

The Voice of the Village

Mayfield Village, Ohio

Sgt. Donald J. Smith Retires After 50 Years of Service



Detective Sgt. Donald J. Smith retired from the Mayfield Village Police Department on April 4, 2012 after serving since 1961. See story on pg. 12.



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Public Projects Discussed at Town Hall

Memo from the Mayor / Bruce G. Rinker

On Tuesday evening, June 26th, Finance Director Ron Wynne and I hosted our 6th Town Hall Meeting to recap Village finances. We were pleased to draw a fairly large crowd with approximately 50 residents attending. Ron provided a detailed financial update and I reviewed our 4-year major capital improvement plans. Our finances are sound, with decreased debt and increased income and reserves. We have stayed the course we set 3 years ago. As promised, road resurfacing and other key infrastructure projects are on schedule. I also presented an overview of some other public projects currently underway in the Village.

A copy of our presentation can be found on the Village's website under the "Finance" tab.

Here are some highlights of projects we have undertaken this year:

Wiley Playground

At the recommendation of the Recreation Board, Council approved in April an expenditure to purchase new playground equipment

for Wiley Park. The old playground was very worn, was not ADA compliant and was located right next to the Service Dept. drive, frequently traveled by large Service vehicles.

Wiley Park has gone through some significant changes over the past several years. We have a beautiful new pavilion, the ball fields are gone, the Police Dept. has moved in, and the entire driveway and parking areas have been transformed, featuring rain gardens and pervious pavers. We gained some much-needed lawn area, which in turn gave us some design flexibility on further enhancements. It was obvious that the placement of the new playground equipment needed to blend in with the improved surroundings. The site plan below shows that the playground equipment will be placed well away from the driveway and will include pathways and landscaping to be both ADA compliant and create a more park-like atmosphere. While all the sidewalks depicted will not be installed this year, the area is being prepared and the playground equipment should be in before the end of the summer.

Former Village Hall Site

The old Village Hall is being demolished and plans have been developed to expand the green area around the gazebo. Landscape Architect Jim McKnight prepared a series of site plans comparing the current configuration of the site with what could be accomplished there this year. Removing asphalt, expanding the



Mayor Bruce G. Rinker



Site plan for Wiley Park, showing new pervious parking lot, rain garden and placement of new playground equipment.



Current configuration of old Village Hall site.



Proposed expansion of Village Green with pathways and landscaping.

green, re-working the parking area for the Community Room, connecting the gazebo to the parking area, enlarging the pad for the concession trailer, and some preliminary landscaping improvements are expected to be completed this year. Future plans to install additional pathways and landscaping will be dependent on the budget; however, I think we all can agree that even this basic plan will immediately improve the look of our town center.



Improvements expected by year-end 2012.

The Grove - Outdoor Amphitheatre

Council also recently approved an expenditure of \$37,970 for final grading and capping of the amphitheatre site. Although this project has been progressing slowly for the past several years, we have been able to accomplish it at virtually no cost until this year. In exchange for a location to deposit clean fill, contractors agreed to provide the equipment and labor to shape the amphitheatre so that we are close to the basic footprint. The area will be seeded before the end of the year with some programming expected to begin in the summer of 2014. Presently, we intend only to shape and contour the amphitheatre "bowl"; perhaps to add some trees this fall. Thereafter, we will begin the process of long-term planning and designs for the future.

A small planning committee is being created to discuss all potential aspects of this future venue. Located in the heart of our recreational corridor, this park-like facility lies between Parkview Pool and the soccer fields and we hope that it will one day be another destination along our Greenway Trail.

Landscape Architect Jim McKnight once again was able to provide us with a conceptual site plan to help us envision the possible design of this site as we begin plans for its use.



Conceptual images for The Grove.

Parking Regulations for Commercial Vehicles

John Marrelli / Building Commissioner

Over the past several months, it has been brought to my attention that some residents are leaving their "company vehicles" in their driveways overnight, and I would like to remind everyone the Mayfield Village has an ordinance prohibiting commercial vehicles from being parked in residential districts.

The definition of "commercial vehicles" includes cars, vans, trucks, SUVs, etc. that have signage, ladders, ladder-racks, tool boxes, graphics or mounted equipment on the vehicle. If the vehicle must be stored on the property, it must be kept inside a closed garage or otherwise stored out of sight from the street view.



John Marrelli
Building Commissioner

The full ordinance and regulations can be viewed by logging on to www.mayfieldvillage.com, (1157.07) Parking Regulations.

We will be checking for infractions or if we receive a complaint.



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November 6, 2012 Presidential General Election

Voters in all of Cuyahoga County's municipalities will cast ballots for President, U.S. Senate and Members of Congress, Ohio Senate and the Ohio House of Representatives, County Prosecutor and County Council members, judicial candidates, State Board of Education seats, as well as issues.

It is important for voters to be prepared to cast their ballots. The voter registration deadline is October 9th. Voters who have moved or changed their name since they last voted need to complete and return a new Voter Registration Card. After a voter has registered they will receive a post card that lists their ward, precinct, and voting location.

To avoid lines on Election Day and to allow extra time to study the ballot, all registered voters may Vote by Mail. Vote by Mail ballot applications are available at the Board of Elections website: www.boe.cuyahogacounty.us, by calling the Board of Elections at 216-443-3298, and at all public libraries.

