

Voice of the VILLAGE

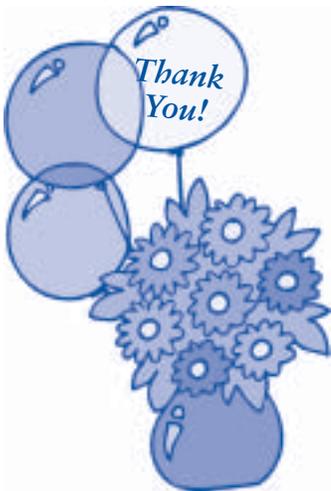
QUARTERLY

SUMMER 2004

440-461-2210



A 2004 Gala Event!!



A record number of people attended this year's Appreciation Dinner. Great jazz music by the Mayfield High School music teachers entertained everyone for the first hour and our lovely harpist, Xiao Lee Salovara played beautiful music during dinner. The food was outstanding and the cake (with its secret ingredient) was scrumptious! Following dinner, the Mayor handed out the Outstanding Citizen awards.

Recipients were: **Barbara Schmidt, Ralph Vara, Jim Mason, Mary Peto, Laura Lynch and Bernie Samac**, Mayfield Village Building Commissioner who retired in April. Congratulations to all of them!

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www.mayfieldvillage.com



VILLAGE PHONE NUMBERS:

All Emergencies (Police, Fire, Ambulance)	9-1-1
Animal Warden (contact MVPD)	461-1234
Village Hall (Administration/Finance Dept.)	461-2210
Fax	461-7349
Lyndhurst Municipal Court	461-6500
M.V. Police Dept. (Non-emergency)	461-1234
M.V. Fire Dept. (Non-emergency)	461-1208
M.V. Building Department	461-2213
M.V. Service Department	442-5506
M.V. Parks & Recreation	461-5163
Mayfield City Schools (General Number)	995-7200
Mayfield High School Pool (after 6 p.m.)	995-6840
Mayfield Library	473-0350
Mayfield Schools - Adult Education	995-6850
J & J (M.V. Rubbish Carrier)	800-201-0005
Parkview Pool	446-1688
Weather/Cancellation/Activities Hotline	440-954-4114

2004 VILLAGE ROSTER

Mayor:	Bruce Rinker	Worton Park	442-3677
Council President:	William Buckholtz	Ward 4	Worton Park 442-5959
Council Pres. Pro Tem:	Dr. Stephan Parker	Ward 3	Hardwood Court 446-1537
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	Joe Saponaro	At Large	Oakwood Drive 442-2833
	Thomas Marrie	At Large	Walnut Drive 449-2307
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	Patsy Mills	Ward 2	Kenwood Drive 449-4922

SERVICES PROVIDED AT VILLAGE HALL:

- Dog License (for Cuyahoga County residents)
- Golden Buckeye Card Applications
- Handicapped Parking Card Applications
- Home Energy Assistance Applications
- Notaries Public
- Parkview Pool Passes (restricted dates)
- Progressive Fitness Center Passes (MV residents must show proof of residency and photo ID)
- Solicitation Applications
- Voter Registration (Cuyahoga County residents)

RESERVATIONS/RENTALS:

- Senior Center/Community Room
- Wiley Park (Pavilion, Ball Diamonds, Volleyball Courts)
- Gazebo
- Parkview Pool
- Parkview Pavilion/Playground (adjacent to Pool)

SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT:

- CHAD Stickers (Children Have An Identity; safety seat ID)
- Bicycle Licenses (\$1.00)
- Fingerprints (for residents and those employed in MV)
- TTY (also referred to as TDD; a TTY is a device that enables people who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech disabled to use the telephone by typing messages back and forth to one another)
- "Help Save Your Life" Program. (Recording your critical medical information to assist your rescuers could help save your life.)
- EMD - All MV Police Dispatchers are trained in Emergency Medical Dispatch and will provide you with pre-arrival instructions when the situation allows.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- Odor Investigation (If you smell gas, burning orders, smoke or anything out of the ordinary, the FD will respond to investigate. We will attempt to identify any hazard present and if possible eliminate it and notify the appropriate agencies.)
- Downed wires (If you notice a wire down in the road, in your yard or anywhere else, notify the FD. We will investigate, determine if there is a hazard, secure the area and notify the appropriate agencies.)
- Carbon Monoxide (If you suspect that you may have CO in your home or if your CO detector is in alarm or making noise, the FD will respond and will check for dangerous levels with our equipment. We will then attempt to isolate the problem, contain and hopefully eliminate the hazard, ventilate when necessary, notify any additional agencies that might be needed and tend to anyone who might be ill.)
- Public Assist (i.e. invalid and shut-in assists.)
- Smoke Detectors and Smoke Detector Batteries (for to the elderly, disabled and those unable to provide their own, the FD will provide and install these lifesaving devices at no cost. The FD will also check your existing smoke detector.)
- CPR and Basic Life Support Training (The FD conducts at least one CPR training course a year; available to all residents; free of charge)
- Car Seat Inspection and Installation (By appointment)
- Family Bicycle Helmet Program (By appointment; helmets may be purchased at our cost)
- Public Fire Safety Education (The FD offers ongoing educational programs focusing on Kindergarten and 3rd grade students. A safety program/fire extinguisher training is also offered to MV businesses.)
- Educational Tours and Presentations (Tours of the Fire station and educational presentations are offered by appointment to groups throughout the year. Residents may stop by during normal business hours.)

RUBBISH REMINDER

J & J Refuse, Inc. collects rubbish and recyclables for MV residents on a weekly basis free of charge. If you are a new resident, contact Village Hall to find out what day collection is in your neighborhood. Also contact us if you need a recycling bin or a brochure describing acceptable materials for recycling.

• *Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day holidays will affect your rubbish collection. Monday's pick up will be on Tuesday and Tuesday's pick up will be on Wednesday.*

Also remember that per Village ordinance, rubbish may be placed at the curb no earlier than 6 p.m. the night before your collection day, or it must be out no later than 7 a.m. on pick-up day.

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"A MEANS OF KEEPING OUR RESIDENTS INFORMED."

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Memo from the Mayor

by Bruce G. Rinker



We learn history in the past tense. It is the proverbial 20/20 vision of hindsight. So, how well can we peer into the future?

Consider how events now deemed historically significant did not seem so important at the time.

Conversely, what of those once momentous moments, now all but forgotten and faded memories? How do we trust what we “know” to be important today with any reasonable assurance it will be so tomorrow? On what information, or upon whose advice do we rely to make the right decisions for posterity? These are not particularly easy questions to answer; nor do they crop up all of the time. But when they do, and they are important, they prompt us to appreciate the power and purpose of collective decision-making. Some decisions call for “group” participation, even when--especially when--we are groping about for the right solution. For an Italian, it leads to *agita*; a German suffers *angst*; the rest of us get uptight. This unease is especially keen when the decisions will likely have ramifications for years to come. And though the prospect may at first appear foreboding, experience teaches us that this challenge can actually be stimulating.

In fact, planning can be fun. Not “fun” in any frivolous way, but in recognizing that we’re in an enviable position of being able to create something special and enduring.

I submit that our decision on what to do with the Methodist Church--building and grounds--is just one of those far-reaching decisions we should undertake together--and with gusto! We’re worth it, aren’t we? (The “we,” being villagers’ past, present and future). Should we not see this as an opportunity to make a wonderful and momentous decision that could occupy a top spot on the list of Mayfield Village’s accomplishments: to conceive and craft a true Mayfield Village Center? We cannot recapture the days of yore; nor should we; but we can cleave to our history by transforming a busy intersection that today people hurriedly pass through, into a vibrant place of destination: A place where villagers will wish to come and linger.

