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440-461-2210

Summer Sizzler Swim Meet

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VILLAGE PHONE NUMBERS:

All Emergencies (Police, Fire, Ambulance)	9-1-1
Animal Warden (contact MVPD)	461-1234
M.V. Civic Center (Administration)	461-2210
Lyndhurst Municipal Court	461-6500
M.V. Police Dept. (Non-emergency)	461-1234
M.V. Finance Dept.	461-2210
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

RUBBISH REMINDER

J & J Refuse, Inc. collects rubbish and recyclables for MV residents on a weekly basis free of charge. Large items including appliances are also picked up free of charge on your rubbish day. Branches must be bundled and tied in lengths of 4' or less. If you are a new resident, contact the Civic Center 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. This information is also on our website.

• *The only holidays that will affect rubbish collection during 2005 are: Memorial Day, (May 30), 4th of July (July 4), and Labor Day (September 5). Remember Monday's collection will be delayed until Tuesday, and Tuesday's collection will be delayed until 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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2005 VILLAGE ROSTER

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	Patsy Mills	Ward 2	Kenwood Drive 449-4922
	Dr. Stephan Parker	Ward 3	Hardwood Court 446-1537

Department Heads:

Building Commissioner:	John Marrelli	440-461-2213
Director of Finance/Economic Development:	Philip Brett	440-461-2210
Director of Parks & Recreation:	William Thomas	440-461-5163
Engineer:	Thomas Cappello	216-731-6255
Fire Chief:	David Mohr	440-461-1208
Law Director:	Joseph Diemert	440-442-6800
Police Chief:	Patrick Dearden	440-461-1234
Property Manager:	Lloyd Chapman	440-460-0806
Service Director:	Douglas Metzger	440-442-5506

SERVICES PROVIDED AT THE CIVIC CENTER:

- Dog License (for Cuyahoga County residents)
- Golden Buckeye 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)
- 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 odors, 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 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.)



Memo from the Mayor

by Bruce G. Rinker



S.O.M. Center Road has been widened and is now open for business – at least as far as the motorists are concerned. We have much to finish in the way of landscaping and expanding the new elements of the Greenway

Corridor we are creating between Wilson Mills and White Road. This project exemplifies the slow and often imperceptible progress of municipal planning. It took seven years to go from abstract to *concrete*.

“Talk is cheap.” “Opinions are . . . abundant.” “Actions speak louder than words.” We have heard these phrases; too often in criticism of government. But face it, discussion nurtures the opinions that lead to action. These are the tools of government. Good government depends on good people – who act.

As we chalk up another project, it is an appropriate time to acknowledge the contributions of three such very good people.

Dorothy Buzek has been one of Mayfield Village’s more active citizens during the past five decades. Sadly, she is moving out of state to be close to family. Dorothy unselfishly contributed her public service virtually from the day she and her husband Harper built their home on South Woodlane Drive, one of Worton Park’s first families. She has participated in one way or another in just about every neighborhood and civic organization the Village has managed to produce. We owe curbside recycling and our mighty mulch program to Dorothy’s efforts. She has been a champion of beautification programs not only in her own neighborhood, but in promoting incentives for all neighborhood organizations. Always cheerful and contagiously energetic, Dorothy has never sought recognition – just results.

Service Director Doug Metzger leads by example. Practical, thoughtful and decisive, Doug gets things done. He may not be a resident, but he clearly capitalizes the “S” in our Service Department. I would hazard to guess that few fully appreciate the extent to

which Doug has single-handedly made sure that so many of our successful projects have been, well, successful: Parkview Pool; the Wetlands Preserve; North Commons Boulevard; our soccer fields; our new ballfields; the stream restoration in and around Wiley Park; the hugely challenging S.O.M. widening project, already achieving signature status with *green* medians, rolling mounds and pathways. All of our public works projects during Doug’s tenure would not be nearly as impressive (much less completed) were it not for Doug’s steady hand. He is both diplomatic and determined. He has earned the respect of all who work for him *and* with him. He displays a quiet almost laid-back humor that conceals the drive of a warhorse.

Bob Baker did not reside in nor work for Mayfield Village, but as the Mayfield City School’s Treasurer for almost 30 years, he leaves a lasting legacy that has been invaluable to our community: a solid school system. A truly humble and self-effacing man, Bob long ago established his credentials of utmost integrity, wisdom and public service. He not only could be trusted (by everyone), he was consistently the one who found the truth of things, untainted by ego or ambition. He saw, thought and spoke clearly. He was always positive. He spoke ill of no one. He was a gentleman with the scholar’s grasp of school finances so essential to the success of that institution. He performed as a trustee charged with the duty of sustaining the place where our children are educated. He succeeded. Bob passed away suddenly and tragically this summer. We cannot measure his loss.

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“The People” *are* the government. Good government depends on good people. These are three good people who have made our government work better. We would not enjoy the same place we do today without their contributions. The passage of time will not diminish their efforts, if we follow their example.

Our best wishes for Dorothy; kudos for Doug; and our prayers for Bob and his family.



Council comments

Bill Buckholtz
Council Ward 4

Cleaning House – My Life is a Mess

Well it's hard to believe that we are entering into yet another harvest season. We take stock of our yield, give thanks for our prosperity, and prepare to endure winter's natural yet often merciless selection. Some will live, some will die, and most of us will do a little bit of both. Life, as well as death, is a process embedded inside tiny pinpoints – rivets along the rim of the same wheel, polar opposites perched on the surface of the same sphere along an identical axis. Occasionally we are able to exert tremendous control over ourselves and that which surrounds us. Usually, however, we are frantically dodging bullets or reacting to that which is continually dumped upon us. And be not fooled, the largest portion of 'quality' time spent we are entrenched helplessly and hopelessly cleaning up our own messes. You know, the complicated disasters we create out of the simplest tasks, encounters and interactions.

One of the most memorable and successful events in which I have participated this year was the Worton Park neighborhood garage sale – a group effort involving friends, family and neighbors working together. It's a good feeling to purge the house of all the things we pick up along the way and no longer have a use for. The 'sale', in and of itself, gives us a sense of 'cleaning house' or unloading some of the debris – the clutter that gets trapped under foot and remnants of our past that hang over us, casting shadows on the walls. "How much for *that* book?" asks an elderly woman pushing a much younger man in a wheelchair. "This one on *Codependence*," she adds. "It's yours for free" I insist, "I'll even give you a dollar to take it with you." I never could get past the fourth chapter. "I'm sorry madam," my wife swoops in out of nowhere, "*this* book is not for sale!"

Someone recently handed her the book on codependence and suggested that we both read it... *together*. She said it

ran 'generationally' throughout both our families. According to the little bit of the book I've read, most people suffer with codependency in some form or another. Sort of one of those all-purpose, 21st Century, 'First-World' syndromes with more therapists ready to strike than seven-year locusts on an Iowa corn field. The book tells me that we are obsessed with tending to the problems of others and neglect our own. There are seven pages of lists itemizing various symptoms and conditions. The author suggests that the reader circle the ones that most apply.

It's kind of like the "OCD Buffet" of anxiety, (that stands for Obsessive Compulsive Disorder not Old Country Dinning). The book continues to explain that before one can 'improve' they must 'disconnect', 'detach' – I guess from those with whom they are codependent. I must admit to having had a hard time concentrating on the book. I've been preoccupied lately, distracted what with *2 teenagers* – already in high school, driving, peer pressure, college and so many 'adult' decisions; *my wife* – she works so hard, that big house, looking after all of us, and her own social life; *our parents* – octogenarians, God bless 'em – Grandpa Mike lives with us, Grandpa Norman and Grandma Judy still in the red-brick house I grew up in... *struggling*... but ok (God bless 'em); then there are the '*others*' – the lost kids, single moms, the sick, the unemployed, adolescent soldiers and starving infants... the helpless, the homeless, the tired, the poor, the huddled masses... all *struggling*... What can I do to help? HELP!?! Disconnect?!? Detach???

Why do I sense that at this very moment, someone is handing my wife a book about, "No Good Husbands – you know the type: self-centered, apathetic, isolated, uncaring, unworldly, self-serving, indifferent, ego-centric who spend little or no time with their families and care only about themselves?" Hmm... codependent, independent, compassionate, indifferent – *to be or not to be?* Aaaaah... trapped between the proverbial rock and a hard place – again. I've grown accustomed to this space in which I love to hate and solely dwell... the rolling home that follows me, a heavenly hell, where ever I go, I know it well. Like a hermit crab

I live, inside this shell... *struggling*... *detached*... *confused*.

My Life Is A Mess – My Toilet Won't Flush (a song title and lyric from 'Unbroken' the first of two albums by Wild Horses, popular rock band of the past and present). They came and took my toilet away... and my sink, my shower, my desk, my chair, my lamp, my entire office. Grandpa Mike moves into Mikey's room, Mikey moves upstairs into my office, the bathroom gets a make over and I get a happier family and a ride downtown on the Shaker Rapid Transit – peace and tranquility! Everything I own is packed up in the basement, the garage or spread out in the driveway for the sale. I am the victim of sub-urban-renewal – (familial) reorganization, (domestic) renovation and (psychological) detachment... I've been *struggling*. "Yes, I'm feeling just a wee bit *displaced*."