Voters who are interested in serving as poll workers may call 216-443-3277 or apply on-line at: www.boe.cuyahogacounty.us.

Tom Marrie / Council at Large

Welcome back to Lt. Ken Shrefler in our Fire Department after a lengthy illness. Great to have you back!

Hope you all enjoyed our annual fireworks display. Once again it was great! 50's night was also a great success and we owe the volunteers who plan and work these events a HUGE thank you. Without these dedicated folks, a lot of good things that happen in our Village wouldn't be possible. You know who you are—take a bow!

All you folks who live on or use Wilson Mills please be patient and stay cool while Mayfield Road (east bound) is closed for 40+ days. Our Police Department will be doing everything possible to help and assist you in any way they can.

The volunteer appreciation event will be held on Friday, August 3rd. This has always been a wonderful event thanks to the planners.

Thanks to Mayor Rinker and Fire Chief Mohr, we have donated our old 1978 Fire engine (which hasn't run in years) to the Western Reserve Fire Museum. They will totally rebuild it and use it for display and special events. A proud civic gesture on the Village's behalf.

The flowers around the Village are looking great, thanks to the Service Department and the Garden Club.

By the time you read this, we will have a completely new traffic pattern and entrance-way at the Civic Center. This will definitely be better, safer and more convenient for all our Village residents and visitors using the parking lot.

Our road program should be, if not already, underway in the Aintree North area this year.

CODE RED! I was surprised to find out that quite a few folks didn't know about this free service available to all residents. This is far better than the Reverse 911 system because, within minutes, it notifies every resident (signed up for it) of any emergency like a storm, fire, or road closure due to wires down, etc. To sign up, please, call the Police Department and they will do the rest. It could save your life.

Wiley Park is getting a new ADA approved playground. It was planned earlier but postponed due to all the construction there. The old Village Hall will be coming down soon and that area will become a beautiful Village Green.

Our senior snow removal program will be offered again for 2012-2013. Details to follow.

Wow! Have you seen our new Police cars? Not only are they very well equipped and visible, but also very jazzy. In fact they have been

entered into a contest for the best looking police cars. Tree trimming will start soon in the Aintree Park area.

The bathrooms and locker rooms at the pool that were re-tiled look fantastic and are much safer. Speaking of the pool, thanks to Dave Perout and his great staff for a safe and happy pool.

All of our summer recreation programs are in full swing and going very well thanks to our Recreation Department and Committee. Enjoy the rest of the summer, the leaves will be falling soon.



Thomas J. Marrie
Council at Large

Patsy Mills / Council Ward 2

The Independence Day Celebration on June 30 in the Village was spectacular with the events at the Pool and the evening at the Gazebo with the fireworks. Thanks to the Activities Committee, Bill Thomas, Danielle and Sean for all their work making it a safe family time.

The fireworks display is coordinated by Randy Hyde with Fire and Police Departments.

The Activities Committee also coordinates events such as the Pancake Breakfast, Fifties Night, Band Concerts and Holiday Lightings. If you are interested in helping with any of these activities please contact the Civic Center. Help is always needed.

Time to say goodbye to the Village Hall. It has more than served its purpose. Originally a Grange Hall, this group held meetings, dances, plays, dinners and also helped build the build-

ing. Council Meeting and other civic meetings were also held there. It has seen many use changes thru the years. In its place will be lawn, walking paths, additional plantings, and better access to parking at the Gazebo.

The area at Wiley Park Pavilion will also see some improvements with a relocated playground for the children, additional plantings and walking paths.

Code Red has been used to notify the Villagers of storms and also to be aware of unlocked vehicles parked outside overnight. It is easy to subscribe by calling the Civic Center or Police Dept.

New Recycling Containers have been distributed throughout the Village. Recycling many additional products is now possible. Let's all follow instructions on the top of the container and recycle all we can.

Please take note of the articles regarding the Historical Society and the Garden Club. Membership in these two Societies is open to all Villagers.

Special Note: The 14th Biennial Quilt Show will be at the Civic Center on October 12-13th, from 9:30 am to 6 pm. A special attraction on Oct. 13th at 1 pm will be guest speaker Caroline Urban presenting "Apron Memories". If you have a cherished quilt you would like to display, please contact Nancy at 440-442-2212. Quilts must be registered by Sept. 5, 2012.

The Friends of Mayfield Library will host their annual Ice Cream Social on August 9 with Blue Lunch performing at the Gazebo from 7 to 9 pm. Delicious ice cream sundaes, popcorn and drinks will be available. Please support this event.

Have a great Summer!



Patsy Mills
Council at Large

The Mayfield Township Quilters Present 14th Biennial Quilt Show

**October 12-13 Friday and Saturday 9:30 am to 6 pm
Mayfield Village Civic Center (6622 Wilson Mills Road)**

A Hand-quilted Quilt will be Ruffled / Quilt Displays by Local Quilters / Refreshments
October 13 at 1 p.m., Caroline Urban will present APRON MEMORIES

**If you have a quilt you would like to display please contact
Nancy @ 440-442-2212 or Patsy @ 440-449-4922
Quilts must be registered by September 5**

From the Desk of the Chief. . . Richard Edelman / Chief of Police

I love summertime in Mayfield Village. What a great place and time to be an American. As I drive through town I truly delight in seeing folks using our bike paths and Parkview pool; motorcycles cruising through town; kids dancing to Billy J at our outdoor events. Unfortunately, what I also see almost daily, is people driving while texting or talking on their cell phones, so intent on their conversations that the task of driving becomes secondary. I've been cut-off, I've been almost hit and I've had to sit behind inattentive drivers at green lights. I have no doubt you've experienced this as well.

