FREE PARKING)

INFORMATION: 513-891-4701

FOR A LIST OF PARTICIPATING VENDORS AND DISCOUNT

COUPONS OFF ADMISSION, PLEASE VISIT:

WWW.CINCINNATIWEDDINGSHOW.COM

**JANUARY 15-17, 2010**

**GREATER CINCINNATI REMODELING EXPO**

HOURS: FRI. 12-9, SAT. 10-9, SUN. 10-6

ADMISSION: \$5.00

INFORMATION: 800-374-6463

INFO@HOMESHOWCENTER.COM

WWW.HOMESHOWCENTER.COM

**JANUARY 23-24, 2010**

**GOODMAN'S GUN & KNIFE SHOW**

HOURS: SAT. 9-5 & SUN. 9-4

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$7, CHILDREN UNDER 12 \$1

INFORMATION: 502-538-3900

WWW.GUNSHOW.NET

**JANUARY 30-31, 2010**

**INTERGALACTIC BEAD & JEWELRY SHOW**

HOURS: 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

ADMISSION: SAT. \$5.00, SUN. \$4.00

INFORMATION: 888-729-6904

WWW.BEADSHOWS.COM

**FEBRUARY 20-21, 2010**

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**ATM Machine Available On Site**

**Note: All information is subject to change.**

**Please call (513) 771-7744 or visit [www.sharonvilleconventioncenter.com/events.htm](http://www.sharonvilleconventioncenter.com/events.htm) for updated information.**

**FEBRUARY 27-28, 2010**

**20TH CENTURY CINCINNATI - SHOW & SALE OF VINTAGE MODERN DESIGN**

16TH ANNUAL – FURNISHINGS, ART, AND FASHION: 1910-1980

HOURS: 11:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

ADMISSION: \$7.00 ADULTS (OVER 18) (GOOD BOTH DAYS)

INFORMATION: 513-738-7256

WWW.20THCENTURYCINCINNATI.COM

**MARCH 5-7, 2010**

**GEMSTREET USA - GEM, MINERAL, JEWELRY, FOSSIL & BEAD SHOW & SALE**

HOURS: FRI. 10-6, SAT. 10-6, SUN. 11-5

ADMISSION: GENERAL \$7,

STUDENTS (12-17)/SENIORS (60+) \$5,

CHILDREN UNDER 12 ARE FREE

(TICKET GOOD ALL WEEKEND) (GROUP SALES AND BUS TRIPS WELCOME AND SCOUTS TO EARN BADGES)

COUPONS AVAILABLE AT THE WEBSITE BELOW

INFORMATION: 216-521-4367

WWW.GEMSTREETUSA.COM

**MARCH 13-14, 2010**

**GOODMAN'S GUN & KNIFE SHOW**

HOURS: SAT. 9-5 & SUN. 9-4

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$7, CHILDREN UNDER 12 \$1

INFORMATION: 502-538-3900

WWW.GUNSHOW.NET

**MARCH 19-21, 2010**

**MIDWEST CRYSTAL & HEALING ENERGY EVENT**

OPENING CEREMONY: FRI. 7:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

HOURS: FRI. 3:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

SAT. 10:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

SUN. 11:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

ADMISSION: EXPO = \$10.00 PER DAY

\$15.00 FOR WEEKEND

CLASSES = \$20.00 SINGLE CLASS

\$50.00 KEYNOTE

\$190.00 FOR WEEKEND

A METAPHYSICAL FUSION EXPO ABOUT HEALING OURSELVES, HEALING OTHERS, AND HEALING OUR PLANET.

INFORMATION: 513-324-5652, 513-542-4400

INFO@4WINDSACADEMY.ORG

WWW.MIDWESTCRYSTAL.COM

# St. Michael's School Wins National Award

National school officials have bestowed a most prestigious award to a school in our hometown! In September, St. Michael's School was notified that they were the recipient of the coveted National Blue Ribbon award for excellent schools.

This tremendous honor recognizes the efforts and accomplishments of both the students and teachers. It is an annual award that is given to schools that have made dramatic gains in student achievement or are academically superior. Only 50 non-public schools across the U.S. achieved this award in 2009.

The Department of Education created this award in 1982, and judging takes place by federal education officials. To be considered for this award, schools are required to submit applications and detailed information regarding their programs.

Congratulations to the students, faculty and staff of St. Michael's School!



