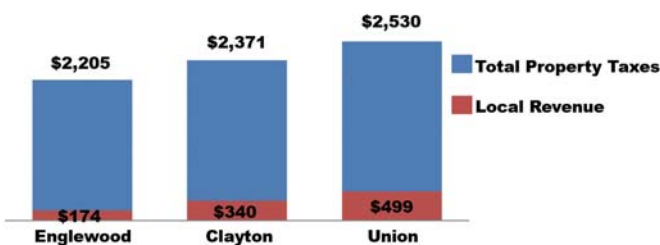


**Think Spring!**

## Englewood residents enjoy lowest property taxes in area

**Did you know** ... Englewood residents pay lower property taxes than other local cities?

**Annual Property Tax Comparison**  
(based on a \$100,000 home)



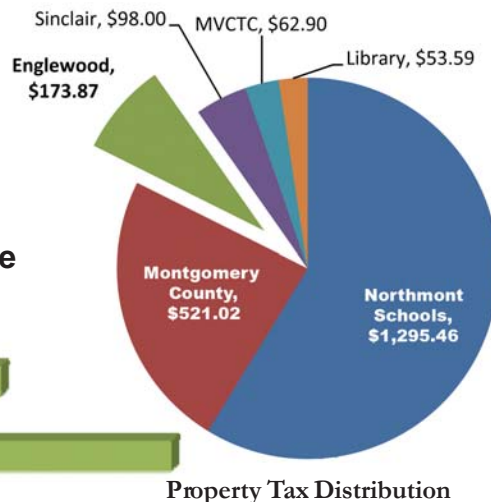
A property owner with a \$100,000 appraised value home in Englewood pays \$2,205 annually in property taxes. A similar Clayton property owner pays \$2,371 and a Union property owner pays \$2,530. The difference is in the local levies and assessments. Englewood's local share of tax revenue on this property is \$174 ... Clayton and Union receives \$340 and \$499, respectively.



April 15<sup>th</sup> has been declared "Emancipation Day" by the federal government. This means the due date for filing your city income tax return is automatically extended to Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. For your convenience, you can file and pay your income tax return on the internet. Simply log on to [www.vandaliaatx.com](http://www.vandaliaatx.com) and follow the step-by-step instructions. Questions? Call the Vandalia Tax Office at (937) 415-2240 or stop by their office Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. They are located in the Vandalia Municipal Building, 333 James Bohanan Drive.

### So where does the money go?

The property tax distribution in the above example is as follows:



### Englewood Local Revenue Use



**Did you also know** ... 2011 is the 15<sup>th</sup> year in a row Englewood has not assessed property owners for street lighting? Since June of 1996, the cost for lighting the streets of Englewood – approximately \$300,000 per year – has been subsidized by the general fund.

**Better yet** ... the cost for lighting the streets of Englewood is going down thanks to the efforts of City Manager Eric Smith and the Miami Valley Communications Council, who negotiated a 12% reduction in street lighting costs with DPLE that will save the City of Englewood \$173,500 over the next 5 years.

**And still better**...the City of Englewood replenishes its coffers by selling its beyond-useful-life equipment on the [GovDeals.com](http://GovDeals.com) online auctions. To date, the City has made nearly \$280,000 from the sale of equipment. Already in 2011, the City has sold over \$10,000 worth of used merchandise.



**Hydrant Flushing** is scheduled for Tuesdays through Fridays, from April 19 to April 29, beginning at 9 p.m. until 2 a.m. Some discoloration or fluctuations in pressure may occur.

The next **Prescription Take Back Day**, endorsed by the Englewood Police Department, is scheduled for Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Englewood Kroger Marketplace.

## Heck Center Programs

■ The Heck Center will be holding a Senior Health Fair on Monday, May 9, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. There will be health screenings, most will be free, a few will have minimal fees and information booths will be available. There is no charge to attend. This fair is sponsored by Friendship Village and is open to all area seniors. Call 836-5929 for further information.

■ On the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month, all those 18 and older are invited to attend “Lunch and Learn” at the Heck Center. Sponsored by Brookhaven Retirement Community and Good Samaritan Hospital, you can hear topics about current health care concerns and have lunch free of charge. Reservations are required by calling 836-5929.

