



Fall 2008 - City of Munroe Falls, 43 Munroe Falls Avenue, Munroe Falls, OH 44262 - www.munroefalls.com

A Message from Mayor Larson

Munroe Falls is a great place to live. One of our greatest assets is the people that live and work in our City. We are very fortunate to have residents that are willing to serve our community in a variety of ways, whether it is on the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Planning Commission or the Park Board. If you would like to be involved and serve on a City committee, please send me an e-mail, Mayor@MunroeFalls.com, or give me a call at 330-688-7491. Currently, there are several openings available on different commissions and boards.

While I do understand that not everyone is able to serve, you do, however, have the privilege to participate in the process by casting a vote. The November election is very important on the national,

state, and county level. I urge everyone to study the issues and the candidates and then make your decision based on this and not necessarily on a name that you recognize on the ballot.

This past summer brought with it another successful year of activities in our City. We kicked it off with **River Day '08**, which is held on the third Saturday of May in most communities along the Cuyahoga River. The Munroe Falls Park Board and The Friends of the Park planned an outstanding day of activities attracting 500 participants at Brust Park. This was the largest turnout of any River Day in any community along the river.

In August, residents enjoyed an evening of music and ice cream at the annual **Ice Cream Social**.

Then in September, musicians entertained all at the **Folknet** picnic. New on the scene this year was the spectacular **Car Show** in Guise Park. The Park Board and The Friends of the Park put on a very successful show attended by more than 60 cruisers. We hope that this show will be an annual event. Thank you to all who planned and participated in these activities.

As fall begins, our **Farmer's Market** will wind down on Tuesday, October 14, 2008. Please stop in and enjoy the end of summer flavors.

As you read through *City Wide News*, please take advantage of any services offered by the City and be sure to mark your calendars for the upcoming events.

Munroe Falls Recycles

Munroe Falls supports free recycling of office paper, magazines, newspapers, telephone books, and aluminum cans. Collected paper is recycled into newsprint, and aluminum cans are recycled through the Aluminum Cans for Burned Children program.

Collection containers are located at the City Complex parking lot, and also at Riverview Elementary and Kimpton Middle Schools, both located on North River Road.

The Service Department collects brush, leaves, and Christmas trees that are recycled into rich mulch, available for free to city residents in the spring. Recycling saves money and valuable landfill space.

Did you know that every ton of paper recycled saves 7,000 gallons of water, 17-31 trees, 4,000 kWh of electricity and 60 lbs. of air pollutants?



Home Fire Safety Checklist

- **Check smoke detector batteries often.** Keep extra batteries on hand: replace them every six months.
- **Check your smoke detectors.** Test them often, and replace any that are ten years old, or older.
- **Check smoke detector locations.** Place at least one smoke detector on every level of your house, and place them near sleeping areas.
- **Keep smoke detectors away from heating and cooling ducts.** Mount them at least six inches from where walls and ceilings meet.
- **Check home wiring.** Have a professional electrician check for faulty wiring, especially if you own an older home.
- **Keep fire extinguishers handy.** Have one extinguisher on each floor, especially near the kitchen, garage, laundry room, and workshop.
- **Maintain a safe fireplace and chimney.** Clean the fireplace regularly, and have it professionally cleaned and inspected annually.
- **Check your clothes dryer vent and exhaust hose.** Clean the vent annually. Lint build-up reduces dryer efficiency and causes dangerous overheating that can result in a fire.
- **Talk with your family** and make sure everyone knows what to do if a fire breaks out. Create a fire safety plan with a designated meeting place.

File of Life

The **File of Life** is a red plastic magnetic file folder that attaches to your refrigerator. The file contains vitally important health information to help medical personnel treat you faster and more accurately. Information includes:

Medications you are taking	Allergies
Medical problems	Insurance information
Emergency contact persons	Your preferred hospital
Your physician's name	



Place the bright red and white File of Life sticker on your front door or other easily seen location. It sends emergency responders straight to the File of Life, saving valuable time. Take this life-saving information with you in a smaller, personal File of Life that fits in your wallet or purse.

Needed! A Few Good Firefighters

Here is your chance to become involved in the community, develop new friendships, and enter into an exciting part-time career. The City of Munroe Falls Fire Department has periodic openings for the position of part-time /paid-on-call firefighter or firefighter EMT.

Required Steps

To be considered for firefighter/EMS positions you must:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Be a high school graduate
- Have no felony conviction
- Have a valid Ohio Driver's license and good driving record
- Live about 2-2.5 miles from one of the fire stations

For details, call Chief Bowers at 330-688-7493.

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Fall Calendar

October

- 13 - Columbus Day - City offices closed
- 14 - Brush pick up begins - North side
- 20 - Brush pick up begins - South side
- 27 - City wide leaf pick up program
- 31 - Trick or Treat 6:00-8:00 p.m.

November

- 2 - Daylight Savings Time ends
- 11 - Veterans Day - City offices closed
- 27-28 - Thanksgiving - City offices closed

December

- 8 - Tree lighting - City Hall
- 24-25 - Christmas - City offices closed