Thank God for garage sales! "How much for the table?" "How much for the dress and the baseball bat?" "How much for the man in the hat?" "How much for the dog and cat?" "Two kids and a Van?" "Three boxes of albums from the sixties man... collector's items?" But of greater significance and a natural byproduct of this semi-public, symbiotic event is the interaction between neighbors. We coexist in a borough within a Village three hundred and some odd days of the year and yet we share little face time. The higher level of consciousness is not in the transaction. Buying from and selling to friends and neighbors, the very junk that we end up reselling at next year's sale is not the true moment of Zen. It is rather the negotiation, the communication, even the small talk that makes us feel connected in a profound way – sharing a tiny portion of the same planet, breathing the same air no matter how dusty or dense, having a moment in time to say, "Aren't we all really lucky... to – be – here – now?" "Enjoy it while ya' got it." "You never know from day to day!" And at the end of it all we have purchased nothing, we have sold nothing, but we have dug a deep tunnel, built a new bridge, spun a fine web. We have traded time and space for smiles and pleasantries. As my dear friend and father-in-law would interject, "It's all about Peace and Tranquility."



**Patsy Mills
Council Ward 2**

It was a long hot summer.

Work on the S.O.M. Center Project will continue even after the opening of the road. There will still be the finishing touches as landscaping, bike path, etc. need to be completed.



Work will start on Wilson Mills Road east of S.O.M. Center Road. Detours will be experienced from time to time. Patience has been tested with all the road construction that has been done in the area. When these projects are completed we will have the best roads in the area.

Kenwood Home Owners had their annual picnic and pool party on July 24. Weather almost cancelled the affair but the sun shone brightly. 80 people, residents and their families, attended. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and potluck buffet were enjoyed by all. The pool was enjoyed by everyone, especially the children. It was a grand time! This is the third pool party and plans are already being made for 2006.

Mayfield Township Historical Society will have their annual ICE CREAM SOCIAL, on September 14, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Bennett -VanCuren Historical House, 606 SOM Center Road. Ice cream sundaes, homemade cookies, and a tour of the house will be available. The HAND MADE QUILT, 'RAINBOW SHERBET', will also be raffled that evening. Raffle tickets are still available at \$2.00 each. Mark your calendar, come and enjoy the evening with us.

Council has appropriated funds for the rubbish totes for all Village residents. Information regarding the size your home will need will be forthcoming.

These containers should be used to eliminate the plastic bags that sometimes are placed on the curbs for the animals to investigate. The containers have wheels and are easier to take to the curb. There will be no charge for the first container. If an additional container is needed, the residents can purchase it. Look for information from the Service Department.

Also, if placing yard debris on the curb, please make sure that it is tied in 4 ft. lengths. J & J will not pick up tree limbs unless they are tied in bundles. The Service Department can give you proper instructions regarding what and how unusual things should be placed on the curb.

The Mayfield Village Garden Club has been tending the garden at the Historical House and also at the Union Cemetery. It has been a difficult chore especially with the weather we have had this summer, but the gardens are beautiful.

Reminder-the annual Mayfield Village Garden Club Craft Show is on November 26 at the Service Building, 610 SOM Center Road from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mark your calendar so you can do some Holiday Shopping. Each year there are new vendors that participate in the show. Proceeds from the show are used for Scholarships for the students of the Mayfield Horticultural School. The Club, with the support of the community, was able to give students \$3500.00 this year. We need your help to make the scholarships possible.



**REMEMBER TO VOTE
NOVEMBER 8, 2005
6:30 A.M. TO 7:30 P.M.**

Absentee ballots and voter registration forms are available at the Civic Center.

**Dr. Stephan Parker
Council Ward 3**

Fall greetings to Ward 3 residents. The summer has gone by quickly and the weather has been very cooperative. Many residents have taken advantage of the many wonderful activities offered by the Village. From the ever-popular Fifties Night to the spectacular Fourth of July celebration, we are constantly reminded how great a place Mayfield Village is to live. The swimming pool has been very active this summer, and our residents continue to enjoy our weekly Music on the Green concerts.

There has been a buzz of activity in the Village this summer. By now the construction on S.O.M. Center Road should be winding down. There are still finishing touches to be made to the landscaping, but overall a welcome finish. We certainly appreciate your patience with the traffic and other difficulties presented by such a large project. Hopefully, when all is done, our residents will be satisfied with the outcome. Thanks to **Doug Metzung, John Marrelli, and their departments, as well as all Village employees (Civic Center, Police, Fire, etc)**, for helping to make this project a successful one.

The Northwest Quadrant will continue to be an active area. As you may be aware, Progressive would like to construct a new business complex on some of the remaining property adjacent to the Village's properties. Council is working hard in a cooperative effort to see that this has the least impact on the overall character of our Village, while serving as a catalyst for future tax revenue. It is challenging and difficult to balance the desire for green space with the impending development of such an area. In the past, the Council and Mayor have set high standards for such projects, and I do believe that we have been successful in providing our residents with the best possible outcome - the best of both worlds. We will continue to strive and to meet these high standards in our efforts to keep Mayfield Village the finest community in Northeast Ohio.



The Parks and Recreation Department continues to plan for our new recreation facilities, including completion of our outstanding ball fields, new basketball and tennis courts, as well as other recreation amenities. Kudos to Bill Thomas and his team for their fine efforts. Please do not hesitate to call with your suggestions.

Watch for new trash bins. The Village is in the process of purchasing trash bin totes for Village residents. There will be two sizes available. These trash bins are large and meant to replace (or supplement) your current trash cans. They are meant to make trash collection more efficient for the refuse company that collects our trash. They will be made available but not mandatory. While the first bin is free, additional bins can be purchased by the homeowner. If you would like to check out these new bins before making your request, please call the Civic Center for information. Also, if you have any comments, either concerns or compliments regarding trash pickup, please do not hesitate to notify the Service Department.



The proposed **Planned Residential Development** of the parcel of land between the Beech Hill and Hanover neighborhoods has drawn the attention of many of the residents in these areas and throughout the Village. While the proposal to develop a cluster-home type development on this property is in its early stages, there are still many issues to address before it becomes a reality. I have received numerous communications from concerned residents regarding this proposal. To date, two meetings have taken place to discuss and review what is known of this plan. Please be advised that this property would need to be rezoned by a referendum vote of the residents of

the Village from Single Family Residential to Planned Residential Development. This is typically a lengthy process that must go through many stages. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or the Civic Center for information. Your input and comments are much appreciated. Additional information will be forthcoming, as we make every effort to keep you informed.

As always, please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions or concerns. The staff at the Civic Center are always willing to be helpful in any way possible. Mayfield Village continues to be a premier community for people to live and work, and we will continue to keep it that way.

Wishing all the residents of Mayfield Village a beautiful Northern Ohio Fall Season.

Joanne Cinco Council At Large

The Drainage and Infrastructure Committee began evaluating and prioritizing projects in August. Approximately 16 areas will be let out for bid and, weather permitting, begin in the fall. The Service Department anticipates correcting a few of the smaller projects. Please read a corresponding article in The Voice. Any further requests received this year will be put on the program for 2006. We are one of only a few communities offering such a program to our residents and we are proud to be able to offer such a great service.

The summer months were very busy for committee work – Health Care, Safety and Service, Planning and Zoning, Drainage, Finance and Council – plus neighborhood meetings. I encourage everyone to keep up on all the activities on the Village web page.

I look forward this fall to the completion of S.O.M. Center and Wilson Mills Road projects. They have been an inconvenience but well worth the improvements.

November brings elections, so become informed on the candidates and issues and VOTE!

Thomas Marrie Council At Large

We want to thank our **Village Engineer, Tom Cappello**, our **Service Director, Doug Metzger**, and our **Building Commissioner, John Marrelli** for their follow up and dedication to complete all the site inspections of the 30 Village residents who requested help and/or assistance on possible drainage problems. The Committee along with these three gentlemen met on July 27th and are now moving forward on what projects should be done first. You should see some results in the very near future.

The **Recreation Committee** doesn't meet during the summer but they were very busy working on and assisting on the **Debbie Hudacko Run/Walk**, the **Summer Sizzler Swim Meet**, the **Triathlon**, and the **Youth Softball Pool Party**. This is a very dedicated group and all of us appreciate all their effort and hard work.

The three new baseball fields are finished and the turf is coming along. They will be in excellent condition for play next summer. The lights on the two fields are also in and are being adjusted to eliminate as much glare as possible.

The pool has been very busy with all the hot/humid weather we've had. The complete staff has done an outstanding job. Thanks to all of them.

Welcome to **Mary Beth Betsa**, our newest Village associate at the Civic Center. She comes to us with tremendous experience, a great attitude, much knowledge, and a lot of enthusiasm.

On behalf of Mayfield Village, I would like to sincerely thank all the members of the **Charter Review Commission** for all of their effort and hard work. There will be 13 issues on the November ballot. Most are not changes but just adjusting and/or cleaning up the wording.