Public Works hopes the holiday season brought all residents happiness, joy, and hopes for a prosperous New Year. Those of you with Christmas trees and who wish to dispose of them can put them out at the curb for pickup. Public Works will come around once a week and get rid of these trees for you. Please check our website at [www.sharonville.org](http://www.sharonville.org) to find out what day we will be in your area.

With winter, comes the inevitable appearance of potholes and other unsafe conditions. Please notify Public Works of any curb, street, sidewalks or storm drainage problems in the City. The Public Works Department will attempt to correct the safety problems in a timely manner. The number to call is 563-1177.

Duke Energy will be working on the Cornell Road tree line this winter, if they haven't already started. They will contract with a tree trimming company to trim the trees that are threatening Duke's overhead power lines.

Two major construction projects that will affect traffic are the completion of the I-275 expressway and the rehabilitation of Mosteller Road. The I-275 expressway from Forest Park to Route 42 will have the finish layer of asphalt applied beginning in late April or early May. There will also be some punch list items and small details to complete. All work, according to ODOT, should be finished by the end of July 2010.

Bids should be let for Mosteller Road by late February 2010 and work will begin after a bidder/contractor is selected. The road work should take a couple of months to complete. Please be careful driving and be aware of construction workers in these areas.

Golden View Acres, Sharonville's apartment complex for senior citizens, had equipment and plumbing replaced, and a parking lot upgraded this past Fall.

The first project was all the electric meters and bases were replaced for each unit due to deterioration of the metal that protected and held the meters in place. Next the Blue Max waterline

from the mainline to Building A was replaced with a 1.5 inch copper line. Parking Lot "C", the third project, had drainage pipe added to help drain the lot more efficiently. The old asphalt was taken up, drainage pipe and gravel installed, and new surface put down. The last part of these projects was the installation of 48 new furnaces and air conditioning units for the residents living there. The furnaces will be more efficient than the old units. New thermostats were also installed. These thermostats will have larger numbers and printing so that the seniors living at the complex can read them easier.

All the work done was the result of money obtained through the Community Development Block Grant and Stimulus Funds distributed through Hamilton County.

In order to be eligible for residency at Golden View Acres, you must be a current resident of Sharonville for at least a year, or have a mother, father, brother or sister currently residing for at least a year, and also must be at least 57 years of age. If you are interested in Golden View Acres or have questions about the facility, feel free to call 513-563-1177.

It wouldn't be a newsletter without the mention of our recycling program. Another recycling dumpster has been parked in the northeast portion of City Hall's parking lot. It will make it convenient for residents coming to City Hall to dispose of their recycling at the same time. It may save a trip to one of the other recycling centers.

There will be some exciting news concerning recycling in the future. Rumpke has made improvements at their recycling center in St. Bernard that will allow more items to be recycled. These improvements will enable Rumpke to recycle materials that Rumpke was not able to recycle in the past. Residents will be sent more information on what these new materials are when the processing center comes online. In the mean-

time keep recycling. Recycling keeps materials out of the landfill that can be used again and again. If you want to recycle from home, call Rumpke at 851-0122 for your own individual recycling container. The cost is as little as \$3.25 per month.



# Don't Become A STATISTIC!

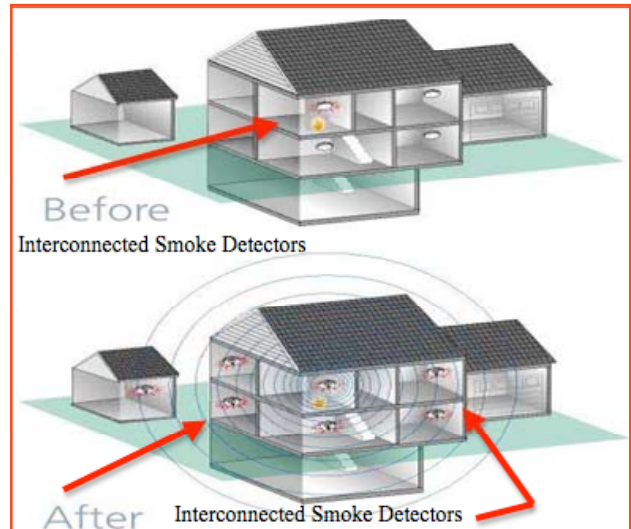
Sharonville Fire Department now offers FREE Interconnected Smoke Detectors!

As of 2007 there were 412,500 house fires in the United States. As a result 2,580 people have died.

What is an interconnected smoke detector and how do they work? A traditional smoke detector is one single unit either wired or battery powered to protect a specific sized area. However, Interconnected smoke detectors provide an earlier warning to fire, because they link together so that when one alarm sounds they all sound. This provides more warning in more places and gives families more time to escape.

