PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

St. James Wood

FALL 2011

FALL LEAF PICKUP

Leaf pickup service starts 3rd Monday in October and continues through the end of November, performed on a patrol basis. The LAST LEAF PICKUP CYCLE starts on the first Monday in December. One cycle through the Township requires 17(+/-) days, and then crews start over again performing additional cycles. Depending on weather conditions, our goal is to perform at least four (4) pickup cycles. Leaves should be placed at the curb side or along the edge of the street, free of brush and garden waste allowing our crews to work efficiently. Crews are unable to pickup leaves mixed with brush and other items. PLEASE DO

NOT PLACE LEAVES IN THE STREET OR IN PLASTIC BAGS.

Road Department crews will START the Leaf Pickup Program on October 17th traveling the following directions:

1. Crews start in the northeast part of the Township along the Alexis Road & Whiteford Road corridor.

2. Next, crews will travel south on Whiteford Road to Monroe Street, and Corey Road to Central Avenue.

3. Finally, crews will travel westward between the main arterial roadways of;

Reynolds Road to Holland Sylvania, McCord Road to King Road,

Centennial Road to the western limit.

This completes one-cycle and requires an estimated 17-day period. The next cycle repeats the above pattern.







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Visit our website to stay connected with information about the neighborhood. Find copies of the current newsletter, summary of deed restrictions, notices, and useful links, telephone numbers, and much, much more! Contact Keith Webb or any of our trustees if you have any suggestions or ideas for the site. We are always looking for ways to make the site more user friendly for our residents. Much appreciation to Keith for putting this together for our neighborhood!

SJW TRUSTEES

Andy Walsh: 419-841-7264 Tom Adams: 419-841-5198 Steve Williams: 419-843-3306 Mike Gory: 419-841-0578 Paul Kruse: 419-517-3442 Jenny Sampson: 419-843-9995

For specific issues, please contact the appropriate trustee:

Annual Dues: Andy Walsh

Deed Restrictions: Tom Adams or Steve Williams

ST. JAMES WOOD PARK FUN

Many thanks to all the families who participated in our Park Clean-up days. The park looks great and was the perfect setting for our 2nd Annual Party in the Park.

Despite the weather, many families came out to share in neighborhood fun at the



park party. This year the

event brought even more families than last year who all enjoyed games, a scavenger hunt plenty of food and neighborly camaraderie. We hope to see even more families come out next year for this annual event.

Watch for the date!

Sylvania Township Police Personal Saftey Tips

Be aware of your surroundings and the people present at all times.

Avoid going out alone, especially at night.

Avoid high-risk places (parking lots and parking garages, parks, trails, ANY secluded areas) when you are alone.

Carry a cell phone with you at all times.

Have your car keys out and ready as you approach your car.

Lock your car doors as soon as you get in.

Maintain a safe distance between yourself and strangers (a "reactionary gap" that allows you to avoid getting their hands on you)

Be aware of avenues of escape.

Have a plan of action prepared. What would you do if a stranger approached you? What if they attacked you? What could you do? Allow for several variations, address several different situations.

Body language: the expression of intent projected through a person's outward facial expressions and actions.

Potential attackers read body language. Don't be an easy target.

Walk with a purpose.

Project an air of confidence.

Make eye contact.

Again , be aware of who and what is around you at all times. Potential attackers often target people who are distracted or unaware of their approach. The element of surprise is an attacker's greatest ally, do not allow them that advantage.

2011 Children's Wonderland Back at Tam-O-Shanter

December 9-29th Monday-Thursday 10a-8p Friday-Saturday 10a-9p Sunday 12p-6p Christmas Eve 10a-2p Christmas Day Closed After Christmas (26-29) 10a-6p



Adults = \$5Children 3-12 = \$3 Breakfast With Santa December 10th & 17th 8:30a-10a = \$8.00/person By reservation only-call 419-885-1167 ext:317 Shawnna Easton



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Whether you're tackling a Thanksgiving turkey for the first or hundredth time, our top 10 tips will ensure your big bird is the best it can be.