## Youth Art Fair scheduled

Dampen your brushes and sharpen your pencils, it's time once again for the Annual Youth Art Fair sponsored by the Englewood Festival and Arts Commission.

Englewood area children age pre-school to twelfth grade are encouraged to submit original artwork on Saturday, February 26 between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. in the Englewood Government Center lobby. Each piece must be mounted or framed and have identifying information attached. Forms will be available at the Earl Heck Center and at the Government Center offices.

Judging will take place that afternoon. **Awards will be given on Saturday, March 5 at 11:00 a.m.** in the Englewood Council Chambers. Winning artwork will be kept on display through the month of March. Awards will be given in numerous categories including drawing, painting, sculpture, photography and many more.

For questions, call 836-5929 or 836-5106.



## You're invited to hunt up some fun



Hop on over to Centennial Park on Saturday, April 16, 2011 for the annual Englewood Easter Egg Hunt.

Children age seven and under are welcome to bring their baskets to the park for a morning of egg hunting, treats, prizes and a chance to meet the Easter Bunny.

The hunt begins promptly at 10:30 a.m. We recommend you arrive for line-up between 10 and 10:15. For questions call 836-5106 or 836-5929.

## Englewood Sister City Spaghetti Supper & Silent Auction Scheduled

Englewood's Sister City Club will once again hold its annual Spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction sponsored by LaRosa's Pizza on Sunday, March 6 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Catholic Church.

Tickets for the Spaghetti Supper are \$6 for adults and \$4 for kids age 6-12. Kids age 5 and under are free. Tickets are available in advance from any club member or can be purchased at the Englewood Government Center. Tickets will also be available at the door.



AARP Volunteers are at the Earl Heck Community Center on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for Tax Preparation for area residents. This service is for senior citizens, the disabled, students, and those with low income.



## City Holidays & Trash Delays

Mon, Feb 21 - **President's Day** - City Offices Closed - No Trash Delay

Mon, May 30 - **Memorial Day** - City Offices Closed - Trash Delayed 1 Day All Week

Mon, July 4 - **Independence Day** - City Offices Closed - Trash Delayed 1 Day All Week

Mon, Sep 5 - **Labor Day** - City Offices Closed - Trash Delayed 1 Day All Week

Mon, Oct 10 - **Columbus Day** - City Offices Closed - No Trash Delay

Thurs & Fri, Nov 24 & 25 - **Thanksgiving Day & Day After** - City Offices Closed - Trash Delayed 1 Day for Thurs and Fri pickup only

Mon, Dec 26 - **Christmas Observed** - City Offices Closed - No Trash Delay

Mon, Jan 2 - **New Year's Observed** - City Offices Closed - No Trash Delay

# City maximizes dollars through grant programs

Englewood takes full advantage of the many opportunities available to apply for grant dollars. In 2010, the city successfully secured a Clean Ohio Grant for the acquisition and demolition of the three remaining properties on the east side of Main Street, just south of National Road. The properties included the Allstate building and two other small houses. Englewood was able to leverage its dollars with state money for the project, as the city contributed twenty-six percent (26%) of the overall cost.

Since 2007, the city has acquired ten properties in the area between Overlook Park and National Road, most purchased with the assistance of grant money. With the last property now acquired and the buildings demolished, the natural beauty of the park area is more prevalent and the visual impact is dramatic. A second benefit, and perhaps more important to

## Beet Heet

## Englewood snow removal upgraded with new formula



A new anti-icing tool is now being applied to the City streets whenever there is a threat of bad weather. Beet Heet is a mixture of beet juice and calcium chloride. It is now being blended with salt brine to pre-treat the streets for a faster-acting and less corrosive solution.

Once the storm hits, Beet Heet is sprayed at the salt spinner on the truck to treat the salt as it is spread on the street.

Salt alone will melt ice to about 17 degrees; however, Beet Heet and salt combined will melt to 20 below zero.

