

Voice of the VILLAGE

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“Other Holidays Repose the Past; Arbor Day Proposes for the Future”

The twelfth annual Arbor Day Ceremony was very successful again this year. Many thanks goes to Mayfield Middle School Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Mike Palermo; V.F.W. Post 937; Rev. Terry Taylor, St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church; Mayor Bruce Rinker; Poem Reader, Charlotte Foltz; Guest Speaker, Roger Remec, senior Horticulture Instructor, Gates Mills Horticulture Center; Dave Scarrbery of Mayfield Schools; and Center School's 5th grade students who competed in the poetry and poster contests.



Jennifer, our future gardener



With the help of the ninth grade Civic Involvement classes and Gates Mills Horticulture Center, the Mayfield Village Garden Club members maintain the Historical House gardens and the Mayfield Township Union Cemetery. Also, with the support from the community, the profits from the Holiday Craft Show and Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast Plant Sale netted \$3,000. This money was applied toward scholarships for Gates Mills Horticulture senior students: Jason Smith and Joseph Costanzo of Brush High School, Andrew Istenes of West Geauga High School, Brian Sawchik of Aurora High School and an extended scholarship for 1999 went to Jennifer Spencer.



As a conclusion, Eastern Redbud Seedlings were distributed to all attendees. Refreshments were enjoyed by all.



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*Residents who wish to rent the Mayfield Village Community Room, Gazebo, or pavilion at Wiley Park should call Village Hall for additional information.

RUBBISH REMINDER

BFI reports the only scheduled holidays in 1999 that will affect your rubbish collection are: **Memorial Day and Labor Day**. Rubbish will be picked up on the Tuesday following these holidays. If your rubbish is picked up on Tuesdays, these holidays will not affect your pick up. Please put your rubbish out as usual. Remember that BFI will take large items (including appliances and furniture) at no charge. They must be put at the curb on your regular pick up day. If you have any questions about whether BFI will accept a particular item, please call Village Hall.



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“A MEANS OF KEEPING OUR RESIDENTS INFORMED.”

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Memo from the Mayor

I have often quipped, “We like to stay small and think big!”

Under Ohio Law a “village” may not exceed a population of 5,000 people. Over 75 years ago, the citizens of Mayfield Township elected to separate themselves into five municipal governments: Mayfield Heights, Highland Heights, Gates Mills and Mayfield (with a sliver of the western margin of the Township joining up with the City of Lyndhurst). It should not be lost on any of us, and indeed it is not a little ironic — a bit of poetic justice possibly — that the historical center and namesake of the original Township has remained a village, both in law and in spirit. To be sure, we have taken our eponymous role to heart, continuing to serve as caretaker of the Mayfield Union Cemetery and, more recently, refurbishing the old Bennett-VanCuren House to serve as repository of the Mayfield Historical Society.

Ideally, lessons of history teach us the importance of understanding the good things to be safeguarded, hopefully giving us the wisdom to find the way to make sure we don’t lose sight of them, much less lose them altogether. But unlike Edward Bellamy, who, shortly before the last turn of the century sought to describe a utopian end of the 20th century in *Looking Backward*, we have already begun to benefit from our collective efforts to looking forward — having achieved a number of successes to enhance the many good things in our community that we value.

There are many forks in the road, but a few years ago we stood at a crossroads. In what has turned out to be a significant series of workshop meetings that characterize some of the better elements of the democratic process, a collection of thoughtful citizens studied some of the nuts and bolts of running a municipal corporation, learning the unavoidable importance of the proverbial “bottom line” — the absolute need of generating sufficient revenues to provide municipal services. But as they studied the equation, these volunteers and public officials together sought to understand the less easily measured assets of the village, the quality of life, and thereby endeavored to combine the best of both worlds. As often as I have written about the planning needs and implications of the Northwest Quadrant of the village, I do not believe we have before now been able to see so well the real fruits of our labors. The vitality of our creative thought process has quickly transferred from the abstract to the concrete . . . and brick, and steel and the many other building materials that are transforming the Northwest Quadrant into the North Chagrin Commons.

We are by law a village proper. We enjoy individual, very private residential neighborhoods. Yet we are also keenly aware that just as the historical Township center had at its heart the crossroad thoroughfares of SOM Center and Wilson Mills Roads, these two arteries no longer merely carry the horse and buggy, but thousands of cars constantly on the move in, around and through Mayfield Village. Our daytime population exceeds 20,000, if one counts all those who occupy our businesses and schools.

Therefore, as a key part of our game plan to develop North Chagrin Commons as two halves of one whole — high-end corporate offices and high-end recreational parks — we are not administering the plan in static fashion. Just the opposite. As I have previously written on this page, the Mayfield Village government has methodically acquired land to add to in size and augment in caliber the contiguous acreage comprising our recreational green space. In less than three years we have increased public land holdings from a little over 7 acres to over 120 acres. We likely will continue to purchase, where possible, such land as may be best suited to maintaining the equilibrium vital to the residential quality of this community.

Concurrently, we have aggressively sought and succeeded in gaining the wherewithal needed to improve village infrastructure — most notably roadways — necessary to handle the significant increase in traffic we expect will arise. As much as we would like to will traffic out of the equation, we simply must recognize the fact that it is a major byproduct of economic development. Thus, while the acquisition of green space acreage is designed to maintain balance, the goal of this administration is also to design a thoroughfare capable of effectively handling the peak flows of traffic generated in our morning and evening rush hours, while at the same time, and for the balance of time when those flows are at an ebb, to be aesthetically pleasing and well-suited to handling pedestrian, bicycle and other non-automobile modes of transportation.

Our current task is to evaluate the best design for widening SOM Center Road from the Lake County line down to Wilson Mills Road. SOM is the spine of the village. We have an excellent opportunity to ensure it will embody the best qualities that make this village a wonderfully unique place to live. Each of us has seen in other municipalities too many examples of the things that can go wrong when a road is widened. We are committed not simply to avoid such mistakes, but to turn SOM into the best and most attractive way a community can serve itself while meeting the service needs of those who pass through its borders.

Ultimately, I envision the SOM corridor as a foundation on which we will build a network of intermodal pathways that will enable villagers to move between all neighborhoods with only nominal need to utilize a car to do so — while at the same time providing the village with a roadway that can handle automobile traffic whose numbers could otherwise not merely impede residents’ enjoyment of their own community, but could actually overwhelm such enjoyment and use. Each and every villager must be dedicated to this challenge. If we approach the task of developing our infrastructure in a thoughtful and constructive manner, we will without question achieve that goal. I ask each resident to contribute your ideas, your energy and your spirit. The work we have accomplished in North Chagrin Commons truly marks a renaissance for Mayfield Village. It stands as proof positive of our ability to control our destiny; to envision, to plan, and to make our dreams come true.



Council comments

William Marquardt, Council President Ward 1

I am looking out the window at the flowering trees in bloom. It's a pleasure to enjoy this area's typically short spring and look forward to summer activities. The Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast, 50's Night, 4th of July Fireworks and Concerts at the Gazebo are traditions in Mayfield Village that we all look forward to. We are hoping that this year's 4th of July celebration will include opening day for the Village swimming pool. I say "hoping" because the schedule is very tight. Everyone associated with the pool project is focused on the July 3rd opening day target. As I walk through the pool construction site, it is obvious that the efforts of the Recreation Planning and the Recreation Committees will pay off in a truly first class facility that everyone in the Village can take pride in.

Our new Parks and Recreation Director, Bill Thomas, knows that the pool opening is the most important event in the Village this year. The Village is fortunate to have found such a highly qualified, dedicated and energetic individual to serve as our Recreation Director. By the time you read this edition of the VOV, you should have received the Recreation Brochure. I hope you will participate in the wide variety of activities offered.

The roadway through the North Chagrin Commons is ready for the finishing touches. The outstanding quality of the site is apparent now, in its unfinished form. The final landscaping along the roadway and throughout the site should make it another point of pride for the Village. The first Progressive building will open in May. The second building is under construction and should be completed in early 2000. A third building housing the fitness center is under review and should start construction in the next few months.

