

# DEERFIELD DIGEST



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## Honoring Local Citizens

At the September 20th Board of Trustees meeting, the floor was turned over to Warren County Sheriff's Deputy Chief, Colonel John Newsome, who honored citizens Janet Sloan and her son Ty for saving the life of a drowning child this past summer. The near-fatal accident occurred on August 4th at a neighborhood pool located in the Township.

Alerted by her son Ty, Ms. Sloan leapt to action and administered CPR to the child until life safety crews arrived on scene. For her extraordinary efforts on that day, Colonel Newsome awarded Ms. Sloan with the Warren County Sheriff's Life Safety Award.

Ty, having alerted his mother to the trouble, received an honor typically reserved for law enforcement personnel. He received the Warren County Sheriff's Challenge Coin, symbolizing the best of values in people--integrity, honor and

commitment--for his heady and immediate actions on that day.

The Challenge Coin was given to Ty in the "military tradition," explained Newsome, by way of a handshake pass of the Coin to the nine-year-old.

Addressing the Sloan's after they were presented their honors, Deerfield Township Fire Chief Chris Eisele said, "It's a lot easier for us to do our job when people like you are already on the scene."



In recognition of the achievement of earning the rank of Eagle Scout, Deerfield Township Trustees recognized Boy Scout Troop 951's Scott Jones, and Skyer Hecker at the September 20th Board meeting. Jones' Eagle Scout project included the installation of park benches at Carter Park, along with multiple other path and park enhancements.

Hecker's project, also designed to complement Carter Park, centered around the installation of directional signage and mile markers that are to link to a map of the Park. Hecker also conducted other improvements enhancing the path and its functionality.



## Firefighter Mark Bishop Honored for Actions

Deerfield Township Firefighter/EMT Mark Bishop was honored at the October 18th Board of Trustees meeting for his lifesaving actions to render first aid to a critically injured woman in August 2011.

While off duty on Sunday, August 7, Firefighter Bishop was relaxing at Williamstown Lake in Kentucky, when a boat roared in from the lake with distressed passengers onboard yelling to anyone within earshot to, "call 911 for a medical emergency!"

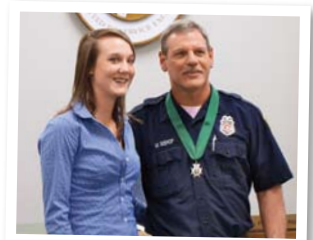
Without hesitation, Firefighter/EMT Bishop dove into the lake, swam to the slip where the boat had docked, and assessed the situation.

A young woman in her early 20's had suffered considerable lacerations to her legs as result of coming into contact with the boat's prop. While her main, femoral artery had not been severed, it was exposed, and the surrounding laceration was bleeding badly. Firefighter Bishop's actions in the nearly ten minutes he

administered aid to the woman prior to the ambulance's arrival helped to bring her bleeding under control and stabilize her. When the ambulance arrived she was transported to University Hospital for treatment.

After 280 stitches and staples, and months of recovery, this woman was able to address the Board of Trustees and Bishop at the October 18th meeting. "I'm really grateful you were there," she said to Bishop, "you really do deserve this award."

If not for Bishop's actions on that fateful day, the outcome could have been tragically different. For his efforts, Bishop was recognized with the Township's 2011 Life Saving Award.



# Pardon Our Dust



## The Irwin-Simpson Improvement Project

Design is currently underway for the widening and improvements of Irwin-Simpson Road, between Nottingham Way and Butler-Warren Road. We are approximately 25% complete with the design work and are now examining more closely what utility conflicts and right-of-way constraints we are faced with in completing this important project. The design work is expected to be complete in late 2012 with an anticipated construction start date in 2013.