On June 1 of this year, Governor Kasich signed a bill into law that prohibits tex-

ting while driving. On August 30, this law goes into effect. For adults, this is a secondary violation, meaning that police officers may only address this when they stop a violator for some other traffic offense, such as speeding.

For sixteen and seventeen year-olds, however, any use of electronic devices while driving is a primary offense; police can stop a vehicle and issue citations when observing the offense and without any other violations occurring. I believe that this law was inevitable. I also believe that many people will be opposed to this law, just as many were with the seat belt law. Since that time, countless lives have been saved and I have no doubt we will find the same

to be true in the case of the anti-texting law. It is unfortunate that sometimes laws have to take the place of common sense.

The Mayfield Village Police Department will aggressively enforce this law, not because of any perceived "ticket quota" and certainly not to increase revenue. We will enforce this law to save lives. I write about this subject not to admonish, but as a friendly plea; when you are driving and your cell phone sounds, please, pull off the road before you answer that text, that tweet, or that Facebook message.

This would be a good point to segue into another topic regarding driving. Summertime means more traffic, more kids playing, more bikes and



Richard Edelman
Chief of Police

motorcycles, more joggers and walkers. Please slow down, look twice, share the road and let's get where we're going safely.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer.



The Garden Club hosted an Arbor Day program on April 27 that included about 60 second-grade students from Center School. Service Dept. Arborist Frank Stupczy talked to the students about what trees need to survive and their importance to our environment. A Littleleaf Linden tree was planted on the Village property next to the Fire Station.

On hand to celebrate the event were Mayor Bruce Rinker, Service Director Doug Metzger, Council Mem-

Arbor Day Tree Planting

bers Patsy Mills and Tom Marrie, and members of the Garden Club. All the students received seedlings to plant at home. Mayor Rinker described the Arbor Day seedling his daughter brought home when she was in 5th grade that has grown taller than their house.



Arborist Frank Stupczy with Center School students.

Ohio Public Records - Recent Changes and Limitations

Joseph W. Diemert, Jr. / Law Director

Ohio's Public Records law is essential to keeping our government transparent and allowing Ohioans to hold elected officials accountable. The state legislature and Ohio courts have continued to revise the law to strike a balance between access and the practical concerns of answering record requests. Ohio's current public records law is complex and provides that governmental entities that fail to comply with the law face stiff financial penalties. As with any law, some have used the system to abuse the process for political reasons, personal vendettas and even to cash in by suing municipalities that do not comply with the request properly or efficiently. Over the last few years, Ohio has seen cash-strapped towns sued for 6 and 7 figures in damages by those who want to make a buck on technicalities. In attempting to balance the need for transparency and access with practical considerations, the Ohio Supreme Court and the Ohio General Assembly have made a few changes to the law over the last year to stem the abuses and protect our communities from having to pay out large sums for minor errors.

When it receives a proper public records request, a public office must provide inspection of the requested records promptly and at no cost, or provide copies at cost within a reasonable time, unless the record is

exempt from release by law. Ohio law allows a public office to withhold certain records from public release. In fact, officials are obligated to keep some of residents' and employees' information confidential. A person who believes that a public office has wrongly denied him, or her, a public record, may file a lawsuit against the public office. If the public office cannot show that this record is one that should be withheld, a court may order it to provide the record, and the public office may face a civil penalty and payment of attorney fees.

Recently Enacted Changes to R.C. 149.351. Last September, the Ohio General Assembly changed the law to limit a public office's liability for the unlawful destruction of records. A public office's liability is now limited to a maximum civil penalty of \$10,000 per lawsuit, no matter how many violations occurred. The new language also limits the award of reasonable attorney's fees to an amount that cannot exceed the total amount of the civil penalty. Further, if the public office can show that a person is making a public records request solely in an attempt to collect a civil forfeiture award, they will not be considered an "aggrieved" party and will not likely prevail. The law also provides that lawsuits for unauthorized destruction of records must be brought within five years after the alleged violation.

Rhodes v. New Philadelphia. Last year, the Ohio Supreme

Court decided a case in which a record requester asked for the daily reel-to-reel tape recordings for the years 1975 through 1995 made on antiquated equipment by the City's police dispatch department. When the police chief explained that the department had disposed of the recordings, the requester filed a lawsuit against the City. The Ohio Supreme Court found that a person is not "aggrieved" by the destruction of a record when the person's objective in requesting the record is not actually to obtain the record, but to seek an award for the wrongful destruction of the record. Rhodes had only requested records that he knew did not exist to make money from the City, so the Court held that New Philadelphia was not liable to pay damages.

Strothers v. Norton. In another recent case, the Ohio Supreme Court dealt with the law's requirement for public officials to "promptly" provide access to records. By law if the records are not made available in a reasonable time, the public office is required to pay attorney fees and damages.