Mayfield Village owns and occupies two of the four corners of S.O.M. and Wilson Mills Roads; the western half of it. All four corners have ebbed and flowed between public and private uses over the years. The Bennett VanCuren House, now the home of the Mayfield Township Historical Society, used to rest on the northeast corner. The Gazebo is perched atop the site of a former gas station. Even the site of the Methodist Church at one time housed a school and government offices. But that edifice is easily the most familiar landmark with which we connect the center of town. In a way, we take our cue from its stately presence. Through decades of changes before it, across two centuries in which a church has graced the corner, this geographic coordinate of the Township’s center has remained symbolic of the aspirations and successes of those who settled the Western Reserve. It is not enough to identify the building as having been a place of worship, because its physical presence alone has managed to convey a simple

message that here is the heart of our community. Regardless of one’s denomination, who among us has not appreciated this building and its grounds? Much as the familiar face of a character actor whose name always escapes us, we like having such a familiar face around. Almost like having an old friend.

On April 1st, the Methodist congregation bid farewell to its home of generations. We have taken on a mantle of our history. We have assumed a new responsibility in preserving and protecting this landmark. So, it would seem the question is not so much what to do with it, but how best to build our town center around it. Can it not be a catalyst for revitalizing, if not outright creating a new village square? The site on which this grand structure holds forth is 3 1/2 acres in size. The building itself is spacious and solid. What might we add to the perimeter of the site; what might we integrate into the grounds to yield an even more attractive setting? One that would truly be a place of destination and community life even more than we enjoy today? Could it not anchor a collection of new “boutique” shops and businesses and nearby residences whose mixture and proximity would attract and hold our attention? We already have a number of perennially popular businesses within a short radius of the intersection. Do we contemplate more residences? What should we add to the mix? What are the design features that would work for us? Mayfield Village is diminutive in size and large in spirit. How best to capture these attributes in our Village Center?

To be sure, we have been quietly and thoughtfully looking at some potential refurbishing of the interior of the church building for use as a public facility. We must remove the crosses. These efforts are modest. We are not rushing to change. But what truly is the potential, the creative opportunity we have before us? Our fellow residents of the 2020 Vision Committee devoted a lot of their time these last two years developing a comprehensive plan to help guide such decisions. They are now continuing in the capacity of facilitating implementation of these goals. But we really have only just begun. We have by no means struck upon any detail. We are, however, seeking consensus on what is emerging as an exciting--and achievable--goal of renewing our village’s center. My suggestions above are an effort to prompt some dialogue. I encourage more of us to get into the mix: members of our Architectural Review Board; the Historical Society; Garden Club; Homeowners’ Groups, just to name a few of our perennial activists--- but each of us has a stake in this. I recommend that we look beyond the existing configuration of land and buildings and consider how we might add to them; redesign entranceways, add landscaping, refocus public spaces; overall, conceive of a Village Center Plan whose radius reaches from the middle of the intersection outward for a block or two in each direction, yet in doing so effectively pulls our entire village together in a new way.

We are well along the path of developing the S.O.M. Greenway, a corridor designed as a beautiful linkage between our north border parklands and the center of the Village. Because it runs on such a lengthy axis, the Greenway also ties in laterally with many areas of our community. Now is an opportune time for us to focus on the Village’s central hub, to and from which the Greenway leads.

Let’s plan, to have fun!



Council comments

**Bill Buckholtz,
Council President, Ward 4**

A funny thing happened to me on the way to the center of town.

I was on my way to Heinen's when I realized I was in dire need of a haircut. Those of you who know me are undoubtedly aware of my general lack of concern in this particular area of personal grooming. I try to get my hair cut on a regular basis, like once every two or three months whether I need it or not (my wife suggests that perhaps this is why I have no friends).

I remembered that our cousin Connie, a barber by trade and one of the best, was now working at the Mayfield Village Barber Shop. I didn't even know that we had a barber shop, although I probably walked right by it a hundred times and certainly had driven by several thousand! Come to think of it, I hadn't been to ANY barber shop since I was a kid.

Let's see, there were three shops around Cedar Center throughout the fifties and sixties. I would switch around to any



barber that would agree to ignore my mother's instructions for a "butch", "buzz" or "crew-cut". In fact, I finally settled on the one barber who would basically do nothing but

wet down my head, leave the sideburns long, and not touch the back at all. How many times my mom would drive me back up and yell at this poor guy!

By the mid-sixties I guess fewer and fewer barbers were giving less and less haircuts and prices began to rise. According to my dad's friend Phil from the Barber College, it's all those kid's fault... crazy rebels growing their hair long, dressing like girls and playing that rock 'n' roll "noise." So in a few short years prices went from \$1.75, \$2.25, \$2.75, \$3.50, \$4.50, 6.50 and so on and so on.

By high school I was cutting my own hair, basically chopping off the "wings" as they formed on the side of my head (my son suggests that perhaps this is why I had no friends). My last "barber

shop" visit was in 1969 for my high school graduation. My next haircut of any kind would not occur until January of 1981, following the inaugurations of Ronald Reagan and his "trusted companion" George Bush Sr.; I felt it was time to begin cleaning up my act.

In the eighties it was "hair stylists" – Coventry, Chagrin, La Place, Beachwood Place – \$30 a cut, wine and cheese included. I must have had money back then and a pretend social life – it's all a blur!?!)

As I climbed into the barber's chair, a sea of childhood memories came flooding back into my mind - the linoleum floor, fluorescent lighting, the lineup of vinyl, padded chairs, the row of chairs & magazines for patient customers, the buzz of the clippers, and my all time favorite... the mirrors! An endless repetition of the same image over and over and over. I was watching my reflection, bouncing back and forth between the mirrors in front and the mirrors behind off into infinity. It's kind of like an endless looped replay of a tennis match, from the ball's perspective.

The eclectic assortment of memorabilia prominently displayed includes: antique & collectible barber items, barber poles and an historic map of the original Four Corners of Mayfield Center. Photos and posters lining the wall include: Laurel & Hardy, Fats Domino, Jerry Lee Lewis, Bob Feller, Rick Manning, various movie stars and political figures. I kept repeatedly inquiring, "So did all of these famous people really get their hair cut here?" (my daughter suggests that perhaps this is why I have no friends).

I was a little nervous, partly due to the childhood "fear-factor", and partly because I was clearly a newcomer. Everyone else seemed to know one another. I was being silently sized up. So I kept chatting with Connie about an endless variety of things: family, work, gossip, news items, current events and issues, but mostly, I kept returning to the realization of how much I really missed the barber shop experience. A "Mayberry-esque", almost surreal time-out from the constant, daily grind, the perpetual rush and persistent feeling of lagging behind and the exhaustive sense of always trying to catch-up to something

that always was and always will be right in front of my nose – my life!

When my nervous chatter began to subside, I was able to decipher the low murmur of the collective side conversations and small talk that had been resonating in the background along with the electric clippers. Pretty soon these conversations came more into focus as they moved to the forefront of my cognitive brain function.

At first it felt as if I were being let into personal conversations, accepted into a secret society of the barber shop "regulars". Then I realized that there was no secret society or elite clique, I simply had to let myself in. By slowing down the turbines of my high-velocity life, by exiting the express lanes of my own personal super highway I was actually settling into another culture, the "real" world by most standards, where people talked and listened to one another, where ideas and opinions were bounced back and forth like the images in the mirrors. Individually and collectively I found myself in a social ping-pong match – with a choice – I could sit back, relax, tune it all out, assume the role of observer and take it all in, or simply grab a paddle and jump right into the game. At times I even felt that I was the ball, taking a few shots and basically bouncing back and forth from side to side. I enjoyed, for once, taking the time to walk in, sit down and being easily able to relax (maybe this is why I have no friends)!