The parking lot at the shopping area at S.O.M. & Sandalwood (CVS, Yours Truly, etc.) has been re-striped and hopefully this will make for a safer corner. The owner will be re-doing the split rail fence now that S.O.M. is done.



Speaking of S.O.M. – It’s been a very long haul and all of our residents deserve a big thanks for your patience. There has been a lot of “back & forth” and a lot of comments but Doug Metzger, our Service Director, has worked diligently and deserves a lot of credit for handling the many problems that have come up.

Our sympathy to **Phil Brett**, our Finance Director, and his family, on the recent loss of his father, **John Ignatius Brett**.

Everyone has moved into their new space in the Civic Center and all the areas look great and are very functional. Stop over and see it some time, it is your Civic Center. The **Singing Angels** concert at the Gazebo was very well attended and truly enjoyed by everyone.

Remember that all **Council, Planning & Zoning, etc.** meetings are open and we encourage you to attend. There is a request to re-zone part of the Koren and old Fitzgerald property, off Wilson Mills Road east of S.O.M., to allow 22 homes to be put there in a Planned Residential Development style. This is just a request at this point and I encourage everyone, not just the residents who are close to this, to attend the Planning & Zoning and Council meetings so you know exactly what’s going on.

Wishing everyone a beautiful and restful Fall season.

**Joseph Saponaro
Council At Large**

I hope all the Residents have been enjoying this beautiful Summer!

The Citizen’s Advisory Committee has suggested that a **Beautification Committee** be formed to address the aesthetic needs of the Village (in addition to homeowners’ associations). As such, the Village is in need of individuals that wish to volunteer their time to serve on this important committee. Please contact me at **440-840-1001** to volunteer and I will pass your name to the chairperson of the Beautification Committee for consideration.

Cheers to the owners of the **Yours Truly/ CVS Plaza** for re-striping the parking spaces in attempt to eliminate traffic issues. The Village will work with the property owner to further evaluate the traffic flow as well as to address the issue of trash control in the Plaza. Jeers to those individuals that continue to litter in our Village! Residents and Business Owners please keep your properties free of blowing garbage and debris and report violators to the Village.

Please call upon me or any Council Member with questions or comments about the various activities and projects in our Village. Finally, with the upcoming elections in November, please be sure that you are registered to vote. Contact the County Board of Elections for a voter registration application.

Police Department



by Police Chief,
Patrick Dearden

By the time this issue reaches you, the **S.O.M. Widening Project** has finally been concluded. The final product has been a long time in coming, but hopefully, has been worth the wait. I personally, along with the entire Police Department, want to thank our residents and business owners for their seemingly endless patience and understanding during this project. As frustrating as it was for all of you, rest assured, we felt much of the same. It should serve to bring a whole new meaning to the Thanksgiving season this year for all of us. With the completion though, will bring new challenges. The new, expanded roadway will lend itself to higher speeds. Rest assured we will be monitoring traffic and enforcing the speed limits to provide a safe environment throughout the Village.

On another note, we continue to address issues relating to pet dogs. The Village provides ordinances which regulate/prohibit permitting a dog to run at large on public property, or the property of another person without permission. In addition, owners are required to clean up after their dogs if

they walk them on property other than their own. While we try to work with our residents through use of a warning system, a number of times it has been necessary to issue citations for these types of violations. It is my hope that a clear understanding of the laws will help guide the actions of our resident dog owners.

Fire Department



by Fire Chief,
David Mohr

In the past several weeks you may have watched a national news story regarding using your cell phone to aid emergency workers to notify your next of kin in the event of an emergency.

The program is called: **“in case of emergency”** and uses the acronym **ICE** for the abbreviation. In the United States, this is gaining acceptance in the New Jersey and New York City areas. Originally, this idea was conceived by a London Paramedic and has received interest since the recent bombings in London.

Often we respond to accident scenes or situations outside of the home where the person requiring medical assistance cannot speak. Many times we find cell phones with the patient and have called persons in the cell phone’s address book to ask information regarding the patient. Valuable time is wasted trying to figure out which name in a cell phone address directory is a family member. We often look through wallets for clues to a person’s identity and medical history. Many people identify their spouse by name in their cell phone, making them indistinguishable from other entries.

***If you choose to participate, here is how it works. In your cell phone address book place the acronym **ICE** – in case of emergency’ – before the names of the people you want to designate as next of kin in their cell phones. It is that simple and would save considerable time locating next of kin.



Village Prosecutor

by Vince Feudo

UPDATE ON IDENTITY FRAUD

Earlier this year the Ohio Legislature made the crime of Identity Fraud more severe when the victim is an “elderly person” or a “disabled adult.” The law defines an “elderly person” as aged 65 years or older. It defines a “disabled adult” as a person 18 or older, who either has some impairment of body or mind that makes him or her unable to work at any gainfully compensated job for a period of at least 12 months, or a person certified as permanently and totally disabled by an agency of the state or federal government. The new law makes violations committed against either an “elderly person” or a “disabled adult” a felony.

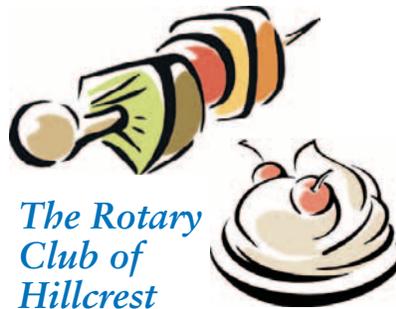
Under the old law in Identity Fraud cases involving a 65 year old or “disabled adult” the offense was classified as a first degree misdemeanor, punishable by up to six months in jail and/or a \$1,000.00 fine when the value of the property or services was less than \$500.00. However, under the new law, the same crime involving the same dollar amount against a victim who is 65 or is a “disabled adult” is classified as a fifth degree felony, punishable by 6 to 12 months in prison and/or a \$2,500.00 fine.

Furthermore, to assist victims of Identity Fraud, the new law enables the Ohio Attorney General to expand the already-existing statewide Identity Theft Verification **PASSPORT** program, which is designed to protect victims from being re-victimized. The program will enable victims of Identity Fraud to have a method of demonstrating to law enforcement and creditors that their identity has been stolen, rehabilitating their credit history, and identifying any fraudulent criminal charges.

To obtain a **PASSPORT** identification card, victims must first file a police report with local law enforcement. Once the law enforcement officer verifies the information the victim provided, a **PASSPORT** application, the victim’s photograph and fingerprints are forwarded by the officer to the

Attorney General’s office via a secure internet connection. The victim will then be sent the **PASSPORT** identification card, which can be used with law enforcement to prevent any detention that would otherwise have resulted for crimes the identity thief has committed. The program is at no cost to the victim.

If you believe that you or a member of your family residing in the Village has been the victim of Identity Fraud or Identity Theft, feel free to contact the Village Police Department or the Attorney General’s **PASSPORT** program directly at (888) **MY-ID-4-ME**.



The Rotary Club of Hillcrest

The Rotary Club of Hillcrest will host its Fifth Annual “A Taste of Hillcrest”.

Join us at our new location – Executive Caterers of Landerhaven, 6111 Landerhaven Drive, Mayfield Hts.

The event will take place on Wednesday, October 5, 2005 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

The cost is \$30.00 per person, with packages of 8 or more available for \$25. The proceeds from this event will be used to purchase AED’s (Automated External Defibrillators), present public education seminars about their use, and to fund health initiatives.

Participating restaurants to date include: Aladdin’s Eatery, BD Mongolian Barbecue, Champp’s Restaurant & Bar, Costco, Heavenly Ham, Honey Baked Ham, Lady Charlton’s Tea Parlor, La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant, Otani’s Japanese Restaurant, Starbucks, Tony Roma’s, Winking Lizard, Yours Truly, and Zampini’s Grille. There will be live entertainment, Chinese raffle, silent auction and more.

For more information call Karla Lindsey at 440-312-7406.



Law Director

by Joseph W. Diemert, Jr.

With the recent decision made by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Kelo v. City of New London*, our citizens may wonder how this could someday affect their property. I will summarize the Supreme Court’s decision and what it means to private property owners.

In the 1990s, after decades of economic decline, the state of Connecticut designated New London a “distressed municipality.” With businesses closing, residents leaving the area and a skyrocketing unemployment rate, the City was targeted for an economic revitalization. New London began designing a plan that would not only create a public park for its residents, but would also stimulate the economy on a long term basis through building a research facility for Pfizer, Inc., a hotel, recreational and commercial area, shopping centers, restaurants and a newly organized residential area.

The City was able to acquire most of the property that they needed in order to implement the plan, but some of the area home and business owners refused to accept any amount of money for their property. In response, the City took actions to take the properties under the power of eminent domain. Federal and state law allow for property to be taken from private property owners, so long as the taking is for a “public use,” and the owner is given just compensation for their property.

The issue of what constitutes a “public use” was precisely what was brought in front of the Supreme Court by the property owners in New London. Based on the needs of evolving societies, the Supreme Court has extended the term “public use” from meaning use by the general public, to that of a use which serves a public purpose.