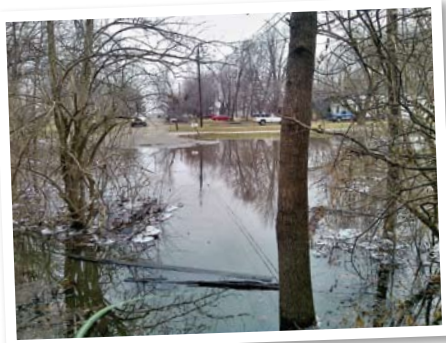
The project is proposed to be constructed in two phases; the first being between Nottingham Way and Charleston Park Drive, the second between Charleston Park Drive and Butler-Warren Road. Estimated construction costs are approximately \$4 million dollars.



## Cottell Park

Cottell Park is getting a new restroom! Construction has begun on adding new restrooms near the playground, not far from the Deerfield Honors Veterans Memorial. The restrooms should be completed by January 2012.

This 46 acre park is located at the intersection of Snider and Irwin-Simpson Road (5847 Irwin-Simpson Road). The park features soccer fields, tennis courts, baseball fields, basketball courts, a walking path, and Snyder House. Additional amenities include a fishing pond, picnic shelters, playgrounds, and restroom facilities.



## Plainview Drive Storm Sewer Project

The Deerfield Regional Storm Water District, in collaboration with Deerfield Township and the Warren County Engineer's office, is

constructing a storm sewer

along Plainview Drive and Butler-Warren Road to alleviate property and roadway flooding.

The project consists of the installation of 3,200 lineal feet of storm sewer and construction of 32 storm sewer structures.

This is the first major capital improvement project undertaken by the Deerfield Regional Storm Water District to improve storm water conditions for the residents of Deerfield Township.

The Deerfield Regional Storm Water District (DRSWD) was created by the Deerfield Township Trustees in 2003 to address storm water issues within Deerfield Township. These issues include water quantity problems—such as flooding and stream bed erosion—and water quality issues, such as pollution, sedimentation, and illicit discharges as mandated by the EPA through the Clean Water Act.

A three-member Board of Trustees oversees and implements Deerfield Township's Storm Water Management Plan. This plan addresses storm water quality in accordance with EPA regulations.

The Storm Water Board holds regular meetings, on the second Tuesday of every month, at 7:00 p.m. at 4900 Parkway Drive, Suite 180. Public input at Storm Water meetings is always welcomed and considered.



## King Mansion Renovation

Built circa 1885, the Ahimaaz King House and Carriage House reflect the importance of Ahimaaz King (1842-1909), an early Ohio industrialist. King was founder and manager of both the King Powder Company and the Peters Cartridge Company.

Both businesses, located on opposite banks of the Little Miami River in Warren County, Ohio, were among the largest manufacturing establishments of their kind in the United States in their day. They were also responsible for building virtually the entire village of Kings Mills, for the purpose of housing their workforce.

The house is an excellent and intact example of a late Italianate-style rural dwelling. It is associated with architects Peters & Burns, among the early professional firms in Dayton, Ohio. Established in 1881, Luther Peters and Silas Burns proved to be outstanding architects of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Current renovations to King Mansion include restoring the porches, exterior masonry, new roofs, and painting and replacing windows. The first phase of renovations should be complete by December, 2011. For additional historical information about King Mansion, please visit <http://choosedeerfield.com/PDFs/ParksRec/KingMansionHistory.pdf>.

# Local Star Danielle Withers on NBC's *The Sing Off*

Local singer and songwriter Danielle Withers is receiving her big break as one of the a cappella singers of Afro-Blue on NBC's *The Sing Off*. The weekly series, hosted by Cincinnati's Nick Lachey, follows 16 a cappella groups from across the country as they compete for a Sony Music recording contract and \$200,000 cash prize. The final live episode will air in November.

"I've been singing my whole life; even my mom says I was singing before I could talk," said Withers. "Now being on *The Sing Off*, it's been the most intense and amazing experience for me to sing."

Withers was originally born in Venezuela, and moved here in 1999 with her family, where she graduated from Mason High School in 2002. Growing up, Withers learned to speak fluently in both English and Spanish, and can even sing in both languages.