Council is considering and debating the configuration of the SOM Center widening project. As I mentioned in the last VOV edition, the configuration of the roadway may range from a simple four lane road with additional turning lanes at major intersections up to a

divided boulevard with a grass median. Since traffic management can be accomplished equally over the entire range of possible designs, the issue becomes, which design fits the character of the Village? The project cannot begin until next year, so there is time for careful consideration of the roadway design and the possible impacts on traffic and development along SOM Center. The residents of Ward 1 have a vested interest in this project. I invite your comments, questions and ideas on this issue.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mark Fixler for his many years of service as Councilman and Council President. Mark's dedication to preserving the quality of life and character of the Village guided his judgement in matters before Council. This dedication combined with his keen business sense are qualities that will be missed. I wish Mark, his wife Sherry and his son Michael the best of luck in their new home.

Mark Fixler, At Large

As my family and I leave Mayfield Village, I wanted to take this moment to thank all of my constituents, fellow Council members and the administration for allowing me the opportunity to serve as one of your Council representatives. In the nine years that I have been involved with Mayfield Village beginning with the recreation department, I have had the opportunity to work with many incredible individuals, far too many to list by name. Mayfield Village is truly blessed with an amazing amount of spirit and with individuals who are willing to volunteer for their community. Our town has gone through many changes over the last several years. I believe that the direction we have taken will put Mayfield Village on a very sound foundation for years to come.

My family and I will always have fond memories of Mayfield Village and we will continue to frequent the wonderful events throughout the year. As your Councilman at Large, I wish you all a fond farewell.

Patsy Mills Ward 2

Many thanks to the Mayfield Village Garden Club for the exceptional Arbor Day Program on April 30, 1999. This

was the twelfth year that this program was done. As a member of the Garden Club, the time and effort that the members give to their community is very special. The Club's work includes the gardens at the Bennett-VanCuren Historical House and the Union Cemetery. Many volunteer hours are given to these projects plus the Center School Students. The Garden Club will also be planting and maintaining the newly mounted hay-rack baskets on the railings of the gazebo.

This summer will be a busy time for the residents - looking forward to Fifties Night, July 3 Fireworks, and the new Swimming Pool Opening.

Council is continuing their studies on the widening of SOM Center Road and other issues important to the development of the north end of the Village.

Have a sunny summer, enjoy the Village activities, better yet, join us as a volunteer! Your help is needed to make these projects be successful. This community's volunteers really make a difference.

Dr. Stephan Parker Ward 3

Mayfield Village is bustling with springtime activity. Our wonderful community seems to come alive when the warm sunny weather arrives in Northern Ohio.

Wilson Mills Path: The newly paved walkway from Hanover to SOM Center has already seen much activity. Many residents have taken advantage of the opportunity to walk to and from the center of our Village. It's nice to see the children not having to ride in the street. Many residents have expressed their pleasure with its construction. On Wednesday, May 12, I met with Tom Cappello, Doug Metzung, and a representative of Vallejo Construction. We walked the pathway and reviewed areas that require additional attention as well as landscape concerns. Vallejo agreed to correct these measures. Landscaping will begin shortly.

Northwest Quadrant: Progressive has begun construction of its second major building. Some employees will begin moving into the completed first building sometime in May. A third building



will be constructed after completion of the second building. You may have noticed the new decorative light poles along the roadways. We hope this adds a little more character to the area. Construction on the new Village pool is moving along at a rapid pace. Watch for the grand opening in early July. Council feels that it will be a first class facility that all residents can enjoy and be proud of. We will be complementing this facility with many park amenities (such as baseball fields, walking/biking trails, tennis courts, soccer fields).

SOM Widening: Council continues to review various options for the inevitable widening of SOM Center Road between Wilson Mills and White Roads. Of utmost importance is maintaining the long-standing residential character of our Village. This will certainly have the most significant impact on those residents living on SOM and collateral streets. Council will certainly use its due diligence to determine the best plan possible and welcomes your input.

Good Luck Councilman Fixler: I would like to offer Councilman Mark Fixler my best wishes as he steps down from his position after 7 and 1/2 years. During his tenure he has skillfully served as Council President for 4 years, devoting much of his time and energy to improving our Village. His presence has been an asset to our community and he will be missed. It has been a pleasure and honor to work with him the last 3 and 1/2 years, and I wish him much success in all his future endeavors.

Wishing all the residents of Mayfield Village a safe and fun spring and summer. Please remember to drive slowly through the neighborhoods, as children will be playing outside. Parents, please encourage your children to ride their bikes safely and wear a helmet. It may save their life.

Bill Buckholtz Ward 4

In case you haven't heard by now, we are building a community swimming pool, a recreational park and a Department of Parks and Recreation. Oh yeah, there's a couple of little projects hanging around like the new progressive Campus & Fitness Center, the widening of SOM Center Rd., and several other matters of real estate, high finance and development that will affect the economics,

panorama and persona of the Village for years to come. I have decided, however, to devote my spring VOV article to an 'end of the year' message, why wait? And besides, this guarantees that I can be the first Village official to spill out endless cliches of philosophical, esoteric, introspective goose droppings without duplicating other articles in the issue. I must warn you, however, this will probably be just Part I of my endless dissertation entitled, "Hey, how 'bout that new millennium!" or "Wanna watch my odometer turn over?"

Everyone is talking about the next millennium, Nostradamus, the judgment day, e-commerce, connectivity, "business @ the speed of nerves", ethnic cleansing, anxiety and anger management, progress, tradition, and reality.

After we wake up from the big 1999 New Years Eve bash, stumble around, clean up champagne bottles, take two Tylenol, take out the garbage and take stock of the situation, we will finally face the first true realizations of the year 2000..." Gee it's Saturday, I wonder who's hosting the Parade this year? Now let's see, tomorrow is Sunday, back to work on Monday, pay the mortgage by Thursday, and here goes my 48th resolution - "*Be kinder to strangers, and, no carbs after 4:00 p.m.*"

As we become more connected globally - politically, economically, technologically - we are becoming increasingly disconnected emotionally, socially spiritually... pained and estranged. As we become more organized, we become more 'de-arranged'. The more knowledge we gain, the less we understand. As our technological nervous system expands, our ability to feel retracts. As learned behavior becomes more sophisticated, standardized and programmed, fundamental human instinct atrophies, regresses, evaporates. We now have the capability to talk to Japan, Italy, Saudi Arabia with one click on the Internet. We can find out the current temperature at the North Pole or download the entire script from the movie "Happy Gilmore" in under a minute. But how difficult it has become to talk to our neighbors, our spouses, our children. We can accurately measure sunspots and predict asteroid showers but we can't hear the cries of children in Kosovo, Colorado, Rwanda, Cambodia or the

Sudan. (Although Congress hears the cries of our Defense Department for a budgetary build-up..." We'll see your \$7 billion and raise you another \$7 billion"). We can see far into a new galaxy or reveal rituals from the ancient past, yet we can not recognize day-to-day mood swings or comprehend the nature of our own DNA. And how genuinely do we accept the language, customs and clothing of all God's children? *Is it better to be right than kind?* We take way too much for granted in this country. Even our own way of life that runs through us as deep as a river, or the ideals that we hold as high as the mountains, can be taken away overnight, in the name of progress and civilization. Just ask any Native American... they've always got that big ol' happy grin, (at least on hats & t-shirts... 6 to 2 bottom of the ninth).

So what distinguishes the quality of life that we speak of? What skills of mending the human condition are we handing to our children such that they will be able to teach their children to provide a better world for their children? Enlightened people speak of the wonders of nature, the miracles of life and the solitude of death, while small-minded people just talk about each other. What contributions can we look to that will sustain humanity as we all dream of it? What 'words of the heart' can we utter, that might insure the hope and peace that we pray for? Every time I look deep into my child's eyes I see the reflection of my own inabilities, imperfections and weaknesses. Life, love and freedom are so fragile, while the reckless forces of nature - space, time and matter will outlive us all.

So what does any of this have to do with a \$3 million swimming pool, a 25-acre park, and a Parks and Recreation Department? I don't know - But I do know this!

There is no room left in our lives for any more chaos! We will self-destruct if we don't sit back, relax and be cool!