Many different circumstances have been determined to be a public purpose, from making ownership easier by transferring property rights to individuals to restoring a blighted



neighborhood by selling the property to a corporation. While it may seem that these uses are taking from a private property owner to give to another private owner, the Supreme Court found that in some instances the public is better served by different ownership.

In deciding the New London case, the Supreme Court had to carefully weigh the interests of private individuals with the interests of the city and the public at large. On one hand, people had owned their homes for long periods of time and had invested a lot of money into them. On the other hand, the revitalization would bring jobs, tax revenues and beauty back to the city. In the end, the Supreme Court decided that the city legislature in New London was better prepared to understand the needs of their community, and to decide the best place for the revitalization project. This decision now allows cities, states or the federal government to take private property and give it to a private enterprise.

The Supreme Court was careful, however, to limit their decision to determining whether the proposed takings were for a "public use." They made clear that each state is still able to place stricter guidelines on their own takings laws, therefore, their decision may not apply in every case.

Similar to the language of the U.S. Constitution, the Ohio Constitution allows for the taking of property for a public use, so long as just compensation is provided. Ohio law does permit taking private property for economic development purposes within a community. Many communities throughout Ohio have used this technique in order to provide significant benefits to their citizens. Parks and green space have been enhanced, and the tax base for many communities has been solidified. These benefits are enjoyed not only by the individual taxpayers, but the school districts, and the overall economy of the community.

You are likely to see the effects of the Kelo decision, especially in northeast Ohio, as communities struggle to keep successful businesses and commercial enterprises in this area of the state while at the same time protecting the schools, parks and recreation benefits for all our citizens.

S.O.M. CENTER ROAD REOPENS!!



An impromptu ceremony was held early Friday morning, August 12th to celebrate the reopening of S.O.M. Center Road, following some 3 years of construction to widen the 2 1/2 mile stretch in Mayfield Village. Nearly 100 residents, business owners, employees and officials enjoyed refreshments and witnessed the symbolic ribbon-cutting by Mayor Rinker, Council President William Buckholtz and Councilmen-at-Large Thomas Marrie and Joseph Saponaro. Even as officials spoke, and a police escort led the

procession of cars on to the new pavement, construction workers continued with finish work on this long-awaited project. Thank you to Wanda Hejcl, Fisher's Tavern and Mount Vernon for allowing people to park at their locations; and to Richard Prosen of Hollywood Limousine, who shuttled spectators for free. We appreciate their generosity. Finally, a huge thank you for the tremendous community support and patience of everyone during the long weeks of construction.

WILSON MILLS ROAD CLOSED THRU MID TO LATE NOVEMBER

The Cuyahoga County Wilson Mills Road Resurfacing and Slope Stabilization Project in the Villages of Mayfield and Gates Mills has finally begun. Wilson Mills Road is closed to thru traffic east of Echo Drive to Chagrin River Road until mid to late November. Detour signs are posted and local access is being maintained. Traffic has been diverted using S.O.M. Center Road to Mayfield Road to Chagrin River Road.



The project consists of grinding the existing asphalt pavement, repairing portions of the concrete base; asphalt resurfacing, installing new roadside berms, and stabilizing the failing southerly slope by the Chagrin River in the Village of Gates Mills



Belated birthday party for Jo Bando



Pinochle players needed for this group

Commission on Aging/ Human Services

by Eunice Kalina

Join us for our annual fall foliage trip Monday, October 17 when we travel to the Loudonville/Mansfield area where we will tour and have lunch at Landoll's Mohican Castle. In addition, we will have a coffee stop at Sweet Basil (a bakery) in Mansfield. Other stops include the Ohio Bird Sanctuary and Creative Outlets Relaxation Center. We will depart from the Mayfield Civic Center at 7:15 a.m. and return at approximately 7:00 p.m. Please park at the southern area of the parking lot.



The luncheon includes salad, potato, vegetable, dessert, and beverage in addition to the entrée. Make your selection on the reservation form and return it with your check for \$50 per person made payable to Mayfield Village. Non-residents' reservations will be accepted after September 13.

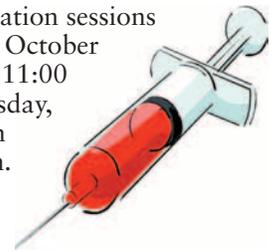
Flu Shots

Once again Mayfield Village is sponsoring flu shots in conjunction with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health. Please note the change of location for both the registration and the administration of the vaccine. We will meet in the Civic Hall of the Mayfield Village Civic Center, 6622 Wilson Mills Road.

Please bring Medicare cards as well as QualChoice Prime or other secondary insurance cards to the mandatory registration sessions. The charge this year is \$18 for anyone not having Part B of Medicare or QualChoice Prime as insurance. The date for the Flu shots is Wednesday, November 9th, from 9 – 11:30 a.m.

Shots will be administered to adults 65 years and older or those with chronic illnesses such as heart disease, diabetes, or respiratory ailments.

However, registration sessions will be Monday, October 10 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and Wednesday, October 19 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Civic Center. Please park at the South end of the parking lot unless you qualify for handicapped parking.



RESERVATION FORMS— Return to Village Suggestion Box or Mayfield Village Civic Center

FALL FOLIAGE
Monday, October 17

_____ of _____
Name(s) Phone Number

will participate in this trip.

Luncheon Choice: _____ Roast Pork _____ Shepherd's Pie (chicken)

If space is available, please contact non-resident(s) _____
of _____.

HOLIDAY PARTY
Saturday, December 10
(Doors open at 12:30 p.m.)

_____ of _____
Name(s) Phone Number

will attend the Holiday Party.



Meals on Wheels

Hillcrest Meals on Wheels delivers meals to the homebound for a nominal fee. These meals are delivered by dedicated volunteers. At the present time this organization needs additional individual volunteers to help with the program. If you could spare two hours a week and would be interested in helping to provide this service, please contact Dottie Goldstein, the program coordinator, at (440) 449-3551. If you are in need of this service, contact me at the Civic Center, (440) 461-2210 at ext. 289.

Cards

The Card Group continues to meet in the Community Room Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The admission charge is 25 cents. Games played include bridge, pinochle, and hand and foot. Refreshments are also enjoyed every Tuesday and Thursday. Blood pressures are checked on the third Tuesday of the month at approximately 1:30 p.m. The Card Group will not meet on the following dates: Tuesday, October 4, Thursday, October 13, Tuesday, October 25, Thursday, October 27, Tuesday, November 8, or Thursday, November 24.



Holiday Party

The Senior Gentry holiday party is Saturday, December 10. This festive event is open and free of charge to Mayfield Village residents who are at least 60 years of age. The afternoon includes lunch, favors, door prizes, and entertainment. The deadline for reservations is Friday, December 2.



Patsy Mills was surprised by her family with a party to celebrate her milestone birthday in July

The American Red Cross

*Blood Services,
Northern Ohio Region,
3747 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115-2501
(216) 431-3010 FAX 431-3025*

The American Red Cross is attempting to establish the Mayfield Village Community Room as a regular blood drive center (every 56-days). To develop this site, we need to inform donors and ask them to regularly support donating at this location. These dates have been established through 2006.

All are Fridays from 2-7:

✓November 4, 2005

Sponsors: Hairkeepers Inn, Raffle for free haircut.

✓December 30, 2005

✓February 24, 2006

✓March 3, 2006

If you are a business, you can also help us:

- Post information (email or call to order) Sponsor a drive with a giveaway, coupon or raffle.

The following have agreed to post information regularly about the drive and/or sponsor selected locations:



Mayfield Village Civic Center,
Backyard Nature Company,
Hairkeepers, Inc, Pizza Pan Pizza,
Migellito's Pizza, Yours Truly, Steven Harris Chiropractor, Medical Center – Dr. Azar, Village Food Mart, Michelle Cleaners.

Eligibility to be a Donor: In general, you are eligible to be a donor if you:

- are at least 17
- weigh at least 110lbs
- are in good health (no flu symptoms)
- your last donation was more than 56 days ago
- are not on antibiotic medication
- Have a photo ID or Red Cross card with you when you donate
- Have not lived or traveled for a total time of 3 months in a European Country since 1980

Please bring in the names of any medications that are currently being taken. Please bring I.D. with you as well. We can answer questions about your eligibility in advance of the drive by calling the American Red Cross at **1-800-GIVE-LIFE or 1-800-294-3347 #2** and ask for the "Donor Suitability" Department. You can also check out this info on our webpage. Plan on about an hour to go through the entire blood drive. You feel best if you eat and drink plenty of water before donating.

If you have any questions about the drive location or obtaining materials to distribute, please contact Jennifer Kelsey at **440-943-5115** or **kelseyje@usa.redcross.org**.

Remember, Together we can save a life! Thanks for partnering with us to help.