1. Thawing a frozen turkey requires patience. The safest method is to thaw turkey in the refrigerator. Be sure to plan ahead — it takes approximately 3 days for a 20 pound turkey to fully defrost.

2. For crisper skin, unwrap the turkey the day before roasting and leave it uncovered in the refrigerator overnight.

3. Cooking times will differ depending on whether your bird was purchased fresh or frozen. Plan on 20 minutes per pound in a 350 degree F oven for a defrosted turkey and 10 to 15 minutes per pound for fresh.

4. A turkey will cook more evenly if it is not densely stuffed. Consider adding flavor by loosely filling the cavity with aromatic vegetables — carrots, celery, onion or garlic work nicely — or by carefully tucking fresh herbs underneath the breast skin. For the stuffing lovers, cook the dressing in a casserole dish on the side.

5. For even roasting, truss your turkey.

6. Before roasting, coat the outside of the turkey with vegetable or olive oil, season with salt and pepper and tightly cover the breast with aluminum foil to prevent over-browning (it will be removed in step 7).

7. Don't be a peeping tom (no pun intended)! Once you get the turkey in the oven, resist the temptation to open the oven door and admire your handiwork. When the oven temperature fluctuates, you're only increasing the likelihood of a dry bird. About 45 minutes before you think the turkey is done, remove the foil from the breast to allow it to brown.

8. Remove the turkey from the oven when the deepest spot between the leg and the breast reads 180 degrees F on an instant-read thermometer. Check the internal temperature of the stuffing as well; it should be at least 165 degrees.

9. Tent the bird with foil and let rest for about 15 minutes before carving. If you need more time to make gravy, heat up side dishes, etc., you can let the turkey set for up to an hour without losing too much heat.

10. Remember to carve your turkey with a very sharp or electric knife.

DIDYOU KNOW?

A copy of the deed restriction for your property can be found on our website where they are listed by plat number.

To find your plat # look up your property on the Lucas-County Auditor's website ARIES.

These DEED restrictions were put in place to help preserve the integrity of the neighborhood and all of our property values. We encourage everyone to read them and make an effort to follow them and encourage our neighbors to follow them. As trustees we would prefer to answer ques-

tions in advance than have to go and undo violations.



Winter is Coming!

With winter around the corner please be mindful of your neighbors. Remember to shovel your sidewalks and keep cars off street so snowplows can do their job.

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St. James Wood Opinion Survey/Fall 2011

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Enclosed with the newsletter, you will find an opinion survey from the St. James Wood Property Owners Association Trustees asking for your input on capital improvements to the neighborhood. If you could please take a minute and fill this out, we would appreciate it. You can return the survey in the postage paid envelope enclosed in the newsletter. We look forward to your feedback!

Please place a check ($\sqrt{}$) for the items in the following list that you wish to have addressed. For those items checked, please 'rank' these items in order of importance, 1 being most important.

(√)	Rank #	
		New/updated playground equipment
		Sprinkler Systems and improved landscaping in the cul de sacs
		Bridge crossing the creek to get into the park from Shooters Hill
		Cleaning out creek and park underbrush

Please write in any other improvements you wish us to address.

Our current St. James Association fee is \$50 per year. Would you be willing to pay an increase in our annual dues to fund major projects? (please ($\sqrt{}$) one of the following)

__Zero increase ___\$10 increase ___\$20 increase ___\$25 increase ___Other, please write in amount_____

Would you be willing to donate one time to fund major projects? If so, how much? _____ yes _____ no

Amount willing to donate ______ Earmarked to which project? ______

For tabulation purposes only, please answer a couple questions: Name of the street on which you reside: ______

Age: () Under 35 () Under 50 () Under 65 () 65 and older

Please return this survey in the postage paid envelope enclosed at your convenience. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!