Mayfield Village, like America - not so rugged as her younger day, has long provided a safe and secure home for many. A community where children laugh and life can flourish. We all want that to continue. It has been the job of

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Village officials to make some hard choices regarding the future of the Village. While implementing a sound economic plan for tomorrow and carefully molding the landscape, we are working to achieve tangible benefits for today. The common denominator in our corner of the world is our recreational and leisure time activities. We have made a commitment to provide the community with a higher quality of life. These decisions carry with them a hefty price tag... but it is worth it. It has to be! We often find ourselves critical and suspicious of change. Now is not time for doubt and cynicism. Now is the time to be revitalized, to get involved. *“If you see what needs to be repaired and how to repair it, then you have found a piece of the world that God has left for you to complete. But if you only see what is wrong and how ugly it is, then it is yourself that needs repair.”* Now more than ever before we need to spend quality time together - relaxing with neighbors, laughing with friends, playing with our children. I urge each and every resident to participate in our new programs and support our new facilities. All we have is each other - the relationships we build, the time we spend together and the memories we collect and cherish. That kind of quality life can last from generation to generation.

Joanne Cinco At Large

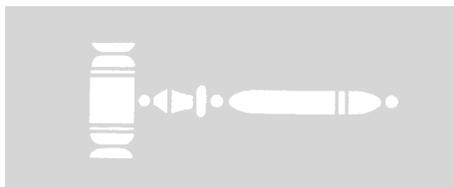
Can you imagine, would you believe - twelve years ago when I was first elected to Council, that not only would I see the construction of a new Fire Station in my term, but that in July of 1999 we would be celebrating the inauguration of a first class recreational facility. This is truly an exciting time for Mayfield Village. We are the place to BE! And we will continue.

Council has been hard at work interpreting and discussing information and making informed decisions concerning bike paths, roadways and swimming pools. The Citizen’s Advisory Committee will be involved in voicing your opinions on the SOM Center Road widening. Let them know your thoughts or call me. There is monumental work to be done and we need your involvement.

Bill Thomas, the new Parks and Recreation Director, deserves a stand up ovation for the energy and excitement he brings to our administration.

Take the time to say “hello” and enjoy the programs he has offered to the community. We are off and running under his creative management.

As we bid farewell to Councilman Mark Fixler only best wishes for his success and happiness are sent his way along with thanks for the many years of his service.



Law Director

by Joseph W. Diemert, Jr.

Springtime is here in Mayfield Village, and the end of the school year means many young adults will be going out for the annual prom dances and/or graduation parties. Every year parents look forward to these special events with trepidation, hoping their children will have fun and yet act responsibly, and avoid being hurt by those who do not. As Law Director and Prosecutor for several communities, I have learned that parental responsibility is the key to a successful and safe evening. Children behave, for the most part, within the family values that have been taught to them. All too many tragic events occur when the values are unenforced, or the youth digress.

Ohio law recognizes the problems of underage drinking, and the courts have held parents and guardians liable for such illegal and negligent activity by these youngsters. Ohio Revised Code Section 4301.69, and *Mayfield Village Code, Chapter 529*, provides various stringent regulations attempting to facilitate liquor control and protect our children from the damaging effects of alcohol, especially drinking and driving.

Both Codes expressly prohibit the sale of alcohol to underage persons. “No person shall sell beer or intoxicating liquor to an underage person, or shall buy beer or intoxicating liquor for an underage person, or shall furnish it to an underage person.” These Codes also state that, “No person who is the owner or occupant of any public or

private place shall knowingly allow any underage person to remain in or on the place while possessing or consuming beer or intoxicating liquor.” Ohio law also provides that taverns, based on a common law duty to the safety of their patrons and the community, are liable for the acts of intoxicated persons even after they leave the premises. The fundamental policy that underlies the strict liability of the Code is general public safety.

Many Ohio communities have broadened the scope of such protective statutes, by adopting what are commonly referred to as “keg laws.” These laws impose liability on any social host for serving alcohol or allowing underage individuals to drink at their house or party. Therefore, a parent or guardian allowing underage consumption of alcohol, even if it is supervised, can be held criminally liable for such permissiveness. Depending on the surrounding events, the penalties can be severe.

In the Landmark case, *Lombardo v. Deshance*, the Ohio Supreme Court unanimously held that the word “guest” does not require anything more than the receiving of hospitality. Furthermore, under this definition, a minor can be a guest even though unaccompanied by the presence of the parent or guardian. Thus, the weight of legal authority has held that the parents are responsible for the events that occur in their house, even though they may be unaware of those events.

Mayfield Village is a community rich in tradition and family values. As the graduation and prom seasons are upon our children, the community needs to rally to extend our guidance to these young adults as they embark on their special evenings. The true goal is teaching our children the real dangers alcohol can produce. Ultimately, their awareness of the dangers involved will serve them better, and help avoid a tragic event that can ruin a lifetime or take a life.





Police department



by Police Chief
Donald Stevens

Should you Teach your Child to Lie, Scream and Be Rude to an Adult? Sometimes, you Should!

You're raising your child to be honest, polite and respectful of adults, but sometimes these may not be the best choices your child can make.

For example, a child should never say he or she is alone when answering the phone, even if it's true. It's safer to say that an adult can't come to the phone and will return the call later.

Though it might seem rude, a child shouldn't open the door when alone or invite someone into the house without their parents' permission. A young child should learn not to go anywhere, including the home of a friend, without the permission of their parents (or babysitter).

In the unlikely event that someone would try to take your child against his/her will, your child should be instructed to make a scene, to scream and carry on (to attract attention), and leave a trail of scattered books or belongings.

Sometimes an adult will try to lure a child by asking for help of some kind - directions, the time, or to find a lost puppy. Explain to your children that adults rarely ask kids for help. They are not obligated to say 'yes' just because an adult asked. If children are asked to do something that doesn't seem right, they can say 'no' nicely, as in "No, I have to ask my mom first" or just say 'no' and leave. Knowing this will help your children trust their instincts and encourage them to think for themselves.

By helping your children to understand that they have choices, even in difficult situations, you prepare them to act, not merely react. Giving children the choice of not always behaving according to the rules gives them a better way of looking after themselves.

(Reprinted from Childfind 1-800-387-7962)

HARASSING PHONE CALLS

Everyone gets nuisance phone calls once in a while but harassing calls need to be taken seriously. If you receive an abusive or threatening call, hang up immediately and dial *57 (1-1-5-7 from a rotary phone). You will hear a recorded message to let you know you have completed a successful trace. This information will only be released to the police so the next step is to contact the police department and make a harassing phone call report and sign an authorization form. This form can be obtained from the police department or by calling the Ameritech Annoyance Call Bureau at 1-800-769-4099.



Fire department

by David Mohr,
Fire Chief



Assistance During Power Failures

We are aware there are residents with medical problems throughout our community. The Mayfield Village Fire Department would like to assist our residents with medical conditions if the power would go out for any length of time. As an example, during a severe thunderstorm in 1994, areas of the Village were without power for up to one week. If requested, we would come and check on your welfare and if you have medical needs requiring a generator, set up your generator or provide a generator to power your medical equipment. Contact the Fire Department at 440-461-1208 and give our firefighters your address, phone number, medical problem or condition and what type of medical equipment you are using.

The Noon Siren

People living in Mayfield Village have grown accustomed to the noon siren. The siren has been a part of Mayfield Village since 1960. Originally, it was used to call the Volunteer Fire Department to a fire.

The intent of the siren is to notify the public to turn on the television or radio. In an emergency, the television and radio stations will broadcast any warnings or description of the emergency. Depending upon wind conditions you may not hear the siren throughout the Village. For further safety we recommend that Mayfield Village residents purchase a weather warning radio (found at Radio Shack) that would activate in the event of severe weather or other potential emergencies. The cost of these radios range from \$20.00 to \$60.00 depending upon the features.

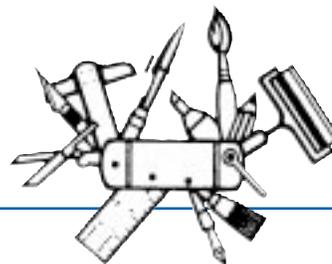
It is hoped that over the next several years we will add two additional sirens. One will be in the Worton Park area, the other will be in the Metro Park, Hickory Hill area.