4th Of July



Our festivities for the 4th of July began at the pool with Rick the magician, face painting, clown activity, stilt walker, and new this year was a wild animal trainer who had children from the crowd holding snakes, iguanas and the like. Dancing and Harry Hershey – what a combo for our 4th of July celebration at the gazebo. Great music was enjoyed by all. Our Community Room was filled with bingo players – young and old, and we want to thank our Village sponsors who generously gave prizes for our bingo winners: Heinen’s, Aladdin’s, Your’s Truly, Wheeley Clean, Charter One Bank, Pizza Pan Pizza, Backyard Nature Company, and Alfredo’s. If having your caricature drawn was your pleasure, we had that along with the traditional pop, popcorn and ice cream. And of course what would the 4th of July be without the traditional fireworks - they were outstanding!!

Thank you to all of our volunteers who have helped us this year with our many activities and many thanks to those merchants who keep giving and giving when we approach you for food items, gift certificates and the like. It is very much appreciated.

Singing Angels



The Singing Angels sang their hearts out to a great crowd on Sunday, July 3. The entire gazebo, steps and walkway was filled with ‘Angels’ singing patriotic songs and even the crowd joined them in singing some of their songs. Very colorful wigs adorned the heads of some of the performers from the Singing Angels as they sang and danced to a piece from ‘Hair’. What a great performance!



'Is this car coming or going?'



Fabulous '50s Night

What a glorious night again this year for our annual '50s parade of cars!! Elvis made a grand appearance in the gazebo and Tampa and the Florida Keys had their usual singing and dancing crowd. Lots of good food, fun and music was provided by the local merchants and restaurants.





American Cancer Society 'Relay For Life': Bigger and Better

by Terry Heckler

On Friday evening, July 15, 2005 through Saturday morning, July 16, the **3rd Annual Mayfield 'Cancer Relay for Life'** was held at the Mayfield High School track. Our team, the **Mayfield Village People (MVPs)**, has participated since the first Relay held here, three years ago. The MVPs team consists of employees and families and friends of employees who helped raise over \$2,775.00 this year (which is almost triple of what we made last year). Our team was awarded a plaque for becoming a Silver Team which means we made between \$2,500-\$4,900. Overall, the Mayfield Relay raised over \$45,000.00 for cancer research. Everyone has been touched by cancer in some way or another; this event is so worthwhile because all of the money collected goes directly to cancer research. The Relay for Life began 17 years ago and involves people of all ages, businesses, volunteers, community members, family and friends.

There are a lot of details and planning that goes into this worthwhile event and Mayfield Village has been more than willing to participate. This event is getting bigger and better each year! After planning meetings, the MVPs first task this year was to co-host a Pasta Dinner to raise money and awareness for the Relay. Our team also sold purple HOPE bracelets - hoping one day that cancer will be cured and there will no longer be a need for the Relay. We also sold raffle tickets and luminaries. This year's theme for the Relay was "holidays" and the MVPs chose Halloween. All team members worked hard decorating their booth and ours was no exception - we had pumpkins, ghosts, skeletons and other Halloween decorations and lights. We also gave out trick-or-treat candy bags to the children. For all of our efforts we received a first place ribbon and a certificate for having the 'Most True to Theme Holiday'. For other fund-raising, our team collected donations for baskets and held a "Chinese Auction". We also had a "Guess the Number of Candies" in a jar.



The atmosphere at the Relay at times is festive, like a carnival and at other times, very solemn. The American Cancer Society planned special activities such as the **Survivor's Lap**, which is the heart of the Relay. This lap was the opportunity to pay tribute to those who have battled cancer, the survivors and their caregivers. The survivors took one lap together and finished to the applause and support of all Relay participants and on-lookers. There were also quiet times of reflection along with many tears. The names of loved ones that succumbed to cancer were read during the Luminary Ceremony. Luminaries are purchased in the names of the loved ones who had passed away from cancer or who are fighting the battle still or for being so grateful that their loved one won the battle. The luminaries are set around the whole track and lit at the same time the word 'hope' is spelled out in lighted luminaries across the entire set of bleachers. Relay participants then walked around the track and this lap was quiet, reflective and teary-eyed.

The MVPs encourage you all to get involved in one way or another at next year's Relay. Whether it is buying raffle tickets, joining or forming a team, or merely coming up to the track to show your support, you will realize how you, as one person, can help fight cancer. It is truly a moving experience and we hope to see you next year!

High School News

by Laura Swiney

Summer in the Village was eventful and exciting this year! Village residents enjoyed many annual summer events such as the parades which Mayfield High School students participated in. Softball teams and the Mayfield Band marched in the Gates Mills, Highland Heights, and Mayfield Heights parades. Fall sports teams at Mayfield also began practice in August, conditioning for their upcoming seasons! We wish them the best of luck. Also preparing for the football season was the High School band, who practiced in band camp in late August.

The **Senior class of 2005** graduated, leaving behind many warm memories and charity as well. They raised more money than any Mayfield class for fund-raisers such as United Way and Harvest for Hunger. Congratulations, Class of 2005! The rest of Mayfield's students return to school on August 25th to begin a new school year and look forward to the fall season!



CONGRATULATIONS

Danielle Yarcusko, Assistant Recreation Director, was recently married to Jeremy Echt. May you have a joyous and happy life together.



Internationally Known Flutist, Dianne Williams, to perform at Local Fundraiser "Gifts from the Heart" Holiday Boutique to be held Sunday, November 20, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Executive Caterers Landerhaven in Mayfield Heights, OH. Door admission is \$4.00 and proceeds support the "Drew's Beads of Courage" program at the Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital Cancer Center. For further information call Michele Kline at 440-357-6978.



Summer Sizzler Swim Meet

by Danielle Echt

The annual Sizzler Swim Meet was held on July 31. It turned out to be a great day weather-wise (not too hot and no rain) and the number of participants this year surpassed last years by approximately 25 people. There were 425 swimmers participating in the Sizzler!

The event went most of the day with the younger kids swimming in the morning and older participants in the afternoon. The meet was successful once again due to the Sizzler Committee, swim team coaches, pool and concession staff, local businesses and a multitude of volunteers. A special thank you to the two major sponsors, Anthony Sylvan Pools and University Suburban Health Center for their generosity. Not only was the meet successful because of that, but also because Parkview Pool is still a top notch facility so it is the perfect environment for a meet. Parkview Pool and the Sizzler draw people from all over Ohio as teams came from Akron, Elyria, Warren and Medina. The Wildcat Aquatic Club, comprised mostly of Mayfield School District students and residents was there and grabbed many medals for placing in first through third place for various events.

Again, thank you to everyone who contributed to the event and made it such a competitive, friendly and safe event!

Many Village residents got to cool off later that evening by enjoying a special evening swim at Parkview Pool after the meet. The Sizzler will be happening again in July of 2006 so look for that information after the snow melts!



Recreation Corner

by Bill Thomas and Danielle Echt

As we write this, we can't believe it's time for fall activities. It seems like just the other day we were getting ready for adult softball, starting camps, coming back from daily trips like Cedar Point or planning for youth softball leagues. Maybe it was the fact that this spring/summer seemed to be different because the department had so much going on.

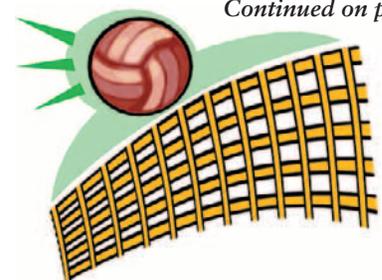
Things like a wedding or a daughter looking for a college or the addition of an administrative assistant in the department. Whatever the case may be, the summer seemed to pass by quickly with such a wide variety of programs to participate in. It was a hot and dry summer.....didn't we break the record for one of the hottest summers, with so many 90 degree days. Even if the record wasn't officially broken, we're fairly certain that everyone in Mayfield Village felt the never ending heat wave.

Thank you for participating in our summer programs. Some of the highlights included: Adaptive recreation programs are growing rapidly within our school district. A local committee was formed to plan, implement and evaluate programs for those with special needs. This spring and summer featured **Indoor** and **Outdoor Water Exercise, Yoga Reach,**

Sand Volleyball and **Exercise and Fitness.** But the most popular adaptive program of the summer was the **Community Kickball** program. Over 24 participants met every Tuesday at Center School and played games against each other. Mayfield Village Parks and Recreation would like to especially thank the **Regan family, Maria Golias** and **Valentina Gulyayeva** for their dedication and volunteering during these programs. We knew each week we could count on these volunteers and they made the programs fun and instructional.

Over 50 girls participated in **Girls Sand Volleyball** for 5th – 12th graders. In cooperation with SELREC, Mayfield Village was able to offer separate league for the girls. The 5th & 6th graders played at Wiley Park on Sunday mornings while the older girls played at Victory Park in South Euclid on Sunday evenings. Also in relation to the league was the clinic that was held in late June. Fourth through Sixth graders were invited to participate in this indoor clinic and instructor **Larry Cinadr** had over twenty girls participating that day!

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Summer Recreation

Once again, camps were full, youth softball was played, adults were able to play in soccer, softball, bocce or kickball leagues. Seniors, families and adults were able to attend day trips to Pittsburgh and **White Water Rafting**. Those 21 and over were able to test their luck with three different gambling trips. As you can see, Mayfield Village Parks and Recreation offers a variety of programs for all ages.