Locally, Withers sings at her church, Word of Deliverance. "I love to sing wherever I can," teased Withers. "I sing in the car, I sing at Church, I sing whenever I can." Some of her favorite songs to sing are "Rock with You," by Michael Jackson—who is her favorite artist of all time—and "What a Fool Believes," by Michael McDonald, which also featured Michael Jackson singing background vocals.

Withers moved to Washington, D.C. to attend Howard University. It was at Howard that she was chosen to join the fun-loving Jazz/Pop, a cappella group Afro-Blue. In addition to Afro-Blue, Withers has performed as a back-up vocalist with

R&B singers Mya, Mario, Keisha Cole, Myron Butler, and Kim Barrell. Each took her on tour around the world, including Russia, Asia, Europe, and a three month long performance contract for dignitaries in Ethiopia. "Being on tour, getting to see the world, and performing with musicians whom I love and respect was such an honor," gushed Withers. "Even now, the judges on *The Sing Off* are just so kind and honest; I'm just lucky."

"It feels so good to be back home," sighed Withers, who is enjoying her break before filming the live finale in November. "I just love to go to Fox & Hound, Mt. Adams, or just go somewhere and get some sushi and be with my family."

Watch past performances of Afro-Blue on the *Sing Off* at: <http://www.nbc.com/sing-off/>, and catch the Live Finale on NBC in November.



## Schappacher Park



Deerfield Township's Schappacher Park, located at 4686 Old Irwin-Simpson Road, is a lovely ten acre site with mature, grand old oak trees—a convenient respite from the chaos of modern life. The park boasts Warren County's first dog run, and most notably was named "Best" dog run park by Cincinnati Magazine in 2003.

"I love to bring my dog BeBe to the park," said Township resident Julie Schrader. "The dogs are friendly, the people are friendly, and it's a great place for my dog to go run around."

Even non-residents come to Schappacher Park and bring their

pets. "I come here because it's the best dog park. It's enclosed, there are respectful owners, it's shaded, mulched, and nice all year long," commented Symmes Township resident Sandy Cork. Schappacher Park also offers a playground, picnic tables, grills, and more recently, shelters, a paved parking area, and permanent restroom facility.

In December's daydreams of warmer days to come, why not consider coming out to Schappacher Park with the pooch to enjoy this exceptional park?

# Staying Safe This Holiday Season

The days leading up to the holiday season are an exciting time of the year for everyone. In these busy days, it is important to remember a few basic tips to maximize your safety at home and while out shopping for those perfect gifts for loved ones.

At home, one of the most useful investments to make is motion-sensor outdoor lighting. Potential thieves who might try to use the cover of darkness to look into your cars or homes can be quickly diverted away from your house. Exterior lighting is a great deterrent in all seasons, but particularly during the holiday season when gifts we want to keep hidden from the kids might be left in cars. It is always a good idea to keep valuable items out of sight while they are in your vehicle.

When shopping, it is a very good idea to minimize the amount of cash you carry in your purse or wallet at one time. A person carrying a lot of cash can attract the wrong sort of attention from potential

thieves who may be lying in wait for an unsuspecting holiday shopper. Also, there is always the risk that your purse or wallet could get lost in the bustle of the season, where carrying a lot of cash at once could potentially result in most, if not all, of your holiday budget disappearing. That would definitely put a damper on your holiday spirit!

For safety's sake, make it a habit to take a moment and measure your surroundings when leaving your home or while out shopping. It is always a good idea to be aware of your environment, and please make sure to report any suspicious activity you see to the County's Communications Center at (513) 925-2525, or by calling 911 in an emergency. We're always at the ready to respond to our citizens and visitors with their concerns.

We at the Deerfield Post of the Warren County Sheriff's Office wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday season!



## New Quilt Barn Painting at Carter Park

A new quilt barn painting, King's Crown, was recently unveiled at Carter Park, near the historic King Mansion.