Remember the siren is exercised every day except Sunday at noon. In the event of an emergency please do not contact the Mayfield Village Dispatchers - as they will be aware of the situation and very busy. If the siren is blowing turn on your TV, radio or weather warning radio.

Remember to save your aluminum cans as they help support the burn unit at Metro General Hospital. Cans can be dropped off in a depository barrel behind the Fire Station at 770 SOM Center Road.

Engineering department

by Steven Hovancsek,
Village Engineer



I-271 NOISE BARRIERS

As you can see, the construction of the noise barrier walls has begun. The panels used for the walls shall be precast concrete with a cut stone block pattern face. The work in the Village should be done by the end of summer.



Building department

by Bernie Samac,
Building Commissioner



During the spring season, there are many contractors out to solicit work from you. While a vast majority are honest, hardworking, and reputable contractors, it is important that you understand any contracts for services before you sign. Contractors such as building, siding, roofing, landscape, and concrete are required to register with the Building Department, provide proper insurance, and obtain permits before any work begins. It is important that references be checked and also the Better Business Bureau. Please call the Building Department for any other information at 440-461-2213.

The first Progressive Insurance Co. building located on North Commons Blvd. is complete to the point that occupancy is beginning. During the next several months, the entire building will be operational.

The municipal pool is starting to take its finished shape for our opening this summer. This is truly a state of the art facility that residents will enjoy for many years.

The new science wing at the high school is under roof, with a good portion of the exterior finished. The science wing is on schedule and should be ready for use at the beginning of the 1999-2000 school year.

Have a safe summer.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Terry Santoro who was nominated for the 1999 James Cash Penney Awards for Community Service

Commission on Aging/ Human Services

by Eunice Kalina

On May 15 the Senior Gentry celebrated their 17th anniversary. Helping set up for the party and admiring the door prizes are Chris Casey, Irene Vinclovas, Alma Winkle, and Ruth Petche. A good time was had by all!



Our big trip this summer is Tuesday, July 27 when we go to Wooster for Ohio Light Opera's production of *La Vie Parisienne*. This Jacques Offenbach musical comedy portrays Paris at the end of the nineteenth century with spirited dances including the can can. The theatre will be preceded by a hearty Amish-type lunch and shopping in Shreve, Ohio. A stop at Everything Rubbermaid will complete the outing before returning home. The cost for the day is \$52 per person which includes the lunch, theatre tickets, and transportation. We will meet at Wiley Park and 9:45 a.m. and return at approximately 6:15 p.m.

Non-residents' reservations are now being accepted so don't delay in making your reservations. Checks should be made payable to Mayfield Village Commission on Aging and deposited in the Village Suggestion Box with the reservation form found at the conclusion of this article.



PICNICS

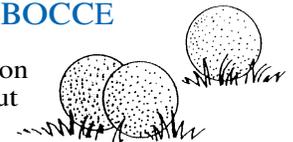
Picnics have been scheduled for Wednesday, June 23 and Wednesday, August 25. These will begin at 4:30 p.m. and will be at Wiley Park unless the weather is not favorable for an outdoor picnic in which case we will meet in the Community Room. Beverages and dessert will be provided. Please bring your own entrees and place settings. The grills will be lighted at Wiley Park, or the stove in the Community Room will be available.



Kindly place your reservation forms in the Suggestion Box so that adequate desserts and beverages will be available.

BOCCE

The bocce season is underway, but we need more players. Beginners are welcome. We currently meet Thursdays at Wiley Park from 1 to 3 p.m. When the temperatures go into the 80's our playing time will be 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Join us for some light exercise and fresh air - you'll be glad you did. During the month of July we will play only July 1 and 22.





CARDS

The card group meets in the Community Room each Tuesday from 1 to 4 p.m. Games played include bridge, pinochle, hand and foot, and UNO. Admission for the afternoon is 25 cents which includes refreshments. We recently celebrated Chris Casey's birthday. Blood pressures are checked by our Fire Department members at approximately 1:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month.



During the month of July the card group will not meet Tuesday, July 6, 13, and 27. They will meet Thursday, July 15 and 29.

Blood pressure checks will be on June 15, July 20, and August 17.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Remember to mark your calendars for our trip to Oglebay, West Virginia Wednesday, December 1. More specific details will be available in the next issue of the Voice of the Village.

August 19 from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Holes by Louis Sachar.

All are welcome!

Jewelry Display - Judith Stroup will exhibit her jewelry and silversmithing objects during the month of July.

Gourd ART Display - Eva Paulik will display examples of Gourd Art during the month of August.

Children's Book Sale and Latin Music Concert - Wednesday, August 18th, 1999. The 8th annual "For Children Only" book sale offers all types of children's books as well as videos and other treasures! 2-4 p.m. for children only (or adults accompanied by a child!) From 6-8 p.m. its "Dollar-a-Bag" for everyone. The musical portion of this event will be presented on the Library's north lawn between 7-8 p.m. and will feature Robert Ocasio and Percussion Latina! Members of the audience are invited to participate in this action packed demonstration of percussion and other musical instruments.

The program is designed for family entertainment and is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Ice cream sundaes will be available for purchase. The concert is free and open to the public.

Information Superhighway - Informational, informal and fun classes on learning to access the Internet on Saturday, June 12th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and Monday, July 12th from 7-9 p.m.. Please register by calling the library at 473-0350 or in person at the library reception desk.

RESERVATION FORMS

OHIO LIGHT OPERA

_____ of _____ would like to participate in this
Name(s) phone number
trip. Enclosed is payment of \$52 per person.

PICNICS

_____ of _____ will attend the June 23rd
Name(s) phone number
picnic. Please respond by June 21.

_____ of _____ will attend the August 25th
Name(s) phone number
picnic. Please respond by August 23.

Library Learning Mayfield Regional Library

LIBRARY HOURS TO BE EXPANDED

The Library will be open Mondays through Thursday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. During the school year, they will be open Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m.

Art Shows - *Trees and Birds: Paintings on Canvas* an exhibit of the paintings of Nancy Weymouth throughout June. A reception will be held Saturday, June 12th from 3 - 5 p.m. *Floral Paintings and Others* an exhibit by Toni Rash will be on display at the Library throughout July. *Civil War re-enactment photographs of Annette Anderson* will be presented throughout August. The public is cordially invited. For more information call the Library at 473-0350.

Speaker - June 22, 7-8:30 p.m. Mr. Gregory Weller, a Software Support Specialist for the Cuyahoga County Public Library, will present a program on how to purchase a personal computer. He will discuss strategies for selecting, pricing, and purchasing a pc that fits the individual needs of the purchaser. The program will be held in the Gallery/Meeting Room and is free and open to the public

Barbie Display - Maria Trivisonno will exhibit her Barbie collection during the month of June.

The Evening Book Discussion Group - June 7 from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. *Frindle* by Andrew Clements will be discussed.

June 21 from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. *The Rescuers* by Margery Sharp will be discussed.

July 19 from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. *The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank will be discussed.

Recreation Corner

by Bill Thomas,
Director of Parks and Recreation

Welcome to the first addition of *Recreation Corner*. My name is Bill Thomas. On March 1, 1999 Mayfield Village Council created the Department of Parks and Recreation and with it my hiring and swearing in as the first director of Parks and Recreation.

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Mother's Day Pa



Donna Pham, age 7

We found some special treats at this year's Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast. As we sat down to eat pancakes and sausage with our family and friends, we listened to soft harp music. (The moms especially enjoyed this.) The talented harpist played a variety of favorite music for every generation.