A sincere thank you goes out to all volunteers for all of our programs. From the **Summer Sizzler Swim Meet** to **Adaptive Table Game Nights** to **Start Smart Baseball**.....they all work because of volunteer help. **Thank you.**

As we finish up our summer programs, we roll right into fall. Adult soccer is the first fall program to begin with a full league then followed by adult softball leagues. We look forward to another fun holiday coming up, besides the long Labor Day weekend, Halloween will be here before you know it. Mayfield Village will have its annual party, window painting contest and of course, trick-or-treating. Day trips are offered again to several casinos and the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad trips are back again this fall.

Don't miss out on the Polar Express this year. Mayfield Village will be purchasing bulk tickets for this ride to the "North Pole". Don't miss out as this trip fills quickly. **New Adaptive Recreation** programs include soccer, an art deco classes, volleyball clinics and "**EquiClub**" where participants learn more about horses and the responsibilities associated with horse care. **Start Smart Soccer** (3 - 5 year olds) will be back again and we are excited to be offering **Start Smart Football** (for 5 - 7 year olds). If football is anything like the soccer and baseball programs, it will be popular and will reach maximum enrollment in no time. **Bowling** has been extended to 8th & 9th graders this school year. Now we will have a program for 6th & 7th graders and 8th & 9th graders. A variety of art classes for all ages will be offered again this fall. Check out a silver clay or glass fusing class!

As you can see, Mayfield Village Parks and Recreation offers a variety of programs for all ages. Look for the Fall Parks and Recreation Brochure in August. We look forward to seeing you at a program soon.



HILLCREST WOMEN'S EXCHANGE

If anyone is interested in meeting women and families within the surrounding communities, then the Hillcrest Women's Exchange invites you to attend one of their monthly meetings which are held the first Wednesday of each month. They also host playgroups, couples night out, and holiday parties! Call Cassie Cipriano at 440-446-0748 for more information.



LIFE LINE SCREENING

Life Line Screening will perform four different health screenings using Doppler color flow ultrasound:

1. **A Stroke/Carotid Artery Screening** - this looks for plaque buildup in the carotid arteries, which can lead to stroke
2. **An Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) test** - which checks for an aneurysm (enlargement) in the abdominal aorta that could lead to a ruptured aortic artery
3. **An Ankle Brachial Index (ABI)** - this screens for Peripheral Arterial Disease or PVD in the lower extremities and it is a strong predictor for heart disease
4. **Bone Density screening**, which tests both men and women for the early detection of osteoporosis

on Thursday, September 8 from 9:15 a. m. - 4:15 p.m. in the Mayfield Village Civic Center, 6622 Wilson Mills Road.



WELCOME ABOARD to Mary Beth Betsa, Mayor Rinker's new executive assistant.



WE WANT YOUR PAPER!!!

The Mayfield School System is enrolled in a new paper recycling program with Abitibi Consolidated. Abitibi has provided 3 brightly colored green and yellow collection bins for anyone from Mayfield Village to put paper in.

Who may participate? Anyone is permitted—and encouraged—to put paper in the collection bins.

Where are the bins located? One collection bin is located behind the 8-9 building at the end of the High School parking lot near the rubbish dumpster. The second collection bin is located near the soccer field by the main parking lot. The third is located by the Mayfield Village Community Room.

What materials are accepted?

- Newspapers
- Magazines & Shopping Catalogs
- Paperback books
- Office & School Papers
- Mail—junk mail and envelopes—even window envelopes
- Manila folders

What materials are not accepted?

- Cardboard
- Phone books
- Hardbound books
- Cereal, pop and other cartons made of “chipboard”

For more information, visit Abitibi’s website: www.paperretriever.com or contact them at 216-961-3900. Remember, the more paper collected, the more money your Mayfield Schools earn. And of course, the better it will be for the earth.



2005 Trash Oscars



The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District held the annual “Trash Oscars” on June 29, 2005 to acknowledge communities and service department employees for providing high quality waste collection and recycling services to their residents.

Service Director, Doug Metzger, attended the awards this year and accepted on behalf of the Mayfield Village staff the award for “Best Art Direction and Promotion in a Recycling Program”. This Oscar recognizes a community that does an exceptional job of educating its residents about recycling.

The award was received for the consistency the Mayfield Village staff works to educate residents through the quarterly newsletter called the “Voice of the Village” and its web site, www.mayfieldvillage.com. Both were commended for their tips and reminders about the Village’s waste collection and recycling program and the information they provide on other waste reduction such as, how to stop junk mail or recycling computers.



Kenwood Homeowners' Association

by Mickey Evans

The lazy hazy days of summer will soon be history, and wasn't it a hot one!! The 65 Kenwood homeowners who attended the 4th annual swim party on Sunday, July 24 are still remembering the good times and the good food of that day. **RALPH MILLS and TIM MARRIE** did a fine job of running the grill and flipping those



hamburgers and hotdogs (those skills learned at Mr. Steak's Grill paid off!), and the dishes brought by the residents were absolutely

delicious—nobody went away hungry—probably too full, if anything! The day started out with threats of bad weather and storms, but by 3 p.m. the sun was out in all its glory, and the swimming time after the supper was refreshing to everyone. Thanks to the board members who planned it and brought it all together.

I hope you've noticed the great beautification that has been done around our entranceways to make our neighborhood shine with summer beauty. **JAMES McLAUGHTEN** from the Mayfield School's horticultural center worked hard in the spring cleaning up the beds and enlarging and edging them. **CAROLE MARRIE** and **JEAN BRITTON** bought 13 hanging baskets for all our posts (can you find

all 13?) and **TOM MARRIE** hung them. We certainly appreciate their work on making our area so attractive to us and to those just passing through. What a team they are! Thanks SO much.

Then our association president, **ED SHAMROCK**, replaced seven flags on our posts to show our pride in being part of this great country. Thanks, Ed, for keeping us flying!

And thanks to ALL of you for keeping your yards, flowerbeds, fences, and gaslights attractive, too—this all adds to our beauty. Even the black bear that was seen one morning this summer by some of our residents gave us an extra touch of class!

Now that we're all sparkling, just a note to remind those of you who haven't yet paid dues to the association, the annual dues are \$15, and our treasury is getting low from all the beautification that was done this spring and summer. Please keep us solvent, and send your check to **CAROLE MARRIE** at 6711 WALNUT DRIVE, Gates Mills, OH 44040—checks should be made to [Kenwood Homeowners Association](#).

And as always, if you have any concerns about the Kenwood area, please let us know, and we'll do our best to address your issues at our next board meeting. Contact **ED SHAMROCK**, our president, at 461-2694.

Until next time, enjoy the fall and all the pretty color it brings.

ABC Community Quilters

by Shirley Shatten

Summer vacation was a busy time for the Adult ABC quilters. We met several times to celebrate happy occasions and discuss the coming year's projects. We are grateful to **Noreen DiBarto** and the other secretary **Gabriele of Center School** for giving up their lunch period every Wednesday to bring the fifth graders over to the Community Center for lunch and quilting. The students seem to really enjoy their Wednesday excursion away from school.

Some of us went to visit "**The New Life Community**" in Cleveland and learn about the good work they do to get homeless people educated and on the right track for coping with their lives. Families stay at their marvelous facility for about four months and are off on their own prepared with work and money management skills plus many more tips for a successful life. We plan to send quilts to them this coming year. With the turnover they have, there is a great need. We were so impressed with all the good they do.

At the end of our last school year, we took quilts to **Hillcrest Hospital and Metro General**. We received beautiful thank you letters from them.

Watch for our next article to hear about a wonderful surprise!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Mayfield Township
Historical Society*

by Al Scaccia, President

It's been a quiet summer season at the Historic House. We had ceased our Sunday Tour hours because of road construction and the difficulties it presented. We hope to continue these, the third Sunday of the month, and the Open House hours this fall along with scheduled events. Our meeting programs calendar is a varied and interesting one covering two very important events, a century apart, yet causing worldwide changes never to be forgotten.

The 2005 Quilt, "Rainbow Sherbet", will be raffled at the Ice Cream Social Sept. 14 at the Historic House. Tickets are available through our membership or call 461-0055.

Our Special event for October will be a showing of old toys at the Historic House called, "Toys I Remember". Antiques and favorite toys from our childhood days, will be on display at the Historical Museum each Sunday in October from 2 to 4 pm.

The Turkey Raffle, this year in November, will be by subscription only. We do not plan the usual "Wheel of Fortune" evening. For information call 461-0055. The prizes will be awarded a week before Thanksgiving.

The funds from these events are to be used for the 1858 Cuyahoga County map restoration. It is hoped to be ready for display early next year. A segment of the map, featuring Euclid Township, is to be used in a publication on the Euclid Creek Watershed area. We are proud to have been able to contribute to this project.

We need your patronage, and your ongoing interest in the Historical Society to continue the maintenance and preservation of the heritage of our Township.