Connie introduced me to everyone; I apologized for not becoming a customer sooner, and was brought up to speed on the shop's history. In June of 1966 Bill Monastra opened the shop at 826 SOM Center Road and sold it in 1997, 31 years later, to the present owners Joe Cordaro and Rasa Martin. Bill is semi-retired but still cuts hair at the shop mostly on weekends. Connie Kellers-Papa, a licensed barber, esthetician and makeup artist, has joined the staff as a fresh addition to the shop along with part-time barber Joe Consolo.

The conversations kept switching as if someone was power-clicking a hidden remote control, discussions changing from sports, to movies, to music, to world events, to local politics, to personal issues and on.



For me this was a very special hour in an otherwise uneventful day. For Connie, Joe, Bill and Reza it seemed like a day-in-a-life, a job – always changing, always the same. For the other customers – the regulars, it seemed like a regular ritual, an important stop along their way. An important break in their every day routine in ways that often escape us, with meaning we'll never fully know.

I got a lot more than a haircut that day, at the Mayfield Village Barber Shop.

✓ PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES WHENEVER POSSIBLE! IF YOU'RE IN NEED OF A SPECIFIC PRODUCT OR SERVICE, YOU MIGHT FIRST CONSIDER DOING BUSINESS RIGHT HERE IN THE VILLAGE.

Patsy Mills Ward 2

After the long winter everyone is ready for the good old summertime.

It is a busy time of the year; yard maintenance, planting the summer flowers, doing some painting, and cleaning the garage. It is already time to think of preventing the mosquitoes in our yards. Please be mindful of standing water where the mosquitoes can breed.

The new rubbish collection by J & J should not present any problems for the residents. It is projected that the residents will have less of a problem hauling their rubbish to the curb with the containers that are available in some areas.

The Mayfield Village Garden Club had a successful plant sale at the Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast. Proceeds from the plant sale and the Holiday Craft Show are used for Mayfield Senior and Horticultural Student Scholarships. This year the Club will be awarding approximately \$3000.00 to the students.

Thank you to the Service Department for their assistance they give to the Garden Club for their fundraisers at the Service Department. Without their help the projects would not be possible.

Historical Society's Quilt Show in October is in the planning stages. The raffle quilt has been completed and tickets will be available. Your support is needed for the Society's maintenance of the Bennett-VanCuren House and gardens. If you have a quilt that you would like to display please contact **Nancy Plastine, 440-442-2212** before September 30, 2004. The Quilt Show will display about 100 quilts and would like you to share your quilt also.

The SOM Widening project is on schedule, completion about October/November. Traffic during this project has been well maintained without too many delays.



Looking forward to the summertime with 50's Night, 4th of July, band concerts at the Gazebo, the swimming pool, and all the other activities that are offered in the Village.

Tom Marrie Councilman At Large

A big thank you and a tip of the hat to Councilwoman Patsy Mills. Through her hard work and her efforts, Mayfield Village received \$2,700 in donations from the new Wal-Mart. \$1,000 was for the Historical Society, \$1,000 for the Parks and Recreation Department and \$700 for the Fire Safety House, which will teach our school children about fire safety. Thank you Wal-Mart and Patsy.

The United Methodist Church congregation has moved to their new church location in Chesterland. May God bless them with much success and happiness in their new church.

Mayfield Village Building and Service Departments have been very busy preparing and converting the church property for use by the different departments and Council. This move will certainly improve the efficiency and overall operation of our Village. Access and parking along with easier scheduling of meetings for Village groups will also be added benefits for everyone.

Work on S.O.M. Center is moving right along and with a little luck and good

weather this project could be finished by the end of November. When completely done with all the added touches of the median strip and landscaping this will really look attractive and also be efficient and convenient. It's going to be a lot better than just 4 lanes of concrete.



The Village Appreciation Dinner was a huge success and was noted as "the best yet" by everyone in attendance. The food was outstanding. A special thanks to Donna Roman and Lee Stone, also to Mary Peto who did the flowers and our Service Department crew and others who set it up and took it down.

The new Progressive building and garage will be completed by the end of September. The Skoda-Minotti addition should have been started by the time this was published. These along with the new beautiful planned residential living area will be nice additions to our Village.

The Recreation Department, headed up by Bill Thomas and his assistant, Danielle Yarcusko have been very busy and will continue to be very busy in the coming months planning and running many, many programs both for our Village children, adults and seniors.

The MBA program for the 2003-04 season finished with 220 players (26 teams) plus 5 travel teams and were directed and coached by 46 volunteer coaches. A sincere **thank you** to all these volunteer coaches because this and other programs would not be possible without their tremendous effort and help.

Skate night was a big success on the "Village pond."

Adult co-ed kickball was added to the other adult co-ed sports which include soccer, sand volleyball, bocceball and softball. Also added were activities for children and young adults (5-20 years old) that have physical or developmental disabilities. Also added were self-defense classes for ladies only (high school young ladies were encouraged to attend), and educational

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health programs including pool maintenance for home pools.

Cruise Night will be on June 12th. The Debbie Hudacko Memorial Scholarship Run and Walk will be on July 11th.

Summer camps are already filling up – can you believe we had about 300 children participate last year.

We will have many softball programs for adults and children of all ages. We could use more volunteer coaches. Call Bill Thomas if you can help.

Some of the senior spring and summer programs are their anniversary luncheon, a “South Pacific” play and a visit to the Botanical Gardens plus bus trips to name a few.

The list is almost endless that our Village offers our residents, it’s almost unbelievable for the size of our Village. We’re very fortunate to have all these programs. A lot of you reading this can remember when we didn’t have very many, especially for our children.

Check your Mayfield Village 2004 Spring and Summer Brochure – it’s filled with great ideas for everyone.

Have a safe and happy summer filled with family fun, good health and much happiness.

**Joseph Saponaro
Councilman At Large**

Happy Spring to all Mayfield Village residents!

As the newest Council member, I have had an opportunity to observe and learn about the various plans and practices in the Village, and there are many opportunities for residents, property owners and businesses to be a part of these plans. This can be achieved by coming to the monthly Council meetings, or by having your Council representative or one of the At Large Council members speak at a neighborhood meeting. As your representative, please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments that you may have. I may not have the answer, but I will work together with you to get one!

As we all experience the winter thaw, there is a noticeable amount of litter strewn in many areas of the Village.

On Saturday April 24th, Cub Scout Troop 119 and Assistant Cub Scout Master George Hallovary organized and cleaned up the Yours Truly-CVS Plaza. Many thanks to all those parents, residents and Village employees who also assisted in this clean-up. If all Mayfield Village residents and businesses pitch in and clean up your properties and neighborhoods, then Mayfield Village will always keep its home-spun charm!

*The Family of Larry Flynn
sincerely thank
Mayor Rinker, Council and
the Police and Fire
Departments for honoring
Larry for his service to our
Community.*

*My Sons and I deeply
appreciated the Police
escort and Fire Department
complement the day of the
funeral – this truly touched
our hearts!*

*God Bless You All
Judy and Sons,
Quinton and Bartley*



**COME ONE –
COME ALL!!**

The Singing Angels will be presenting a Holiday Concert on **Saturday, December 11, 2004, 7:00 p.m.** at the former Mayfield Methodist Church.

More information will follow in the next **VOV**.

Keep the date open!!