You will notice in the picture that a traditional smoke detector (located on top) only alerts one device at a time. This could delay your family's escape. The new interconnected smoke detector is on bottom and all the devices are going off together. The advantage: time. Time to safely get your family out of harms way.

Most manufacturers recommend that smoke detectors be replaced every 10 years. And as always please check your smoke detectors once a month and change your batteries every 6 months.



## FIRE SAFETY TIPS:

- \* In an Emergency call 911
- \* Have a safe place to meet
- \* If on fire, Stop, Drop and Roll
- \* Know 2 ways out of your house
- \* Practice fire drills (even at home)
- \* Check your smoke detectors
- \* Stay low and crawl under smoke
- \* Check doors: make sure they aren't hot

**CHANGE YOUR CLOCK**  
**CHANGE YOUR**  
**BATTERY** Keep Safe  
Keep Going

## Great! Now how do I get one?

The Sharonville Fire Department received a grant in 2007 to purchase interconnected smoke detectors. Some of you may remember seeing the fire department out last year installing these new smoke detectors. If you have not had the new interconnected smoke detectors installed and would like them installed please call Fire Headquarters at (513) 563-0252 and we will be more than happy to install these new smoke alarms for FREE!

# WHAT'S NEW & EXCITING AT THE SHARONVILLE FINE ARTS CENTER?

Have you asked yourself how can I get information on what programs and events are currently being offered? Do you want to know more about the Fine Arts Center's story and mission? Or maybe you are just interested in the history of the building, itself.

We have all of the answers for you. They will be answered through a monthly e-newsletter as we are working on funding for a professional marquis. It's as simple as giving us your e-mail. Please visit the Sharonville Fine Arts web site at [www.sharonvillefinearts.com](http://www.sharonvillefinearts.com); Go to the Home Page and there will be easy instructions for you to leave us your e-mail. The first 100 people to give us their addresses will be put into a drawing for complimentary tickets to some of the main events throughout 2010.

In the meantime, the following are upcoming events from January through May. We are continually adding new events beyond these, so please look for the e-newsletter beginning in January and for updates on our newly revised web site.

## ZAPPA STUDIOS

Talent Management, Coaching for Stage & Screen, Casting, Film Screenings, CD & Film Production for all ages & all levels of experience

Have you or your child ever dreamed of being in commercials, films, talent competitions or want to be prepared for auditions for local and professional theater? We have just the place for you!

Zappa Studios, now operating out of the Sharonville Fine Arts Center is the real deal. Carrie Ellen Zappa, owner and operator of Zappa Studios is well versed and well respected in the areas of live performance including acting, singing and dance. Her students have performed and been featured in over 20 Hollywood feature films and 35 local films as well as national T.V. series and commercials. Her students have also performed in Broadway productions, at the Aronoff Center, and in over 30 local theater companies. She also has students who have recorded CD's and performed as opening acts for Billy Ray Cyrus, John Michael Montgomery, Kenny Loggins, Kansas, Disney's Jonnie & Brookie and with American Idol Finalists. Zappa Studios offers private and group lessons, group classes, monthly master classes, talent shows, summer camps, and performances on stage & T.V. Special guest teachers include Broadway actors, theater professors and directors who have worked in New York, L.A. & nationally. This year she worked on casting with companies such as Disney, MTV, Cincinnati Entertainment T.V., National Broadway Productions, theater productions at the Aronoff Center & local talent agencies. You really have to experience the wide variety of expertise that can be brought to you in your own local area. Carrie-ellen works with a wide range of children through senior adults on every level of interest. You can contact Carrie-ellen by e-mailing her at [cez@carrie-ellenzappa.com](mailto:cez@carrie-ellenzappa.com) or visiting her website at [www.carrie-ellenzappa.com](http://www.carrie-ellenzappa.com). Don't miss out on this unique & rare opportunity in your own home town!

## DEAD MAN'S HAND

Live theater by one of Cincinnati's oldest Theater Troupes, Tri-County Players will be held on the following dates and times. For full information and how to purchase tickets, please call 471-2030. Individual or season tickets are available. May 14, 15, 21, 22 @ 8:00 pm May 16 @ 3:00 pm

## MOVIES ARE BACK

You may not know that movies are back at the theater. On a monthly basis, movies are being offered in the categories of Family Movies, Teen Movie Night and Senior Cinemas. This is a program currently being offered through the Recreation Department and tickets must be purchased in advance at the Community Center. Because of licensing issues, no tickets may be sold at the door. For full information on what movies are being offered, the dates and the prices, please call 563-2895.