There was also a special surprise for our younger guests—a magician! As our children finished their breakfasts, they turned their attention to the magician who performed a host of fabulous tricks at almost every table. Then, some children colored on the large coloring mural while many others looked at all the beautiful coloring contest entries on display—finding their own pictures! Congratulations to the lucky and talented winners:



Krista Cappello,
age 11 and
Peter Hauptman,
age 9



Sarah Grant, age 10



Jamie Clements, age 12



Andrea Barni, age 4

Devin Carney and
his family, age 3



Lauren Molnar, age 2 1/2



Claire Eberts, age 5



Katerina Fantozzi, age 6
and Ryan Culotta, age 8





Pancake Breakfast

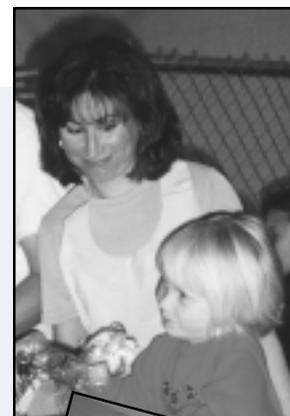
While we waited in line or after we finished breakfast, we were able to have a family picture taken—and do some shopping. Many of us had our pictures taken with mom. A very special picture taken that day was a four generation family picture of Mayfield Village resident Malveene Vargo. Many purchased flowers or hanging plants for mom—since this was her special day. The Mayfield Village Garden Club had a beautiful assortment of plants and flowers to choose from. We could even shop while we ate because each table had a pretty flower centerpiece that could be purchased!

A hearty thank-you also goes to those who volunteered—our list ranges from Village officials and employees to the Boy Scouts from Troop 705 to members of almost every Village Board and Commission and residents of the community. We served over 850 people and we couldn't have done it without you!

Hats off to everyone who helped make the Pancake Breakfast the 16th annual sweet success.



left to right Jina Elliott great granddaughter, Malveene, 2nd row, Nicole Elliott, great granddaughter, Jaclyn Elliott, great granddaughter held by Mom (Lynn Elliott - granddaughter and her husband, Thomas) and daughter, Dorothy Schellentager.



A Hearty Thank You for Volunteering at the 1999 Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast

A special thank you goes out to the businesses who supported this event:

- Migelitos
- Deacon's Chrysler/Plymouth, Inc.
- William T. Byrne, Inc.
- Century 21
- Euclid Industries
- Preformed Line Products
- Freddie James and Associates
- Village Shell
- and
- Mayfield Village Barber Shop

- Jackie Andrzejczyk
- Pat Andrzejczyk
- Mark Arndt
- Noboru Asamoto
- John Barni
- Chris Barni
- Mary Beth Brooks
- Mindy Bradbury
- Jeff Bradbury
- Bill Buckholtz
- Dorothy Buzek
- Chris Casey
- Diane Catalano
- Jerry Catalano
- Mary Alice Chandramouli
- Mouli Chandramouli
- Brian Cinco
- Joanne Cinco
- Sam D'Amico
- Gloria D'Amico
- Mark Fixler
- Sherry Fixler
- Michael Fixler
- Manley Ford

- Susan Harrison
- Brian Harrison
- Eunice Kalina
- Bruce Konieczny
- Shelly Kovacevic
- Matt Kovacevic
- Laura Lynch
- Paul Lynch
- Tom Marrie
- Megan Marrie
- Bill Marquardt
- Jan Marquardt
- Jay Marquardt
- Jill Marquardt
- Mary Lou Martin
- Jim Mason
- Dawn McCalligan
- Kim McCullough
- Tim McCullough
- Patsy Mills
- Stephan Parker
- Dave Perout
- Blase Pietrafese
- Theresa Repicky

- Tom Repicky
- Bruce Rinker
- Laura Rinker
- Kristen Rinker
- Alexa Rinker
- Donna Roman
- Steve Roman
- Bernie Samac
- Terry Santoro
- Al Scaccia
- Jeff Schiemann
- Michael Schiemann
- Elsa Simek
- Nona Stella
- Phil Stella
- Andy Stella
- Lee Stone
- Debbie Thomas
- Jim Thomas
- Bob VanVliet
- Ralph Vara
- Edie Wohlgang
- Elizabeth Xavier
- Boy Scout Troop 705



Recreation Corner, *continued*

My office now occupies the old Council Chambers (converted storage room) in Mayfield Village Hall.

I come to Mayfield Village with over twenty-four years in the field of Parks and Recreation Administration with a master in Education Administration with a concentration in Community/School Relations.

My employment has been with Cleveland Metropolitan Park District, Warrensville Recreation Department, Orange City School District, City of Shaker Heights and City of Cleveland Heights.

My wife is Executive Director of Kendal in Oberlin, a retirement community. We have three daughters. Megan, a graduating senior this year, and Heather and Kelly who are in fifth and fourth grade keep us forever young.

The last two months have been a very busy but productive period. The Village staff has been so helpful in making me feel welcomed. I have met so many nice Village residents. Now I know why the Village is such a great place to live!

Now enough of my introduction. The Parks and Recreation Department has been very busy planning a summer program. A great deal of my focus has been with Parkview Pool located at 425 North Commons Blvd. The pool is scheduled to open on Saturday, July 3.

By now you should have received your first Summer Parks and Recreation Brochure in the mail. In it will be information about registering for pool passes and aquatic programs at Parkview Pool, summer day camps, youth softball, senior adult programs, special events and activities. Remember to register before or on Wednesday, June 9 to get your early bird discount on individual, student, family or senior adult pool passes.

New activities this summer include a coed sand volleyball league at Wiley Park, Cedar Point Excursion and white water rafting.

Please feel free to call me or stop by

Village Hall to say hello. My door is always open and I welcome feedback. I look forward to a very exciting time ahead for the Village with the development of North Chagrin Commons and activities for our preschoolers through senior adults. Sign up and join the fun!

Recreational Activities

By Elliot Ross, Recreation Coordinator

The annual Easter Party brought out the sun as well as a huge crowd. Party-goes dined on pizza, cookies and drink. Entertainment was provided by a balloon maker and magician. Pictures with the Easter Bunny were complimentary. However, the event that everyone waited for was the Easter egg roll on the Village lawn. Great fun was had by all.



Remember all of the improvements at Wiley Park last year. Well, we have more in store for this year. Adult coed softball begins May 21 with the same fourteen teams from last year. Youth softball starts the week after school ends. Another great season is expected.

Dates to remember: July 3 - Grand Opening of Parkview Pool, July 11 - Debbie Hudacko Memorial 5 mile race and 2 mile walk, last week in July - Coaches picnic, - last week in August - softball banquet, and Men's fall softball - Sunday after Labor Day.

New programs for this year include:

- Team volleyball and fall coed softball.



Our May-Ville camp programs at Center School and the Middle School will continue this year. We know we have the best camp in the area.

The Recreation Board would like to welcome Bill Thomas as Director of Parks and Recreation. He comes to us with many new ideas and an abundance of energy.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer. Remember to take advantage of all of the recreation and activities Mayfield Village offers.

Kenwood Home Owners' Association

by Phil Cronmiller, President

The KHOA board wishes you and your family an enjoyable spring and summer. We look forward to seeing you walking in the neighborhood or working in your yard. Thanks to those of you who have sent in your membership dues. This year, seventy-one homes have signed up out of the possible 97 in our association area. We would like to welcome all new families to the area and hope they will consider getting involved in our organization.

We hope you have had time to look at the Kenwood Association home page under the Mayfield Village Web site. If you have any suggestions on improvements, please feel free to speak to your street representatives.

"The Kenwood Home Owner's Association would like to take a moment to remember a friend and neighbor who will be dearly missed. Tony DelBrocco passed away on May 8th, our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife and family."

The association will once again add to the beautification of the area by supplying hanging baskets and plantings at each entrance point and on the cul-de-sac. We have a picnic planned for Saturday September 11th with a rain date for the 12th if necessary, mark your calendar. This year the KHOA group will fund a special project, details to follow in the next newsletter. The next meeting will be the 15th of June, if you would like to attend contact your street representative.

Your street representatives are:

- Phil Cronmiller - President
Ruth Schaeffer - Secretary Thornapple
Don Erickson - Treasurer Sandalwood
Ralph Newman - VP Oakwood
Jean Britton - Walnut
Penny May - Kenwood
Terry Kindervater - Butternut





Hanover Woods Homeowners Association

by Edward J. Sullivan, President

Your Board wants to take this opportunity to wish all residents of Hanover Woods an enjoyable summer. To help you in this regard, Dr. Steve Parker and Jeff Schiemann are working on plans for another enjoyable Ice Cream Social this summer. Vicki Pamela is this year's Clambake chairperson. She and her committee are planning for another outstanding party. We will keep you posted as to dates and details.