Artist Denny Means found inspiration in the Queen Anne architectural style of the King Mansion as well as from the King Crown logo found on a dynamite box at the Warren County Historic Society Museum. This is the second quilt barn to be added to Deerfield Township parks and is part of a collaboration with the Mason-Deerfield Arts Alliance (MDAA) to create a quilt barn trail.

For more details and photographs on how the quilt barn was created, visit our website at [www.ChooseDeerfield.com](http://www.ChooseDeerfield.com).

## Business Spotlight

### CHICO'S

New to Deerfield Towne Center is Chico's - a specialty retailer of private branded, sophisticated, casual-to-dressy clothing, intimates, complementary accessories, and other non-clothing gift items.

"Chico's associates really are style experts—just stop into the Chico's boutique, and we'll help you coordinate, accessorize, and build a wardrobe that's right for you," said Brand President Cynthia Murray. "Stop by to say hello, make friends, get style tips, and see what's just come in. Just see how each design is specifically created to fit a woman's body and look fantastic," commented Murray.

The 3,010 square foot shop is located at 5545 Deerfield Boulevard. Other local Chico's stores are at Rookwood Commons, in Norwood, The Streets of West Chester, Kenwood Towne Center, and Northern Kentucky's Crestview Hills Town Center. Deerfield Towne Center's hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. For additional information, phone 513-229-7342, or visit [www.chicos.com](http://www.chicos.com).



**Calendar Details** : Please visit [www.facebook.com/Choosedeerfieldtownship](http://www.facebook.com/Choosedeerfieldtownship) for more details about each event.

## December

**01** : **Christmas Ornaments**  
**When:** Thursday, December 1,  
6:30pm – 9:30pm  
**Where:** Snyder House - 5847 Irwin-Simpson  
Road, Mason, OH 45040  
For registration details, please visit  
[www.choosedeerfield.com](http://www.choosedeerfield.com).

**03** : **Ohio Valley Cycle Cross Finals**  
**When:** December 3 & 4, 2011  
**Where:** Kingswood Park  
**04** : Back for its third year at the park, this will be  
a two day event held on December 3rd and 4th.

**03** : **Santa's Workshop**  
**When:** Saturday December 3,  
10:00am – 11:30am  
**Where:** Snyder House 5847 Irwin-Simpson  
Road, Mason, OH 45040

**06** : **Trustee Meeting**  
Tuesday, December 6 at 6:30pm

**08** : **Board of Zoning Appeals**  
Thursday, December 8 at 6:30pm

**12** : **Zoning Commission**  
Monday, December 12 at 7:00pm

**13** : **Deerfield Regional Storm Water  
District Meeting**  
Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00pm

**20** : **Trustee Meeting**  
Tuesday, December 20 at 6:30pm

**27** : **Trustee Work Session**  
Tuesday, December 27 at 5:30pm

## January

**03** : **Trustee Meeting**  
Tuesday, January 3 at 6:30pm

**09** : **Zoning Commission**  
Monday, January 9 at 7:00pm

**10** : **Deerfield Regional Storm District Meeting**  
Tuesday, January 10 at 7:00pm

**12** : **Board of Zoning Appeals**  
Thursday, January 12 at 6:30pm

**17** : **Trustee Meeting**  
Tuesday, January 17 at 6:30pm

**24** : **Trustee Work Session**  
Tuesday, January 24 at 5:30pm

**26** : **Paint Your Own Pottery Event**  
**When:** Thursday, January 26, 2012,  
6:00pm – 8:00pm  
**Where:** Kings Junior High School  
Bring your family and friends to Deerfield  
Township's Paint Your Own Pottery  
Event! Visit [www.choosedeerfield.com](http://www.choosedeerfield.com) for  
registration.



**Deerfield Township**  
**513-701-6958**  
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Monday through Friday

### Want to be more involved in your Township?

Attend a Trustee Board Meeting. Unless otherwise noted, meetings will be held on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. for Regular Sessions; the fourth Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. for Work Sessions.

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