On December 2, 2010, Mr. Strothers requested voluminous records related to the City of East Cleveland jail, including records related to food and laundry services; finances; bedding purchases; plumbing and repairs; medication administration; extermination and



Joseph W. Diemert, Jr.
Law Director

pest control; and other records far too numerous to enumerate. On December 9, only one week after the records request, Strothers filed a petition to compel access to the requested records. The City provided access to all requested records within 45 days. The Court decided that damages against the City were not appropriate. The Court also held that the one week Strothers gave the City to respond before filing suit was unreasonably short, and the 45 days the City took to respond to Strothers' request was reasonable.

Conclusion

The decision in *Strothers* recognizes the impracticalities of providing access to a large volume of records in a short period of time. No one denies the importance of government transparency and accountability to the people, but the Court and the General assembly have taken steps to balance the interests of all and to prevent people from abusing the system.

Recreation Corner

Bill Thomas / Director of Recreation

Great weather has prevailed and this summer's events have been well-attended and very successful. Rather than tell you about them, I thought you would enjoy seeing some photos of everyone having a great time!

Don't forget that there are two more Gazebo concerts scheduled in August:

Aug 9 @ 7:00 p.m. / Blue Lunch Band (sponsored by Friends of the Library who will host their annual Ice Cream Social during the concert).

Aug 23 @ 7:00 p.m. / The Nick Puin Band

Hope to see you there!



Bill Thomas
Director of Recreation

July 4th Fun



Cruise Night 2012 Festivities



Police Department Comings and Goings . . .

by Terry B. Skomrock, Police Executive Assistant

On Wednesday, April 4, 2012, Sergeant Donald J. Smith ("Smitty") retired from the Police Department after more than 50 years of service. The following day, Mayor Bruce Rinker announced that Kevin Miller would be promoted to Sergeant and Matthew Hocevar would be appointed as a full-time police officer to fill the vacancy.

On Monday, April 16, 2012, at the regular meeting of Council, before Mayor Rinker was to start the swearing-in ceremony for the two officers, he acknowledged Don Smith, who was in the audience. Mayor Rinker asked everyone to remember where they were in 1961, because that is when Don Smith started on the Village police force. Mayor Rinker said Don Smith has been very humble and didn't want to do anything celebratory for his retirement. The Mayor, Council and Department Heads didn't want Don to get away without an acknowledgement. Mayor Rinker said we owe him a round of applause. After the lengthy applause died down, Mayor Rinker asked what better tribute tonight then to be able to swear in two exceptional officers, both of whom scored tops in their respective tests; one for sergeant and one for full-time officer. Both men are local; one, a Mayfield graduate and the other, a Brush graduate.

First, Mayor Rinker introduced Kevin Miller who was being sworn-in to the position of Sergeant. Mayor Rinker said, "Smitty, I know that you are here almost as a sponsor for this young man, who has worked with you for at least four years in the De-

tective Bureau." Officer Miller has also served on the SWAT Team. Mayor Rinker said that he knows that Officer Miller represents Mayfield Village very well and that he was proud to swear him in as a Sergeant.

Kevin Miller is 35 years old. He earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Toledo in 1998. He then completed his police training through the Cleveland Heights Police Academy in '99 and was hired by the Village as a part-time police officer that same year. Kevin was hired on a full-time basis in 2001. Kevin is married and has one daughter.



Officer Kevin Miller was promoted to the position of Sergeant on April 16, 2012.



Officer Matthew Hocevar was appointed as a full-time officer to fill the vacancy left by the retirement of Det. Sgt. Don Smith

Mayor Rinker also introduced and administered the oath to 30-year-old Officer Matthew Hocevar. Matt completed his police training through the Cleveland Heights Police Training Academy in 2007 and the Village hired him as a part-time police officer in 2009. Matt scored as a top contender in the last Civil Service test.

Sgt. Don Smith Celebrates the End of a Distinguished Career



Detective Sgt. Don Smith

At the May 7, 2012 Council Caucus Meeting, Mayor Rinker read and presented Donald J. Smith with a Resolution of Appreciation for his 50 plus years of dedication and service. The Mayor then presented "Smitty" with an Outstanding Citizen plaque. Many current and former police employees and friends were in the audience to congratulate Smitty on his achievements and wish him well in his retirement.

Don Smith graduated from the Cuyahoga Police School at Case Western Reserve University and served as a Cuyahoga County Deputy from 1956-1961. Don was hired as a full-time Mayfield Village Police Officer in 1961. In 1963, he was assigned to the Detective Bureau.



Mayor Rinker presented Don Smith with a Resolution of Council and an Outstanding Citizen plaque.



Friends and fellow officers were on hand to wish Don Smith well, including former Chief Pat Dearden and current Chief Rich Edelman.

During his tenure, Don received specialized training in all aspects of criminal investigations. In 1977, he was promoted to Sergeant and became the Officer-in-Charge of the Detective Bureau.

Don had a long, highly successful and decorated career. He received many commendations and words of praise for his tenure in the Detective Bureau. He will be missed by his fellow employees, other police officers in the area, Mayfield Village residents and business owners.

Heat Related Illnesses

by Lt. Michael Girbino, Fire Marshal

With record breaking heat not seen in years, heat related emergencies have been on the rise across the country. Avoiding illness due to the heat is easy. All it takes is a little prevention and preparedness.

FOLLOW THESE TIPS FROM THE CDC TO STAY COOL AND AVOID HEAT RELATED ILLNESSES

Drink more fluids (nonalcoholic), regardless of your activity level. Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink. Warning: If your doctor generally limits the amount of fluid you drink or has you on water pills, ask him how much you should drink while the weather is hot.