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Police Department**



by Police Chief,
Pat Dearden

With springtime once again upon us, a few issues demand renewed attention. One is traffic safety in our neighborhoods, which includes speeding and other bad driving habits that raise the potential for serious accidents and injuries. The Police Department is making every effort to keep our Village streets safe. We are increasing enforcement time on I.S. 271 and other major roadways in the Village to reduce the volume of speeders. At the same time, speed monitoring devices and increased enforcement on other streets will hopefully have the same impact. If you feel there is a persistent problem on your street, please contact the traffic bureau so our efforts can be directed accordingly.



On another note, this time of year lends itself to graduation parties and other social get-togethers. The fact that Ohio law makes very clear the duties of those hosting parties should underscore the priority and concerns that society and government are giving to this potential problem. Parents need to raise their awareness, and that of their children, to the issues associated with underage drinking or the consumption of alcohol during parties.

Finally, we still have a number of free gun locks available to our residents, as we continue our participation in Operation Child Safe. Please contact Terry Heckler, at the Police Department, to make arrangements for delivery or pickup of these useful items.

Please make every effort to ensure not only your own safety, but also that of your neighbors while we try to enjoy the nice weather.



Legal Department



by Village
Prosecutor,
Vince Feudo

GASOLINE THEFT; DRUNK DRIVING; PARKING LAW UPDATE

Gasoline Theft: Effective March 9, 2004, House Bill 179 permits Ohio's courts to suspend an individual's driver's license for gasoline theft in addition to other existing penalties for theft. If a person leaves the premises of an establishment selling gasoline for retail sale and the individual does not pay in full for the gasoline, a court may suspend his or her license for up to six months. The prohibition covers a driver who dispenses fuel into either a vehicle or another container, such as a gasoline can.

The six-month suspension would be applied to anyone who possesses a driver's license, probationary driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary permit or non-resident operating privileges. However, no points will be assessed. Lastly, if a court suspends an individual's driver's license under this law for more than 90 days, the individual will have to pay a \$30 reinstatement fee to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

Drunk Driving: As part of the massive update to Ohio's Traffic Laws that went into effect on January 1, 2004, Mayfield Village included in its new drunk driving laws an offense which prohibits a person who is under twenty-one years of age from being in "physical control" of a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, or

having a breath alcohol level of at least .02 grams per 210 liters of breath. "Physical control" is defined as being in the driver's seat of a vehicle and having possession of the vehicle's ignition key or other ignition device. It is different than driving or operating, and is a separate and distinct offense from "operating" a vehicle under the

influence (formerly known as DWI, DUI, or OMVI). The offense does not have to take place on a public street or highway, rather, it can occur on public or private property anywhere in the Village. Therefore, a person would be in violation of the ordinance if he or she is twenty years old or less, and is sitting in the driver's seat while under the influence of alcohol or having a prohibited breath alcohol level, whether in a public park, public or private parking lot, or private residential driveway. Persons convicted of this offense could be sentenced to up to six months in jail, a fine of up to \$1,000, and a license suspension of up to six months.

Overnight Parking: In January 2004, Mayfield Village Council amended the overnight street parking ordinance. Under the old law, parking was permitted for a three hour block during the hours of 12:00 midnight to 6:00 a.m. Under the new law, which took effect this past winter, no person is permitted to park any vehicle on a street or highway within the Village between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., except physicians and emergency vehicles that are on calls.

CONCEALED WEAPON UPDATE

In our last issue, Village Prosecutor Vincent Feudo and Law Director Joseph Diemert provided a synopsis of Ohio's new Carrying Concealed Handgun law. We also advised Village businesses of the new law and offered them signs to post at the entrances to their property. As of this writing, Mayfield Village has issued 50 signs to Village businesses. If such a sign is posted, it is illegal to carry a firearm, deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance anywhere on the premises. The sign, recommended by the Ohio Attorney General's Office, is shown below:



Ed. Note: The sign shown above is not the acceptable size or color.

If you would like to review the article, it is available on the Village website at www.mayfieldvillage.com. Click on the link to *News and Publications*, the link to VOV newsletters, the link to 2004 Issues to the Spring 2004 VOV; the article is on page 7. (Or, call or stop into Village Hall for a copy.) Please contact Terry at 440-461-1234, ext. 112 to request signs.

CHEERS TO...

The girls who helped a Sandalwood Drive resident...



This letter is my little tribute to our Village teens.

One evening during Spring Break, four young teenagers were walking down Walnut Drive when they were approached by an older neighbor. She asked them if they had seen her husband, an Alzheimer's patient. She had last seen him on their front porch and could not find him in their home. Without hesitation, the four girls offered to help look for him. They then recruited more friends to aid in the search. Most happily the man was located behind and out of sight in his garage. His very grateful wife would like to publicly thank those terrific teens for their help. It was truly appreciated!!



Oh where, oh where did my old computer go?



Many residents have asked us what happens to the computers they donated during the recent computer round-up. The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District has the answer!

(See the yellow flier included in this issue.)



MAYOR PROMOTES TWO NEW POLICE SERGEANTS

by Terry B. Heckler,
Executive Assistant

On Monday, February 16th, Mayor Bruce Rinker had the pleasure of swearing in two new police sergeants. **Doug Sullivan**, a 25-year veteran, and **Paul Jablonski**, a 9-year veteran were administered oaths of office, while city officials, family, friends and co-workers looked on. The sergeant vacancies were created when two officers retired last year.

Doug Sullivan graduated from Wickliffe High School in 1974. He served as a Military Policeman in the US Army from 1974 to 1977. While in the army, he attended Central Texas College, taking classes in the Criminal Justice field. He received his Ohio Peace Officer Training Certification in 1978 through Case Western Reserve University. In 1979, Doug was hired full-time. Doug has served on the SPAN Swat Team and Accident Investigation Unit during his tenure as patrolman. He is also a Field Training Officer for newly appointed patrol officers. Doug has three daughters and lives in Wickliffe. Mayor Rinker stated that Doug scored highest on the test and is a welcome addition as a Sergeant.

Paul Jablonski graduated from Euclid High School in 1983. In 1995, he received his Ohio Peace Officer Training Certification through Hiram Police Academy. Paul was appointed as a part-time Mayfield Village Patrolman



Paul Jablonski & Doug Sullivan

in 1995 and appointed to full-time in 1996. In 2002, Paul was re-assigned from Road Patrol Officer to the Detective Bureau. Paul has received much specialized training for his role as Detective and he too, is a Field Training Officer for newly appointed patrol officers. Paul, his wife Stacey and their four children live in Mayfield Village. Mayor Rinker stated that Paul is a little bit younger but has proven himself very well.

Mayor Rinker further stated that our safety personnel are among the best around and we appreciate their dedication to service.

Chief Patrick J. Dearden stated “I congratulate both these officers and wish them well in their new assignments.”



John Marrelli being sworn in as Building Commissioner by Mayor Bruce Rinker.

Progressive Bldg #4 is 60% complete with a proposed opening of August or September 2004. Skoda, Minotti & Co. will be expanding their facility on Beta Dr. with a 20,000 sq. ft. addition to be starting sometime in May or June. Progressive has also fully remodeled their 6300 Wilson Mills Rd. North Building interior with the latest in high tech safety and communications equipment. The building should be ready for occupancy in May or June of 2004.

As the spring & summer months come and go, I hope to meet many of our residents as we work together on their remodeling and building projects.

In case you're wondering, Bernie Samac is still here, officially retired, but working with us on special projects until he and his wife Renee relocate to California.

GOOD LUCK BERNIE!

*B*uilding Department

by John Marrelli,
Building Commissioner

Thanks to the Mayor, Council and Village Staffers who have welcomed me aboard in February 2004.

My name is John Marrelli and I was officially appointed as your new Building Commissioner in March 2004. For the past 16 years, I served as Building Commissioner for the City of Bedford Heights, and 12 years prior to that, the City of University Heights.