## TRI-COUNTY PLAYERS INC.

Tri-County Players Inc, was established in 1960 by a group of theater minded friends from three counties. They performed at the historic Scout House in Glendale until the 1970's, when they became the resident theater company in College Hill at their historic town hall. In the 90's they performed at Twin Towers and the Llanfair Retirement Communities. The last few years they performed at the Monmouth Theater in Newport. The members are very excited to now be the home group at the Sharonville Fine Arts Center. TCP are members of the Ohio Community Theater Association and ACT, Cincinnati. Celebrating 50 years of providing entertainment to the greater Cincinnati area, The Tri-County Players plan to continue building on the arts tradition in Sharonville. For more information call Nancy Hughes at 859-468-3857.

## PLAYHOUSE IN THE PARK FAMILY SERIES

This series is a rare opportunity for people of all ages and families to enjoy paid, professional actors in a local setting. This series is provided through an outreach grant by the Playhouse In The Park. Audience members from past performances have given rave reviews. Come to one performance or all performances – the choice is yours.

January 16	Cyrano	7:30 pm	February 7	LuAnn Adams	3:00 pm
February 13	Hobey Ford	7:30 pm	April 24	Rikki Tikki Tavi	7:30 pm

## MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

### Resident

1. Sharonville residency.
2. Proof of residency (need 2 forms) must be shown to obtain membership. (i.e. current utility bill, lease agreement or personal check, along with a driver's license.)
3. Completed membership application. A parent or legal guardian must sign for a minor's application. Only adults can sign application.

### Business

1. Employee must work within Sharonville.
2. Employment verification with a current pay stub or a company letter verifying employment on letterhead.
3. Completed membership application. (A parent or legal guardian must sign for a minor's application. Only adults can sign application.)

## FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

- (a.) The term "immediate family" in reference to family membership refers only to actual residents of the Sharonville household and shall include:
1. Married couple, father or mother of single parent household and minor or dependent children. "Dependent children" shall have the same meaning as the Internal Revenue Code.
  2. A parent or parents of a Sharonville family, when living indefinitely in the same household or as long as the Sharonville family includes at least one minor or dependent child.
  3. Grandchildren when living in the same household and considered a tax dependent by the IRS.
  4. Foster children or children subject to a specific custodial court order.
  5. Foreign exchange student living in Sharonville with host family.
  6. Children of divorced Sharonville residents, regardless of where the children live while they are in custody of the other parent.
  7. Au paires, nannies or live-in caretakers who reside indefinitely in the Sharonville family household.
- (b.) The term "immediate family" shall not include the following:
1. Non-married adults living in the same residence (i.e., adult brothers and sisters, co-habiting couples, divorced spouses, adult children living with their parents.)
  2. Baby-sitters of Sharonville residents.
  3. Visiting relatives.

## MEMBERSHIP POLICIES

1. A Photo I.D. is taken and a membership card is issued.
2. All participants are subject to the rules and regulations as prescribed by the Recreation Director, set forth for the safety, protection and orderly use of the facilities & members thereof.
3. I.D. Cards must be presented on request.
4. I.D. Cards MAY NOT be loaned under any circumstance.
5. Membership is a privilege. The Recreation Department reserves the right to suspend or revoke this privilege if deemed necessary.

(Rules and Regulations are available at the front desk.)

6. Memberships are valid from January 1 to December 31 and must be renewed on or prior to your first visit each new year. NO EXCEPTIONS. We do not prorate memberships for partial year passes.
7. A scheduled orientation appointment with the fitness staff is required prior to using the Fitness Center. Members must be 15 to participate independently in the Fitness Center.

## SHARONVILLE SENIOR CITIZENS

Residents, age 62 or older, are qualified for a senior membership discount. Residents, 55 years or older, are qualified to use the Senior Citizen Programming areas and are eligible to be a member of the independently operated Senior Citizens Club. Proper photo identification will be required for a Sharonville Community Center membership.

## GUESTS

- \* \$4.00 Daily Fee
- \* Guests must be accompanied by a current member to use the facility as a guest and the member MUST remain with the guest at all times.
- \* Due to orientation prerequisites, guests will not be permitted to use the Fitness Center.
- \* Guest numbers may be limited according to the number of members using the facility.