Don't drink liquids that contain alcohol or large amounts of sugar—these actually cause you to lose more body fluid. Also, avoid very cold drinks, because they can cause stomach cramps.

Stay indoors and, if at all possible, stay in an air-conditioned place. If your home does not have air conditioning, go to the shopping mall or public library—even a few hours spent in air conditioning can help your body stay cooler when you go back into the heat. Call your local health department to see if there are any heat-relief shelters in your area.

Electric fans may provide comfort, but when the temperature is in the high 90s, fans will not prevent heat-related illness. Taking a cool shower or bath, or moving to an air-conditioned place is a much better way to cool off.

Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.

NEVER leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle.

Although any one at any time can suffer from heat-related illness, some people are at greater risk than others. Check regularly on: Infants and young children, people aged 65 or older, people who have a mental illness, and those who are physically ill, especially with heart disease or high blood pressure.

Visit adults at risk at least twice a day and closely watch them for signs of heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Infants and young children, of course, need much more frequent watching.

If you must be out in the heat:

Limit your outdoor activity to morning and evening hours.

Cut down on exercise. If you must exercise, drink two to four glasses of cool, nonalcoholic fluids each hour. A sports



beverage can replace the salt and minerals you lose in sweat. Warning: If you are on a low-salt diet, talk with your doctor before drinking a sports beverage. Remember the warning in the first "tip" (above), too.

Try to rest often in shady areas.

Protect yourself from the sun by wearing a wide-brimmed hat (also keeps you cooler) and sunglasses and by putting on sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher (the most effective products say "broad spectrum" or "UVA/UVB protection" on their labels).

Dogs and cats suffer from the heat as well. Walk your dog early in the day or after the sun goes down. Keep plenty of fresh water available at all times and keep them out of the sun and heat of mid-day. Never leave your pets in a car, even with the windows down.

This information provided by NCEH's Health Studies Branch.

For more information, contact the fire department at 440-461-1208

A Note from the Chief: Mulch Fires

David R. Mohr, Fire Chief

With dry weather conditions this spring and early summer we have experienced several small mulch fires throughout Mayfield Village. Many homeowners throughout the Village use mulch for landscape decoration. The problem is; a mulch fire could spread from your flower beds to your home.

Mulch fires can occur spontaneously. This is because mulch is made up of thin wood chips giving off heat while the wood is drying. An errant spark, carelessly tossed cigarette or even the collected heat from the sun can ignite the pile. We advise when watering your flowers also wet the mulch spread over your flower beds. Watering the mulch thoroughly in dry weather will make it less likely to retain heat and catch on fire. Additionally, pull mulch at least 6 inches away from you home.

Senior Services Offered Through Community Partnership on Aging

The Community Partnership on Aging was established in 1978 by South Euclid, Lyndhurst and Highland Heights. Its mission is to promote independence, a healthy lifestyle, community involvement and opportunities for personal growth to residents age 60 and older. Mayfield Hts. joined the Partnership in 2011 and Mayfield Village began using their services on a trial basis in May 2012.

Donna Heath can continue to be reached at the Mayfield Village Senior Services Office at 440-919-2332 for information relating to activities, programs, classes, and trips offered through the Mayfield Village Recreation Dept.



Services Offered to Mayfield Village Seniors through the CPA:

- Daily Luncheons
- Homemaker Services
- Transportation
- Outreach Services
- Social Programs
- Chore Information
- Tours and Trips
- Wellness and Education

MV Senior Services Office
6621 Wilson Mills Road
440-919-2332

**Community Partnership
on Aging—Main Office**
215-291-3902

Anti-Texting and Distracted Driving Laws

Vince Feudo / Village Prosecutor

The Ohio Legislature has just passed Ohio's new Anti-Texting and Distracted Driving laws. Effective in September 2012, the new law establishes a six month warning window, during which time officers can only issue warnings to drivers. Beginning March 2013, officers will be able to issue citations for a violation, which is classified as a minor misdemeanor. Two new offenses that have been created. The one for all drivers, regardless of age, is an Anti-Texting ban. A second, more restrictive prohibition for those drivers under 18 years old, is a total ban on the use of wireless communication devices while driving, which can be best characterized as a Distracted Driving prohibition.

The new Anti-Texting ban prohibits drivers 18 and over from using devices such as cell phones, PDA's, iPads and other tablets, or laptops to write, send, or read a text-based communication while driving either on a road or on private property such as a private driveway or parking lot.

Under the new law, this offense is a secondary traffic offense only, mean-

ing an officer must see some other traffic violation in order to stop the vehicle. There are several exemptions to the Anti-Texting ban, some of which are: (1) emergency contact with law enforcement, fire department or health care provider; (2) reading or selecting a name or telephone number to make or receive a call; (3) using the device for navigation purposes; and (4) using a "hands-free" feature. It is not a violation if a driver has a motor vehicle in a stationary position, with the transmission in a park or neutral setting or with the vehicle shut off, and provided that the vehicle is outside a lane of travel.

The other aspect of the new law, which is sometimes referred to as Distracted Driving prohibits a driver under 18 driving a motor vehicle on either a road or on private property such as a private driveway or parking lot from using an electronic wireless communications in any manner while driving.