 **Fast Fact:** A new fully equipped snow plow costs \$135,000

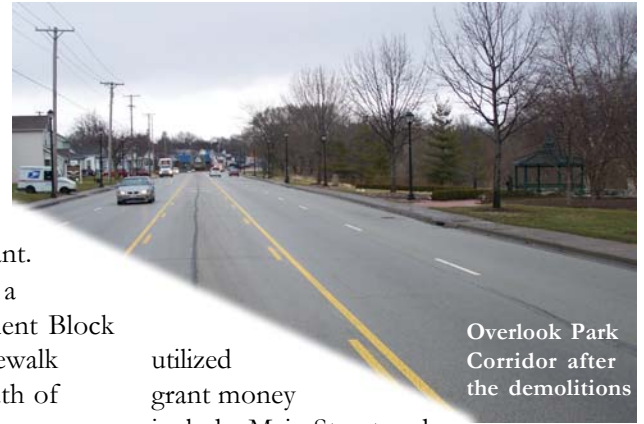
everyone traveling north bound on Main Street is the improved sight distance for motorists approaching the Main Street/National Road intersection. The city is required to maintain this area as park land in the future as a stipulation of the grant.

Other grants received include a \$55,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to improve sidewalk ramps in the neighborhood south of Interstate 70. Approximately one hundred sidewalk ramps will be upgraded to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. The city will be improving the sidewalk ramps this summer

in conjunction with the annual sidewalk program. The city also received a grant from Greater Dayton RTA to improve

ten additional sidewalk ramps in the area near the Heck Community Center.

In total, Englewood received more than a \$1.1 million in grants in 2010. Recently completed projects which



utilized grant money include; Main Street and Wenger Road intersection, Wenger Road water line extension, Sanitary Sewer Rehab Phase 3, Englewood Drive Bridge and Englewood Hills drainage channel.

The securing of grant dollars helps to improve the city's infrastructure and maintain a high level of service to all Englewood residents.

Other projects included the 2010 road resurfacing project which included the repaving of Taywood Road and the 2010 sidewalk program.

Several projects are in the works for 2011 including repainting the north water tower, the Drainage Channel Improvement Project Phase II, State Route 48 culvert rehab, the 2011 road resurfacing project and the 2011 sidewalk program.



Lifelong Morgan Place resident Cecil Morgan is shown at the Englewood Drive bridge which was replaced in 2010

## Community cat program proving successful

Community cats are unidentified cats that live outside. If they are wild or untamed, they are also called "feral cats." After capture and sterilization, community cats are returned to the area where they live and have a food source. Since they have been altered, they cannot reproduce, they are less aggressive and they are less prone to disease.



There are an estimated 89,000 outdoor community cats in Montgomery County. Englewood has joined with the Humane Society to deal with our population. Thus far, 62 cats have been spayed or neutered. Adoption is always the preferred choice, but this program will eventually lead to the population of community cats dying out naturally...and humanely.

# Long-time employees reach milestone - retirement



City of Englewood 2011 Retirees Firefighter/Paramedic Joyce Bachmann (above) and Service Department employee Earl Montgomery (right).

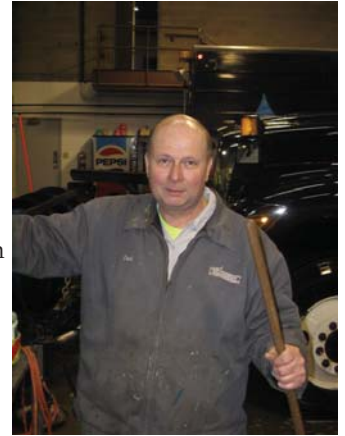
Two long-time employees have recently retired from City service. Joyce Bachmann retired on January 1, 2011 after 30 years of dedicated service as both a Firefighter and a Paramedic for the City of Englewood and for Randolph Township.

Earl Montgomery retired on January 31, 2011 after 30 dedicated years with City Service Department.

Joyce was one of the founding members of the Ohio Task Force One and served in New York City during the 9/11 aftermath, was the community's EMS Education coordinator and has delivered at least half a dozen babies in her tenure.

Earl started with the Service Department in a student co-op situation and then came on full-time as a general laborer. He has performed a myriad of duties throughout the city including supervising the summer mowing crews each year.

The City of Englewood wishes both of them the best in whatever the future may bring.



# Behind the Scenes - Mechanics keep the City rolling along

How is the City of Englewood able to maintain its service fleet for so long and so well? The key is the routine and preventive maintenance provided by Service Department mechanics, Chris Dzendzel and Joe Kemper.