I come to the Village with great anticipation of the Construction and Infrastructure projects before me.

In Memoriam
Larry Flynn, a long time resident of Mayfield Village, passed away in April. He will be remembered for his contribution to Mayfield Village as a long-time Councilman and a member of the safety forces.



Finance Department



by Director of Finance/Economic Development, Philip M. Brett

This is the first time in more than a decade that I have written an article for the *Voice of the Village*. In the near future, I will write another article to recap some of the Village's accomplishments in the financial arena over the past decade but for this issue I would like to lay out some of the dollars and cents issues concerning the General Fund levy renewal that will be on the November ballot. By law, I cannot speak in favor or against the levy. I can provide information regarding the levy and the consequences of its passage. As it has been successful in past communications, I will use the question and answer format to discuss the issue.

Will voting for the levy increase my property taxes? No. First and foremost, the General Fund levy is a renewal levy, not a replacement levy. Consequently, passage of the levy will not result in the increase of taxes for homeowners. In fact, the rate at which this levy is assessed against homeowners has actually decreased over the past ten years due to the effects of House Bill 920 that was passed by the Ohio Legislature in the 1970s.

How does the Village use the money generated by the General Fund Renewal Levy? As the name would indicate, the money generated by the General Fund Levy is receipted to the General Fund and is used to fund the operations of the Village. This includes the operation of the Police Department, the Fire Department, the Service Department, the Mayor's Office and Council. The money received can be used to purchase such capital items as Police and Fire equipment, snow plows, ambulances and other equipment.

Do businesses pay this tax as well? Yes. As a matter of fact, the levy currently generates about \$146,330 per year. Of that amount, homeowners contribute \$42,092 and businesses and commercial entities contribute \$104,239.

How much will the levy cost me? For every \$100,000 that your home is worth, the general fund levy costs \$13.38. If you have a \$100,000 home, the cost of the levy is less than \$.45 a month or less than \$.04 a day. For a \$200,000 home, the annual cost is \$26.76 per year. This rate is actually less than the rate in effect in 1994 when the cost per \$100,000 of home value was \$17.07.

I hope that this short explanation of the General Fund renewal levy has answered any questions that you might have. If not, please feel free to call me at (440) 461-2213 during business hours or at (216) 970-8202 anytime of day.

MAKE YOUR DOG A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Remember that none of us wants to hear a barking dog or find an unwelcome surprise on our freshly groomed lawn. Additionally, the Village has ordinances requiring pet clean-up and prohibiting the continued barking of dogs.

Please keep tabs on your pets and be a good neighbor.



ABC - Community Quilts

by Shirley Shatten

Our Center School students have accomplished a great deal this past semester.

The fifth graders had two special experiences this past month. Center School secretary, Noreen DiBarto, brought three quilts she has been working on for twenty-one years to show our boys and girls. Seeing all the work that went into these quilts gave the children a real appreciation of the beauty that comes from a great deal of effort.

We also shared a lovely letter accompanied with a darling picture of twins lying on our quilts. The twins were in a special section at Hillcrest Hospital. It helped the fifth graders to see real babies with their quilts. (See letter right).

So far this semester, we have donated 40 quilts to Metro General Hospital, Hillcrest and McDonald House at University Hospital, and Zion Baptist Church. We also sent a small number to the Domestic Violence Center. We'll have more quilts to share before the end of the school year.

We appreciate donations of cotton and cotton-blend material. Any Villager who would like to join our group would be most welcomed.



To Mayfield Center School and ABC Quilts,

Thank you very, very much for the beautiful quilts that my babies received! The babies were born on March 1st and stayed at the hospital for a week. Your blankets were a wonderful surprise and they use them every day!

Thank you again – we are very appreciative!

Tammy Randall

Babies: Grace Ann 6 lbs, 7 oz., 19" long and Wayne Edward 6 lbs, 15 oz., 19" long.



Egg-sighting Spring Party



By Danielle Yarcusko

The Recreation Board and volunteers did it again!! On March 27, the Spring Party was a huge gathering for the Mayfield Village Community. Approximately 110 children attended the party with their friends and families. Everything was all set: the Service Department set up the room, the Recreation Board decorated it, pizza and cookies were served, the ever-famous magician Rick Smith put on an amazing show, the balloon twister sculpted colorful balloons, kids played games and made crafts, and our favorite photographers (Patsy and Wanda) snapped pictures of the kids with the Easter Bunny. All of these activities and hard work from volunteers made this Spring Party a success. The kids would probably say that the egg hunt was the best part of the party. Eggs filled with tiny treasures were spread throughout the lawn near the gazebo. And when the fire truck blew its horn to signal the start, the little ones grabbed eggs as quickly as they could. Some of the participants found "special eggs" which were turned in for a special prize. But no matter which eggs they picked up, regardless of the prize inside, the kids were excited to be outside on such a gorgeous day as they searched for the eggs. Hopefully, everyone will join us next year for another exciting Spring Party! Thank you to all for participating and volunteering with this community event.





Recreation Corner

by Bill Thomas & Danielle Yarcusko

Our spring programs are well underway with various programs for our community. Our adult programs include **Coed Soccer, Coed Softball and Men's Softball**. Each of these leagues continues to be in high demand as we have taken in maximum enrollment for all. Our youth programs for the Spring include **Start Smart Baseball and Soccer for 3 – 5 year olds**. The National Alliance for Youth Sports hit the nail on the head when they created Start Smart...it's a great learning program for the little ones. Start Smart is quite popular in Mayfield Village! We offered **horseback riding** again but this time it included grades 2 – 4. We had to open a second class to accommodate all the participants. **The 2nd – 6th grade track meet** was revamped this year and it included participation from Gates Mills, Lander, Center and Millridge Elementary Schools as well as Mayfield Middle School. The schools competed against each other with the help of their gym teachers training them for the big day in May. In conjunction with Mayfield Heights, two trips to **Seneca Niagara** were offered. These trips are great get-aways for a day!



As we continue to look forward to the summer with its warm weather, we gear up for a variety of programs for people of all ages. Along with surrounding Recreation Departments, Mayfield Village offers exciting day trips to **Cedar Point/Soak City, Put-In-Bay and White Water Rafting**. These excursions promise to be a great time for all individuals. If you are looking specifically for an adult sports league to join, we offer coed bocce, coed



volleyball, and new this year, adult kickball. **Adult kickball** is an ever-growing sport so if you want to join this league as a team or individual, we invite you to try it out with us this year! **Youth programs** for summer 2004 include **fast pitch and slow pitch softball, a girls volleyball clinic and a sand volleyball league**. Mayfield Village continues to offer **Teen Adventure Camp, Sports 'n More Camp and Junior Camp** as well as another addition, **Summer Chess Camp**. At this point, **Teen Adventure Camp** is full but there is still space available in the other ones. Don't miss out on our other annual events this summer such as the **Debbie Hudacko Run/Walk, the Youth and Family Triathlon, and the huge Sizzler Swim Meet** at Parkview Pool.

Speaking of **Parkview Pool**, we are all probably ready for the opening of the sixth season on June 7, 2004. **Season passes** will be available for Progressive Employees, Village Residents, School District Residents and new this year, for employees of Mayfield Village Businesses. **Guest passes** will be available again for Mayfield Village Residents and Season Pass Holders. The schedule at the pool has been changed to: **Monday through Friday, Open Swim** from 12 Noon to 7:30 p.m. with **Adult Lap Swim** 6:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. and **Saturdays/Sundays, Open Swim** will be 12 Noon to 7:00 p.m. with **Adult Lap Swim** from 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. A variety of **Learn-to-Swim** classes will also be available as well as **scuba, springboard, a synchronized swimming camp, canoeing instruction, and aquacize courses**. We look forward to our first ever dog swim called **It's a Dog Day at Parkview Pool** scheduled for Monday,

August 23rd at 5:00 p.m. To all of our patrons at Parkview Pool, do not fret about swimming among dog hair. Parkview Pool will close for the season on Sunday, August 22 at 7:00 p.m.