There are three exemptions from the absolute prohibition against minors using electronic wireless communications devices while driving, which are: (1) emergency contact with law en-

forcement, fire department or health care provider; (2) using a navigation device in a voice-operated or hands-free manner using a "hands-free" feature; and (3) the minor has a motor vehicle in a stationary position, with the transmission in a park or neutral setting or with the vehicle shut off, and provided that the vehicle is outside a lane of travel. Unlike the Anti-Texting for adults, the Distracted Driving violation involving minors **can be a primary offense justifying a stop, detention and citation.**

Lastly, it is important to note that the new law does not prohibit local municipalities from enacting stronger versions of the above offenses. In fact, some neighboring communities in Cuyahoga County have enacted absolute cell phone bans while driving, which can be the sole reason for a stop. So, if you choose to use your cell phone while driving, be aware that you can be pulled over for a potential violation not of the new State law, but for a stronger local version. Currently, Mayfield Village does not have a local ordinance regarding this new offense.



Vince Feudo
Prosecutor

"...the new Anti-Texting ban prohibits drivers 18 and over from using devices such as cell phones, PDA's, iPads and other tablets, or laptops to write, send, or read a text-based communication while driving. . . ."

ART EXHIBITS AT MAYFIELD VILLAGE CIVIC CENTER

COMING FALL/WINTER 2012

Watercolor Exhibit by Senior Art Students



Oct 2 - 29, 2012

Reception Oct 6, 1-3 p.m.



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Unique Pen and Ink Drawings
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Nov 3 - Jan 2, 2013

Reception Nov 3, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

PLAYING AT RESERVE HALL

Fairmount Performing Arts Conservatory Presents
Urinetown, the Musical

Urinetown is a hilarious tale of greed, corruption, love, and revolution in a time when water is worth its weight in gold. Set in a Gotham-like city, a terrible water shortage, caused by a 20-year drought, has led to a government-enforced ban on private toilets. The citizens must use public amenities, regulated by a single malevolent company that profits by charging admission for one of humanity's most basic needs. Amid the people, a hero decides he's had enough, and plans a revolution to lead them all to freedom. The story has an outrageous perspective, wickedly modern wit, and sustained ability to produce gales of unbridled laughter.



August 10 - 19, 2012

Friday – Saturday performances: 7:30 p.m.

Sunday performance: 2:00 p.m.

Tickets for *Urinetown* are \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors, and \$11 for children.
Mayfield Village residents receive a \$2 discount when purchasing online with code MAYRES.
Tickets can be purchased at www.fairmountcenter.tix.com or by calling 440-338-3171.

Kenwood Homeowners Assn - Tom Marrie, President

The hanging baskets and flowers in the Kenwood area are looking beautiful, in spite of the terrible heat, thanks to the following who are watering and caring for them: Jean Britton, Carole Marrie, Patsy Mills, Joe and Monica Saponaro, Joanne O'Brien, Laura Henighan, Steve Wargo, Linda Lincoln and Amy Metzger. Your effort is greatly appreciated. A

special thanks to Jean and Carole for the outstanding job on the cul-de-sac.

Our association will be holding a pot luck picnic at Wiley Park on Sunday, September 9th for all the homeowner members. Games will be available for young and old. Hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks and paper products will be supplied.

Please be very careful with all the extra traffic on Wilson Mills. "Mayfield's Finest" will be doing everything they can to keep us safe.

ABC Village Quilters - Shirley Shatten

The past school year was a very productive one for our quilting group. We made, and gave away more quilts than ever. The students enjoyed a fun lunch sponsored by the adult quilters at the end of the school year. We were honored to have Dr. Price join us. Debbie Hanzl, a valuable member of the adult group, made bookbag tags for all the students to remember their quilting experience. They were thrilled and anxious to put them on their book bags.

Sherrie Zagorc, the director of Kiddie City Child Care Community, came and spoke to the group. She also sent us a lovely note (following). She would like us to partner with her pre-kindergarteners next year on a fun project.

"Thank you so much for the Quilter's donation of naptime quilts for the children at Kiddie City Child Care Community. We have enclosed some pictures the teachers took of

their children sleeping with the beautiful quilts. Baby 1 are 6 weeks to one year of age. The children in Baby 2 and Toddler class are also enjoying the beautiful quilts that the children and adults have created.

It was great to have you partner with us in the donation to WVIZ's televised auction this spring. Our Family Fieldtrip bag included year-long family memberships to the Zoo, the Cleveland Botanical Gardens and the Children's Museum. A first aid kit, water bottle, bubbles, a ball and a lovely quilt that your group provided, completed the bag that was purchased by a Solon family."

ABC Village Quilters will be meeting for summer birthdays and preparation of materials before the school year starts. Enjoy the summer!



Wetlands Committee - Beth Stickley, Chair

Did you know that Mayfield Village has a dedicated wetland?

Our wetland is located west of Parkview pool and plays an important role in our community.

Wetlands are a filtering type body of water, acting much like a kidney to slow the flow of water, allow sediments to settle, hold excessive amounts of rain and run-off like a sponge, all while supporting a diverse plant and animal community. Last year, the wetland helped prevent

flooding. This year, the wetland looks dry, but still holds a tremendous amount of water in the spongy vegetated areas.