Ice Cream Social – September 14, 2005 – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Annual Open House and drawing for the 2005 "Rainbow Sherbet" Raffle Quilt – Ice Cream Sundaes, Homemade Cookies, Punch to enjoy with family and friends. Adults - \$3.00 – Children – under 12, \$1.50. Tour the 1847 Historic House.

Program – October 12, 2005 – 7:30 p.m. at the Mayfield Village Community Room – "Explorations of Lewis and Clark" - A video presentation. A most interesting look into the expansion of our country across the continent.

Special Event – During the month of October, 2005 on Sundays the 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th. The Historical House will have a showing called, "Toys I Remember". We will bring back memories of the toys of many years ago and those some of us played with as children. Save these dates for a nostalgic view of our past pleasures. Admission- \$3.00 Adults, \$1.00 Children – 2 to 4 p.m. at the Historic House Museum, 606



S.O.M. Center Road, Mayfield Village.

Program – November 9, 2005 – 7:30 p.m. at the Mayfield Village Community Room – Our famous "Pie Night" program with a very special guest speaker, Arnold Friedman, a Holocaust survivor will tell his experiences in a death camp. All are welcome – Bring a friend and a Favorite Pie to share.

Pot Luck Dinner – December 14, 2005 – 6:30 p.m. at the Mayfield Village Community Room – Bring a dish to share, casserole, veggies, salad, or dessert. Begin the Christmas Holidays with family and friends, Santa, too.

Wetlands Preserve

by Barb Schmidt

If you walked in the Wetlands during the summer, you noticed the lush growth of cattails in areas near the path. Other large stands of plants include canary reed grass, purple loosestrife, phragmites and Japanese Knotweed. These latter species have been identified as invasive plants that will crowd out native plants if allowed to flourish. Naturalist Deb Marcinski has spent many hours hand cutting small areas where these plants are flourishing. Plans are being implemented to hire a local company to help with environmental chemical control of these alien plant species.

Wally Mueller, a frequent walker in the Wetlands, alerted us to nests of many birds using the area. These included Baltimore Orioles, bluebirds and



woodpeckers and more common species like robins, finches and red-winged blackbirds. Wally also sighted a visiting red headed woodpecker in the area. He observed two

snapping turtles depositing eggs in a nest they had made. Deer, rabbits, skunks and mink are often seen by walkers.

The kiosk is now in place near the beginning of the Wetland path. Thanks to the Service Department for helping in this project. The kiosk will contain informative seasonal posters relative to plants, mammals, insects and birds that inhabit the Wetlands. Updated trail guides will be available here. Currently displayed in the kiosk are copies of Arbor Day poems created by Center School Elementary students last spring.

Most of the 100 white pine tree seedlings planted last spring seem to be thriving, despite the drought and intense heat of much of the summer. Are there groups or individuals in the Village looking for a community service project?

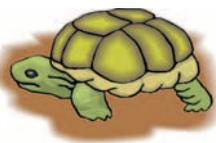
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More mulch needs to be put around these individual trees to protect them as they continue to grow. Call the Civic Center for information on helping with this project!

In early June, many Village families gathered at Parkview Shelter for an evening emphasizing amphibians. Naturalists shared information about several kinds of live tadpoles, frogs, toads and salamanders that were on display for close-up viewing. Children enjoyed amphibian activities and sampled the frog buffet before taking a guided walk along the path.

Enjoy your Wetlands as colorful late summer and fall wild flowers are blooming in the meadow and adjacent to the path. Rest on the bench to observe wildlife activity in the coolness of the forest. This can be a quiet place for a walk with the opportunity to see nature's seasonal displays!



Volunteer Opportunities In The Mayfield City School District

Contact: Susan Olson, Adult Volunteer Services, 440-995-7596

Mayfield City Schools welcomes the residents of our school communities, including our senior adults, to join our outstanding school district by sharing their time and skills in volunteer positions. The interaction among volunteers and students contributes to the health of our community and enriches the educational experiences of our students. Our volunteers become part of our team and are recognized for their efforts by our staff and administrators.

There are many volunteer possibilities, including: clerical duties in offices and libraries; remedial and/or enrichment tutoring in English, math, and science; helping teachers in preschool and elementary classrooms; and tutoring English to our foreign-born students. Some volunteers may be encouraged to make a weekly commitment to provide consistency in the school environment, while other volunteer positions last only as long as the project requires.

If you have a special background, skill, or interest, we may be able to customize a volunteer position especially for you. We typically have a need for volunteers in the following areas: art appreciation, knowledge of music, health background, sewing, foreign languages, and more! Our Middle School and High School students participate in the Science Olympiad and Academic Decathlon regional competitions and coaches are needed to prepare them in the following topics: economics, science, birds, insects, nature, astronomy, robotics, model airplanes, fossils, earth science, and classical music. Speech coaches are needed to prepare our students to deliver effective presentations. We provide our coaches with many teaching materials.

We would like to initiate an "Old Schoolhouse" history docent program this year for our elementary students, using the historical former schoolhouse at Wilson Mills and S.O.M. Center Roads. If you are in your 70's or 80's and have a clear recollection of some interesting facts related to your own school days, such as the school building, classroom, supplies and books that were used, or your teachers, classmates, transportation, etc., you may be interested in assisting with this new program.

The High School is seeking judges for the science fair that is held each January. Businesses are needed to host Career Shadow days for our high school students. The Middle School is seeking businesses to host and motivate middle school students in math and science, possibly in the form of a tour and sharing with professionals in these fields. You may be interested in having your name added to our Speakers' Bureau.

The needs within our district change throughout the school year. Please consider contacting us to discuss which volunteer positions would best suit you. New volunteers are first required to complete a brief interview with the Adult Volunteer Coordinator.

"The strength of one generation meets the needs of another."



**Lyndhurst
Municipal Court**
Judge Mary Kaye Bozza

The Lyndhurst Municipal Court extends its congratulations to the Honor students from **Richmond Heights, Brush and Mayfield High Schools** that were the recipients of recognition by the Hillcrest Rotary Club. **Judge Mary Kaye Bozza** attended the dinner celebration on May 10, 2005 and was given an opportunity to address the students regarding current educational opportunities provided by the Lyndhurst Court.

Judge Bozza and her staff welcome **Lauren Tibjash** from **Brush**, **Marissa Palumbo** and **Andrea Graper** from **Notre Dame Cathedral Latin High Schools**. They are completing their senior projects during the month of May experiencing the Judicial System at the Lyndhurst Municipal Court. These students observe the Court proceedings and are given an opportunity to shadow Judge Bozza as she adjudicates cases. **Philip Hicks** from **Lakeland Community College** also spent time with Judge Bozza in the Courtroom observing court procedures. If any students are interested in completing senior projects or observing court for the 2005-2006 school year, please contact **Patti Anderson** at (440) 461-6500 extension 205.

The next "Make the Right Choice" presentation is scheduled for Friday, October 7, 2005 at 9:15am at the Lyndhurst Community Center at 1341 Parkview Dr. The presentation is designed to educate the community about the serious consequences of driving under the influence. This program is open to the public by making reservations.

For additional information about the Lyndhurst Municipal Court, its community outreach programs, or to invite Judge Bozza to be a guest speaker at your favorite group or organization please call **Patti Anderson** at (440) 461-6500 extension 205 or visit our website at www.lyndhurstmunicipalcourt.org.



2005 Citizen of the Year



Peter Batcheller

It's been said that part of what makes the Mayfield City Schools so successful is the involvement, commitment and volunteer effort by many of our district residents.

Mayfield Schools' supporter [Peter Batcheller](#) was named the 2005 Citizen of the Year during the district's annual VIP Dinner May 5th.

Mr. Batcheller has dedicated countless hours to Mayfield Schools for more than 20 years, especially in the area of athletics. He is described as a "behind-the-scenes kind of guy" who is a diligent worker, a

conscientious team player and someone to be depended upon to get the job done. He's the Dad who, for years, stood on the sidelines of the field to watch his children grow.

Mr. Batcheller began his involvement with Mayfield more than 20 years ago when his son, Chris, could barely kick a ball across the soccer field.

Like any good Dad, he became the president of the Mayfield Soccer Club, volunteering his time as a coach to spend more time with his boy. Soon his little girls, Laurel and Lindsey, wanted to play soccer with their father and brother, but since no girls soccer league existed, this Dad began the Girls Recreational Soccer Traveling Team. By the time his daughters reached Mayfield High School still no Girls Varsity Soccer Team had been formed, so this Dad went to the Mayfield School Board pleading the case for female athletes. Through his interest and determination, the Mayfield's Girls Soccer Team came into existence and exists today because of his efforts.

So began Mr. Batcheller's interest in Mayfield Schools, its programs and also the school district's funding and well-being.

He and his wife, Sandy, have flipped many a pancake at breakfasts to raise money for school levies. He has walked neighborhoods and talked to homeowners about the importance of Mayfield Schools and the quality of education here.

He put action behind his interests and joined the Academic Boosters Club and served as its Treasurer for several years.

He volunteered dozens of nights away from his home and family to serve on the Mayfield Technology Committee which aimed to bring State-of-the-Art technology to students and staff.