Also, we are presently exploring possibilities for repairing our sign. It has served us well for 12 years, but it is in need of some repairs. We hope to have the work under way soon—perhaps by the time you read this article.

Aintree North Homeowners Association

by Blase Pietrafese, President

Summer is upon us, and we will continue the beautification process of our front entranceway and cul-de-sacs with weeding and mulching as we did last year. We have had several discussions with our Service Director regarding lighting the front entrance, and it seems that there are no viable options available to us. We will continue to investigate this and hopefully come up with a solution.

Carmen Ilacqua and I attended the first meeting regarding widening SOM Center Road. Several proposals were presented. One included a median strip which we felt was unnecessary because it would take additional footage from the property owners on the westerly side. One proposal was also to widen SOM from White to Highland in one phase, and widen Highland to Wilson Mills in another phase. It was our feeling that the project should be done all at once so the road would only be torn up for one period of time.

Mark Fixler, our past Council President, will be moving out of our community in the near future. We would like to wish Mark and his family good luck, and also convey our thanks for his service to the community.

If you have not already paid your dues, it is not too late! You can still join the association by sending your check for \$20.00 to our treasurer, Bill Cronemeyer.

As always, your comments, suggestions, etc., are most welcome, so if you have any ideas or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact one of the Board members.

Mayfield Village Garden Club

by Jeanne Wilson

As I write this article for Voice of the Village, I can look out at the beautiful Forsythias still in bloom, our large Crabapple that is ready to burst forth and the many wildflowers in the back. My neighbor's Redbud shines in the sun. This has been a wonderful spring for our early bulbs, bushes and flowering trees!

It made me think about all the wonderful places in and around Cleveland where we are able to visit to enjoy nature's beauty and also pick up ideas for our own use. Have you taken advantage of these?

Cleveland Botanical Gardens at University Circle
Holden Arboretum in Kirtland
Stan Hywet Hall in Akron
Rockefeller Park Greenhouse in Cleveland
Shaker Lakes Nature Center in Shaker Heights
Lake View Cemetery
Gardenview Horticultural Park in Strongsville

We in the Garden Club love to visit the places noted above and also are planning several other tours throughout the summer.

Tuesday, June 9 we will visit Millcreek Fellows Park in Youngstown. This beautiful park was visited in 1995 by our club and is back by popular demand. Lunch will be at Avalon Inn.

Monday, July 20 our bus tour will take us to Kendal Retirement Center in Oberlin where we will see their beautiful gardens. After lunch at the Center

we will visit Hill Haven Nursery to learn all about water gardening.

Tuesday, August 17 we will visit Gwinn Estate in Bratenahl that will include a catered lunch.

Our monthly maintenance program at the Historic House & Union Cemetery will continue in the summer months aided by the Horticulture students. Be sure to notice the Cemetery, as you pass by, to see the beautification that is going on there.

Work has continued on the Prairie Garden with the young people at Center Elementary School. The weather did not co-operate early but planting is progressing now.

Our Arbor Day Event was quite a success as was the plant sale at the Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast. Thank you for your attendance and purchases! It will aid in our Scholarship program.

As you see, we are a busy group. Would you like to join us? For information about our club call president Elsa Simek, 440-473-1179.

Gates Mills Horticultural Center

by Roger Remeck

Rita Mikula Memorial Fund

I am happy to announce that \$620.00 has been collected to date. Our first recipient is Darrell Uchbar, of West Geauga High School. The Scholarship was presented on May 5, 1999 by a family member at the Gates Mills Horticultural Center Open House. Darrell will be interning this summer at Sandridge Country Club in Chardon.

This will be a perpetual account. Anyone who is still interested in donating can contribute through the Horticulture Center or Mayfield Village Hall. For further questions you can call the Village Hall at 440-461-2210 or the Horticulture Center until June 10, 1999 at 440-605-9517.

Have a nice summer.



Mayfield Township Historical Society

by Jeff Eadie, President

The 1999 Raffle Quilt has been designed, pieced and put on the quilting frame at the Historic House and quilting has begun. Darlene Lake has named the pattern, by Patsy Mills, "Hearts in Bloom" and it will be ready to be raffled at our Ice Cream Social, Wednesday, September 8th, 1999 at 6:30 p.m. This is one of two major fund raising projects this year. Tickets may be purchased from society members at \$1.00 per ticket.

Our programs and special events have been well attended and we have 5 House Tours, including a Brownie Troop, a Mayfield School's study group, and 9th grade gardening volunteers on our spring agenda.

The log cabin gets its finishing touches this month with an authentic, wrought iron door latch, window shutters, metal candle sconces and a great display of clay based crockery from Millie Eville's family. Our schoolroom is progressing, too, and with the help of several Girl Scout Troops, we will have hand made copybooks to work with when school opens next year!

May 6th, staff members attended a Year 2003 Ohio State Bicentennial meeting at Stan Hywet Hall, in Akron, to formulate plans & participate in this upcoming event.

July 3rd the Historic House will be open to help celebrate the Mayfield Village fireworks program and activities and the grand opening of Parkview Pool.

We have a busy year still ahead, come and join us in these festivities.



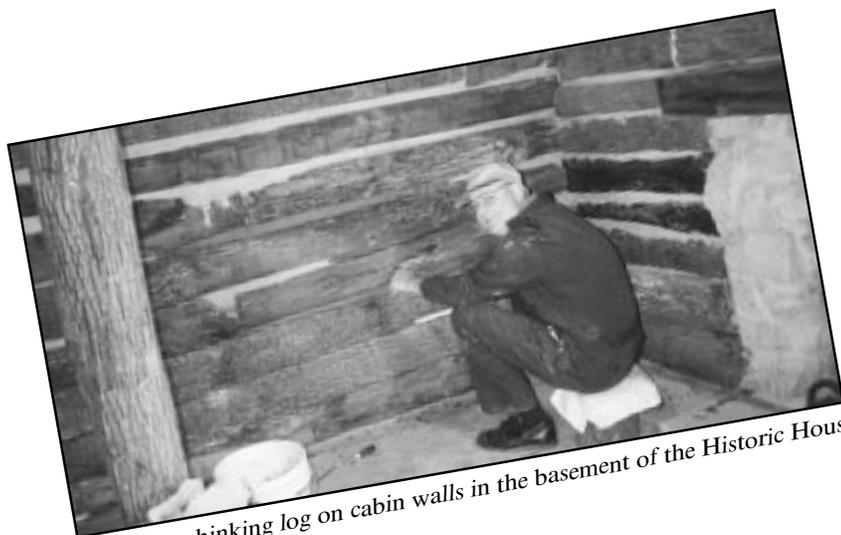
MTH Soc. Librarian, Gladys Rivers, computer-operator



MTH Soc. Raffle Quilt, 1999 - "Hearts in Bloom" left to right, Anne Starc, Darlene Lake and Patsy Mills



1880 circa - Afternoon ensemble



Al Muhle - chinking log on cabin walls in the basement of the Historic House



PHONE BOOK RECYCLING

Old phone books will be collected at

Cleveland Metroparks
North Chagrin Reservation
Nature Center Parking Lot
SOM Center Road
Mayfield Village, OH 44143
until June 30, 1999
(Look for signs to trailer)



Mayfield City Schools

by Laurie Uhlir,
Mayfield High School
Community Relations Director

MHS graduates move ahead

Another Mayfield school year has quickly rushed by. The accomplishments during the 1998-1999 school year are countless. Elementary students are moving onto Middle School, pre-schoolers will enter Kindergarten and another graduating Mayfield High class will leave behind the Wilson Mills Road campus for a variety of new challenges. There were 326 Mayfield High students who graduated as the Class of 1999. The graduation ceremony was held June 5 in the Palace Theatre at Cleveland's Playhouse Square. To each member of the Class of 1999, the Mayfield City School District and its communities salute you. Congratulations!



Organizations. The Likover's have three children in the school district.