Chris has been with the department since 1988. He started out in a mechanic co-op through the Montgomery County JVS, then came on as a temporary hire. He was brought on as a full-time general laborer in 1990 and was then promoted to mechanic in 1996.

When he's not under the hood of a vehicle, Chris enjoys hunting and fishing.

Joe came on board in 2009 after the retirement of Ron

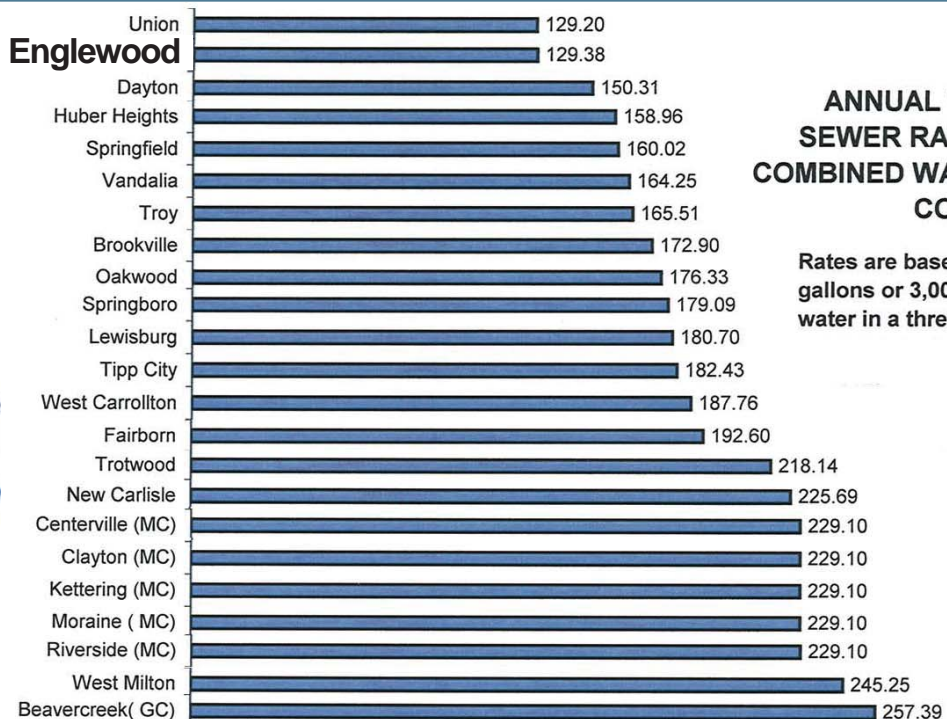
Curtner. Joe received his automotive training at Sinclair Community College and had 13 years of mechanic experience when he joined the City.

In his free time, using the term mildly, he enjoys time with his family including his two twin baby daughters.



Englewood Service Department Mechanics Chris Dzendzel and Joe Kemper

Safe, clean water provided at markedly low rates



## ANNUAL WATER & SEWER RATE SURVEY COMBINED WATER & SEWER COST

Rates are based on 22,500 gallons or 3,000 cubic feet of water in a three month period.

## Englewood Fire sets new response records

2010 was a busy year for the Englewood Fire Department. Crews responded to 3,253 calls for Fire and/or EMS services, an increase of 5.65% over last year. Medic responses also hit an all time record of 2,837, an increase of 7.14%. Despite the extra calls, response times were fast, with the average on scene time at 3.76 Minutes.

Englewood sent mutual aid to neighboring departments 225 times last year. Over the past 4 years we provided help 994 times to area jurisdictions while only requesting mutual aid a total of 7 times.