His efforts are seen throughout the district today in our computer and science labs at the elementary, middle and high schools.

Mr. Batcheller is also well known for his effort in recent years as the Treasurer on the last three levy efforts made by the district. But he is probably best known as the voice of Mayfield soccer that residents have been hearing from the stands during both the boys and girls JV and Varsity Soccer games. He's the announcer with a true British accent who has added colorful commentary to Mayfield soccer games for years.

His volunteer effort and his sense of humor have touched not only his family, but his Mayfield family and hundreds of students over the years.

We thank Peter Batcheller for his commitment to Mayfield Schools.

Citizen's Advisory Committee

by Jim Mason

Your additional set of "eyes and ears" for the Village, the Citizen's Advisory Committee, continues to meet and share issues of interest. Given the work of the Charter Review Commission and other issues and candidates seeking election this November, we are considering sponsoring a forum for the voters to learn more about these matters. It will probably be held in October.

As we all know, much road work is being done this summer throughout the Village and we are all facing some interruptions, but are confident that when the work is completed traffic will flow smoothly throughout the area.

Our appreciation to [Doug Metzung](#) for attending our meeting and handling, in a very capable manner, the various issues and concerns that our residents have expressed.

Our citizens and neighbors are enjoying the Summer Band Concerts at the Gazebo.

The CAC meets monthly with the exception of July and August – our next meeting is scheduled for September 19 – if you have concerns or issues please let me or any of the other members know.

One final note, member Bridey Matheny has moved from the Village and will no longer be able to serve on the Committee – we will miss her, she was a very valuable member.





Mayfield Regional Library Fall Programs, 2005

(Sept-Nov)

440-473-0350

Book Discussions

Evening Book Discussion.

Monday, September 19, at 7:00 p.m.

Lucia, Lucia by Adriana Trigiani.

Book Lovers' Book Discussion.

Tuesday, September 27, at 2:00 p.m.

Brick Lane by Monica Ali.

Evening Book Discussion.

Monday, October 17, at 7:00 p.m.

An Unfinished Life by Mark Spragg.

Book Lovers' Book Discussion.

Tuesday, October 25 at 2:00 p.m.

Maus I: A Survivor's Tale: My Father

Bleeds History and Maus I: A

Survivor's Tale: And Here My Troubles

Began by Art Spiegelman.

Book Lovers' Book Discussion.

Monday, November 21, at 7:00 p.m.

Riding the Bus with My Sister by

Rachel Simon.

Book Lovers' Book Discussion.

Tuesday, November 22 at 2:00 p.m.

No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency by

Alexander McCall Smith.

Displays

Ann Marie Young will display her jewelry in September in the library's display case. **Barbara Artino** will show her knitting and crocheting in October.

Lou Goldstein will display his glass and jewelry in November and December.



Art Shows

The Mayfield Area Recreation Center

(MARC) Art Show will be held September 23 – October 29. Entries will be taken Friday, Sept. 23. Judging and installation will be held September 24. On Sunday afternoon, Sept. 25, there will be a reception in the Gallery.

Marc Golub will be exhibiting his photography during November and December in the library's Gallery.

Instruction

Marc Golub will present a program on digital photography on Thursday, November 10 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Individualized **computer tutoring** sessions are available at the library. We can teach you how to use a mouse, set you up with a free email account, or get you started using the library catalog, the Internet or Microsoft Word. Tutoring times are Tuesday – Saturday, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m., and Thursday, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Please call (440) 473-0350 and ask for the Information Desk to make your appointment.

Special Programs

Educator's Academy for Teachers of Grades 3 - 6: *World Cultures: Curriculum Connections, Art and Technology*

Explore world culture and heritage through the examination of art and artifacts from Africa, Europe, and the Americas. This program will be presented via videoconference by staff from the Cleveland Museum of Art, in partnership with the Cuyahoga County Public Library. Class will be held from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Monday 9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/17, 10/24, 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 11/28. To register, call the ticket office of the Cleveland Museum of Art at 216-707-2357. Graduate credit through Cleveland State University available by calling Marie Alexander at 216-523-7181. Cost of the program: \$40 (non-credit); \$358 (CSU credit). This class is made possible through a grant from IMLS.

Educator's Academy for Teachers of Grades 9 - 12: *America's Story: Curriculum Connections, Art and Technology*

Explore America's national character and heritage through an examination of American art and artifacts. This program will be presented via videoconference by staff from the Cleveland Museum of Art, in partnership with the Cuyahoga County Public Library. Class will be held from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m., Monday 9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/17, 10/24, 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 11/28. To register, call the ticket office of the Cleveland Museum of Art at 216-707-2357. Graduate credit through Cleveland State University available by calling Marie Alexander at 216-523-7181. Cost of the program:



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The Art of Travel

Take a trip to some of the most exciting destinations in Europe in this program of travelogues, presented by a partnership between the Cuyahoga County Public Library and the Cleveland Museum of Art. Each month we'll make 2 visits to a country in Europe, examining sites to see and their artwork. This program includes an opportunity to join an online community of travelers and share your travel tips, vacation pictures, and stories.

- ❖ Spain will be visited on September 6 and September 13
- ❖ France will be visited on October 4 and October 11
- ❖ Italy will be visited on November 1 and November 8

The time for all programs is 2:00 p.m. This program is made possible through a grant from IMLS.

SlamIt!: Bringing Art and Poetry Together

High School students - discover your voice! Working with local poets, teens will create, share, and learn more about poetry. The program will culminate in the creation of a chap book and CD and participants will have the opportunity to compete in the Poetry Slam. Presented through a partnership between the Cleveland Museum of Art and the Cuyahoga County Public Library.

Programs are presented via videoconference at the Mayfield Regional Library and the Maple Heights Regional Library. Wednesdays, 9/21, 9/28, 10/12, 10/26, 11/2. 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Final Poetry Slam Thursday, 11/10, 6:00 p.m.



Progressive Fitness Center

Becoming a Member/Renewal – Mayfield Village Residents Only

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 are 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)

Progressive Fitness Center offers:

- ▲ Certified Fitness Staff to help reach your fitness goals while instructing proper technique and safety.
- ▲ 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.

Walking Program:

Our walking program is designed to boost your physical activity every day, no matter how busy you are! The goal of the program is to take 10,000 steps every day, equivalent to about five

miles. Achieve your goal by logging your steps on the website and receive helpful, motivation tips and recipes. You receive a pedometer at the time of registration.

Fee is \$15 and can be dropped off at the Fitness Center.

*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
 (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.

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

Drainage Problems?

by Joanne Cinco, Chairman
 Drainage & Infrastructure/
 Stormwater Management Committee

Many residents have availed themselves of the assistance offered by Mayfield Village through its Drainage and Infrastructure Committee. This year, 73 requests for assistance were received. The Village's Engineer, Service Director, and Building Commissioner have completed physical inspections of all properties and the Committee is working hard to evaluate and prioritize projects.

After performing the physical inspections, it became clear that some of the problems for which residents are seeking assistance have been caused by landscaping and maintenance issues rather than actual drainage problems and as such, do not fall within the scope of the D & I Committee. For instance, grading changes or obstruction of drainage channels with debris (dirt, mulch, logs, etc.) can cause water to pool. The addition of mounded landscaping or construction of an improvement that changes the natural flow of water can also cause drainage issues. These are, in most cases, clearly the responsibility of the homeowner and would not qualify for Village intervention.

If you are having difficulty with drainage in your yard, take a look around to see if water flow is being obstructed in some manner. Should you continue to have problems or before making a major landscaping change, feel free to call the Village or your Council Representative. We can help you stop drainage problems before they are created by offering experienced professional advice to you, your landscaper, and/or private contractor as to how your project may impact not only your property but neighboring properties as well.



Singing Angels

The Singing Angels will once again perform for us this holiday season. The concert will be held on Saturday, December 17, 7:00 p.m. in the Mayfield Village Civic Center. Refreshments will be served.



HALLOWEEN WINDOW PAINTING CONTEST

For students in
6th, 7th, & 8th grade
living in the
Mayfield School District.

Details:

Local merchants donate storefront windows to display students' creative Halloween designs. Windows will be painted with water soluble paint. Contact Mayfield Village Parks & Recreation Dept. if you'd like to participate. 440-461-5163.

TRICK OR TREAT IN MAYFIELD VILLAGE IN MAYFIELD VILLAGE



**Monday, October 31
6 - 8 p.m.**

HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

Saturday, October 29
Mayfield Village Community Room
Drop off carved pumpkin at 1 p.m.
Judging between 1:30 - 2:00 p.m.
Pick up your pumpkin at 2:30 p.m.



Awards will be given in 3 categories:

1. Most Comical
2. Best Carved and Decorated
3. Scariest

Preschool & Youth HALLOWEEN PARTY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 1:00 -2:30 p.m.

Mayfield Village Community Room
for newborn babies through 5th graders
Cost: \$3.00/child

Enjoy a
hayride,
games, special
events,
refreshments
and the
Halloween
Costume
Parade!!!