Throughout the next few years, the Village is going to see changes in our community facilities. **Wiley Park** has already undergone major renovations with the removal of Wiley II, the field closest to the Service Garage. Besides the widening of S.O.M. Center Road, Mayfield Village will be developing land just south of Parkview Pool. Already in the making, and hopefully playable for the 2005 season, are **two adult softball fields** and one smaller **youth field**. Within this area, we will be adding more items such as a walking path, with our goal to make it a multi-generational park.

We look forward to seeing our residents at our spring and summer offerings. Enjoy your spring and summer!





EXCURSIONS



5TH Annual Trip to Cedar Point
Wednesday, June 23, 2004
 (no rain date)
 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Charter bus leaves and returns from Mayfield High School main parking lot.

Cost: 2 and under free
 3 years to 59 years: \$54.00
 60 years and older: \$50.00
 Non-school district participants, add \$10 (includes transportation and ticket)

Registration deadline:
 Wed. June 16

5th Annual White Water Rafting Trip
Friday, July 9
 (no rain date)

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Charter bus leaves and returns from Mayfield High School main parking lot.

Cost: \$70 school district resident
 \$80 non-school district resident (includes transportation, guided service, lunch on the river, helmets, life jackets, raft and paddles)
 For teens 15 years and older, adults, and families with children 12 years and older.

Registration deadline:
 Friday, June 18



Put-In-Bay Island Tour
Wednesday, July 14
 7:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Charter bus leaves and returns from Mayfield High School main parking lot.

Cost: \$74.00 school district resident
 \$79.00 non-school dis. resident (includes transportation, cruise, lunch and a visit to Amish Country in Sugar Creek)

Registration deadline:
 Wednesday, June 14

4th Annual Family & Youth Triathlon
Sunday, August 22

7:30 a.m. sign in
 First race begins at 8:45 a.m. sharp.

Parkview Pool & Wetlands
Cost: \$20 per individual or \$40 per team.

Mayfield Regional Library

by Yvette Hunt

Summer Programs/Events

◆ **Art/Music Programs**

Kenneth Be of the Cleveland Museum of Art will discuss art and music in Renaissance Italy and he will play the lute – Saturday, July 24, 2 – 3:00 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend.



◆ **Displays**

International Children's Games on display throughout the month of July in the display case located in the Fine Arts, Music, & Literature Department. The public is welcome to view the display during library hours.



◆ **Events**

American Red Cross. American Red Cross will conduct several blood drives at the library – Friday, June 18 and Friday, August 20, 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.



◆ **Film Programs**

Coming to America: The Jewish Experience. Jewish Film Festival celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Cleveland Jewish Federation and 350th anniversary of Jews in America. Showing the film *Americanization: The Assistant*, Tuesday, July 20, 6:30 p.m.



◆ **Special Programs**

The DaVinci Code. Dr. Joseph Kelly, chairperson of John Carroll University's Religious Studies Department will present a program about the controversy surrounding the best-selling book by Dan Brown, Tuesday,



July 27, 7 p.m. Reservations begin mid-June. Please call Mayfield Regional at 440-473-0350 to register.



J & J Refuse, Inc.

Mayfield Village has entered into a new contract with the above company for your rubbish and recyclable collection.

Please refer to the yellow insert that was mailed to you several months ago.

Please call Village Hall for another copy or questions: **461-2210**. The information is posted on our web site.

**MAYFIELD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
 NEW TELEPHONE DIRECTORY**

Board of Education	440.995.7200
Switchboard.....	440.995.6800
Mayfield High School	440.995.6900
Mayfield Middle School....	440.995.7800
Center School	440.995.7400
Gates Mills School	440.995.7500
Lander School	440.995.7350
Millridge School	440.995.7250
Millridge Ctr. for Hearing Impaired	440.995.7300
Adult Community Education	440.995.6850
CEVEC	440.995.7450
Transportation	440.995.7890

**CONGRATULATIONS ON
 YOUR 60TH WEDDING
 ANNIVERSARY!!**

**Christine and
 Mike Casey
 May 1, 2004**





Lyndhurst Municipal Court

There can be many rewards experienced by a Municipal Court Judge who actively participates in the community she serves. Judge Bozza wishes to share her recent experience of a spectacular Centennial Celebration for long-time Lyndhurst resident, **Ed Prentke**. Ed came to Lyndhurst traffic court in June of 2000 for a traffic citation he received for an automobile accident. Ed was 96 years old. Ed recognized that even though he was in excellent health, perhaps it was time to surrender his driver's license because he was concerned about his safety as well as the safety of other drivers. He made this decision responsibly and thus voluntarily surrendered his driver's license to the Court that day.

In front of a full Courtroom, Ed was praised and commended on his good decision. Ed continued to enjoy his health as he continued to be an active member of the Lyndhurst community. Four years later, Ed invited Judge Bozza to his 100-year birthday celebration which was an honor for all attendees. Judge Bozza was impressed with Ed's accomplishments as an engineer who invented many electronic devices that benefited handicapped veterans and children throughout his career. Ed is a remarkable gentleman who inspired many people with his wisdom, personality, intelligence and sense of humor. Ed's motto for life is: *"May you always steal, swear, cheat and lie (and the explanation is) ...Steal away from bad company, swear by your friends, cheat the devil and lie with the one you love best."*

Happy 100th Birthday, Ed Prentke!

The Court recently initiated a Food Program as a part of its first offender Selective Intervention Program in theft cases. A first offender eligible to participate in the program is given an opportunity to provide a box of dry goods to the Probation Department in lieu of community service hours. Pastor Lewis at Beautiful Savior Church distributed our first collection to a family within our community. Pastor Chris Otten of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Mayfield Heights, Pastor

Brett Smith of Mayfield Village Baptist Church, Reverend Brian Nutt of Highland Sixth Presbyterian Church and Reverend Gil Helwig of Lyndhurst Baptist Church have also received boxes to distribute among families in the community. We encourage local schools, churches and senior groups who are interested in a family benefiting from our Food Program, to inquire by calling the Court.

Judge Bozza continues to provide educational opportunities for students in our jurisdiction through senior projects and class field trips to the Court. The schools that participate continuously are Mayfield High School, Brush High School, Richmond Heights High School, Ratner School, St. Paschal Baylon and Notre Dame Cathedral Latin. One of the most educational field trips involved 19 exchange students from Frankfurt, Germany who are part of the International Experience group from Mayfield and Brush High Schools. These students observed an arraignment session on March 31st. They viewed a mix of criminal and traffic matters heard before the Judge. The students returned to Court one week later to view the Court's criminal docket again in order to be given an opportunity for a question/answer session with the Judge.

Judge Bozza continues to speak out to parents with regard to education for drug prevention. She addressed parents at Brush High School on April 22, 2004 together with the organization entitled Professionals in Partnership for Prevention.

The next presentation of the Lyndhurst Municipal Court's community outreach program "Make the Right Choice" will be held on Friday, June 11, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. at the Lyndhurst Community Center, 1341 Parkview Drive. There is no fee for this program and lunch is included. For further information call **Patti Anderson at (440) 461-6500 ext. 205.**



The Rotary Club of Hillcrest

by Karla Lindsey 440-312-7406

The Rotary Club of Hillcrest will host its fourth annual "A Taste of Hillcrest" at the Casa/Villa Di Borally Party Center, 27227 Chardon Road, Richmond Hts. on Thursday, September 23, 2004 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person. The proceeds from this event will benefit schools and communities of the Hillcrest area by purchasing Automatic External Defibrillators. A small portion of the funds will also be used for health initiatives both locally and internationally. Join us for food sampling, entertainment, raffles and more....