Largest users of our services since 2007 included:

Clayton	225	22.6%
Union	217	21.8%
Harrison Twp.	173	17.4%
Butler Twp.	135	13.6%
Trotwood	100	10.1%
Vandalia	44	4.4%
Phillipsburg	24	2.4%
Brookville	23	2.3%
All others	53	5.4%



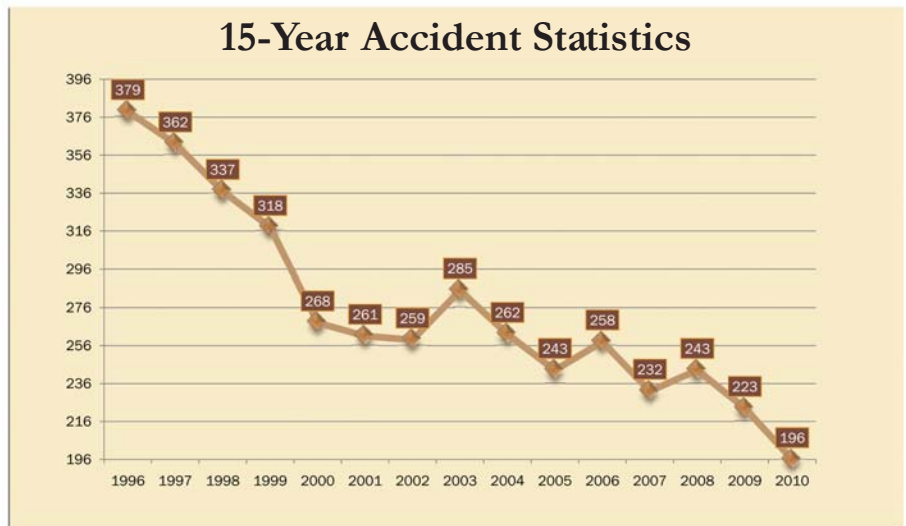
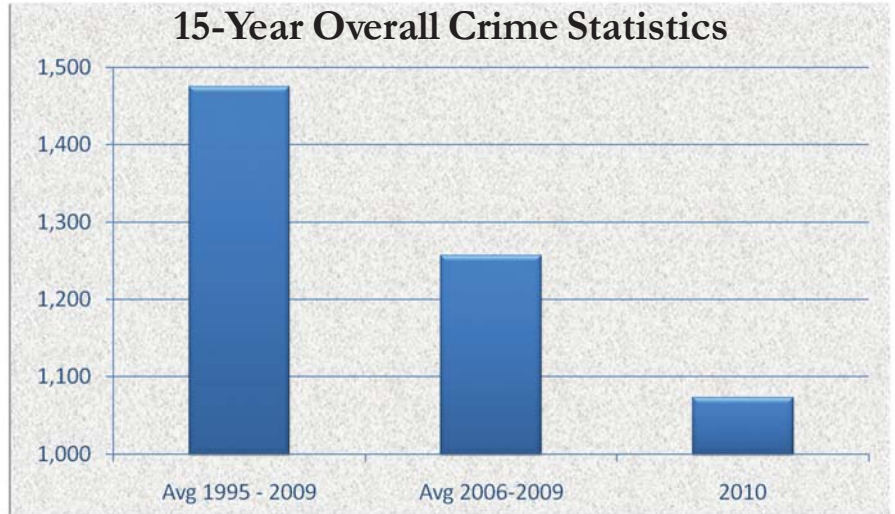
## 2011 Smoke Detector Initiative underway

This spring, the Englewood Fire Department will be redoubling its efforts to assure all multifamily dwellings have proper and operational smoke detectors. Every apartment and motel room in Englewood will be inspected by one of the department's Certified Fire Safety Inspectors this year. They will be locating and testing installed smoke detectors and checking for serious fire code violations. After the visit, the property owners will be advised of the status of the detectors and whether changes are advised. The inspection will only take a few minutes and will focus on multifamily apartments and motels. Residents of single and two family dwellings will be inspected on request; just call the office at 836-2399 to schedule an inspection.

## Crime, accidents down again

Overall crime continues to decline in 2010. A comparison of total reported crime from 1995 to 2010, shows crime in 2010 at the lowest reported level. When you compare reported crime in 2010 to the average of the fourteen prior years, you get a 27% decrease in crime. When you compare a shorter period of time, 2006 to 2009 average, it shows a 15% decrease in total crime.

In 2010, we had the highest level of traffic enforcement, with the lowest level of traffic accidents and the lowest level of crime since 1995. Increased visibility is paying off.



## Dispatch center receives software upgrades

For the last 20 years, the police department was been using public safety software created by local Englewood firm, Civica CMI. At the end of 2010, the police department updated their dispatch, reporting, and mobile computer applications to CMI's latest release, Authority. This trio of new applications brought a number of new features and abilities over the older CMI system previously in place.