## REFUNDS

Membership and class refunds will only be given in cases of medical circumstances, if the member moves or if the class is cancelled. Refunds on classes will only be issued if classes are cancelled by the Recreation Department due to low enrollment, inclement weather conditions or an unforeseen event by the instructor. As with pass refunds, participants that become ill may be refunded. (A doctor's note may be required.) Refunds are obtained by filling out proper paperwork at the front desk. Checks will be sent to your residence within 4 weeks.

## PARTICIPATION NOTICE

The City of Sharonville and the Sharonville Parks and Recreation Department, their employees, their volunteers, city officials and agents shall not be liable for any injury or loss that may be sustained by participation in any program or event or use of the facilities, and therefore are held harmless from any claim whatsoever.

## INCREASED SECURITY AND SAFETY MEASURES AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

In an effort to continue to keep the Community Center a safe and secure place for you and your family to enjoy, the Parks and Recreation Department will be implementing the following procedures in 2009/2010:

1. A secondary welcome and customer service desk is placed at the Thornview Lobby Entrance.
2. Please carry your membership pass at all times.
3. For your convenience, we are offering a complimentary membership pass holder.
4. All members, program participants and visitors must check-in at the customer service desk before proceeding to their activity. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Type of Membership	Sharonville Single	Sharonville Family	Business Single	Business Family	Senior Citizen	Pool	Fitness	Track	Tennis	Gym	Crescentville Center
2010 Combination	\$105	\$170	\$180	\$305	\$25	X	X	X	X	X	X
2010 Pool Pass	\$50	\$95	\$80	\$155	\$5	X		X	X	X	X
2010 Fitness Pass	\$80	\$100	\$105	\$155	\$25		X	X	X	X	X
2010 Activity Pass	\$25	\$25 PER PERSON	\$35	\$35 PER PERSON	\$5			X	X	X	X

You do not need to be a member to participate in most programs and special events.

**FACILITY & FITNESS CENTER HOURS**

January - March 2010

Monday - Thursday 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
 Friday 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
 Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
 Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

September 1 - May 31:

Monday - Thursday 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
 Friday 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
 Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
 Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Recreation Center closed December 24 & 25,  
 January 1, April 5, May 31

**STAY AND PLAY NURSERY**

Mon. - Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
 Mon. - Thurs. 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

For use of children, ages 1-6, while an accompanying adult is inside the Recreation Center. 2 hr. max. per day. Fees Apply

**CRESCENTVILLE FAMILY CENTER HOURS**

12153 Centerdale Drive  
 Mon. - Fri. 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
 Sat. 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. 671-2191

**TASTE OF NORTHERN CINCINNATI**

MARCH 7, 2010



NOON - 4:00 P.M.



Bring the entire family to Princeton High School on Sunday, March 7, 2010 to take advantage of all you can eat food for one price! Enjoy delicious food from 20 different restaurants including Mitchell's Fish Market, Jim Dandy's BBQ, Edible Arrangements, LaRosa's, Max & Erma's, Alreddy Cafe, Dave & Busters, Blue Goose, etc. The Taste of Northern Cincinnati is an indoor, family friendly event with plenty of seating, TV's tuned to sports, giveaways, and entertainment. Free shuttle rides from the parking lot to the front door!

\$13.00 per person when you pre-pay at [www.sharonvillechamber.com](http://www.sharonvillechamber.com) or 513-554-1722  
 \$15.00 per person at the door  
 \$5.00 per child under 10



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# Stormwater Program

The City of Sharonville would like to share with you the details of its stormwater program. As you know, the Environmental Protection Agency requires municipalities to monitor and assist with the control of rainfall releasing into city sewers, lakes, and streams. Sharonville has transferred the stormwater assessment from Hamilton County in order to more directly address your water quality and quantity concerns.

Keeping our water resources clean and implementing measures to reduce flooding concerns are of great importance to us. We welcome your comments and ideas.



The City of Sharonville is addressing water quantity, improving water quality, and managing the drainage infrastructure through its Stormwater Program. Specific measures the City must manage and address include:

- Public education and involvement
- Illicit discharge detection and elimination
- Construction site runoff control and post-construction runoff control
- Litter control
- Floodplain management
- Watershed planning
- Water quality monitoring
- Drainage systems operation and maintenance
- Capital improvement program planning



The goals of the City's Stormwater Program include:

- Complying with state and federal regulations
- Keeping major roadways passable in heavy storm events and avoiding flooding of homes and businesses
- Keeping streams healthy for human consumption
- Replacing and improving aging infrastructure
- Improving drainage areas
- Performing necessary routine maintenance