The Rotary has been serving the Hillcrest communities of Gates Mills, Highland Hts., Lyndhurst, Mayfield Hts., Mayfield Village, Richmond Hts. and South Euclid since 1959 with programs such as **Special Olympics, Meals on Wheels, Safety Town, Academic Scholarships, Special Education Needs, Vocational Awards Dinner, Senior Citizen Play Night and more...** The club's annual fund raiser "A Taste of Hillcrest" has provided funds for the club to purchase and place eleven AED units.

Historical Society

by Al Scaccia, President

Spring and Summer 2004 will be busy times for Quilters and Historic House Staff.

We have 3 tours scheduled, and a DAR Luncheon scheduled during April and May. Open House hours will continue throughout the summer months, on the third Sunday from 1 to 3 pm. Father's Day is the exception.

A three hundred dollar scholarship will be awarded to a Mayfield graduating senior. Five applications are being considered and it will be difficult to choose one of these exceptional students.



2004 Quilt Show Quilt
 "Posey Pockets", MTHS quilters, Patsy Mills and Sally Crimshaw

The Library staff has received donations and sincere thanks from two families with Mayfield ties, for genealogical research.

This is **Quilt Show year – October 15 - 16 - 17** to be exact. Please remember, we would like to display your quilted treasures if they have not been submitted before. Our raffle Quilt is called "Posey Pockets". It was made from authentic 1930's floral fabric pieces, cut for apron pockets. An embroidered border features a garden row with butterflies and bumble bees, a delicate touch to a bright and cheerful quilt. Tickets are on sale through Historical Society Members at \$2.00 per ticket.

Hope to see you at our coming events.

Progressive Fitness Center

Progressive Fitness Center offers:

- Certified Fitness Staff to help reach your fitness goals while instructing proper technique and safety.
- State-of-the-art cardiovascular, Cybex strength training and free-weight equipment.
- Private aerobic studios with all necessary equipment provided.
- Fully appointed locker rooms which include soaps, shampoos, towels, hair dryers, lockers and saunas.

Group Fitness Classes

The Progressive Fitness Center offers a comprehensive group fitness program designed to accommodate all fitness levels. The schedule includes a wide variety of classes offered early morning, lunch and evening.

Personal Training:

Get one-on-one training and assistance in the development and/or improvement of your exercise program. Your trainer will help you reach your physical fitness goals. Call 440-395-0103 for details and registration information.

Facility Hours:

6 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday
 6 a.m. - 8 p.m. - Friday
 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday
 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sunday
 *Hours are subject to change.

Fees:

6 months..... \$130.00
 12 months..... \$260.00
 3 month student \$65.00
 (between May 15 – Sept. 15)
 Guests \$8 per visit per guest.

All guests must be 16 years or older and must be accompanied by a Fitness Center Member.

Becoming a Member/Renewal

1. Purchase a 6 or 12-month membership (3-month Summer Student membership) at Mayfield Village Hall during regular office hours.
2. A photo I.D. (drivers license, school I.D.) with current address and current utility bill is required at the time of purchase.
3. Bring receipt to the Fitness Center.
4. Complete an enrollment form and schedule a 15-minute orientation (not for renewal)

Please call the Fitness Center for more details 440-395-0103.

Wetlands

by Barb Schmidt



For the past 5 years, Mayfield Village has been developing a designated wetland area located behind the Village swimming pool. This green space has different habitats which may be explored along its one mile loop gravel

path through meadow, forest, creek and vernal pool sections. Not far from the hustle (and construction) on S.O.M. Center Road and along I-271, is a quiet spot for use by Villagers to enjoy the beauties and serenity of nature.

What is a wetland, anyhow? What good are those swampy areas? These questions may have crossed your mind! A wetland provides food, water and shelter for a variety of plants and animals. It filters rainwater and melted snow so that water leaving the area has fewer pollutants. Vernal pools provide water for amphibian growth and mammal and avian use. Plants such as cattails thrive in wetland areas and provide nesting spots for such birds as the red-winged blackbirds.

If you walked the Wetland path during the recent spring season, you heard the mating call of hundreds of spring peepers. You might have seen bluebirds perched on the roof of one of



the bluebird houses in the meadow. Perhaps you were fortunate enough to see mink, muskrat and a coyote beside the path. Actual sightings of these mammals were reported to us by folks

who often walk the path in early mornings. Many migratory birds used this area as a stop-over spot. Other birds regularly nest here. Almost always, mallard ducks are in the creek area, and a red-shouldered hawk is soaring overhead. Snipes and woodcocks have been seen here. What a wonderful secluded area to observe the natural seasonal cycles! If you have not yet explored this area, we encourage you to do so!



The Wetlands Committee has planned a celebration of the Summer Solstice at the Parkview Pavilion and along the Wetland path for the evening of Friday,

June 18. This program will include guided walks, a search for native inhabitants and free food! See the enclosed flyer for specifics on the event. Mark your calendar now and join us to celebrate the beginning of summer!



Commission on Aging/ Human Services

by Eunice Kalina, Director

If you have not yet signed up for our July 22nd trip to Wooster to see South Pacific and would like to go, fill out the reservation form and return it with your check to the Village Suggestion Box. We will leave the former Mayfield Methodist Church parking lot at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 22, have lunch at the Wooster Inn, see this stellar Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, visit the shops in downtown Wooster, and return at approximately 6 p.m. Checks (\$70 per person) should be made payable to Mayfield Village. Lunch selections can be found on the reservation form.

❖ PICNIC

Our annual senior picnic at Wiley Park will be Wednesday, July 7 at 4:30 p.m. Beverages and desserts will be furnished. Grills will be lighted for those wishing to cook their entrees at the park. There is no charge for this event but a reservation is required by Friday, July 2.

If the weather is not appropriate for an outdoor picnic, we will move indoors to the Community Room.

❖ CARDS

Our Card Group continues to meet Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Community Room. Games currently being played are bridge, pinochle, and hand and foot. Admission remains at 25 cents per person which includes refreshments and prizes. The group will not meet Thursday, July 22 because of our Wooster trip. Blood pressures are checked by your Fire Department on the third Tuesday of each month at approximately 1:30 p.m.

❖ MEALS ON WHEELS

Hillcrest Meals on Wheels serves our community by bringing hot meals to those who are housebound and/or

unable to prepare their own meals. These meals are delivered by volunteers who are able to commit to as little time as two hours each week. If you would be interested in helping this outstanding organization please contract the coordinator **Dottie Goldstein at 449-3551.**

If you are interested in receiving these meals please call me at the Village Hall, **461-2210.**



TRANSPORTATION

We are researching possibilities for providing transportation for seniors in our community who do not drive. In order to better assess this need, please complete the questions below as they pertain to you and return them to the Village Suggestion Box.

- I (we) am interested in transportation and would utilize it.
- I (we) am not interested in transportation and would not utilize it.