The new Records Management System eliminates almost all reporting based on pen and paper and allows for the digital storage of photos and video. The Computer Aided Dispatch and mobile computer software does away with almost half the department's radio traffic by transmitting information through in-car computers. Officers in the field now have access to an unprecedented amount of historical and up to the minute data allowing them to carry out their duties more efficiently and effectively. Further enhancements are planned for early 2011 to coincide with Englewood's continual pursuit of the latest technology trends.



# A Moment with the Mayor

-by Patricia Burnside

Wow! What a winter. Our street crews have again done a wonderful job of snow removal. This is due to their hard work and some new technology in snow removal.

You can be very proud of Englewood's many achievements in 2010. 1.) Twelve major public works projects completed - with the help of a lot of grant money. 2.) Tax rates remained the same even during a down economy due to excellent money management. 3.) Staff levels have decreased due to retirements, but service levels have not. 4.) Crime and traffic accidents continue a downward trend due to our excellent Police Department. 5.) The Fire Department provided mutual aid 225 times when requested by neighboring communities. This is regional cooperation. 6.) Englewood leading an 18-city coalition, negotiated two new contracts with DP&L...street lighting and electric rates...both of which have resulted in substantial savings for Englewood; approximately \$360,000 over the term of the contract. This is regional cooperation at its best. 7.) Last of all, Englewood's financial situation is excellent.

Because of statewide budget cuts, you will hear a lot of talk about consolidating communities. Your Englewood Council promotes regional cooperation in ways that save money but don't decrease service. However, we feel that bigger is not necessarily better or more efficient. Look at the comparative water/sewer rate chart and property tax chart inside this newsletter to see how well your Englewood Government serves you.

Think SPRING! The Garage Sale Days notice at the bottom of the page should help get you in the mood. As always, it is my pleasure to serve as your Mayor.

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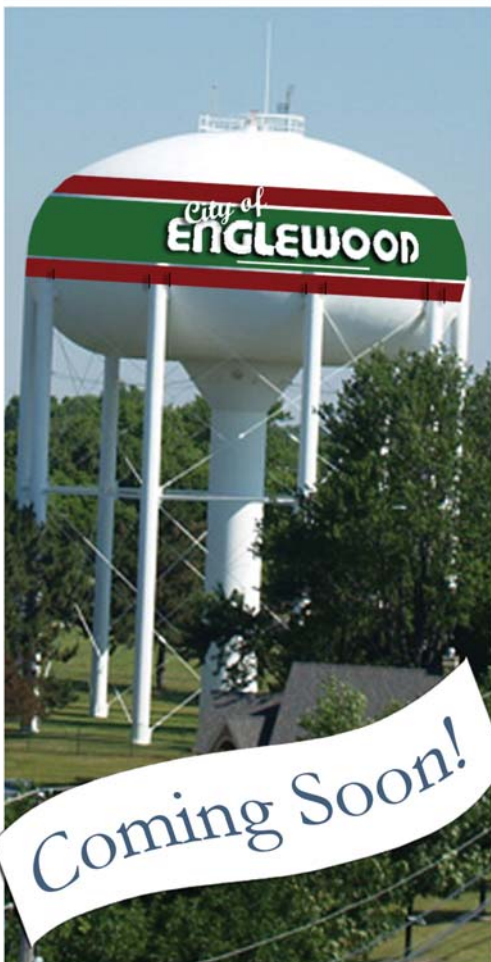
Judy Ferhard  
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Council Member



Joseph Zumwald  
Council Member




## Bill Davenport: A tribute to service and dedication



The City of Englewood wishes to honor the memory of Bill Davenport who served as a Police Officer, Police Sergeant and Code Enforcement Officer for the City for over 37 years from 1970 until 2008.

He died in January at the age of 66 after a long and hard-fought battle with multiple myeloma (cancer of the bone marrow).



City of Englewood  
34th Annual  
Garage Sale Days  
June 3 & 4

In the area south of I-70 to the north side of Old Salem Road  
&  
**FREE Yard Waste Drop-off Day on Saturday, June 4 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Englewood Compost Center, 333 E. Wenger Rd.**  
(proof of residency required)