Eagle Scout, David Girbino planned and constructed a bridge over the north edge of the wetland. This bridge allows walkers to easily traverse the one mile gravel path. While the wetland has an "unmanicured" look, it is managed by the Village with the assistance of Cleveland Metroparks Naturalist, Deb Marcinski.



I challenge you to walk the Mayfield Village Wetland at least once per season. It is with the passage of time that true appreciation of this wonderful wetland becomes evident.

Mayfield Village Garden Club

The Mayfield Village Garden Club meets the fourth Wednesday of every month (unless otherwise noted) at 7:30 p.m. at the Mayfield Village Community Room, 6621 Wilson Mills Road.

The first meeting dates for the 2012-2013 season are listed below:

September 26: Mayor Bruce Rinker will be the guest speaker and his subject matter will be "The Village Green Spaces" and will include bike trails, landscaping of the old Village Hall site, and the Amphitheater.

October 24: Rebecca McFarland presents the "Cultural Gardens at Martin Luther King Blvd."

November 28: Cathee Thomas of Sabo Nursery pre-

sents "Holiday Decorations for Your Home".

Want to be a Garden Club member? Please contact Elaine Schramm at (440) 449-1474 to learn how. We hope to see you at future meetings!

The Mayfield Village Garden Club hosted its annual Plant Sale during the Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, May 13. Proceeds from the sales benefited the Mayfield Village Horticultural Student's Scholarship Program.

The 2011-2012 Scholarship Program recipients were announced at the April 25 meeting. There were numerous recipients who received awards ranging from \$500 - \$750. Congratulations to all of the winners!



Garden Club members were busy in the gardens this past Spring and Summer at the Historic House and the Mayfield Union Cemetery dividing plants and maintaining flower beds. If you "dig" working in gardens, and would like to help out in the future, please contact Club President, Patsy Mills at (440) 449-4922

'Tis the Season! Believe it or not, the Garden Club members are already preparing for their **Annual Mistletoe Market** being held on **Saturday, December 1, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at the Mayfield Village Civic Center. If you are a craft merchant and are interested in purchasing table space, please contact Patsy Mills at (440) 449-4922.

For more information about the Garden Club, check out our page at www.mayfieldvillage.com and click on "Associations and Organizations."

Mayfield Township Historical Society—Al Muhle, President



The Bennett -Van Curen Historical House at 606 SOM Center Road

This past spring the Historical Society's volunteer docents hosted 300+ 3rd Grade Students from the Mayfield School District and St. Francis of Assisi. The tour is focused on the "Life and Times of Our Town". Each class of students has approximately two hour tour. Preparations and tours are presented by the volunteer docents.

In the past two months we have had visits from the parents and grandparents of the students. "A Hidden Treasure of the Village" is the comment made by those that have toured the Museum.

The goal of the Society is to make the community aware of the Bennett-VanCuren Museum. Tours are available by appointment.

The Society has a new Committee: Curator & Archives. This Committee is to determine the accep-

tance of any artifacts that people wish to donate. The contributions to the Museum are to be of the time period of the House. The Library is interested in any data you have regarding your family history.

Consider an opportunity September 12th at 6:30 pm to see the Museum and enjoy and Ice Cream and Cookies at Wiley Park, 610 S.O.M. Center Road. Cost \$3.00 per person.

The Society's monthly meetings are at the Mayfield Village Community Room at Wilson Mills and S.O.M. Center Road at 7:30 pm.:

- October 10** History of Quilts by Darlene Lake. Refreshments served.
- November 6** Election Day. Holiday Raffle tickets will be available during election hours.
- November 14** Visit with Eleanor Rossevelt portrayed by Linda Laronge. Famous pie night. Bring a pie to share. Holiday Raffle.
- December 12** Holiday Pot Luck Buffet. Historical Society Members bring a covered dish for 10 to share. Garden Club Members will provide the appetizers, punch and dessert.

Additional information is available by calling 440-461-0055.

What's going on in Mayfield Village? Follow us on Facebook and Twitter.



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Village of Mayfield

Senior News—Donna J. Heath, Senior Program Coordinator

With the arrival of spring we saw many beautiful flowers and enjoyed the unusually warm weather. The first spring event was a trip on April 27. Participants got to see one of Cleveland's newest attractions—The Greater Cleveland Aquarium. After taking a leisurely tour of the facility at their own pace, participants went to lunch at Mama Santa's Restaurant.

Spring also brought the 30th annual Anniversary Party for Village seniors. Approximately 50 people attended the gala. Party-goers visited with neighbors and friends as they relaxed to harp music playing in the background. They dined on hors d'oeuvres before lunch. As they enjoyed their lunch of Chicken Marsala and Cavatelli, they eagerly awaited their names to be pulled to receive a door prize.



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Thanks to the generosity of many local merchants, each person received a door prize.

The next event was the AARP Safe Driving Class on June 6 which was attended by almost 30 people. Students learned new driving laws and safety tips. Some will save money on their car insurance since some insurance companies offer discounted premiums to those who complete this class. The fall Safe Driving Class will be held on Friday, October 5 from 12:30-4:30 p.m. at the Mayfield Village Community Room. The cost for AARP members is \$12; it is \$14 for non-members. Checks are payable to AARP. Reservations are required. Students may bring a sandwich or something else for lunch. Beverages will be provided.