If transportation were available, I (we) would use it for:

- medical, dental appointments
- grocery shopping
- attending Village functions
- barber and beauty shop appointments
- other (please specify) _____

SENIOR RESERVATION FORMS OHIO LIGHT OPERA

_____ of _____ will
Name(s) Phone Number

participate in this outing. Please select from the following choices (one for each person in your party). Luncheon Selections: (Please check)

- Croissant Club (ham, turkey, bacon, swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato, and mayonnaise)
- Lemon Dill Chicken Sandwich (marinated grilled chicken breast, served on a toasted roll with lettuce, tomato, and mayonnaise)
- Salmon Burger (combination of fresh salmon, chopped vegetables and sauces, sautéed and served on a toasted roll with lettuce, tomato, and whole grain mustard)
- Butter-crust Scrod Sandwich (delicate butter-crust white fish served with lettuce, tomato, and Wooster Inn's own tartar sauce on a toasted roll)
- Wooster Inn Burger (1/3 pound of fresh ground beef on a toasted roll with lettuce, tomato, and choice of cheese)

All sandwiches are served with Wooster Inn Chips. The lunch includes a cup of soup, beverage, and dessert.

PICNIC - Wednesday, July 7

_____ of _____ will attend.
Name(s) Phone Number





Arbor Day Celebration

by Lee Stone, Administrative Assistant



*Plant a seed and leave a legacy,
A dream,
A treasure,
Something for you and for
me to remember.*

Anna Avitsian: age 9, Center School



What an appropriate poem for the 110th celebration of Arbor Day nationally. Journalist Sterling Morton created Arbor Day and he encouraged others to plant trees for their beauty and benefit to mankind.



The 17th Annual Arbor Day Celebration, sponsored by the Mayfield Village Garden Club, was held in the Mayfield Village Community Room on Friday, April 30. Thanks to the High School Jazz Band and Center School's Cyclone Choir for providing musical

entertainment. Participants included many honored guests, Center School poem and poster winners, 'watch your garden grow' presentations and the Gates Mills Horticulture Center scholarship recipients: **Brandon M. Goyke, John Wallace, Anthony Saive and Seth Eaton**. Two Mayfield High School students will also be recipients of \$500 scholarships. The scholarships are made available by community support in attending Mayfield Garden Club functions including the Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast and the Holiday Craft Show.

Dr. Price announced the 'Great Tree Project' to be introduced in the 4 surrounding cities. This project involves finding the biggest and oldest tree in each community.

Also, Susan Olson, Mayfield Schools Adult Volunteer coordinator, presented **Dottie Buzek** with a plaque commemorating her for 2000 hours of service. Louise Wuescher, Mayfield Village Garden Club President, presented the most outstanding yearbook award from the Garden Club of Ohio to **Pat Varga**. She also presented an award to **Jenny Skoda**, a fifth grader at Center School, who won the poetry contest from the Garden Club of Ohio. Congratulations to all!!



Everyone enjoyed the delicious assortment of goodies provided by the "Mayfield Garden Club Bakers." Upon leaving everyone was given a Scarlet Maple tree seedling.





Mayfield Village Garden Club

by Donna Roman

The Mayfield Village Garden Club has had a busy spring getting ready for 'Arbor Day', the plant sale at the Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast and the Flower Show.

Members are working with students of the Gates Mills Horticulture Center to beautify the grounds of the Mayfield Union Cemetery and Bennett VanCuren Historical House.

Mark your calendars now for the Flower Show on June 6 from 1:00 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Bennett



VanCuren Historical House, 606 S.O.M. Center Road and the Annual CRAFT SHOW on Saturday, November 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Service Building, 610 S.O.M. Center Road.

Enjoy the summer!!



Governor's Village Assisted Living & Dementia Care

by Ally Channel

Governor's Village Assisted Living and Dementia Care is going to the Dogs!!

The residents and family members of Governor's Village Assisted Living and Dementia Care do not seem to mind at all that we are "Going to the Dogs." They seem to enjoy the special visits that they receive from Oliver, our gold and white Shih Tzu, and Maggie Mae, our black standard French Poodle. Oliver belongs to our Marketing Director and is the self-appointed "leader of the gang" since he has been here the longest!

Maggie Mae, our receptionist's pride and joy, is a recent arrival and gets double takes when she walks around wearing her hat, scarf and fancy glasses. She also loves to show her painted toe nails and crosses her legs at the ankle, like a real lady.

Recently, we have a new face in town. Our Activities Director is bringing Buggy, her mother's Pug, to work with her. He has joined our canine gang without a complaint and seems to enjoy being a part of the entertainment.

When you are in the neighborhood, or if you simply enjoy canine companionship, stop by Governor's Village to meet our well-behaved, mild-mannered and non-barking group of animals. I think you will agree that it is not a bad thing when you hear someone say "Governor's Village Assisted Living and Dementia Care is going to the dogs!"



Hanover Woods Homeowners' Association

by Jeff Schieman, President

Hanover Residents gathered on Friday March 12, for the annual wine and cheese party at Jeff and Joanne Schieman's home. Approximately 40 people attended and everyone enjoyed some great conversation. A special treat was the Marra's home vintage, which was truly delightful. Watch for the ice cream social early this summer and for other events later in the year.



Dues statements have been mailed out to all residents, approximately 42 of the 72 residents have paid at this time. Please send in your dues.



Worton Park Homeowners' Association

by Ted Wetzel

Hello Worton Park Neighbors. Here are a few dates and events to keep in mind:



The "kick-off to summer" neighborhood picnic will be Sunday, June 6th, from 12 noon to 5p.m. at Wiley Park, 610 S.O.M. Center Road.



Look for announcements about the **third annual neighborhood garage sale**.

Please cooperate with your street representatives as they collect annual association dues.

The money collected is used to fund the beautification projects and social projects. Mayfield Village

Kenwood Homeowners' Association

by Mickey Evans

'It's gone! It's gone!—the snow, that is, and spring has finally come to our area. The spring bulbs and flowering bushes and trees of our Kenwood homeowners are blooming in all their glory.

The annual meeting of the Kenwood Homeowners' was held on April 21, 2004 at the Community Room. Guest speaker was **Mayor Bruce Rinker**.

The meeting was very informational. Refreshments were served before the open discussion.

Subjects discussed were the use of the web site; www.mayfieldvillage.com, for Village information, S.O.M. Center widening project including landscaping and lighting along the roadway and median strip, cluster homes north of Fisher's Tavern, new ball diamonds next to the swimming pool, and the potential use of the church property as Administration Offices for the Village.

Kenwood and Oakwood Drives will be a test area for the new garage toters. This program will start within the month. The toters will be furnished by the Village. Doug Metzger, Service Director, will coordinate this program.

Residents are concerned about the condition of the split rail fences in the area. Prices to repair the fences will be discussed at the next board meeting. Spring is a good time to make necessary repairs to the fences, gaslights, prune trees and shrubs. A general yard and house maintenance program should be on all homeowners' list.



Jean Britton has already completed the spring clean-up of our entrances to Kenwood Gardens. Next projects will be the American flags and the hanging flower baskets at the entrances.

In closing the meeting a raffle of gift certificates from the Village restaurants was held. Thanks to the participating restaurants.

This is a reminder to the residents to fly your American Flags. Kenwood has always had a good patriotic showing during the summer months starting at Memorial Day.

The next **BOARD MEETING** will be July 15, 2004, in the back room of the Community Room at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Planning of the **ANNUAL POOL PARTY** will be discussed.

Mark your calendar for the **ANNUAL POOL PARTY AUGUST 8, 2004, 3 –10 P.M.** A fun day for you and your family.

Until next time, enjoy the springtime and soon-to-come summer—see you around the neighborhood!

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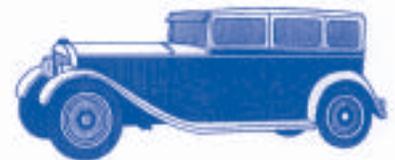


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RAIN DATE - SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2004

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. Cars 25 years and older may cruise - The number of "cruisers" may be limited due to available space. Cruisers will receive a commemorative dash plate! For more information, call Village Hall at 440-461-2210.