Top scholars recognized

Mayfield High's Top 40 student scholars were recognized during the annual Excellence Reception May 25 at the high school.

Those student scholars are: Frank Angelone, Cynthia Berquist, Christine Blachman, Emmalisa Brown, Laura Bzdafka, Samantha Caspio, Elizabeth Craine, Vineet Daga, Nicholas Delguyd, Nicole DeSantis, Jennifer Dicesare, April Harpp, Christina Harris, Robert Immormino, Simon Johnson, Mariya Kaplun, Christopher Karakasis, Sheryl Kass, Diana Kurkovsky, Jane Lee, Margarita Lifsh, Jenny Liu, Martin Mason, Melissa Matz, Thomas McNeill, III, Ryan Miller, Matthew Mlinac, Danielle Moore, Igor Muravin, Samantha Oh, Nicholas Palazzo, Shannon Rogers, Paul Ruhland, Jarod Steuber, Tiffany Tyler, Rachel Vesey, Robert Wall, Dannielle Whitmer, Michael Yee and Matthew Zemanek.

Summer Board meetings set:

The Mayfield Board of Education will meet on the following dates this summer at 7:30 p.m. in the 10-12 cafeteria of Mayfield High: June 23, July 28 and Aug. 25.

Class schedule:

The last day of classes for Mayfield students is June 10th. Classes will resume for the 1999-2000 school year on Aug. 26th. Have a happy and safe summer!



Generous donation

Mayfield Village Mayor Bruce Rinker presented the Mayfield Board of Education with a check for \$100,000 during the April 21 board meeting. The annual contribution is generated from part of the Village's tax revenues from Progressive Insurance to invest in technology programs at schools within Mayfield Village.

VIP's celebrate

The 28th annual Mayfield Schools VIP Dinner was held May 6th at Mayfield High. Inducted into the MHS Hall of Fame were: Michael Sheahan - Class of 1961, Wayne Farinacci - Class of 1963, Linda Bush - Class of 1970 and Kendall G. Myles - Class of 1978.

Jeff & Judi Likover were named Mayfield Schools' Citizens of the Year for 1999. Each of them is very involved in the school district. Jeff is the President of the Mayfield Middle School Association and a school board representative. Judi is the President of the Mayfield High Parent Teacher Student



ABC Quilters

At Risk
Babies
And Children

With the end of the school year nearing, we were remembering years past and the accomplishments of ABC Quilters.

This intergenerational group has been working together for seven years now.

Before any of our quilts are sent to their new homes and owners, one of our members has put the finishing touch on each and every quilt. Alice Germane, a former Center School teacher, has lovingly appliqued a special heart on each quilt.

She began keeping records in 1996 when all the elementary schools in the Mayfield district were involved in our project. In that year Alice appliqued hearts on 480 quilts.

We figured that our group has made and distributed over 2,100 quilts - all hand appliqued by our Alice. Special thanks go out to her from all of us.

The quilts are looking forward to a new fifth grade class and hopefully, many new adult volunteers in the fall. We meet on Wednesday mornings at the Mayfield Village Community Room between 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.



The Straight Scoop on Sewers and Septic (tanks)

by Fred Freer
(Mayfield Village Septic Homeowner's Association)

Over the last months, the Mayfield Village Sewer Relief Committee has met several times. The Committee is comprised of representatives from Mayfield Council, the administration and the Mayfield Village Septic Homeowner's Association (MVSHA). The prime mission of the Committee is to develop both short-term tactics and longer-term strategies to ease the transition for homeowners from septic tank ownership to approved sewers.

In round numbers, the Village has just over 300 homes presently operating septic tanks. It is fair to say that with the federal government placing greater emphasis on clean water (as evidenced by actions of the Environmental Protection Agency and legislation like the Safe Water Drinking Act), the cost of owning and operating septic tanks is going to increase substantially over the next ten years. Regulatory agencies, legislation and new federal, state and county mandates will insure higher operating costs.

To be sure, all septic homeowners are faced with several challenges. First, septic homeowners who are interested in selling their homes face a market that likely devalues homes equipped with septic tanks as compared to neighboring homes with sewers. Second, some septic homeowners are aging and can ill afford to spend a portion of vital life savings on a septic-to-sewer conversion. Third, all septic homeowners lack knowledge about the schedule and cost for septic-to-sewer conversion. In an effort to counter these challenges, the Sewer Relief Committee and the Village of Mayfield are developing some solutions.

So far, Mayfield Village through its Mayor and Village Council... as promised... has deposited \$400,000 in a sewer relief fund with annual deposits of \$100,000. These funds will be used to assist the Village in securing Issue II funding and/or other grants aimed at reducing septic-to-sewer conversion costs for homeowners. Contrary to the belief held by some, these sewer relief funds cannot be used to directly subsidize or reduce the cost of conversion for homeowners (a violation of State law).

We are fortunate that our homes in the Village are all very different. That's the good news. The bad news is that those very differences complicate judgments about average costs of conversion from septic to sewer. Many factors influence the expected cost of a septic-to-sewer conversion. Some, but not all of those factors might include:

- land geology
- the presence of basement lavatory fixtures
- the existence of a basement (basements require deeper sanitary drain piping)
- the location from which the sanitary drain piping exits the home (side, front or rear of home)
- setback from the street
- the number of homes being converted by a particular contractor
- proper connections of the storm drainage
- and the planned schedule for conversion (the cost of a conversion will be both more certain and likely lower if done, say, next year as opposed to ten years from now).

In an effort to aid the septic homeowner, the Village has agreed to make Building Commissioner Bernie Samac available, at the request of the septic homeowner, to make a no-obligation, no-risk sanitary drainage inspection and to provide a brief written report as to factors (like the above) found. He can be reached at 440-461-2213. These inspections will be performed as time permits over the next year at no cost to the homeowner. The homeowner can then use Mr. Samac's report to aid in the solicitation of competitive quotations from prospective contractors when the time comes for such information gathering. To further this effort, the Village is updating the list of contractors who might be used for such septic-to-sewer construction work when the time for conversion finally arrives.

Speaking of timing, when might the time for conversion really arrive? Well, that appears to depend on a number of factors including pressure from regulatory agencies (like the Environmental Protection Agency), third-party funding (like Issue II monies), location and access of the home to existing sanitary connections, the condition of the Homeowner's existing septic tank processing system and the condition of water in area waterways to name but a few. In general, septic-to-sewer conversion for most Mayfield residents is most probably at least four to eight

years in the future. And, some septic homeowners might be exempt from the required conversion based on geological and technical complications that make such a conversion cost prohibitive.

Information is what is needed. To that end, a number of initiatives will be helpful. First, I mentioned earlier that Bernie Samac would be available to provide a written report that will aid the homeowner in negotiating with a future contractor. Second, the Cuyahoga County Board of Health will provide clean water runoff testing in areas where septic tanks discharge in an effort to determine potential environmental and health risks. This testing is performed routinely and at no cost to the homeowner. The Board of Health will also test the effluent discharge from any homeowner's septic tank (at no cost to the homeowner) upon request. This test will provide the homeowner with an assessment of septic tank condition and may also help the homeowner avoid a messy and costly sewage backup should a fault exist. The telephone number for this service from the Board of Health is 216-443-7500.

Finally, I personally believe that the better informed we are as homeowners, the better equipped we are to prepare ourselves for the future. The Mayfield Village Sewer Relief Committee believes that organizing for information sharing is best done on a neighborhood basis. I agree. For that reason, I have agreed to start the process by organizing a meeting of my neighborhood (Thornapple, Meadowood and Eastgate). According to county records, there are eighty-six homes in this area. We will host a meeting for my neighborhood at the Mayfield Village Community Center in the fall. All septic homeowners in this neighborhood will be invited to learn more specifically about the costs and timetable for septic-to-sewer conversion. I will also work with the Village Council and administration to develop "block captains" in other neighborhoods to host similar meetings over the next year. Naturally, if you are interested in becoming such a block captain, please call your Councilperson.

We know from prior projects that the actual cost of septic-to-sewer conversion has been substantially lower than originally estimated. Our neighborhood objective should be to reduce the final cost of septic-to-sewer conversion for the homeowner to a level that is believed to be both manageable and a good investment.