Our first summer event was a trip on June 22. Participants boarded a trolley for a special tour of Cleve-

land. We went from Tremont to Ohio City and from downtown to University Circle. All the while, our tour guide cited historical facts about the history of Cleveland. We saw sculptures and monuments, historical and new buildings. We saw examples of Beaux architecture on many of Cleveland's older buildings. We drove past the cultural gardens and made a stop at Rockefeller Greenhouse. After our tour, we had lunch at Sokolowsky's University Inn before our final stop at the West Side Market.

As fall approaches, we are looking forward to several trips—*Canadian Theatre Adventure*, September 26-28, *The Wilds* on September 28, *Amish Country* on October 12, and *The Lake Erie Wine Trail* on October 26. As of this writing, there are still openings for these trips. Please contact us for details. We will have Lunch at Maggiano's at 11:30 a.m. on September 14. Separate checks will be provided. Contact us for details or to make a reservation.

NEW: LUNCH 'N MOVIE

In collaboration with the Community Partnership on Aging, Mayfield Village will be hosting Lunch 'n Movies at the Civic Center on Wednesdays beginning in October. The following are the movie titles and lunch menus:



- **October 17:** *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*/ Smoked Turkey Wrap Sandwich with Spinach Salad.
- **November 28:** *The Avengers*/Tuna Melts with Blue Cheese Cole Slaw.
- **December 12:** *Mirror, Mirror*/Mushroom and Spinach Quiche with Tomato Soup.
- On **November 7** from 1-3 p.m., a special showing of "Hollywood Short Films of the Depression Era" (No lunch provided; no cost, reservations by Nov. 5.)

All movies are subject to change based on availability. Lunch is served at 12:15 p.m., doors open at 11:45 a.m. Movie begins at 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person, payable at the door. Call 216-650-4029 no later than the Wednesday prior to each luncheon

Senior News (continued)

date to make a reservation. Cancellations are required no later than the Monday prior to each luncheon date.

There will be a special program on Friday, November 9 at 1 p.m. called *Getting Started with Interior Decorating*. The spring interior decorating class was popular and many people requested a sequel. This class is suitable for new students as well as those who attended the program in April. There is no charge for this program held at the Community Room, but reservations are required.

Mark your calendar now for the annual Holiday Party on **Saturday, December 8.**

Reminder: A variety of new services are now available to Mayfield Village residents ages 60 and older. Transportation, daily luncheons, outreach services, homemaker services, social programs, chore information, wellness and education, tours and trips are among the services available. There is a nominal fee for most of the services provided. For more information call 216-291-3902.

From the Lyndhurst Municipal Court

Judge Mary Kay Bozza Believes . . .

Summer Safety is Important

There are more outdoor activities with the beautiful weather that require all people to have an increased awareness of safety. People of all ages are outside riding bikes, jogging, walking their dogs, strolling their young children or grandchildren, and entertaining in their back yards. Please remember to drive carefully and pay attention to your surroundings. Keep the cell phone use to an absolute minimum and **NO TEXTING** while driving or you may be cited for a violation within our Court's jurisdiction.

The summer is a time for family and friends to gather and celebrate graduations, weddings and many other joyous events. Be responsible if alcoholic beverages are being served in your home. Be aware of HOST liability. Underage drinking is against the law. Parents can

be liable for criminal as well as civil consequences if underage persons are indulging in alcoholic beverages on their property, even if the parents are not present at the time of the consumption.

Community Outreach is Critical

The next Women's "Make the Right Choice Program" is scheduled for Friday September 14, 2012. This program begins at 9:30am and is held at the Lyndhurst Community Center at 1341 Parkview Drive. The programs usually last for 3 hours and lunch is included. The topics at these meetings cover the medical, psychological and legal consequences of alcohol and substance abuse for women. **There is no fee for these educational programs and they are open to the public.** For information call Patti at (440) 461-6500 extension 205.

Court Technology is Essential

In December 2011, the Court began to investigate the technology needs of retiring our 10 year old server and purchasing a virtual private network or VPN as it's so often called. The VPN will allow us to improve the functionality of our internet site, accommodate the imaging of case records, old and new, and align our Court technologically, with other Court's in Cuyahoga County. The project is doing well and is expected to be completed by the end of August 2012.

Calendar of Events / Aug - Oct 2012

AUGUST

- 3 Red Cross Blood Drive (1-6 pm @ Community Room)
- 9 Gazebo Concert - Blue Lunch Band (7-9 pm; Ice Cream Social hosted by Friends of the Library)
- 23 Gazebo Concert - The Nick Puin Band (7-9 pm)

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Labor Day (Offices closed; Rubbish delayed one day)
- 7 Red Cross Blood Drive (2-7 pm @ Community Room)
- 12 Ice Cream Social (6:30–8 pm @ Wiley Park). Hosted by Historical Society.

OCTOBER

- 12-13 Quilt Show (9:30–6 pm @ Civic Center)
- 20 Halloween Party (1:30–3 pm @ Community Room)

New for Seniors - Lunch 'N Movie

In collaboration with the Community Partnership on Aging, Mayfield Village will host monthly lunches in Civic Hall with movie matinees in beautiful Reserve Hall.

For only \$5, seniors can enjoy lunch and a movie.

Wed, Oct 17 - The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel

Wed, Nov 28 - The Avengers

Wed, Dec 12 - Mirror, Mirror

Times and Luncheon Details on Page 21.

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