Easter Bunny Remembers “Lunch with Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt”

It was a beautiful Saturday like many others. I awoke and got dressed — but this morning my outfit was a bit different... it was white and furry and I had large floppy ears... I looked like a rabbit...



It was especially fun to drive to Mayfield Village today—people smiled and waved at me... everyone was so friendly! When I arrived in the Village I went to the Community Room instead of Village Hall. There, I was greeted with more smiles—and I heard a little voice say, “The Easter Bunny is here!” There was a lot of excitement in the air. Some small children even reached out to pet my furry paw... Then, most of the children sat on my lap to have their pictures taken.



The children also had smiles for the talented magician and creative balloonist who made balloons into animals and other fun shapes... You could hear a pin drop when the magician took the stage. The children watched in awe as he did a special “King of Diamond” card trick. And they could hardly wait to see what the balloonist would make for them!



The true highlight of the afternoon was the egg hunt. The children couldn’t wait for this... they were really excited to go outside to collect the brightly-colored plastic eggs. They scrambled to find as many as they could. Some eggs contained money and a few special ones contained a note that the finder will receive a special prize. It was a fabulous, fun-filled day!





Cuyahoga County Programs Offered

Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program - enables eligible low-and-moderate income homeowners in participating communities to make repairs and basic home improvements which maintain the quality of their housing and create a positive effect in the surrounding neighborhood. Loans are offered at below-market interest rates to homeowners who meet program qualifications. For eligibility requirements and to request an application form, call the Cuyahoga County Department of Development at (216) 443-7260.

Housing Emergency Loan - The Housing Emergency Loan Program can assist low to moderate income owners of residential property with health related water and sewer problems cited by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or the County Health Department and problems of an emergency nature such as furnace replacement or roof repairs. Building rehabilitation activities are limited to the extent necessary to eliminate specific conditions detrimental to public health and safety. The form of loan assistance that a client receives will depend on their current family income. For eligibility requirements

and to request an application form, call the Cuyahoga County Department of Development at (216) 443-7260.

Home Weatherization Program

If you qualify for this program, you could receive the following: Furnace Tune-up, Clean and Check; Attic and Sidewall Insulation; minor Repair of Windows and Doors and Weatherstripping; Hot Water Tank Insulation. For eligibility requirements and to request an application form, call the Cuyahoga County Department of Development at (216) 443-7260.

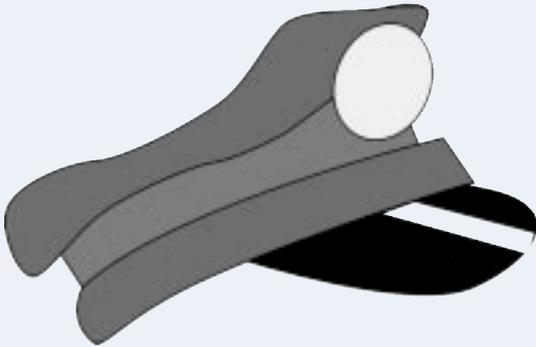


REMINDER

Please keep your dog/s contained as it is against Village Ordinance to allow them to run loose.

LUCKY LT. LIGGETT!

After 26 years of dedicated service to the Mayfield Village Police Department, David M. Liggett is retiring. A reception was held in his honor on May 12, 1999. He was known for his dedication, integrity, friendliness and respect. He will be greatly missed.





Warm-weather Pet Reminders

by Kelly Graham

Ah, spring! Time for some gentle reminders for all pet owners. Does your dog bark when left out in the yard? Does he leave “deposits” on neighbors’ lawns? Does he wander from your yard—or your side when out for a walk? Does he have a current license? Does your cat dig in the neighbor’s garden? Many behaviors you may choose to ignore are actually against the law.

Mayfield Village, Cuyahoga County, and the State of Ohio require that all dogs over three months old be licensed annually. Licenses are available at the Village Hall, from the Cuyahoga County Auditor, and at pet supermarkets. Violation of C.O. 505.06 is a misdemeanor of the second degree and carries a maximum fine of \$750.

A license does not take the place of a good I.D. tag, your pet’s quickest ticket home.

Commonly referred to as a leash law, Mayfield’s “running at large” law refers to any animal not controlled by a leash. Leashes, like fences, make good neighbors. Violation of C.O. 505.13 is a minor misdemeanor and carries a maximum fine of \$100.

Warmer temperatures bring open windows, backyard barbecues, and the lazy luxury of porch or patio. Does nuisance barking or howling break that quiet? Violation of C.O. 505.16 is a misdemeanor of the second degree and carries a maximum fine of \$750. Canines aren’t alone in the nuisance department. Cats can also be guilty of nuisance behavior: digging, defecating, spraying, and vocalizing.

Mayfield’s clean-up law, tactfully entitled “health nuisance,” requires that all pet droppings be picked up. This ordinance includes tree lawns, sidewalks, other public ground (such as schoolyards and municipal

parks), and, of course, the property of another. Violation of C.O. 505.26 is a minor misdemeanor and carries a maximum fine of \$100. That would buy a lot of plastic bags!

Clean-up tip: Slip a small plastic bag over your hand. Sandwich bags work great. Pick up the deposit, and then invert the bag, closing the deposit inside. Place that bag in a larger bag so that you can carry it easily. Plastic produce bags work well, as do the plastic newspaper sleeves, and they’re tall enough to tie closed.

Remember to pick up droppings in your own yard; neighbors downwind of you will thank you!

Abandoning a domestic animal (C.O. 505.18), killing or injuring an animal (C.O. 505.19), poisoning an animal (C.O. 505.20), and cruelty to an animal (C.O. 505.21) are less common violations in our community and we’re thankful for that. All are second degree misdemeanors, require a court appearance, and are punishable by up to 90 days in jail and a maximum fine of \$750.

Violation of any of these ordinances can be reported to the Animal Warden via the Police Department at 440-461-1234. Dog bites or attacks should be reported to the Police Department immediately.

Parents, a safety reminder. Children who have dogs of their own need to understand that all dogs are individuals and will not respond to them in the same manner as their own pets. Other people’s dogs should not be handled like the family pet, nor should they be fed or offered treats or bones. That can be a recipe for disaster.

Summer months mean family vacations. While local government doesn’t regulate pet inoculations, kennels will not accept an unvaccinated animal. Dog owners should ask their veterinarians to include the bordetella vaccine or

intranasal in their dog’s annual shots if they plan to kennel the dog. All pets should be vaccinated annually and should be given a monthly heartworm preventative during the “mosquito” months.

If your pet has the misfortune of being “skunked” this summer, try this solution. Mix one quart of Hydrogen Peroxide 3%, one-quarter cup of baking soda, and one teaspoon of liquid dish soap. Wash your pet. Rinse thoroughly as this mixture may bleach the pet’s hair. You cannot store this formula as it will explode when capped; the peroxide and baking soda cause oxygen to be created as a gas. The liquid soap breaks down the oils in the skunk spray so that the oxygen can get at the thiols. Thiol compounds are responsible for the odor.

If you’re not up to playing chemist, douche also does the trick. Store brands are less expensive than name brands and work just as well.

Have a safe and happy summer!

Kelly Graham is a member of the Dog Writers Association of America and an adoption representative for Ohio Greyhound Placement, Inc.

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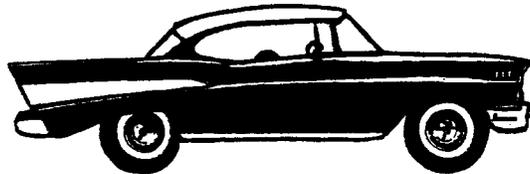


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CRUISE NIGHT



**Saturday, June 12, 1999
6:00-10:00 P.M.**

Festivities will take place in the vicinity of Wilson Mills and S.O.M. Center Roads in Mayfield Village.
General Parking on Beta Drive. Free Shuttle Service will be available.
Only those vehicles 1974 and older may cruise — Cruisers will receive a commemorative dash plate!

Rain Date — Sunday, June 13, 1999
For more information, call Village Hall at 440-461-2210